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Hands on

By Robert Selleck, Endo Tribune Staff

Among the greatest benefits of AAE18 are the hands-on opportunities. Whether it's working directly with some of the industry's most advanced instruments in an all-day workshop, or simply handling an item or material while visiting a booth in the exhibit hall, the ability to hold it in your paws before you buy is a highly valued experience.

The meeting's hands-on workshops sell out or fill up fast, but the exhibit hall booths are always ready to accommodate your visit. And the opportunities seem endless.

In the Sonendo booth (No. 1127), a GentleWave System for canal cleaning and disinfection, from access opening to



Wednesday morning at the entrance to the Colorado Convention Center, the 40-foot-tall blue bear, a sculpture formally titled 'I See What You Mean' by the late Denver-area artist Lawrence Argent, tries to get a closer look at AAE18. Photos/Robert Selleck, Endo Tribune Staff

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Get 'To The Point'

By Robert Selleck, Endo Tribune Staff

Education at AAE18 isn't confined to the classrooms: It's found around every corner and down every aisle. In addition to scheduled and impromptu presentations in the exhibit hall booths, a number of corporate-sponsored lectures and workshops (limited in attendance) are scheduled, including presentations in the "To The Point" lecture area. Sponsors are Brasseler USA, Carestream Dental, J. Morita, Sonendo, TSYS and COLTENE.

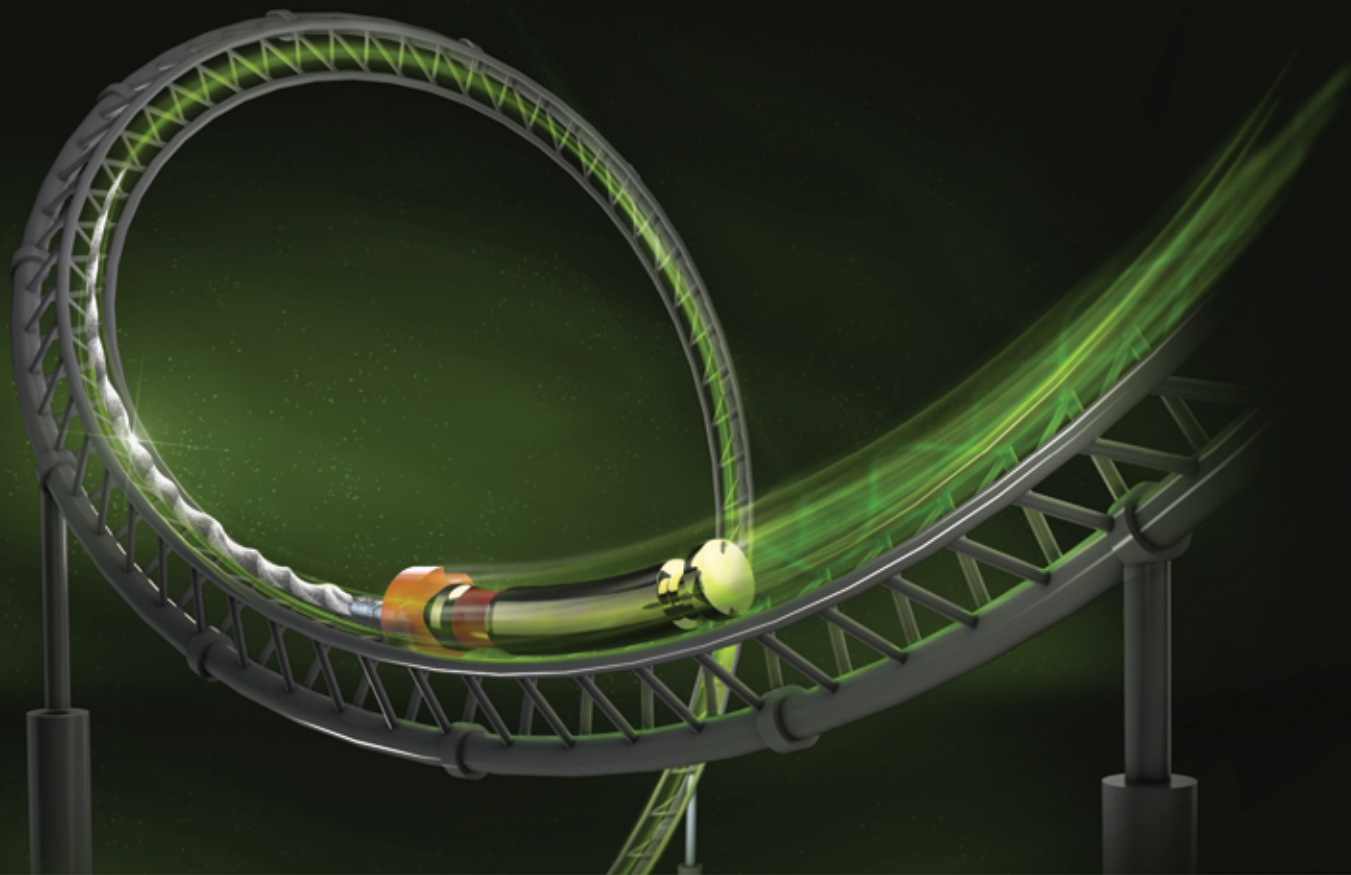
Scheduled today: "Seeing the invisible:

