CPD Dubai Runs First Event

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Dubai, UAE 10th May 2013 saw ‘CPD Dubai’, a new CPD/CME provider in the region, hold their first event at The Address Hotel, Dubai Marina. The event catered for the whole dental team (dentists, hygienists and dental nurses) and covered the management of medical emergencies in dental practice.

Managing Director, Nicolas Bell commented, “We felt it was important that all dental practice staff could attend. When researching the market, the feedback we heard from dental professionals at all levels is that although there are a number of ‘conference’ and ‘showcase’ type events run in Dubai there is a lack of full-day, high-quality training events that focus on topics relevant to general dental practice. This is what CPD Dubai aims to provide and we are building up a strong network of speakers to enable us to put together high quality events, predominately using specialist trainers based in the UK to deliver here in Dubai.”

With the introduction of a mandatory minimum CPD/CME points in Dubai and other Emirates for all dental practice staff as part of annual licence renewal, there is a greater demand for quality training provision. Dentists who are licensed through Dubai (DHA) or Abu Dhabi (HAAD) for example, are now required to complete a minimum of 30 or 50 accredited hours per year in order to have their licences renewed. Hygienists and nurses are also required to fulfil a set number of hours, and many health authorities are taking a firmer stance and auditing compliance.

On the introduction of accredited continuing professional development hours, Dr Raj Majithia, Postgraduate Dental Tutor from London, who was delivering the training, said, “I think this is a great move from the health authorities here. It has been the case in the UK and many other countries that dental professionals need to provide evidence of on-going learning in order to maintain their registration. This can only help to improve the quality of patient care and help dental professionals keep up to date with latest developments. Nicolas Bell and the advisory board of CPD Dubai are to be congratulated on their forward thinking initiative which will promote team-working and enhance patient care.”

Claire Wilson, a dental hygienist at Virginia Dental Clinic in Dubai attending the training, said, “The speaker was fantastic, very informative. The venue was brilliant too. I couldn’t fault the day. I’m really enthusiastic about taking what I’ve learnt back to my colleagues in my practice and I’m hoping to come on more courses.”

Hannah Keannie, a dentist at the Dubai London Clinic said, “I really enjoyed the event. Dr Raj was an excellent speaker, who made sure everyone felt involved and delivered very engaging training. The programme was perfect for me as it counts towards both my accredited CPD hours for my DHA licence and helps me fulfill one of the ‘core topics’ required by the General Dental Council in the UK so I can maintain my licence at home too.”

Nicolas Bell, of CPD Dubai, agreed, “It’s not just UK licensed dentists based in the UAE through. Because of the attractiveness of Dubai as a destina-

tion and an increase in the amount of quality training being provided, we are starting to receive more enquiries from dentists in the UK who are happy to visit Dubai and attend course which will count towards their verified hours in the UK.”

When asked about what CPD Dubai planned for the future, he went on to say, “We have a number of lecture days running after the summer and further events, currently in the development stage, are scheduled for the end of this year and early 2014. We have an excellent speaker flying in from the UK in October to run a couple of training events. Dr Raj is a leading authority in sleep-related breathing disorders and lectures throughout the UK and abroad. This is a really interesting topic for dentists to get involved with and it can be both professionally and financially rewarding. There is growing public awareness of sleep-related breathing disorders and the treatments available to combat them. Provision of mandibular advancement splints, constructed by a dentist, can offer an effective solution to conditions such as snoring right through to obstructive sleep apnoea. The one-day training programme will give dentists a comprehensive understanding of the topic and will enable them to comprehensively assess patients and refer suitable candidates safely.”

Contact Information

Information on CPD Dubai, licence renewal requirements and upcoming courses can be found at: www.cpd-dubai.com

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