The 2nd International Students’ Dental Conference 2014

By University of Sharjah Dental Students Association

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To date, the student body of Danube Private University is made up mostly of the children of dentists and doctors from German-speaking Europe. Young people from all over the world are interested in studying at Danube Private University. In response, we are offering a preparatory course of study for students outside of German-speaking Europe.

Composite Veneers and Masking Discoloration; About Red & White Aesthetics; Direct Veneers Diastema Closure; Virtual Articulator and CAD/CAM Designing Workshop.

The second day of the conference will feature the new Dental Hygiene Seminar focused entirely on the Dental Hygienist providing the latest in Periodontal Instrumentation and Oral Prevention and Management of Dentine Hypersensitivity.

Additional to the knowledge delegates will exchange, all attendees will benefit from the networking opportunities in the cozy atmosphere provided by Jumeirah Beach Hotel where you can meet your colleagues from across the globe while lunching at Dubai’s best restaurant.

All Dentists, Dental Technicians and Dental Hygienists are welcome to get the most updated scientific exchange and view the latest technology, trends and developments in CAD/CAM & Digital Dentistry. The future is here and all are welcome to join.