CBCT imaging in the modern endodontic practice" from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (J. Morita); "The ABCs of CBCT: Academic answers, best practices and compelling cases" from 1 to 2 p.m., (Carestream Dental); "J. Morita USA: Here comes the newest endodontic gadget, J. Morita Tri Auto ZX2!" from 2:15 to 4:15 p.m.; "Incorporating the GentleWave procedure into a busy multi-location endodontic practice" (Sonendo) from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.; and "Take the pain out of patient payments" (TSYS) from 4 to 5 p.m.

There are two more sessions on Friday.



Shervin Gholian, DMD, of San Luis Obispo, Calif., presents 'Retreatment innovations,' sponsored by Brasseler, in the 'To The Point' lecture area Wednesday morning. Photo/Robert Selleck, Endo Tribune Staff



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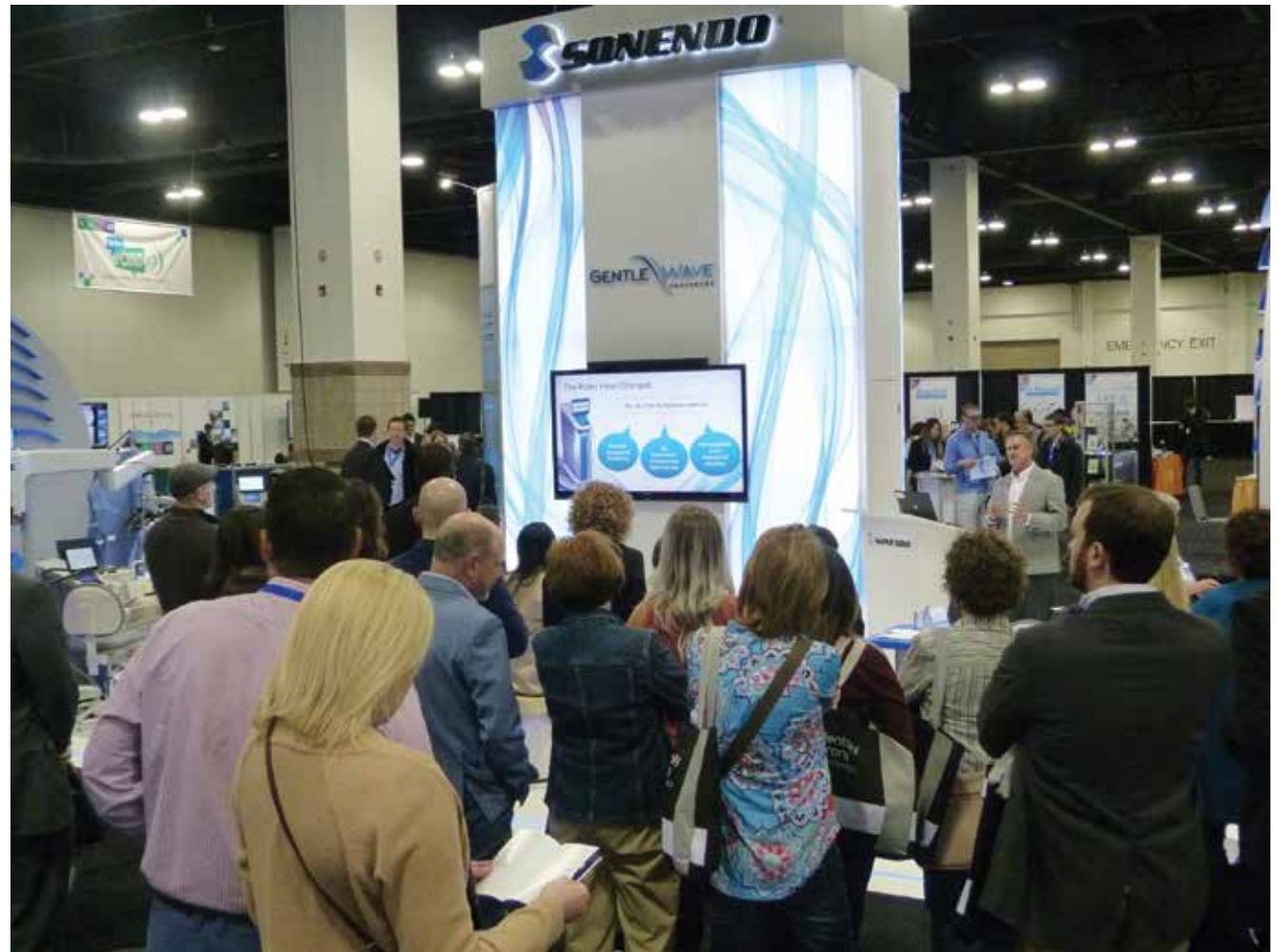
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A standing-room-only crowd Wednesday morning listens to the GentleWave presentation by Randy Garland, DDS, of Encinitas, Calif., in the Sonendo booth (No. 1127).

