



Dr. Joseph Barton was the IACA President during the 2005 meeting in San Diego, CA and the 2006 IACA meeting in Montreal, QC.

HISTORY of the IACA

As founding president of the IACA I wanted to share a little history about how and why the IACA started and how it has evolved today.

"There comes a time when the status quo isn't good enough. When professionally you feel the need to be challenged and learn new concepts."

Prior to the inception of the IACA, there were a limited number of organizations that dentists, committed to furthering their education and advancing the profession, could affiliate. A small, dedicated group of dentists (the founding members of the IACA) identified the importance and value in keeping abreast of the latest advances in oral health care and providing the very best care for their patients.

The IACA was established to provide a vehicle for health care professionals to learn and experience advanced oral health and practice management education. One of the IACA's priorities is also to create an enjoyable environment in which doctors, family and their team members could interact.

Here is the time line and highlights of the past meetings. As you can see we have been to some amazing locations and have had quite a good time both learning and renewing friendships.



2005 Inaugural IACA Meeting; San Diego, California:

The 2005 inaugural IACA meeting attracted more than 400 professionals to the Paradise Point Resort and Spa in San Diego, CA. The opening session set the stage for the caliber of this meeting with a Panel Discussion on Dentistry's Future featuring Dr. Omer Reed, Dr. Bill Dorfman and Dr. Bill Dickerson. The overwhelming response to this meeting resulted in rooms overflowing out into the hallways to hear primetime speakers like Dr. Matt Bynum and Dr. Heidi Dickerson. The unprecedented exchange of information, knowledge and experience set the standard for future IACA meetings and brought our profession to a level that only a highly enthused collaboration can foster.

2006 Montreal, Quebec:

Over 600 aesthetic professionals from Canada, Australia, United States, and Russia were in attendance in the convention hall at the Fairmont Queen Elizabeth. The IACA was proud to offer a broad range of highly motivating presentations in Montreal that provided our members with the most cutting edge advances in aesthetic dentistry and practice management. To accommodate our French-speaking dentists an entire day of translated lectures coincided with the IACA general session.



2007 Chicago, Illinois:

A great city and a great event, in the words of many: The best conference anywhere ever! Sitting in lectures beside the giants of dentistry, listening to the most state-of-the-art concepts and techniques, enjoying camaraderie all but lost at many CE Events. This year's event featured two outstanding panels one focused on "Practice Management: Getting Your Practice to the Next Level" and the other "Incorporating Occlusion in Your Practice." A great opportunity to learn, grow and become encouraged to be the best that we can be.

2008 Orlando, Florida:

The IACA met in Orlando for what was considered the young organizations best meeting yet. The IACA assembled an international group of attendees and speakers who enjoyed four days of incredible presentations and camaraderie. The highlight of the meeting was a very inspirational and motivating lecture by Dr. Bill Dickerson "The Road to Success: Talent is Never Enough", and a talk moderated by Dr. Bill Dickerson with the Legends of Aesthetic Dentistry: Dr. Ron Jackson, Dr. Larry Rosenthal and Dr. Ross Nash. This meeting was so excellent it set the bar for the rest!

2009 San Francisco, California:

Nearly 1,000 dental professionals got together under one roof at the historic Westin St Francis hotel in San Francisco. The cozy atmosphere coupled with the typical San Francisco chill made it a perfect setting for camaraderie, learning, fun and new friendships. Neil Jeffrey, former San Diego Chargers quarterback, began our opening session with an entertaining and inspiring talk challenging everyone to: "Dream big, believe with your heart, show up and make a play." The IACA has always been committed to the entire office and the Team Panel featuring Sherry Blair, Ginny Hegarty, Sally McKenzie and Judy Mausolf reinforced this commitment.

2010 Boston, Massachusetts:

What an outstanding meeting this was! The lectures offered such variety and depth of knowledge that every session ended up causing everyone some serious thought as to which one they would attend.

IACA is a family and the camaraderie and spirit is palpable. It is the buzz in the hallways and the friendships being made and renewed within an atmosphere of joy in our profession that is unrivalled in the continuing education world. The comment from the executive staff of the Westin Boston Waterfront that this was the best conference ever held in the hotel because of the delegates, their attitude, participation is a true testament of what the IACA has become.



2011 San Diego, California:

As we went back to our flagship city in San Diego, like the inaugural conference in 2005 San Diego again surpassed the expectations of everyone who attended the conference. A vital part of our success is our laboratory technicians and this was reinforced by LVI Master Technician, Mike Milne's presentation: "Developing Porcelain Masterpieces." Several mentioned that it was the perfect balance of lectures and activities in a meeting that they have ever attended, as well as the most amazing closing ceremony ever aboard the USS Midway!

The IACA is truly the one meeting where colleagues new and old can learn the most up to date information and techniques in Neuromuscular Dentistry as well get together with friends and family.

2012 Hollywood, Florida:

In 2012 we headed back to the East coast and enjoyed some beach time in Hollywood, FL. Like the previous conferences, Hollywood continued on the tradition on being one of the best meetings to attend in Dentistry today! The Total Health Concept in the dental practice was introduced with a panel moderated by Dr. Heidi Dickerson including discussions on nutrition, gut health, and the oral health systemic connection featuring Dr. Keith Holden, Jill Taylor, nutritionist Paula Mendelsohn and Dr. Joseph Barton. The annual international Tug of War took to the beach for again one of the highlights of the meeting. The IACA continues to strive for perfection at each meeting and 2012 was no different.

2013 Calgary, Alberta:

Once again the IACA returned to Canada to a very warm welcome. The main focus of this year's theme was protecting our right to practice dentistry within the scope of our training. Specifically targeting the threat Neuromuscular Dentistry is facing in Canada and other countries. With an opening session panel featuring Dr. Bill Dickerson, Dr. Sahag Mahseredjian, Dr. David Miller and Dr. Prabu Raman the IACA has become The Voice of Neuromuscular Dentistry and is committed to working toward protecting our freedom to practice. With topics ranging from total health and nutrition to advanced techniques in Neuromuscular Dentistry and Sleep Medicine, the IACA continues to set the bar for education.

IACA Has become The Voice of NM Dentistry - What We Have Done For You?

The members of the IACA continue to be a united voice on behalf of those who practice Neuromuscular Dentistry. This voice is important to protect our freedom to practice within the scope of our training. We need your support as a member of the IACA to show our strength in numbers and to continue to be a powerful voice.

2014 Atlantis, Bahamas:

Join us at Atlantis in the Bahamas for the ten year anniversary of the IACA to not only show your support for Neuromuscular Dentistry but also to participate in an amazing learning experience unlike any other in Dentistry.