At the beginning of September, 60 experts in different domains and from various countries gathered at MIS Implants Technologies’ headquarters to discuss how innovations in dental implantology can influence the work of dental practitioners and the quality of life of their patients and to come up with such innovations to specific problems.

For the intensive two-day programme, the participants were divided into eight teams, among them dental specialists, students, engineers and designers. First, they listened to presentations by MIS experts and opinion leaders on problems in dental treatment, and then worked on developing their own ideas in teams to come up with a solution to one of the problems presented.

On the final day of the MIS Makeathon, the teams presented to the panel of judges and the rest of the audience the issue they had chosen to address and their plan for solving it. They explained the issue and how it effects both dentists and patients, revealed their proposed solution and demonstrated the feasibility of producing the product they had come up with.

The panel of judges—Shlomi Magal (General Manager of MIS), Prof. Nitzan Bichacho, Prof. Lior Shapira, Yossi Shnit, Dr Tali Chackartchi, Doron Peretz and Dr Alon Schifter—awarded prizes to four teams. The third prize went to two groups, who both tackled the need for better drill wear recognition. The second-place winners, came up with an innovative alternative to existing types of prosthetic restoration. The first prize was given to the team who presented a plan for addressing the issue of drill use tracking and wear recognition.

The second Makeathon was an inspiring experience for the participants and organisers alike, and the organisers are planning to continue this idea in the future. Dror Sarig, Vice President of Research and Development at MIS, believes in the importance of this event: “In a place where ideas grow, the future is built,” he said.
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