The 71st Annual NASDAD Convention will take place October 9-11, 2014 at the Kona Kai Resort & Marina located in sunny San Diego, California.

The Kona Kai, located on Shelter Island, boasts one of California’s only privately owned beaches and is less than 4 miles from the San Diego International Airport. You won’t have to go far to enjoy the sparkling blue waters of the Pacific, white sand, and gorgeous views of the Marina.

In addition to our treasured spiritual focus events, singing, and collegial association, very special CE is being planned. On Friday, October 10, you will appreciate the arrangements made for world-class Dental CE by renowned speakers as well as CE.

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by Loma Linda trained dentists in Africa as “heavenly!” The theme of his talk was how healthcare professionals have a major role in attracting people to the beauty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ by simply treating people with care and compassion. He said that medical care is not a "hook" to drag people in to the church, a concept that he demonstrated by the story of an ancient and scarred Muskie fish relating to younger fish his story of being caught in a Canadian Lake, and later discarded. With Dr. Handysides, British accent and dynamic gestures, many of the older attendees were transported back to stories they had heard from Uncle Arthur or Eric B. Hare, master storytellers from camp meetings in the 1940s and '50s!

Dr. Handysides also presented Dr. Quint Nicola with the highest recognition, awarded by the General Conference Department of Health Ministries, the Metal of Distinction, for his many years of meritorious service to the church, mission dentistry, and God’s kingdom.

We then reluctantly took our leave, planning to attend, and catch up once more, on Friday, February 6, 2015.

The meeting was followed by the semi-annual NASDAD Board Meeting.

Mark the last weekend in your October 2015 calendar for the NASDAD convention!

Exact Dates and Exact Location to be announced

72nd Convention

October 2015

Washington, DC

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planned specifically for students. We encourage all attendees to benefit from all segments of the continuing education.

In addition, resort is central to many activities you, your children, and grandchildren will most certainly enjoy. There are sights and activities for all ages!!

♦ **San Diego Zoo** is an 8-mile drive

♦ **SeaWorld** is a 5-mile drive

♦ **San Diego Zoo Safari Park** is located a mere 35 miles away!

♦ **The New Children’s Museum** a 6.5 mile trek, is a new model of children's museum whose mission is to stimulate imagination, creativity and critical thinking in children and families through inventive and engaging experiences with contemporary art.

♦ **Cabrillo National Monument** is only 6 miles away and boasts amazing views and the opportunity to have a tide pooling adventure!

♦ **USS Midway Aircraft Carrier Museum** is a 7 mile drive

♦ **Reuben H. Fleet Space Theater and Science Center** is 7.5 miles away

♦ **Birch Aquarium** is 13 miles away

♦ **Historic Old Town** (4.5 miles) and the **Downtown Gaslamp District** (6.5 miles) offer modern day attractions, museums, art galleries, & restaurants.

♦ If you’re a foodie, you’ll find some of the **best restaurants** around! Perhaps you would like to try Ethiopian cuisine at Muzita Abyssinian Bistro, a quick 10 mile drive.

We negotiated a fantastic rate of $155, plus $10 parking, per night

Meals: Friday Dinner: $45; Sabbath Lunch: $35; Banquet: $50

The weekend will be a time to come together, to renew old acquaintance, to make new acquaintances, to encourage the dental students who are preparing to make a career in the dental profession, and to share and encourage a focus on Christian dental missions. Registration information will be available this summer but please mark your calendar and plan to attend this upcoming meeting!!! Invite a friend to attend and I hope to see you SOON!!

Regards,
Landon Libby, DDS
NASDAD President
The second Global Conference on Health, sponsored by the General Conference Health Ministries Department, will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, July (7-12). The theme of the event is Non-communicable Diseases: Lifelong Lifestyle Prevention, Accessible to All. You will benefit from 9 hrs. of Loma Linda-Sponsored Dental CE as well as lectures, discussions, and presentations on a host of other general health subjects.

This conference, a sequel to the 2009 meeting which focused on Lifestyle as Primary Health Care, responds to a pervasive global environment of profit-driven junk-food, tobacco, alcohol and questionable product-driven advertising. Special emphasis will be given to the importance of developing agents of change to lead the way in improving health.

Here is a small sampling of the world-renowned speakers highlighting this conference:

◆ Dr. Carissa Etienne, Dir. General, Pan American Health Organization
◆ Dr. Gary Fraser, principal investigator, Adventist Health Study 2
◆ Dr. Valentin Fuster, 2014 editor, American Journal of Cardiology
◆ Dr. David Williams, of Harvard University

The Dental Breakouts subjects, on Tuesday, July 8, are:

◆ The SDA dental schools - reports
◆ Current Periodontal Concepts - Disease & treatment
◆ Current Caries Concepts - Disease and treatment
◆ Dentistry in Early Life - Prenatal, Infants, & Children
◆ Teenage patients - Peer pressure, Prevention, Substances Abuse
◆ Eating Body Image, Weight Control and Care of dental patients
◆ Geriatric Dentistry - The dental challenges of the experienced
◆ Spiritual Disease in the Dental Operatory - The dentist’s response
◆ Addressing Tobacco Addiction in the Dental Clinic

Your presence will help to make this an unforgettable and community changing experience

You will not only enjoy the program but you will love the opportunities to network with like-minded health professionals from around the world.

For more information visit the website: https://conference.healthministries.com/
Loma Linda School of Dentistry held their annual alumni convention February 6-9, 2014. To close the Sabbath on February 8, the evening vespers, arranged by the Office of International Dental Affairs, focused on student missions. Mission presentations and musical selections, by talented and dedicated students were bookended by remarks from Dr. Ronald Dailey, Dean of Loma Linda University, School of Dentistry, and Dr. Allan Handysides, immediate past director of the General Conference Health Ministries Dept.

Matthew Enns and Eric Chen's presentation included pictures, stories, and statistics about local volunteer dental clinics for underserved populations. Douglas Baasch, on the cello, accompanied by Stephanie Shin, on the piano, played Libesturam by Franz Liszt. Roberto Espinoza and Susan Chung related their experiences as dental instructors to community nurses in Zimbabwe. Derrick Nelson told of the personal impact that a service learning trip to Jamaica had on his life and Troy Reichert played a piano solo as the offering was gathered. In addition, several former students who had treated patients at the Maasai Clinic reported about their experience by video.

The offering for the evening was dedicated to supplying for the needs of the Inland Empire indigent dental clinics run by LLUSD student volunteers. We hope that in the future similar events will be held during the dental alumni weekend to inform of, and recruit for, the myriad of dental opportunities.

Mission trip opportunities with LLUSD students are available during the Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter breaks and local opportunities exist on a weekly basis.

For information on how to be involved in dental missions, locally and abroad, please contact Anne Nicolas at 909-558-7279 or email anicolas@llu.edu.