

DIARY

SEPTEMBER

Training essentials – Preparing for the Care Quality Commission registration process

Date: 30 September 2010
Venue: BDA, London
Emails: events@bda.org
www.bda.org/events

OCTOBER

European Association for Osseointegration 19th Annual Scientific Meeting

Date: 6–9 October 2010
Venue: SECC, Glasgow
www.eao.org

Dental Protection: Discovering the 'H' factor (human nature) (techniques to manage difficult patients)

Date: 13 October 2010
Venue: City Hotel, Derry
Date: 14 October 2010
Venue: Belfast Waterfront, Belfast
Email: events@dentalprotection.org
www.dentalprotection.org/newsnews/events/hfactor

BDA Community Dental Services Group – Annual Presidential and Scientific Meeting 2010

Date: 14 October 2010
Venue: Wyboston Lakes, Bedfordshire
Email: events@bda.org
www.bda.org/events

BDTA Dental Showcase

Date: 14–16 October 2010
Venue: ExCel London
www.dentalshowcase.com

NOVEMBER

The 2nd Future Trends in Implantology International Dental Conference

Date: 11–13 November 2010
Venue: Firenze Fiera Congress & Exhibition Center, Florence, Italy
www.ftidental.com

Diagnosis and Treatment of Breath Odours: Current Insights

Date: 15 November 2010
Venue: Institute of Physics, London
Email: lisa.cornwell@iop.org
www.iop.org/events/scientific/conferences/y/10/breath/

DENTIST VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR BURMA

Dentist Shaila Patel is looking for volunteer dentists to join her when she travels to the Thai/Burma border on 5 November 2010 to train local men and women in basic dental skills.

Shaila will be part of a small medical team from the UK which will also include doctors, nurses and midwives and which is organised by charity HOPE 4 the World.

Burma is one of the poorest countries in the world after over 50 years of civil war, despite plentiful natural resources. Thousands have been killed by the military dictatorship and millions are displaced. There is continual environmental destruction, an HIV/AIDS epidemic, the ongoing laying

of landmines, human trafficking and religious persecution.

The internally displaced people (IDPs) lack security, food, education for their children and have limited access to the most basic of medical care.

HOPE 4 the World buys all of the equipment for the trips but the travel costs are self-funded by volunteers. The charity also builds schools in Burma, provides maintenance grants and delivers teacher training.

Shaila is also looking for volunteers for 2011. If you are interested, contact Shaila on admin@hope4theworld.org or telephone 07961 386659 for more information. Donations can be made at www.hope4theworld.org.

FELLOWSHIP FOR CRANIOFACIAL RESEARCHER

Researcher and Lecturer in Orthodontics, Rishma Shah, has been awarded a two-year Fellowship by the Faculty of Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

The prestigious award will support Miss Shah's ongoing research, begun during her postgraduate studies, into the creation of *in vitro* craniofacial skeletal muscle tissue for use in the development of novel therapies to treat craniofacial deformities such as cleft lip and palate, with the ultimate aim of providing tissue for use in facial implants to replace muscle tissue deficiencies.

It is anticipated that the Fellowship grant will allow Miss Shah to find a suitable way of integrating biologi-

cally engineered craniofacial muscle with tendon and bone attachments, which would provide a valuable contribution to the field.



CONSULTATION ON PANEL NUMBERS OPENS

The General Dental Council (GDC) is asking for views from registrants and the public on a change to the regulator's rules allowing it to employ more Fitness to Practise (FtP) panel members.

FtP panel members sit on public hearings, which are the final stages of investigations into dental professionals. Panel members will be asked to make difficult decisions about whether the GDC should step in to set out how and if a dental

professional should carry on working.

In the last year the FtP panel's caseload has risen by 40% and the GDC is determined to tackle it head on. A consultation must take place first as an increase in panel numbers requires a change to the Council's Constitution of Committees Rules 2009.

The consultation can be found at www.gdc-uk.org and runs until 22 October 2010.