

CALLING ALL STAR TECHNICIANS

Ivoclar Vivadent are inviting teams of dentists and dental technicians to enter the new IPS e.max Smile Award 2016 with the aim of finding the world's most aesthetic and impressive dental restoration cases using the IPS e.max system.

IPS e.max is the world's most popular and successful all-ceramic system. These users are now being invited to showcase their most impressive dental work.

To be in with a chance of winning, dentists and technicians must register as a team at ipsexmax.com/smileaward. Entrants must submit their project online to showcase their finest IPS e.max work, using pictures and videos to successfully demonstrate standards

such as high quality aesthetics and excellent dentist and technician collaboration.

A panel of experts will evaluate entries based on aesthetics, complexity and harmony. As aesthetic perception varies across different continents and regions there will be 12 winners. The best three teams of the four regions, Europe/Middle East/Africa, North America/Oceania, Latin America and Asia will be awarded the IPS e.max Smile Award 2016.

The closing date for submissions is 28 February 2016.

For more information on how to enter visit www.ipsexmax.com/smileaward or call Ivoclar Vivadent on 0116 284 7880.

THE IMPACT OF DENTINE HYPERSENSITIVITY

GSK Consumer Healthcare, manufacturers of Sensodyne, hosted a special symposium at the FDI conference, Bangkok to share results of research into the impact of dentine hypersensitivity (DH).

The research used the Dentine Hypersensitivity Evaluation Questionnaire (DHEQ), a validated tool, in order to demonstrate the impact of DH.^{1,2} Through a new pooled analysis of DHEQ data, Sensodyne revealed some surprising findings about how people who experience the condition will compensate, cope and alter their social activities when living with dentine hypersensitivity:^{3,4}

- Nine out of ten sufferers had been experiencing the condition for longer than one year
- 70.4% of DH sufferers considered their sensitivity takes a lot of pleasure out of eating and drinking
- 59.4% of DH sufferers try to avoid the sensations by biting food into small pieces.

Research also confirmed the clinical benefits of continuous twice-daily use of sensitivity toothpaste.^{3,4}

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IF PANDAS USED TOOTHBRUSHES...

The Humble Brush toothbrush is made out of 100% biodegradable bamboo which provides a naturally non-slip surface. It has an ergonomic grip and soft, BPA-free bristles made from nylon, a durable material that degrades over time and can be processed through regular waste channels. There is no other plant-based material that would allow you to use your toothbrush for the recommended three months.

The makers of the Humble Brush care about the environment; it is packed in a transparent, biodegradable wrapper

made completely out of plants and the box is made from 100% recycled materials.

Bamboo is the fastest growing plant on earth and is naturally antibacterial which means there is no need to use fertilisers or pesticides during its cultivation.

For every Humble Brush sold, one toothbrush is donated to people in need of oral care.

Ultra-soft kids' toothbrushes are also available. For more information on the Humble Brush or to purchase Humble Brushes with free shipping, visit www.humblebrush.co.uk.



ACT NOW TO AVOID HEFTY PENSION CHARGES

Employers who have delayed setting up their workplace pension scheme may now be subject to hefty initial or monthly charges. Two of the main workplace pension scheme providers have recently imposed a charge to employers.

The People's Pension added a £500+VAT set-up charge for employers signing up after 23 November 2015, reduced to £300+VAT if they sign up through a financial adviser.

NOW: Pensions has a monthly service charge ranging from £12.50+VAT to £36.00+VAT depending on the number of employees and whether the employer has a scheme administered by a payroll

bureau using the NOW: Pensions' microsite.

Jon Drysdale, an independent financial adviser from Chartered Financial planners PFM Dental, says: 'Even though your 'staging date' – when you start making contributions to a pension scheme – may be many months away, it makes sense to get your scheme set up as soon as possible to reduce the risk of future set-up or service charges being imposed. It is hard for pension providers to add charges where employers have already signed terms and conditions, so my advice is act now.'

For more information visit www.pfmdental.co.uk