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**FLORIDA DENTAL ASSOCIATION HOSTS
FLORIDA NATIONAL DENTAL CONVENTION**

ORLANDO – The Florida Dental Association (FDA) today hosted the Florida National Dental Convention (FNDC) at the Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center. Continuing through Saturday, the convention follows the theme *Charting a New Course* and provides an opportunity for general dentists, specialists, dental hygienists, assistants, office managers and administrative staff to develop new skills, brush up on old ones and earn required continuing education (CE) credits.

“FNDC provides an opportunity for more than 2,000 dental practitioners to brush up on the latest techniques and develop new relationships,” FDA President Dr. Dan Henry said. “It is important to be on the cutting edge of new technology and procedures so dentists and staff can offer top-notch service to their patients. It is also a time to renew old acquaintances and to develop ideas for insuring that all of Florida’s citizens have access to ethical and competent dental health care.”

Dentists and dental staff from around the nation can attend more than 100 courses, including classes on Lumineers® and Invisalign®, throughout the convention. Courses will be taught by noted professionals, including David Hornbrook, DDS, FAACD; Edward McLauren, DDS; Andrew Shannon, DDS, BSc; Mark E. Hyman, DDS, MAGD; John McGill, CPA, MBA, JD; Char Sweeney, CDPMA; Sally McKenzie, CMC; Jeff Ganeles, DMD; and Joseph Kan, DDS, MS.

Today, attendees enjoyed the *President’s Reception and Charity Auction* presented by the Florida Dental Health Foundation (FDHF) to honor the FDA’s 123rd president, Dr. Dan Henry. The auction featured items such as *Extraordinary Escapes* to Italy, Paris and the Dominican Republic, golfing in Scotland, skiing in Colorado and an ocean-front condo in New Smyrna Beach. In addition, participants will enjoy a concert by KC and the Sunshine Band on Friday, featuring a drawing for a two-year 2007 Jaguar lease. Attendees can also take part in the *FNDC2007 Golf Tournament* on Saturday. Vendor exhibits, including displays from Den-Mat/Cernate Corp., present information in the FNDC exhibit hall throughout the conference

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The FDA is a Tallahassee-based, statewide, professional association representing member-dentists in Florida. Founded in 1884 by 12 dentists, the FDA now has almost 7,000 members, representing about 72 percent of all Florida-licensed dentists. The FDA maintains three offices in Tallahassee and has 60 employees. A constituent society of the ADA, the FDA's mission is to improve the oral health of Florida residents through high practice standards, continuous professional, public advocacy and improving the practice environment.

For more information regarding dental health care, visit the FDA at www.floridadental.org.

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