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## Media Release

### Dental Hygienists in Canada's Capital to Share Clinical & Research Expertise

October 13, 2017 (Ottawa, ON) – More than 500 dental hygienists from around the world will gather in Ottawa, Ontario, from October 19 to 21 to share leading-edge research and clinical and teaching experiences at *Translating Knowledge to Action*, a global conference co-hosted by the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA) and the US National Center for Dental Hygiene Research and Practice (NCDHRP).

For this sold-out conference, CDHA and NCDHRP have assembled a dynamic group of speakers and scientists, who will present the latest information on oral health promotion, oral disease management and prevention, dental hygiene practice, and access to care. The keynote presentation will be given by Dr. JoAnn Gurenlian, an internationally renowned professor and researcher at Idaho State University, who will review the status of dental hygiene globally and the changes required to improve health outcomes for all. "CDHA and NCDHRP recognize that educated and informed dental hygiene professionals provide the best oral health care to the public. We are pleased to offer such a robust three-day professional development program," states Gerry Cool, CDHA President.

Complementing the conference's educational sessions will be special events, including an awards luncheon recognizing leaders in Canadian dental hygiene scholarship, research, service, and community involvement. Tributes will also be paid to CDHA's 25-year members and to its dental industry partners—Colgate, Crest Oral-B, Johnson & Johnson, PHILIPS, Dentsply Sirona, GSK, Hu-Friedy, and SUNSTAR G•U•M—who provide integral support to the dental hygiene profession through the CDHA Partners' Circle.

Serving the profession since 1963, CDHA is the collective national voice of more than 28,495 registered dental hygienists working in Canada, directly representing 19,000 individual members including dental hygienists and students. Dental hygiene is the sixth largest registered health profession in Canada with professionals working in a variety of settings, including independent dental hygiene practice, with people of all ages, addressing issues related to oral health. For more information on oral health, visit: [www.dentalhygienecanada.ca](http://www.dentalhygienecanada.ca).

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