

Dr. Patrick E. Taylor - Conversation with Dr. Patrick E. Taylor, AAE President

C. Guessaier: Hello and welcome to CDA Oasis, my name is Chiraz Guessaier. The American Association of Endodontists' annual meeting will be held in Montreal, April 10–13, 2019. The AAE meeting continues to be the most comprehensive endodontic education summit, vendor exhibition and networking opportunity in the world, and we are very pleased to bring you more information on the scientific and social programs of the meeting as well as the Association of Endodontists itself. For that, we have invited Dr. Patrick E. Taylor, the current president of the American Association of Endodontists. Dr. Taylor is an affiliate faculty member at the University of Washington School of Dentistry. He is a diplomate and past-president of the American Board of Endodontics. He served in the U.S. military and practiced in private practice in Bellevue, Washington. Dr. Taylor, thank you for the privilege of speaking with you today and welcome to this CDA OASIS conversation

Dr. Taylor: Thank you, Chiraz, it's a pleasure to be here and please call me Rick.

C. Guessaier: Alright, will do. Before we speak about the upcoming AAE meeting, can you please tell us about the association? Why does it exist and what is it trying to accomplish?

Dr. Taylor: Well, we're a membership organization, so we exist to serve the needs of our members and we do that primarily through education, professional development and the promotion of the ease, the safety and the value of doing root canal therapy.

C. Guessaier: So, the much anticipated AAE meeting is happening in April in the beautiful city of Montreal. Can you please tell our audience what should they expect during the meeting?

Dr. Taylor: Well, we're expecting a great meeting in your beautiful city. You know, because it's outside the U.S. we are anticipating even more excitement and just something a little different for us. So, so anybody from the US is looking forward to it, I would think for Canadian dentists and Canadian endodontists it would be a great opportunity to share some of that excitement. Montreal has so much to offer as an international city, we even expect a little bit higher participation from our international members.

C. Guessaier: Who are some of the speakers? I understand there is one keynote speaker. If you can give us more information about it. And are there any interesting sessions that will take place?

Dr. Taylor: You know, it's all going to be interesting, but our keynote speaker, Wednesday afternoon, it's Mike Walsh, he's a noted futurist and globalist and he's known

for speaking to business leaders around the world on how to adapt to the changing technological environment out there and for what's going on in our specialty right now, I think it's going to be very topic. In terms of professional speakers we have some of the greatest names in endodontics, radiology, pharmacology, just a couple of names to mention, Hargraves, Abbott, Buchanan, Fouad, Peters, Ricucci, Torabinejad, Trope, and I could go on and on, but we've got a really high quality set up for people and it should be an exciting meeting.

C. Guessaier: And we understand there will be some of the awards during the meeting.

Dr. Taylor: Oh, let me back up just a minute. You also asked about vendors. So, in terms of vendors, we have 170 contracted now and we anticipate over 200. We think the AAE Annual Meeting has the greatest concentration of endodontic materials, instruments, service vendors and consultants of any meeting in the world. So, we're looking forward to a good meeting from that side too. It's going to be good exposure to some of the latest and greatest things that are coming into endodontics.

C. Guessaier: And as in every annual meeting we understand there will be some awards. Can you share with us some of the winners' names and award categories?

Dr. Taylor: Some of the winners have already been named. The Edgar Coolidge award, the highest honor, goes to an individual who exhibits extraordinary vision, leadership and dedication to the specialty and that's going to Dr. Louis Rossman from Philadelphia. The I.B. Bender [Lifetime] Educator Award that goes to our top educator this year is going to Dr. Jim Johnson, and the Osetek Award to an educator who's been teaching for less than 10 years goes to Dr. Avina Paranjpe and both of them are dedicated faculty and well respected. We have many more awards, mostly to honor current people that are serving our specialty, and they honor their name and they honor some of the individuals who made endodontics what it is today.

C. Guessaier: And our congratulations go to all of them. To conclude, can Canadian dentists, general dentists and endodontist attend the meeting? And where can they get more information on how to register and the meeting itself?

Dr. Taylor: Oh, indeed, absolutely. An interest in endodontics is appreciated but certainly not required. As far as further information, on our website AAE.org/AAE19 we've posted up-to-date information, they can get the schedule, they can register for the meeting. In fact, Tourism Montreal also has a page dedicated to the AAE2019.



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C. Guessaier: Dr. Taylor, thank you again for taking the time to speak with me today. I wish you all the best in your endeavors as well as a very successful meeting and I hope to host you again on Oasis.

Dr. Taylor: Thank you for having us.