Man with a mission

_Dental Tribune_ finds out about the lectures Dr Edwin Scher had organised for the Smile-On Clinical Innovations Conference

Implantology pioneer, Dr Edwin Scher celebrated 20 years of teaching dental implant programmes this year in a novel way. Instead of marking the occasion with a big party at an upmarket venue as in previous years, he decided to hold a full-day seminar on, ‘How to Make Dental Practices Recession-Resistant,’ which he felt was more appropriate in the current economic climate.

**An active participant**

Chairman of the first day of the Clinical Innovations Conference, organised by, Smile-On last Friday May 15 at the Royal Conference of Physicians in Regent’s Park, Dr Scher moderated as well as introduced speakers from international dental body, Alpha Omega,

as part of the Annenberg Lecture. The conference, which lasted two days, brought together the world’s leading thinkers in aesthetic and restorative dentistry to share their experience and knowledge. In his role as chairman of the London chapter of Alpha Omega, he organised a programme of six evening lectures by Israeli-based dental experts and academics, which culminated in a day-long lecture programme on, ‘Clinical Innovations,’ at the conference, which ran from, 9am to 5pm.

Professor Nitzan Bichacho and Dr Devorah Schwartz-Arad talked about: ‘Success Factors in Dental Implantation: A multi-disciplinary approach between the surgeon and the prosthodontist.’ Dr

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Scher said: "I had invited top academics over from Israel for the event, whom the NUT attempted to prevent from speaking in the UK because of a boycott against Israel. So I wanted to redress the balance. In Israel, implantology is at the forefront of complicated treatment planning."

Prof Bichacho heads the Ronald E Goldstein Centre for Aesthetic Dentistry and Clinical Research at the Prosthodontics department of Hadassah Medical Campus. He has published and lectured extensively worldwide in the fields of dental implant therapy, fixed prosthodontics, cosmetic dentistry and innovative treatment modalities in aesthetic dentistry.

Dr Schwartz-Arad received her PhD from the faculty of medicine, at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem. She is a specialist in oral and maxillofacial surgery and has lectured for more than 20 years at, Tel Aviv University. She also has a surgery, with special expertise in bone grafting and dental implantology.

Dr Scher's practice

Meanwhile, Dr Edwin Scher's practice also offers treatment including preventative dentistry, periodontics, hygienist treatment, cosmetic dentistry as well as its groundbreaking work in Implantology, for which it is renowned. Walpole Dental Practice is at: 16 Walpole Street, SW3 4QP. To get in touch, call 020 7584 9833 or visit www.dental-implants.co.uk.