The American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) will host its 95th Annual Meeting in Boston from Sept. 12-15 at the new Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. Attendee registration is now open, and dental professionals from all specialties are encouraged to register to learn about the latest advancements in periodontology. More than 5,000 dental professionals and participating vendors are expected to attend.

The four-day meeting will include a variety of educational and scientific sessions in seven distinct program tracks, covering topics such as dental implants, periodontal-systemic relationships, practice development and management and regeneration and tissue engineering.

Traditional continuing education courses as well as hands-on workshops and clinical technique showcases will be offered. In total, more than 50 educational and scientific sessions will be offered.

Of particular note is this year’s opening ceremony, which will officially kick off the meeting on Sept. 12 with welcome remarks from the 2009 AAP President, David Cochran, DDS, PhD.

The academy is also pleased to announce Paul M. Ridker, MD, as the opening ceremony’s keynote speaker. Ridker is a leading researcher in inflammation and cardiovascular disease, and was an important contributor to the recent joint consensus paper on cardiovascular disease and periodontal disease published by The American Journal of Cardiology and the Journal of Periodontology.

“This is an exciting time in periodontics, so I am thrilled to invite the dental community to join us in Boston,” Cochran said. “It has become critical that all dental professionals understand the connection between periodontal disease and other chronic diseases of aging, such as cardiovascular disease and especially the role inflammation plays in this connection. Our 2009 annual meeting offers an exciting and informative forum to learn about these important advances.”

For more information or to register for the annual meeting, visit www.perio.org/meetings or call (512) 575-5216 or send an e-mail to angela@perio.org.