

Second Annual Meeting of the South Atlantic Region

October 10-11, 2013
Hilton University of Florida
Conference Center
Gainesville, Florida



5 Hours of Continuing Education Awarded



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2nd South Atlantic Regional Meeting was a Success!

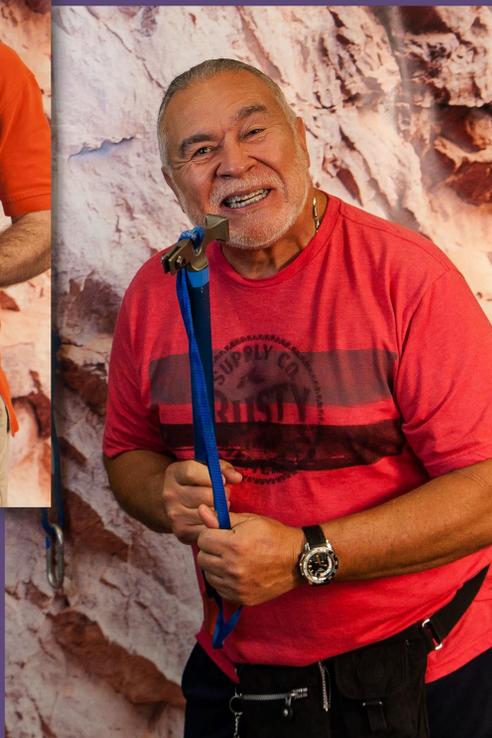
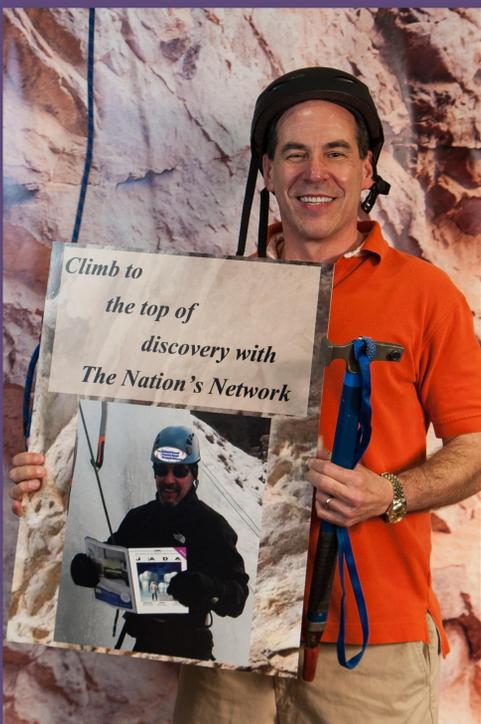


Members were encouraged to arrive on Thursday evening to attend a networking reception.



Practitioners from across the region were able to identify themselves, view and discuss posters, and talk with each other about their involvement in research. Posters remained available for the duration of the meeting.

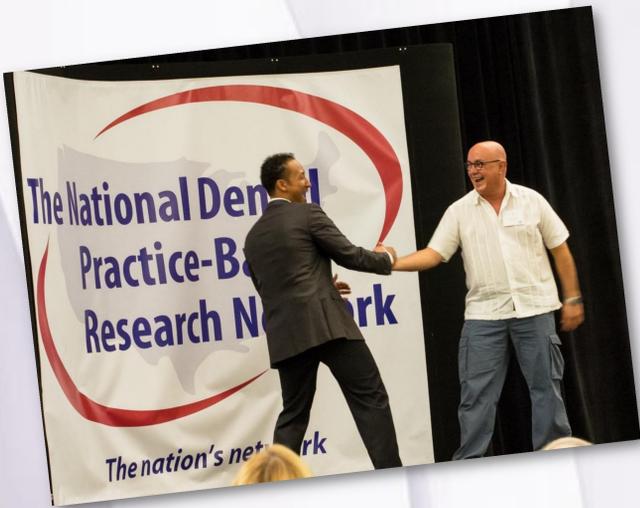
A fun photo opportunity gave individuals a chance to relax and interact in an informal atmosphere.



"I had a great time and enjoyed meeting everyone!"

The meeting on Friday, from 8-3, provided participants with a variety of activities.

After opening remarks by the Regional Director, **Dr. Valeria Gordan**, and **Dr. Boyd Robinson**, Dean of the College of Dentistry at the University of Florida, a motivational speaker gave an engaging presentation on *Positioning You for Success*. The program continued with four practitioners giving brief talks related to their involvement in The Network.



"The meeting was excellent, appropriate, timely and insightful!"



George Ford, DMD, the Executive Committee representative for the region, spoke about practitioner involvement in studies from idea generation through pilot testing, implementation, publication, and presentation. **Jennifer Guidoni, RDH** gave information about the data collection process and how it fits into busy practice schedules. She also discussed staff involvement and team building in the practice. **Dr. Jeff Meral, DDS** shared how his patients view participation in research and the positive effect it has on his practice. **Dr. Noel Spurlock, DDS** discussed the changes his practice has made in patient treatment, specifically in blood sugar testing for better post-surgical outcomes.



More than half of the **78 attendees** at the meeting were first time participants and the information was well received.



Framed abstract posters were presented to the practitioners who **co-authored** them.

"Well versed speakers with amazing stories to tell!"



See what members are saying!
[youtube.com/user/DentalPBRN](https://www.youtube.com/user/DentalPBRN)

STUDIES IN THE PIPELINE

- Cracked teeth registry
- Isolation methods used during root canal therapy
- Suspicious occlusal caries
- Human papilloma virus and oral cancer
- Patient satisfaction with dental treatment
- Smoking cessation study
- TMJD treatment methods
- Social network and communication patterns analysis
- Dentinal hypersensitivity

Be Involved

Meeting attendance and study participation are popular ways to benefit from **Network involvement**. Networking with other practitioners and researchers offers interaction and discussion of practice challenges.

The **Practitioner Advisory Board**, composed of practitioners and assisted by Network staff, has the goal of providing important feedback and guidance from representatives throughout the five state South Atlantic Region.



Dr. Henry Gremillion, Dean of the LSU School of Dentistry, gave a feature presentation on *Factors and Trends Shaping the Future of Dentistry*. The presentation generated many questions from the audience and was the topic of one of the afternoon breakout sessions.

The Breakout sessions were introduced by **Dr. Henrietta Logan**, professor in Community Dentistry at UF, with a talk on *Oral Cancer Detection and Treatment*. Dentists, hygienists, and some academic guests enjoyed lively discussions during the breakout sessions. Each table focused on one question, and a summary was given by the moderators, to all the attendees, at a panel presentation which concluded the meeting.



“Very good meeting; you out did yourselves!”



You're Invited to the Network-Wide Meeting: Save the date for 2015

When: March, 2015

Where: Atlanta, Georgia

More information to follow!



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