

IDA/AAFP MEETING 2024

The IDA Annual Conference takes place in the beautiful town of Killarney, Co Kerry in south west Ireland from 25th -27th April 2024.

This is the largest gathering of dental professionals on the island of Ireland. There are approximately 3500 practising dentists in Ireland.

The conference takes place over three days:

Day 1 Thursday 25th – this is what we traditionally call our Pre Conference Day. This is somewhat separate to our “Main” conference in that delegates book separately and pay for the courses separate to the main conference, which takes place on Friday & Saturday. Thursday usually sees about 5-6 day long or half day long hands on courses, workshops or full day lectures from a renowned speaker on a certain topic. The courses usually focus in on one area of dentistry eg Hands on Endodontic course x 12 delegates or full day lecture from leading expert on Digital Dentistry or Restorative dentistry – topics vary from year to year. Some are hands on courses with limited places others are lecture based courses. I have attached a copy of previous recent conferences for your information and you will see the general layout of the day.

DAY 2 Friday 26th Saturday 27th

This the main IDA conference over two days. We have two parallel programmes running simultaneously for delegates. Delegates can go to either programme over the two days.

Friday & Saturday also includes a trade show at the conference venue. This is small in comparison to large US dental meetings. Approximately 50 trade companies will be in attendance over the two days, including some implant companies.

Coffee breaks and lunches are included in the registration fee on both days.

On Saturday, we also run a dedicated programme for Dental Nurses – specific to their jobs as dental nurses.

Dental Hygienists attend the conference too – and whilst in recent years we don't have a dedicated programme for them, at their request, they tend to move from the different programmes throughout the two days.

The conference is very much about the Dental Team.

The conference finished up about 5pm on Saturday evening.

PROPOSED AAFP PROGRAMME

An additional programme can be included on the main conference programme for Friday & Saturday. This can be as long as you decide ie you could do lectures in morning and arrange a sightseeing trip in afternoon. Our lectures on our programme tend to be about 45 minutes to 1 hour duration. Again this is not cast in stone and for the AAFP programme this can be whatever will work for you. Approximately 6 hours for lecture time in the full day, when you take lunch and break times out. These 6 hours can be filled in whatever way you wish.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

The social side of our annual conference is a very important part of the overall event. Because dentistry is small here in Ireland, it is so important that colleagues, friends, classmates meet up with each other and have a good time.

Golf – the Presidents Golf Competition takes place on Thursday 25th in a nearby golf course. Ireland is awash with fabulous golf courses. 2024 in all likelihood will see the golf taking place at Killarney golf and fishing club.

Thursday evening – we will have an enjoyable, fun evening with music dance and craic! Usually held in the conference venue but somewhere nearby. We can of course arrange a bespoke event for your group if you so wish either.

Friday evening – Friday sees our Annual President's Dinner take place. This Black Tie Ball is usually attended by about 250 guests and starts with a champagne reception followed by dinner and dancing to a live band until the early hours! Not for the faint hearted!

Costs

Registration Fee €400 – this includes lunch/coffee breaks on both Friday and Saturday

Thursday Preconference – this will depend on costs involved but probably for a full day lecture with speaker €300 and hands on course €400/€500. Depends on course if any.

Golf €90

Annual Dinner €95 per person

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is not fully agreed but it will be in the region of €175/€215 per room per night depending on the hotel. Will have confirmation on this very soon.

Other Costs

Transfer costs to and from airport

Any additional trips or food costs