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The gardens of The Natural History Museum in London are currently hosting an impressive free photographic exhibition that provides a visual record of the state of our planet today.



Earth from the Air - A Photographic Portrait of Our Planet, by celebrated French aerial photographer Yann Arthus-Bertrand, is open until April 2004. The exhibition has taken 10 vears of research and fieldwork to produce, in which time Arthus-Bertrand has taken over 100,000 shots and clocked up more than 3,000 flying hours, travelling across 100 countries. The images, all aerial photographs, capture the characteristics and patterns of the natural world that can only be seen from a bird's-eye view.

The museum's first outdoor exhibition, Earth from the Air includes 150 images - each over two metres across – and a giant walk-on map of the world. The stunning photographs are presented making use of the natural light and open space of The Natural History Museum's east garden.

Earth from the Air attracted record crowds and critical acclaim when it was shown in Paris, Copenhagen and other major cities. So far it has been seen by close to 10 million people.

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Spotlight on practice managers and receptionists

If you are interested in personal development and would like to go on a course to help you in your job or to improve your job prospects, there are lots of places you can go to. Here is a list of courses run by various companies for Practice Managers and Receptionists. It is not comprehensive and only includes courses that are in the UK, specifically related to dentistry. Some are workshops and lessons, other are distance and e-learning.

As either a Practice Manager or a Receptionist, other skills such as people management and customer services are valuable, and courses at your local further education college will cover them. Have a look in your local yellow pages under 'Further Education'. The British Dental Practice Managers Association suggest looking for courses in Management and the NEBS Management Certificate.

Denplan Training Courses

Tel 0800 328 3223 www.denplan.net The People Management Business The Receptionist

Dental Health Education Centre

PO Box 121, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire HP22 5ZG Tel 0870 264 1562 www.dhec.co.uk ◆ BTEC in Practice Management ◆ BTEC Higher National Diploma in

- Dental Practice Management
- ◆ BTEC in Dental Reception

Dental Resource Company

Osprey House, Primett Road, Stevenage, HERTS SG1 3EE Tel 01438 727206 www.dental-resource.co.uk

- ◆ BTEC Higher Professional Diploma
- in Dental Practice Management
- BTEC Professional Certificate in Dental Practice Management
- Foundation qualification for practice managers
- BTEC Advanced Award in Dental Reception

The Management School

Fourways, Holywell Lake, Wellington, Somerset TA21 OEH Tel 01823 672622 www.themanaaementschool.co.uk ◆ Diploma in Professional Practice

Management

Radcliffe Medical Press

18 Marcham Road, Abingdon OXON OX14 1AA 01235 528820 www.radcliffe-oxford.com ◆Dental Receptionist Programme

smile-on.com

- The Lightwell, 12-16 Laystall Street, Clerkenwell, London EC1R 4PF Tel 020 7843 6850 www.smile-on.com
- ◆ BTEC Higher Award in Dental Practice Management
- ◆ BTEC Advanced Award in Dental Reception

smilespecialist.co.uk

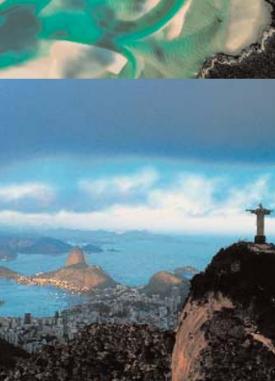
Smile Specialist Centre 9/11 Station Rd, Haworth, Keighley, West Yorkshire BD22 8NL Tel 01535 644005 www.smilespecialist.co.uk ◆ Practice Manager's Course

UMD Professional Ltd

Sutton Business Centre, Restmor Way, Hackbridge Road, Wallington, Surrey SM6 7AH Tel 020 8255 2073 www.umdprofessional.co.uk

- ◆Introduction to Dental Practice Management
- ◆Dental Business Management Proaramme
- ◆ Marketing and Communication for Receptionists

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BDHA Annual Scientific Meetina and General Assembly of Members Date: 28.11.03-29.11.03 Venue: Harrogate International Centre E-mail: informofficer@waitrose.com

British Dental Receptionists' Association Conference Date: 22.11.03 Venue: National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham (at Dental Showcase) E-mail: sue@bdra.co.uk

PCD Roadshows PCD Roadshow Basingstoke, 12.11.03 ARK Education Centre, Basingstoke PCD Roadshow Bolton, 18.11.03 Reebok Stadium, Bolton PCD Roadshow Harrogate, 05.02.04 Cedar Court Hotel, Harrogate E-mail: communications@gdc-uk.org

Book review

NVQs for dental nurses by Carole Hollins Blackwell Munksgaard, 235 pages, illustrated paperback £16.50 ISBN 1-4051-0528-3 This book has been written to cover the NVQ syllabus and manages to do this superbly well.

The contents pages at the front of the book gives a very clear guide as to what is included in each chapter - very useful when information is needed quickly.

Each chapter begins with a piece which relates it to the specific D units and elements covered and then goes on to provide an in depth breakdown of the subject (eg. Health and Safety, Dental Radiography), using bullet points for clarity.

No time has been wasted on waffle; it is clear and to the point, using diagrams to explain everything from tooth structure through to instrumentation. The activities section at the end of each chapter is very useful and could be used for setting projects and assignments. I particularly like the breakdown of equipment, materials and medicaments needed for clinical procedures and the nurse's role.

The last two chapters on communication and developing one's own knowledge are a welcome addition to a dental nursing book. These are the D units which, in my opinion, cause the most confusion and dread, but both are handled verv well here.

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