

DIARY

BDTA Dental Showcase

Date: 4-6 October 2012
Venue: ExCeL London
www.dentalshowcase.com

Facing the Challenges of the Dentate Ageing Population

BDA Middlesex & Hertfordshire Branch
Date: 12 October 2012
Venue: Holiday Inn, Elstree
Email: heathcotecurtis@btinternet.com

BDA Essex Branch and Essex LDC Joint Study Day and AGM

Date: 19 October 2012
Venue: Writtle College, Writtle
Email: nickbarker@tiscali.co.uk

Work Less – Have Less Stress! (Treat Fewer Patients) with Lester Ellman

BDA South Wales Branch
Date: 19 October 2012
Venue: Copthorne Hotel, Cardiff
Email: s.geddes@bda.org

BDA Seminar: Clinical Expert Series Lecture: No post no crown restorative dentistry

Date: 26 October 2012
Venue: Pullman London St Pancras
Telephone: 020 7563 4590
Email: events@bda.org
www.bda.org/events

Bruxism Awareness Week

Date: 22-28 October 2012
www.s4sdental.com/

BSDHT Oral Health Conference and Exhibition

Date: 9-10 November 2012
Venue: ACC, Liverpool
Telephone: 01452 886365
www.bsht.org.uk

Expert Panel Consensus Meeting on Monitoring, Diagnosis and Treatment of Peri-implant Disease

Date: 19 November 2012
Venue: Savoy Place, London
Telephone: 020 8487 5555
www.adi.org.uk/consensus2012

BACD Annual Conference

Date: 22-24 November 2012
Venue: MCCC, Manchester
Telephone: 020 7612 4166
Email: suzy@bacd.com
www.bacd.com

FAKE DENTAL PRODUCTS ON EBAY

The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has warned dentists and the public about buying dental equipment from the Internet after its enforcement investigators seized a number of potentially dangerous fake dental instruments.

At a business address in the West Midlands, an MHRA raid seized 100 fake dental instruments consisting of scaler tips, light cured composite, gutta percha points, dental cleaning tools and high speed handpieces not CE marked and not carrying warnings or usage instructions.

The MHRA launched the raid after an anonymous complaint was received with regards to a non-CE marked portable dental X-ray unit bought on eBay. Tests revealed that one of the machines available for sale lacked sufficient shielding in the X-ray tube.

The MHRA advises that fake medical equipment can be spotted by looking out for the following: the dental instruments have no recognised brand name and the packaging has missing information; an 'instructions for use' leaflet is not enclosed with the product; no lot or batch identification number is listed; no CE mark is affixed; no manufacturer or European representative details are listed; the product has no four digit unique identification number.

The MHRA is working with eBay to prevent any further unapproved devices being sold.

You can report faulty medical devices by phoning 020 3080 7080 or via the website at www.mhra.gov.uk.

CAUSE FOR APPLAUSE

The Alpha Omega Charitable Trust has created a memorial prize in honour of the late Dr John Zamet, the founding chairman of its London Chapter. An annual grant of £1,000 will be granted to students who are UK based, studying a master's degree or PhD and researching clinical periodontology.

Dentsply has donated £1,000 worth of dental instruments to aid communities in need of dental care in Ghana. There are just 148 dentists in the whole of Ghana, equating to one per 155,000 patients.

The AOG, who work 'towards the greater good', is holding its annual ball at the London Marriott Hotel in Grosvenor Square on 8 December 2012. For more information visit www.aoguk.org.

Tim Thackrah, practice principal at Elmsleigh House Dental Clinic in Farnham, raised £5,500 for charity in a sponsored climb of Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa. The funds will be shared between Bridge2Aid and the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice in Farnham.

Henry Schein Minerva and Bridge2Aid are offering fourth year dental students the opportunity to join the 2013 Tanzania Elective. The closing date for applications is 29 October 2012; visit www.bridge2aid.org.

Dentist Simon Nocton is completing a 960 mile charity bike ride from Land's End to John O'Groats in a bid to raise over £5,000 for oral cancer. He is taking part in the Deloitte

DUNDEE WILL HELP STRAIGHTEN EGYPT'S TEETH

The University of Dundee has announced plans to deliver a part-time orthodontics master's degree programme in Egypt for dentists wishing to specialise.

Working closely with the Arab Society for Continuous Dental Education (ASCDE), lecturers from Dundee will travel to Cairo on a regular basis to teach the MSc programme.

The executive director of ASCDE, Dr Mahmoud Kohail, said, 'This collaboration is an exceptional opportunity to continue ASCDE's commitment to resetting the standards of post-graduate dental education and renovating dentistry in Egypt.'

Participating dentists will also undertake orthodontics skill training at ASCDE's clinical facilities where patients receive free treatment.

Ride Across Britain event from 8-16 September, specifically to raise money for The Facial Surgery Research Foundation – Saving Faces.

Retired dentist Mike Townsend, 67, is cycling Scotland's Great Glen Way – 140 miles from Inverness to Fort William and back – on 21-23 September to raise awareness and money for the year-long 'Be Active for the Ben Fund' campaign. To make a donation visit www.justgiving.com/MikeTownsendCycle140.

Canterbury dentist Ashley Watson cycled from Land's End to John O'Groats over 11 days in extremely wet weather. He raised over £4,000 for Bridge2Aid.

Rural Rwanda Dental and the Dental Wellness Trust urgently need donations and volunteers to help distribute toothbrushes, teach prevention and provide much-needed treatment, in addition to the generosity of companies to donate dental supplies. Visit www.rrdental.org or www.dentalwellnesstrust.org.