This year's Clinical Innovation Conference had an "unmissable international line up of speakers" giving a unique insight into aesthetic and restorative dentistry.

The conference was a joint venture between platinum sponsor Smile-on and Alpha Omega – London Chapter.

The implantology pioneer and chairperson of the London Chapter, Dr Edwin Scher, acted as chairman on the first day of the conference.

Moderating and introducing the speakers, Dr Scher organised a programme of lectures, most notable of which was The Annenberg Lecture.

Presented by Professor Nitzan Bichacho and Dr Devorah Schwartz-Arad, the topic of the lecture was: 'Success Factors in Dental Implantation: A multi-disciplinary approach between the surgeon and the prosthodontist'.

The forward thinking approach and new perspective on current issues offered dental professionals relevant and cutting edge information that directly influenced their working environment.

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There really was a relaxed feel to the Clinical Innovation Conference this year that was apparent in the delegates and also the lecturers.’

He added: ‘The Annenberg speakers explored relevant topics that I could take away and apply to my working day immediately.

I very much appreciated that all subjects were covered including inclusion, aesthetic, milling and materials, whitening, veneers, preps and also treatment difficulties.

Highlighting case complications and exploring what can go wrong during treatment can be largely overlooked when we could be learning from these experiences.

I found the resuscitation information to also be excellent. The speakers gave me a clear perspective into what exactly to be aware of through the means of audio sounds that represented several cases including an asthmatic patient and a patient that is beginning to choke.

The hands on features were especially insightful offering well-rounded visual examinations and very good instruction.’

The Clinical Innovations Conference and Annenberg Lecture is now in its sixth year.

Marketing manager Laura McKenzie said: ‘Delegates agreed both content and speakers delivering the Annenberg lecture were excellent. Dr Schwartz-Arad is internationally recognised for her special expertise in bone grafting and dental implantology and also specialises in oral and maxillofacial surgery and Professor Bichacho is an expert in prosthodontics and an internationally published lecturer.

Smile-on coordinated an edifying, enjoyable weekend. An endeavour taken with Alpha Omega, this year’s Clinical Innovation Conference had an unmissable international line up of speakers that gave all who attended a unique insight into aesthetic and restorative dentistry.’

For more information on the Alpha Omega Dental Association’s Annenberg Lecture please visit www.smile-on.co.uk