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LEND YOUR SKILLS TO ALBANIA

Marine Reach is looking for a dentist and a dental nurse to travel to Albania in May 2014 for a two-week dental mission. The volunteers will work with underprivileged communities who have no access to dental care.

Marine Reach is the main maritime arm of Youth with a Mission. Founded in 1990 in the South Pacific to reach isolated island communities, Marine Reach uses ships, mobile clinics and land bases to provide humanitarian aid.

From 3-14 May 2014 Marine Reach will be in Korca, Albania, working with The Kennedy Foundation which has been working there for several years. The outreach project will be running a dental clinic and in the last week, an optometry clinic.

There are only private dentists in Albania so many people have never visited a dentist and oral hygiene is very poor. Marine Reach will also be carrying out health education and sharing Christian values.

To find out more about volunteering for Marine Reach's mission to Korca, Albania and to read accounts of the 2013 outreaches, visit www.medicmission.co.uk, email medicaleurope@marinereach.com or telephone 02476 348128.

LEADING SPEAKERS SECURED FOR MANCHESTER



The British Dental Association (BDA) has confirmed that leading clinical speakers Michael Wise, Gregory Brambilla, Trevor Burke and Jimmy Steele are just some of the headline names appearing at the 2014 British Dental Conference and Exhibition. They will be joined by renowned experts Felix Wöhrle, Richard Ibbetson and Francesco Mannocci. The event will take place from 10-12 April 2014 at the Manchester Central Convention Complex and booking is now open at www.bda.org/conference.

More than 60 conference sessions will cover all major fields of clinical dentistry including a variety of special sessions focusing on mouth cancer, periodontology, special care dentistry and paediatric dentistry, many of which will be of interest to the whole dental team. John Milne, chair of the BDA's General Dental Practice Committee, will host a daily session looking at Department of Health plans for dental contract reform in England.

The Exhibition will feature more than 100 suppliers of products and professional services, as well as associations and charities. The Innovation Zone will offer a chance to see the latest technology in action. Delegates seeking one-to-one advice can take advantage of the new Advice Zone, in which BDA expert advisors will answer questions on issues including career and employment, business planning and marketing, education, and tax.

The popular Demonstration and Training Essentials theatres will also return. The UCL Eastman Dental Institute-hosted Demonstration theatre will offer a watch-and-learn programme of practical sessions. The Training Essentials theatre will feature more than 20 sessions covering core CPD subjects, regulatory updates and business and personal development.

A range of price options are available for BDA members and non-members with 3-day Conference Passes free for Extra and Expert members, and significantly reduced for Essential members. Prices are also significantly reduced for dental care professionals (DCPs) and foundation dentists. BDA student members can attend for free. Up to 15 hours' verifiable CPD will be available for those attending.

Prospective delegates can find out more and register online at www.bda.org/conference or by calling 0870 166 6625. Dentists and students considering joining the BDA or upgrading their membership can find details at www.bda.org/join.