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

Date: 5-10 May 2013 Location: Orlando, Florida 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

Occlusion in Everyday Practice (BSOS)

Date: 10 May 2013 Location: Glasgow Email: info@bsos.org.uk

Scottish Dental Show

Date: 16-17 May 2013 Venue: Hampden Park, Glasgow www.scottishdentalshow.co.uk

Oral health care for children

Date: 21 June 2013 Venue: Leeds Marriott Hotel, Leeds 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

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 www.gerodontology.com

Armed Forces Study Day

Date: 4 July 2013 Venue: BDA HQ, London Email: fraser.sneddon582@mod.uk

Association for Dental Education in Europe meeting

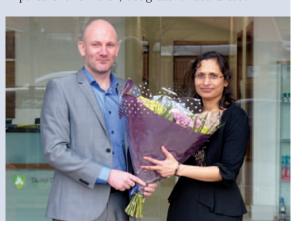
Date: 28-31 August 2013 Venue: Wolfson Centre, University of Birmingham www.birmingham.ac.uk/adee2013

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
(HydroPhotonics), 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 fullyfunctioning 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.

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, 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 or telephone 01924 950950.