This year’s Clinical Innovations Conference features a talk on three-dimensional imaging in implant and restorative dentistry, covering recent advances and how they impact on day-to-day clinical work.

Speaker, Dr Andrew Dawood, will explore the integration of the latest generation of digital imaging equipment into the dental practice, and how manufacturing technology has revolutionised cutting edge dental treatments.

Dr Dawood has a wealth of experience in maxillofacial and craniofacial reconstruction, having been involved in the treatment of patients at St Bartholomew’s, The Royal London and University College Hospitals.

Having delivered lectures on a range of subjects that include dental implants, zygomatic implants, guided surgery and the best approaches to surgery planning, Dr Dawood is a knowledgeable speaker with a firm grasp of contemporary issues facing dentists.

A recognised expert in the fields of periodontology and prosthodontics, Dr Dawood’s passion lies in implantology, the application of dentomaxillofacial imaging and associated research, and this lecture will enable him to identify and explore how the latest advances can assist today’s dental team.

The lecture will benefit dentists by bringing the new generation of 3-D imaging equipment into the practice. Advances mean that even the most complex cases can become much more straightforward and predictable, opening up new avenues of opportunuty. Dr Dawood will highlight to delegates how implant and restorative procedures can benefit in particular.

With a faster, more straightforward and less invasive approach, superior results are facilitated and patients receive even higher standards of care while the dental team enjoys an easier and more efficient process.

A spokeswoman for the CliniCal Innovations Conference 2009 said: ‘The conference is a unique opportunity to discover what is happening at the forefront of aesthetic and restorative dentistry.

By benefiting from the remarkable expertise and far-reaching experience of the speakers, delegates will be able to return to their practices energised and inspired, ready to make immediately beneficial changes to how they work – great news for patients and practice colleagues alike.’

The conference will be held on 15–16 May at the Royal College of Physicians in Regent’s Park, London.

For more information, and to ensure your place, call Smile-on on 0207 400 8989, email info@smile-on.com or visit www.clinicalinnovations.co.uk.

BDA calls for nominations

The British Dental Association is calling for nominations for people wishing to sit on its Representative Body. There are currently vacancies in nine of its branches. If there are more nomi nates than vacancies, an election will follow in the branch concerned.

The Representative Body is the British Dental Association’s (BDA) most important committee. At its three meetings each year, the Representative Body receives regular reports including those from the Executive Board and the autonomous committees of the BDA, representing all the constituent parts of the profession.

There will also be key issues for decision-making at each meeting, including reports and papers on policy issues. In June each year, the Body decides the subscription fee for the next membership renewal.

The Representative Body elects the majority of members of the Executive Board, which in turn has closer scrutiny of the day-to-day activities of the Association. The reports from the Executive Board at each meeting of the Representative Body include issues in regard to the strategic direction of the Association, operational planning and topical matters affecting the profession.

Members of the Representative Body also have the opportunity if they wish, to work in other areas of the BDA’s work.

Nominations must be received no later than 5pm Monday 11 May 2009. Copies of the nomination form can be downloaded from the BDA website, www.bda.org, or by contacting Ian Morley (tel 020 7553 5841). Candidates should note that the next meeting of the Representative Body is Saturday 20 June 2009, and the next scheduled meeting after that is Saturday 10 October 2009.

Free digital camera!

Dental Tribune is urging all readers to report the views of all dentists and patients following the recent and phenomenal launch of Patient Tribune in our March 16 issue.

The outstanding positive feedback from Patient Tribune readers proved that it was extremely well-received by patients and dentists in the majority of dental practices.

Launched in association with Denplan, we would like you to respond to the following questions by the end of this month...

A free digital camera is up for grabs for one lucky reader who responds to this survey following our raffle draw in June.

More dental services for Leeds

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- **Diploma in Orthodontic Therapy**
  - This GDC approved course is aimed at Dental Care Professionals who wish to train as an Orthodontic Therapist providing orthodontic treatment, working to a prescription from a Specialist Orthodontist.

- **MSc in Implant Dentistry**
  - The implant dentistry programme at The University of Warwick is designed with the busy GDP in mind and recognises that implant dentistry will be delivered in the general practice environment. For this reason we have based the clinical teaching in selected general practices which meet stringent quality assurance.

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**GDPUK round-up**

There was a mixed bag of comments on GDPUK last week, reflecting the variety of topics encouraging discussion on the forum.

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You can read the Professor’s blog at http://tinyurl.com/d7s2qu.