

Dr. Alan Law - Welcome to the American Association of Endodontists 2019 Annual Meeting

- Chiraz: Hello and welcome to CDA Oasis, my name is Chiraz Guessaier. The American Association of Endodontists' annual meeting will be held in Montreal in April from the 10th to the 13th, 2019. The AAE annual meeting continues to be the most comprehensive endodontic education summit, vendor, exhibition and networking opportunity in the world, and we are pleased to bring you more information on the scientific and the social programs as well as the Association of endodontists itself. For that, we have invited Dr Alan Law, General Chair for the meeting planning committee. Dr Law is a dentist with a PhD in pharmacology. He teaches continuing education courses at the University of Minnesota. He is the past president of the Minnesota Association of Endodontists and the American Board of Endodontics as well as a former Director of the American Association of Endodontists. Dr. Law, thank you very much for the privilege of speaking with you today and welcome to this Oasis this conversation.
- Chiraz: All right. Before we speak about the upcoming AAE meeting, can you please tell our audience what's your role as the chair of the planning committee is and what does it entail?
- Dr. Law: Sure. As General Chair, I have the pleasure of working with our AAE president Rick Taylor, track organizers, which I'll go into a little bit later on and our AAE meeting planning staff to plan this meeting in Montreal. It's certainly an amazing team of professionals and I've had the pleasure to work with and we're really looking forward to a great meeting in Montreal. It's hard to believe that it's been almost two years since we started planning this meeting and we spent a great deal of time selecting relevant, cutting edge, interesting session topics and great speakers for the meeting and planning activities for our attendees and their guests and I can tell you that you will not be disappointed.
- Chiraz: So, we are excited and look forward to receiving you and hosting you in in April in the beautiful city of Montreal. Can you give our audience a glimpse of what the program will be about?
- Dr. Law: Sure. I have two goals for this meeting. One is to bring attendees the best clinical endodontic education available and two to make sure our colleagues experience Montreal. Our educational content is organized into six tracks that focus on the latest research trends, techniques, and anything that will impact the future of endodontics. And of course, it's all presented by some of the most sought-after speakers in the field. In addition to larger lecture-style presentations, there are also opportunities for attendees to engage in more intimate hands-on workshops. We know from past meetings that our attendees like to have their education in a variety of settings and formats in which they can learn. And we've incorporated this into AAE19 in Montreal.

- Chiraz: So, to follow up, can you give us an idea about who the speakers are, any notable keynote speakers? What are some of the interesting sessions that will take place?
- Dr. Law: Sure. We're kicking off this annual meeting with the keynote address from futurist and CEO of tomorrow, Mike Walsh. He's forward thinking and has a lot of energy and he's sure to inspire our members and set the tone for an engaging week of education and networking. And regarding the educational program, as I mentioned earlier, we've organized the meeting into several tracks which are groups of educational sessions focused on an overarching theme. Our track organizers have done an outstanding job curating content for the attendees. Tracks this year will focus on essentials for endodontic practice management, interdisciplinary topics. Microsurgery, non-surgical endodontic treatment, and the oral systemic connection. Plus, we have many submitted presentations that cover a broad range of interesting topics. There are two unique sessions, one on microsurgery and the other on [inaudible] replantation that will review the presentation format step by step, the execution of these procedures, and that will be followed by an interactive mannequin demonstration with complete clinical sets for the attendees to practice.
- Dr. Law: We have a highly interactive session on risk management that is new to our practice management track or non-surgical root canal treatment track. We'll have a session with a discussion on the pros and cons in the bay style format to help us better understand and predict endodontic treatment outcomes. In our interdisciplinary track, we'll have specialists from many areas outside of endodontics. Presentations will cover a wide variety of topics such as cone beam CT, classification of orofacial pain disorders, resorption management of both acute and persistent pain. And another session will cover interdisciplinary approaches to dental trauma. Our oral systemic connection track has sessions including drug interactions, the opioid epidemic, legalization of marijuana and its effects on the oral cavity and systemic health. And this is just a small sample of some of the great sessions that are going to be going on at the meeting.
- Chiraz: We certainly look forward to the meeting and to the program. To conclude, I have a bit of a three-questions in one question. Can a Canadian endodontist as well as general dentists attend the meeting? And, if they want to and if our audience would like to get more information, where can they get it from?
- Dr. Law: Well, Canadian endodontists, whether they are a member of the AAE are not, can attend the meeting as either a member or non-member. And that's also true for Canadian general dentists. And to get more information about the meeting, you can go to aae.org/aae19 and you can get a full schedule of the speakers, events, and you can also register on the site and I hope to see all of your viewers at AAE19 in Montreal, April 10th through the 13th.
- Chiraz: Alright. Thank you very much Dr. Law for taking the time and speaking with me today. I wish you all the best in your endeavors and I wish you a successful meeting also in April. I hope to host you again on Oasis.

Dr. Law: Thank you Chiraz.