GDC to address FtP backlog

Additional funding agreed from reserves to help clear case backlog and ensure capacity for rise in Fitness to Practise investigations

T he General Dental Council (GDC) has agreed an additional £5.5m of funding to its budget for 2010. The measure was agreed at its March Council meeting, it was also de- cided at that time to make the inform- ation public.

The GDC stated: “The GDC is financially stable, with circa £14m remaining in our reserves. The main reason for the ad- ditional funding is a £3.7m defi- cit in the money needed to bring forward our proposals for the 2009 Clinical Innovations Conference (CIC) is being held at the Royal College of Physicians on 7-8 May. The talk, which is being supported by Philips Sonicare, will highlight the lat- est periodontal innovations to help patients achieve superior results. Dr Galgut qualified as a dentist in 1971, and gained an MSc with distinction in Periodontology in 1983. So, he-   queintely he obtained the MRD (Membership in Restorative Dentistry) and also the MF- GDP from the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

James Hull winners
The James Hull Group has an- nounced the winners for its annual awards programme. Peter Embling has been named as practice manager of the year. Sue Hall won dental nurse of the year and Pam Swales won receptionist of the year. Paul Dutton has been awarded em- ployee of the year and Megan Howlett-Permain won the CEO’s award. A spokeswoman for the James Hull Group said: ‘Peter Embling’s dedication to dentistry, his ability to develop and create a high- est standard of care and his sense of humour have all earned him this well-de- served award.’ The dentist chain also praised Sue for ‘her ability to turn her hand to any- thing in the practice and her ability to keep her cool under pressure, even when simulta- neous challenging management support to two practices.’

Harald Heymann returns
World-renowned expert Dr Harald Heymann returns to London on 16 July to lead a British Dental Association semi- nar on issues in adhesive and aesthetic dentistry, which is part of the BDA’s Clinical Expert Series, will consider the issues facing practitioners aiming to achieve consistent, long-term success in conserva- tive aesthetic dentistry, begin- ning with an evidence-based overview of what works. The full-day seminar takes place on Friday 16 July at London’s Novotel London St Pancras Hotel. Dr Heymann is profes- sor and graduate programme director at the Department of Operative Dentistry at the Uni- versity of Carolina in the USA. He is a consultant to the Amer- ican Dental Association, the author of more than 180 scien- tific publications and editor-in- chief of the Journal of Esthetic and Restorative Dentistry.

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