

## DIARY

### 12th International Congress on Cleft Lip/Palate and Related Craniofacial Anomalies

Date: 5-10 May 2013  
Location: Orlando, Florida  
[www.cleft2013.org/program.html](http://www.cleft2013.org/program.html)

### Lingual training for orthodontic therapists and nurses

Date: 10 May 2013  
Venue: BOS,  
12 Bridewell Place, London  
[www.blos.co.uk/meetings.php](http://www.blos.co.uk/meetings.php)

### Occlusion in Everyday Practice (BSOS)

Date: 10 May 2013  
Location: Glasgow  
Email: [info@bsos.org.uk](mailto:info@bsos.org.uk)

### Scottish Dental Show

Date: 16-17 May 2013  
Venue: Hampden Park, Glasgow  
[www.scottishdentalshow.co.uk](http://www.scottishdentalshow.co.uk)

### Oral health care for children

Date: 21 June 2013  
Venue: Leeds Marriott Hotel, Leeds  
[www.bda.org/seminars](http://www.bda.org/seminars)

### A Multi Disciplinary Approach to Dentofacial Orthopaedics

Date: 24 May 2013  
Venue: Holiday Inn,  
Welbeck Street, London  
Telephone: Richard Dean,  
01342 824580

### Premium education on digital dentistry: Sirona Imaging User Days

Date: 7 June 2013  
Telephone: 0845 071 5040  
Email: [info@sironadental.co.uk](mailto:info@sironadental.co.uk)

### British Society of Gerodontology and National Oral Health Promotion Group Combined Study Day 2013

Date: 14 June 2013  
Venue: Burlington Macdonald Hotel,  
Birmingham  
[www.nohpg.org](http://www.nohpg.org)  
[www.gerodontology.com](http://www.gerodontology.com)

### Armed Forces Study Day

Date: 4 July 2013  
Venue: BDA HQ, London  
Email: [fraser.sneddon582@mod.uk](mailto:fraser.sneddon582@mod.uk)

### Association for Dental Education in Europe meeting

Date: 28-31 August 2013  
Venue: Wolfson Centre,  
University of Birmingham  
[www.birmingham.ac.uk/adee2013](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/adee2013)

## TAKING THE PAIN OUT OF MILTON KEYNES

Drill-less, needle-free and painless dental treatment in a relaxing and comfortable setting has 'arrived' in Milton Keynes with the opening of Dentist Direct in Grange Farm.

Dentist Direct Milton Keynes opened its doors on 27 March, offering Waterlase technology, a combination of YSGG laser energy and water (HydroPhototics), which is used to perform many traditional dental procedures with less anaesthesia. It is designed to reduce patient anxiety, minimise pain and trauma and create a more comfortable experience for patients.

The practice's principal dentist is Mrs Girija Sree Challa (pictured, right, with Craig Huntingdon, Dentist Direct's CEO), who also has a master's degree in children's dental health. 'Our treatments ensure comfort and accuracy and reduce bleeding, post-treatment pain and swelling,' said Mrs Challa, 'which is very important for children, but great for adults too!'



## SURPLUS SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR ZANZIBAR

Retired Brighton-based dentist Dr Feroz Jafferji is appealing for any redundant/useful dental items for a project aiming to create at least two new fully-functioning dental clinics in Zanzibar, 'The Spice Island' 40 km off the coast of Tanzania.

Dr Jafferji is originally from Zanzibar and after returning to the country three years ago he linked up with former classmates and formed OZ: Outreach Zanzibar. OZ has joined forces with Health Improvement Project, Zanzibar (HIP Z), a British charity set up by medical professionals in collaboration with Zanzibar's Ministry of Health, helping to raise awareness of the lack of medical facilities and extremely low life expectancy on the island.

To find out more visit <http://outreachzanzibar.org>; if you are able to donate any small or large equipment, hand instruments or consumables email [fjafferji@outreachzanzibar.org](mailto:fjafferji@outreachzanzibar.org).

## DENTAL NURSE BOOM IN SCOTLAND

There has been an increase of over 65% in numbers of NHS dental nurses in Scotland in the last five years, as reported on [scotsman.com](http://scotsman.com), from 862 in 2007 to 1,426 in 2012. The number of dental technicians has also risen over the same period from 48 to 130.

## BECOME ACCREDITED IN MOUTH CANCER SCREENING

At this week's British Dental Conference and Exhibition at ExCeL London, Mouth Cancer Foundation Ambassador Dr Philip Lewis was due to explain to delegates how by carrying out thorough head and neck cancer checks at routine appointments, lives will be saved.

The presentation was the formal launch of the Mouth Cancer Foundation's new screening initiative, the Mouth Cancer Screening Accreditation Scheme. The scheme will recognise dental practices that demonstrate a visible commitment to increasing public awareness of mouth cancer screening to all patients and establish a documented referral pathway with a local specialist department.

Dr Lewis said: 'The Mouth Cancer Screening Accreditation Scheme offers lots of benefits to practices. As well as saving lives it is a practice builder. It encourages footfall and trust. The scheme is as much about educating the public as it is about screening them.'

The scheme is open to any dental practice with GDC-registered clinicians. For more information email [info@mouthcancerfoundation.org](mailto:info@mouthcancerfoundation.org) or telephone 01924 950950.

