



American Dental Association

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Fact Sheet

Hawaii Convention Center Honolulu, Hawaii

- Some 24,000 dental professionals will attend the 2009 American Dental Association's (ADA) 150th Annual Session and World Marketplace Exhibition in Honolulu. The Hawai'i Convention Center estimates statewide spending of over \$113 million and tax revenue of nearly \$11 million.
- The ADA's Annual Session hosts the largest dental exhibition in the country with thousands of products and exhibits from more than 350 companies. It will occupy over 200,000 square feet or about 3.5 football fields.
- Founded in 1859, the ADA is the largest organization representing dentistry in the United States with more than 157,000 members. As America's leading proponent for oral health, the ADA promotes the art and science of dentistry and advocates for the public's oral health.
- The ADA's state-of-the-art research facilities develop and test dental products and materials that have advanced the practice of dentistry and made the patient experience more positive.
- The ADA Seal of Acceptance is a symbol of a product's safety and effectiveness. Although it is strictly voluntary, more than 100 companies participate in the Seal program. Over 400 dental products such as toothpaste, dental floss, and tooth brushes have earned the Seal of Acceptance.
- The Association and its related entities employ over 400 staff at headquarters in Chicago, IL; the ADA's Washington, DC, office; and at the ADA Foundation's Paffenbarger Research Center in Gaithersburg, MD.
- The ADA has 53 constituent (state-territorial) and 544 component (local) dental societies. The ADA's national structure consists of its legislative body, the House of Delegates, and its administrative body, the Board of Trustees. The House is a group of 464 voting members who establish policies which govern the Association in all of its activities.
- The Board of Trustees is composed of one trustee from each of the 17 trustee districts, the president-elect, and the two vice presidents. In addition, the president, the treasurer and the executive director of the Association serve as *ex officio* members without the right to vote.

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