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obturation, is set up for hands-on testing. Experienced users are available to demonstrate the procedure first, broadcasting their work onto a large-screen 3-D monitor. Formal presentations by skilled users also are scheduled. The sessions on Wednesday drew standing-room-only crowds.

In the Porter Instrument booth (No. 627), a mannequin wearing a Silhouette Nasal Mask is on display to demonstrate how comfortable it is for patients — and how its low profile presents the clinician with unobstructed access to the oral cavity.

In the Kohler Medizintechnik booth (No. 217), you can hold the new gutta-percha removal instrument that has a peek handle. The handle's plastic material is lightweight, easy to grip — and it reduces glare that can be especially bothersome when performing micro-dentistry.

In the Avalon Biomed booth (No. 1315), you can work with the new Neo MTA Plus (one material with eight uses), billed as being fast-setting, easy to place and stain-proof — all at one-fifth the cost of other MTA products. After you test it out, you can take the company up on its buy-one-get-one-free offer.

If you go through the various stations in the Dentsply Sirona Endo booth (No. 509), you can collect up to four plinko chips to use on the booth's giant "PlinkEndo" board. Everybody wins



Collect up to four plinko chips at the Dentsply Sirona Endo booth (No. 509) and try your chances at a variety of prizes, including a Mavic Air Camera Drone.

something, but among the big prizes is a Mavic Air Camera Drone.

You can find another "everybody-wins" game in the AAE Attendee Lounge (booth No. 715). Spin a prize-wheel to win items such as earbuds, stylus pen or a pop socket. Then be sure to have your badge scanned for a chance to win in Friday's drawing for an iPad.

Another drawing worth hunting down can be found in the Allstate Business Insurance booth (No. 1317). There are a few

trinkets to pick up for free, but you can also enter the drawing for a pair of Bose TrueSound headphones, which will be given away on Friday afternoon.

If you miss all the hands-on opportunities today, you still have a chance Friday, with the exhibit hall open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

After that, you'll need to wait for AAE19 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, for your next chance at the industry's biggest endodontic exhibit.

