Dubai, UAE: Jumeirah Beach Hotel will once again become the venue hosting the region’s dental elite for the 9th CAD/CAM & Digital Dentistry International Conference on 09-10 May 2014. The much anticipated event will have 27 International Speakers, 24 Presentations, 12 Sponsors and 19 Industrial Players, bringing the latest in the field of Dentistry. This year’s annual CAD/CAM & Digital Dentistry International Conference is co-organized by Emirates Dental Society, Saudi Dental Society, Lebanese Dental Association and Centre For Advanced Professional Practice - spearheaded by Dr. Dobrina Mollova, DDS, experienced provider of Continual Medical Education for the last 10 years in the Middle East and Asia. The event enjoys accreditation from ADA CERP, DHA, HAAD and SCHS, including cutting edge presentations and an impressive lineup of lectures to be provided by opinion leading Dental Professionals such as: Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Georg Meyer, Germany; Dr. Andreas Kurbad, Germany; Dr. Lida Swann, USA; Lee Culp, CDT, USA; Dr. Andreas Mastrorosa Agnini, Italy; Dr. Alessandro Agnini, Italy; Prof. Alfred Hans Resch, Germany; Dr. Ulrich Wegmann, Germany; Dr. Maria Hardman, UK and Dr. Ziad Salameh DDS, MSc, PhD, Lebanon.

First Dental Technician Forum highlights current developments in dental labs

By Dr. Dobrina Mollova, DDS

Singapore: Dental technicians are a very important part of the dental team. As an extension of IDEM’s educational offering, the first Dental Technician Forum organised by the Centre for Advanced Professional Practices in Dubai and Koelnmesse saw over 220 dental technicians from 18 countries come to Singapore to develop the knowledge and skills they need to keep pace with the rapid advances and innovations in dental technology. An exhibition sponsored by VITA, Siirona and SHERA, among other companies, created excellent networking opportunities and had the latest developments, systems and technologies on display. Moderated by key opinion leaders from around the globe, the two-day event saw participants sharing and discussing cutting-edge knowledge and the newest clinical approaches in prosthetics, orthodontics and endodontics. A wide range of topics were discussed in the dedicated post-conference, including: indirect veneers; lasers; unconventional management for soft & hard tissue; mastering complex prosthodontic cases; and much more.

Quest for the Perfect Restoration

By Dr. Munir Silwadi, UAE

The Middle East region is right up there in terms of the Middle East region. Egyptians untill our present time. Though our restorations of...
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Dentists, aesthetics in implantology, and CAD/CAM technologies, among others. “Things in the dental lab are changing in a rapid manner. Digital technology and workflows allow us to be more economical and creative with new materials and produce excellent aesthetics,” said Swiss master dental technician Vanik Kaufmann-Jinoian, who presented a lecture on minimally invasive restorations with CAD/CAM.

The four table clinic presentations, which ran concurrently, were among the most appealing and enjoyable sessions for all participants. Among other things, new hybrid materials and their benefits were presented. Participants were also given the opportunity to ask questions on real cases that were printed live with help of 3-D scanners and milling machines. By analysing different cases, brothers Drs Andrea Mastrorosa Agnini and Alessandro Agnini from Italy gave the audience a surprising insight into the operational techniques that they have developed over time with their increasing knowledge of new materials. With new technologies replacing traditional materials and techniques, they said that achieving good clinical results has become more systematic and time effective.

A ceramist and professional photographer, Naoaki Aiba demonstrated the capture of shade view photographs in order to communicate shade accurately. Tips for calibrating and coding a shade guide were also given. Hue and value analysis with shade view photographs utilising Adobe Photoshop for ceramic fabrication generated a great deal of interest and discussion during the session.

Rik Jacobs’ presentation on the latest developments concerning 3-D printers, software, bio-compatible materials and workflow management drew a large crowd of not only participants but also industry representatives. The ensuing discussion lasted over an hour with debates sparked about the suitability of alginate impression materials and compatible materials and work-flow management.

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World oral health report: Almost 100 per cent of adults suffer from dental caries

By Dental Tribune International

LONDON, UK: In celebration of World Oral Health Day, representatives of the FDI World Dental Federation presented the latest findings on oral health on 20 March at a press conference held in collaboration with the British Dental Association in London. The report identifies the main obstacles to achieving universal oral health and includes recommendations to improve oral health worldwide.

Among other aspects, the report, titled “Oral health worldwide: A report by FDI World Dental Federation”, highlights that nearly 100 per cent of adults and between 60 and 90 per cent of children worldwide have dental caries, which results in millions of lost school and work hours. For instance, in the US, an estimated 2.4 million days of work and 1.6 million days of school are missed owing to oral disease. In the Philippines, toothache is the primary reason for school absenteeism. The FDI stated that about 97 per cent of Philippine 6-year-olds have dental caries.

In addition, the report states that only 60 per cent of the world’s population have access to oral care, creating enormous disparities between different populations. According to the FDI, people of a lower socio-economic status visit the dentist less often and have fewer fillings, more missing teeth, higher tobacco consumption, higher rates of caries and untreated decay, and higher rates of periodontitis compared with people of a high socio-economic status.

In order to increase access to oral care, the training of the oral health workforce needs to be strengthened and expanded to improve the quality of and increase the number of oral health professionals. Moreover, emphasis needs to be put on the equal geographical distribution of oral health personnel, especially within developing countries, where the dentist-to-population ratio is approximately 1:150,000 compared with about 1:2,000 in most industrialised countries.

The FDI further highlighted that a solely curative approach to tackling the burden of oral health is neither realistic nor sustainable. The organisation asserts that the prevention of oral diseases and promotion of oral health must be at the core of national policies and programmes. In this respect, global and national surveillance should be strengthened to identify risk factors and oral health needs as a basis for developing appropriate approaches and measures, the FDI stated.

The event also saw the launch of The Tooth Thief, an illustrated book for children that includes oral health tips. The book emphasises the importance of good oral health to children to instil good oral care habits from a young age. The foreword was written by Yaya Touré, Manchester City Football Club player and three times African Footballer of the Year, who was this year’s World Oral Health Day ambassador.

The book is available from the Apple iBooks Store and Amazon, and can be downloaded from the World Oral Health Day website, www.worldoralhealthday.com. The complete white paper can be accessed free on the website as well.

A white paper on world oral health was presented in London last week. (Photo courtesy of FDI World Dental Federation)