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American Dental Hygienists' Association to Host Nation's Largest Professional Gathering of Dental Hygienists at CLL 2016

Education, engagement, events, exhibits, community service and an inaugural 5K race for the ADHA's Institute for Oral Health are among the opportunities awaiting dental hygiene professionals in Pittsburgh this June.

Chicago (January 12, 2016) — The American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) will serve as the host for North America's largest meeting of dental hygiene professionals at the 2016 ADHA Center for Lifelong Learning (CLL) at the 93rd Annual Session (AS). Some 2,000-plus attendees are expected to attend during the course of the week-long event, which takes place June 8-14, 2016, at the David Lawrence Convention Center in downtown Pittsburgh.

This year's program again features a diverse offering of continuing education (CE) programs within six different CE tracks. Attendees can choose from 30 CE programs and elect to follow a specific track, or diversify their selections based on interest and educational requirements.

In addition, for the first time ever, the ADHA's Institute for Oral Health is hosting the inaugural *In Motion: 5K Run-Walk-Fun*. This event — which will take place on Thursday, June 9, 2016, at 8 p.m. along Pittsburgh's riverfront — will allow attendees to participate in a unique event that raises funds for the foundation committed to empowering, supporting, and developing education and research opportunities for dental hygiene professionals.

"ADHA's CLL at the 93rd Annual Session is a one-of-a-kind, all-encompassing event for dental hygiene professionals and students," said ADHA President Jill Rethman, RDH, BA. "Each year, this signature event offers outstanding opportunities that include excellent educational content, fun networking events and a rewarding community outreach project. With the introduction of the *In Motion: 5K Run-Walk-Fun*, we're engaging dental hygienists to participate in an exciting event that supports overall health and wellness. In addition, this event promotes opportunities for dental hygiene research and education by benefiting the ADHA's Institute for Oral Health."

This year's CLL again features a community service day on June 8; a pair of inspiring plenary sessions slated for June 9 and June 11, respectively; as well as a product exhibition hall showcasing more than 125 companies involved in oral health and dental hygiene — affording dental hygienists from around the globe the opportunity to view, learn and discover the latest products and technologies over two full days from June 10-11, 2016.

"CLL is an event that offers a unique opportunity in the oral health and dental hygiene community," added ADHA Chief Executive Officer Ann Battrell, MSDH. "All of our attendees benefit from not just the education, but the experience, the networking, the engagement. They have the opportunity to interact with their peers, corporate sponsors and mentors in the field to build their knowledge in oral health and create new career opportunities."

To learn more about the ADHA's CLL at the 93rd Annual Session taking place June 8-14, 2016, in Pittsburgh, please visit <http://www.adha.org/annual-session>.

About the American Dental Hygienists' Association

The American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) is the largest national organization representing the professional interests of more than 185,000 dental hygienists across the country. Dental hygienists are preventive oral health professionals, licensed in dental hygiene, who provide educational, clinical and therapeutic services that support total health through the promotion of optimal oral health. For more information about the ADHA, dental hygiene or the link between oral health and general health, visit the ADHA at www.adha.org.

About the ADHA's Institute for Oral Health

Founded in 1957, the ADHA Institute for Oral Health is the philanthropic foundation to advance professional excellence in dental hygiene education and research. Working for the dental hygiene community, the ADHA Institute for Oral Health provides opportunities for academic achievement through Scholarships and Fellowships, resources to advance the professional field through Research Grants, and support for dental hygienists to improve the public's health through Community Service Grants. For more information, visit <http://www.adha.org/institute-for-oral-health>.