Scenes from Wednesday

Steve Kim (holding an EvoFill) and Katie Liu (with a Duo-Gun) in the DiaDent booth (No. 724).



Sara Qu wields a giant rotary file in the PacDent booth (No. 308).



Jeffrey Coil, DDS, of Surrey, British Columbia, Canada, shows off the cap he won in the PlinkEndo game in the Dentsply Sirona Endo booth (No. 509).



Craig O'Neal prepares a GentleWave demonstration unit with assistance from dental assistant Chelsi Thomas in the Sonendo booth (No. 1127).



On the climbing wall, Ciara Gale, a certified endodontic dental assistant from Dardene Prairie, Mo., gets encouragement from her colleagues as she works her way up. Eight staff members came to AAE18 from the multi-office group of Endodontics of Greater St. Louis and Arnold and West County.



In the Allstate Business Insurance booth (No. 1317), from left, Eloisa Villalobos, Danielle Shannon-Lammon and Brett Allison invite you to stop by and earn a chance at winning a pair of Bose SoundTrue headphones.



Register for the 11th annual World Endodontic Congress, which will be Oct. 4-7 in Seoul, Korea, in booth No. 1506, and you get a free International Federation of Endodontic Associations T-shirt. From left are Ria Park and Jace Lee of the Seoul chapter of IFEA.

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Endo Tribune Staff



Megan Booth and Brian Kelting with the endo-procedure wheel in the Coltene booth (No. 303).



Tanya Beck in the Roydent Dental Products booth (No. 1109) has a show-special offer on the MAP One intro kit: Buy one and then pick out 10 packs of your choice of files.



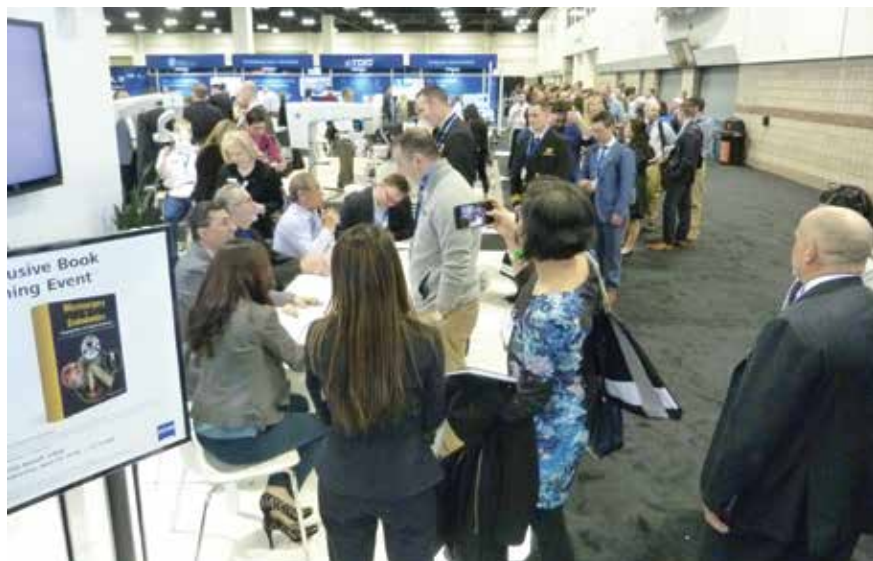
Feel free to handle the D.T. Light-Post Illusion X-RO Radiopaque Translucent Fiber Post System in the Bisco booth (No. 621).



Visit XDR Radiology in booth No. 306 and get a free pair of sunglasses (while they last) from Kathleen Mulligan and Adam Chen.



In the Avalon Biomed booth (No. 1315), Hugo Munoz, DDS, of Guatemala City, Guatemala, learns more about NeoMTA Plus after having worked with a sample. Helping him, from left, are Nikki Ruck and Carolyn Primus, PhD.



The line stretches more than 100 people deep in the Zeiss booth (No. 1009) Wednesday morning for a book signing event with authors Syngcuk Kim, DDS, PhD, MD (Hon), and Samuel Kratchman, DMD, and associate editors Bekir Karabucak, DMD, Meets Kohl, DMD, and Frank Setzer, DMD, PHD. The book is 'Microsurgery in Endodontics.'



