

DIARY

MARCH

BDA Seminar: Preparing for retirement

Date: 4 March 2011, 09.30-16.45

Venue: BDA, London

Email: events@bda.org

Telephone: 020 7563 4590

www.bda.org/events

Oral-B 'Up to date' scientific exchange seminar

Date: 8 March 2011

Venue: Kenwood Hall, Sheffield

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BDA Seminar: A practical team approach to periodontics

Date: 11 March 2011, 09.00-16.40

Venue: Leeds Marriott Hotel, Leeds

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Telephone: 020 7563 4590

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BACD: State of the art ceramics in 2011 with Dr Christopher Orr

Date: 14 March 2011

Location: Letchworth Garden City

www.bacd.com

The BACD Roadshow: The future of dentistry: should you be scared?

Date: 15 March 2011

Location: Bristol

Email: suzy@bacd.com

Telephone: 020 8241 8526

www.bacd.com

UCL Eastman CPD: Budgeting and management accounts

Date: 17 March 2011

Email: m.kelly@eastman.ucl.ac.uk

Telephone: 020 7905 1234

Dentsply Academy: Posterior Restorations Made Easy

Date: 22 March, 29 March

Venue: Liverpool, Northampton

Email: enquiries@dentsply.com

Telephone: 01932 837330

www.dentsplyacademy.co.uk

APRIL

BADT Professionalism in Practice workshop

Date: 9 April 2011

Email: a.mccann@leeds.ac.uk

www.badt.org.uk/events

FGDP(UK) STARTS 2011 WITH TEAM AND PATIENT FOCUS

A joint dental conference hosted by the Faculty of General Dental Practice (UK) (FGDP(UK)) and the Faculty of Dental Surgery at The Royal College of Surgeons of England in January concluded that the inception of an independent, cross-professional standard setting board would help regulate dental practice in the UK.

Members from both faculties and representatives from specialty associations agreed that the profession could improve its accountability and better support professional development if both faculties worked together to set professional standards, essential for revalidation.

Also in January, dental care professionals (DCPs) became a stronger voice at the heart of the FGDP(UK) when the new DCP Committee met for the first time. With representatives from all DCP disciplines including a clinical

dental technician and an orthodontic therapist, the DCP Committee was established to develop standards and educational opportunities in support of the dental team.

At the beginning of February, over 200 delegates and members of the dental press attended the launch of Touchstone.

Touchstone is the FGDP(UK)'s new online portfolio and learning system tailored to the needs of dentists and DCPs and available to all FGDP(UK) members as well as anyone studying on Faculty courses.

'The FGDP(UK) is keen to develop more and better services for its members,' said Lawrence Mudford, Chair of the FGDP(UK)'s Education Committee. 'We believe that our services should contribute towards our aim of improving standards of patient care.'



Lawrence Mudford (left) and Julia O'Sullivan of the FGDP (UK) and Matthew Wheeler, a Consultant from Pebble Learning

NHS NEWHAM SIGNS CONTRACT WITH KENT

Eastern and Coastal Kent Community Health NHS Trust Community Dental Service has signed an £11 million contract to be the provider of community dentistry for the Borough of Newham in London.

The contract between Newham and

Eastern and Coastal Kent NHS Trust will include improvements and refurbishment to local dental clinics in Newham. The staff who currently work in London will be transferred over to be employed by the NHS Trust and managed by their team.