APPLY FOR AN INNOVATION GRANT FOR YOUR PRACTICE

Newly registered dental charity Heart Your Smile, that celebrated its first anniversary in March, chose the recent British Dental Conference and Exhibition as the venue to launch a number of new initiatives – the first of which is Innovation 360°.

Innovation 360° has the aim of providing a practical solution to the difficulties sometimes faced by practices who have fantastic ideas for oral health initiatives, but face a struggle to get their ideas off the ground. Whether it is due to lack of funds, time or just because they don't know where to start, it is an unfortunate fact that sometimes the best ideas are also the best kept secrets!

Innovation 360° provides an answer to this problem by offering practical and financial help to dental teams wanting to connect with patients in an innovative way and take dentistry beyond the boundaries of their surgery doors.

Grants of £360 are now available to support dental teams wanting to innovate in the area of oral health promotion. Fifty percent of the grant will be provided as funds to help with up to £180 of logistical expenses and 50% will be provided as a Heart Your Smile Oral Health Kit, which includes a selection of BDHF leaflets, toothbrushing charts, toothbrushes, toothpaste, stickers and badges, all designed to help motivate and educate your chosen audience.

To qualify for an Innovation 360° Grant, complete an online application by 30 June 2013. For more information and to apply visit www.heartyoursmile.co.uk.

A TERRIFIC IMPLANT STARTING POINT

General practitioners who want to successfully place dental implants can learn the necessary skills on the highly acclaimed 'Scottish Year Course'. Presented by Dr Stephen Jacobs and Dr Clive Schmulian, training takes place at Clyde Dental Centre in Glasgow. The sixth intake starts in September.

The comprehensive programme provides a detailed scientific, evidence-based approach. It takes delegates through each stage of treatment, from diagnosis to fitting and maintaining a restored implant. Each participant treats one of their own cases from planning, through placement, to completing the final restoration.

Stephen Jacobs runs short implant restoration courses and lectures throughout Europe on all aspects of implant dentistry. Clive Schmulian is an honorary visiting teacher at Glasgow Dental School.

To book, telephone 0141 931 5533 or email susie @dentalfx.co.uk. www.dentists4implants.com

IDEAL IMPLANT FOR NARROW SPACES

The new Straumann Narrow Neck CrossFit (NNC) Implant is the implant of choice for narrow interdental spaces, narrow bone ridges or sites with limited bone availability, which are amongst some of the most challenging cases.

The NNC implant, which has a 3.5 mm prosthetic platform, combines strength and osseointegration, which are particularly important when using small diameter implants. Made of Roxolid and equipped with the SLActive surface, the NNC implant provides clinicians with confidence in use. Roxolid is a titanium-zirconium alloy that delivers high strength and treatment predictability, while the SLActive implant surface accelerates the osseointegration process, speeding healing times.

Due to its narrow prosthetic platform with internal conical connection, clinicians benefit from the precise fit between abutment and implant and the wide range of prosthetic options the NNC implant offers. In addition, the new transfer piece offers a 'snap-fit' connection to implant, simplifying handling during the surgical placement stage. The Straumann NNC implant features a selfguiding CrossFit connection at soft tissue level, which offers improved prosthetic flexibility and optimises abutment insertion.

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