Patty Torres with Centerplate prepares the next fresh batch of chocolate chip cookies in the Henry Schein booth. Let the aroma stop you, and then be sure to visit the multiple stations in the expansive booth as you enjoy your cookie.



Kerr Endodontics has a commanding presence at booth No. 1019. Visit from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday for 'EnDonuts' with Dr. Diwakar Kinra, DDS, who will explain how he uses the NOMAD handheld X-ray system to improve efficiency in his practice. Freshly baked donuts will be served.

Mike Walsh displays the Porter Silhouette low-profile nasal mask in the Porter Instrument booth (No. 627).



In the AAE Attendee Lounge, Daisuke Nagao, DDS, of Hitachinaka City, Japan, waits for the prize wheel to stop spinning (his prize: a pair of earbuds).



Andy McIver-Hartzell displays the gutta-percha removal instrument with peek-handle in the Kohdent Roland Kohler Medizintechnik booth (No. 217).



Check out the ultralight and ultra-bright headlights and other eyewear in the Designs for Vision booth (No. 1208).



Marco Canonico has a deal for you in the Angelus booth (No. 209): Buy a package of MTA Repair HP and get an MTA-Fillapex placement syringe free.



Jim Hughes in the Planmecca USA booth (No. 420).



The counter at the Munce Discovery Burs booth (No. 726) is typically busy Wednesday morning.



In the J. Morita USA booth (No. 727), from left, Diego Mazuera helps Eric Novison, DDS, of New York, N.Y., work with the Tri Auto ZX2 OGP, which boasts having 'Optimum Glide Path' and 'Optimum Torque Reverse.'

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Foundation pilots outreach program offering helping hands and smiles in the United States

By AAE Staff

The American Association of Endodontists' philanthropic arm, the Foundation for Endodontics, marked the opening of a new endodontics operatory at the Stephen Klein Wellness Center in Philadelphia with a ribbon-cutting ceremony in April.

The North Philadelphia center is operated by Project Home and will be staffed on a part-time basis by an endodontic resident and faculty member from Einstein's I.B. Bender Division of Endodontics, Department of Dental Medicine. It serves low-income patients who would otherwise likely face tooth extraction.

"Patients at the Project Home clinic will now have the opportunity to save their natural teeth under the care of an endodontic specialist," said Dr. Peter Morgan, president of the Foundation for Endodontics. "What a great benefit to that community and a great experience for endodontic residents. This is a



A ribbon cutting marks the opening of the Stephen Klein Wellness Center in Philadelphia.

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rewarding outcome to all of the work by all involved."

This endeavor was inspired by the foundation's mission expansion in 2016 to include access to care. Philadelphia endodontist and past president of the Foundation for Endodontics Dr. Louis Rossman, who endorsed a domestic mission when he was head of the foundation, will volunteer his time as a faculty member at the clinic.

"My idea was to take the nearly 450 post-doctoral residents who attend close to 58 different universities learning to

specialize in endodontics and have them rotate in their local communities," Rossman said. "The decision was made to use Project Home at the Klein Wellness Center as our trial program."

In the past, the foundation has funded volunteer outreach opportunities to Jamaica, but this is its first domestic undertaking.

"You don't have to go far out of our own ZIP code to see the desperate need for our services," said AAE member Dr. Frederic Barnett, chairman of the Maxwell S. Fogel Department of Dental Medi-

cine at Einstein. "We are looking forward to a long-term association with Project Home and the vulnerable people they serve."

The foundation would like to thank Carl Zeiss Meditec Inc. for providing one OPMI PICO microscope on a long-term loan basis for use in the operatory. A special thank you to Brasseler and Henry Schein Inc. for the discounted sale of all other endodontic equipment that will be used in the operatory.

About the Foundation for Endodontics

American Association of Endodontists Foundation, headquartered in Chicago and incorporated in 1966, is the philanthropic arm of the AAE. As a 501(c)(3) charity organization, it is to support endodontics by providing resources and funding for research, education, public awareness and access to care. For information about the Foundation for Endodontics, please visit foundation.aae.org.

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