British Academy of Restorative Dentistry (BARD) Conference 2016 Review

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The British Academy of Restorative Dentistry (BARD) is an organisation whose core purpose is the education of dental clinicians, aiding in the improvement of Oral Health by offering them a flexible learning pathway.

These pathways can lead to MRD via PG certificate, Diploma, MSc and MCIndent. Members are encouraged and given the opportunity to improve their skills in all aspects of dentistry from the very basic principles to advanced treatments and concepts. Our members are not limited to just dentists, dental technicians are also part of the BARD Family.

The BARD Conference 2016 was held at the Forest of Arden Marriott Hotel & Country Club on 3rd and 4th June. Friday (the first day of the event) was kicked off by an address from The President, Professor Paul Tipton and Conference Chair, Dr Adam Tuft, followed by a day of lectures in various topics by speakers from all over the world culminating with a live whitening journey and when and how to treat cases that conventionally would not be treated in this way. Periodontal Litigation and Tooth wear are both increasingly problematic at the moment and Ken Herrmanns gave new insights into these subjects.

When people think of facial aesthetics they usually relate it to beautifying treatment, Timothy Greenwall came straight to the concept which gave a touching statement which gave a touching performance polymer uses in full and removable products and innovative technology demonstrated in making the clinical practice more economical, effective and efficient. The exhibits tied in with the lecture topics making their presence felt everyones dental and some non-dental needs.

The weekend catered for a broad spectrum and the feedback was positive. Delegates were inspired to go back to their own surgeries and incorporate what they had learnt, with a big buzz of interest in the next conference. Preparations and talks have already started and after the hugely positive remarks from this year’s conference, the goal being to keep up the high standard and wide range of topics, exhibitors and speakers as well as another superb social event.

The next BARD Conference is looking to be held at The Beffry Hotel and Resort in the Spring/Summer of 2017. Go to www.bard.uk.com for further information/details.
Thirty-three users from 18 countries: International summit for Dentsply Sirona treatment center experts

By Dentsply Sirona

Dentsply Sirona treatment centers must meet the needs of different users all around the world. In order to achieve an in-depth understanding of these needs and use them as the basis for further development, the company invited 33 selected users from 18 countries to an exclusive event in Bensheim. It provided the experts for the first time, with a special platform to exchange experiences and opinions, both with Dentsply Sirona and each other.

Bensheim/Salzburg: At Dentsply Sirona, the definition of quality comprises the designing of products according to users’ wishes and needs, which may differ from country to country. This is why international dentists are becoming increasingly involved in product development processes. “Listening” was therefore the motto of the first global Key User Summit, a three-day symposium for selected users of Dentsply Sirona treatment centers. From May 30 to June 1, the 33 dentists met at the German production site in Bensheim for an attractive program that included exchanging experiences, further development and training.

Ergonomic treatments

An important aspect of the symposium was working in ergonomic treatment positions. Thomas Senghaas, a dentist from Hamburg, clearly demonstrated how the new generation of treatment centers can support dentists while they work. “Up to now, I was not aware of these ergonomic training courses, so this was very valuable input for me,” said Dr. Michael Panahewsky from Calgary (Canada). The range of topics also included brief seminars on integration, control as well as an entertaining wrap-up discussion on community; Rui Hong called it “a new family.”

“Dentists face,” summarized Angela Dr Nata, product manager for Treatment Centers and organizer of the first summit. “This is why talking to dentists from different countries is so important because this is the only way we can develop products that make dental treatments better, faster and safer.”

Important exchange of experiences among users

The participants were equally enthusiastic. Dr. Sun Rui Hong from China said, “The dental world was so small for us and now it has become much bigger. It is vital to exchange experiences with colleagues as this results in a far better understanding of how we can make the best use of our Dentsply Sirona equipment.” All of the participants praised the sense of community; Rui Hong called it “a new family.”

Dentsply Sirona provided the high-quality and extensive transfer of knowledge. The participants gained practical insights into the treatment center creation process during a tour of the Dentsply Sirona production halls. The guests from around the world also enjoyed a tour of the historical city of Heidelberg, including a visit to the castle.

Panel discussion at the Experts Circle held the day before the Symposium

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