ITI Education Week comes to the Eastman

The Eastman Dental Institute at University College London stands proudly at the forefront of postgraduate education and research in the oral healthcare sciences. As a testament to the establishment's ongoing dedication to raising standards in the provision of dental care, the Eastman has been chosen as one of only seven locations in the world to play host to the prestigious International Team for Implantology (ITI) Education Week, to be held 22-27 November 2010.

ITI is a network that unites professionals from around the world who work in the field of implant dentistry and related tissue regeneration. As a part of the organisation's aim to enhance implant education worldwide, the ITI Education week offers practitioners the opportunity to advance their knowledge and skills in implant-related treatment.

Prof Nikolaos Donos is the Head and Chair of Periodontology, Director of Research and Team Leader at the Eastman's Clinical Investigation Centre. He is also the Director of the ITI Scholarship Centre at the UCL Eastman Dental Institute. As well as leading the upcoming course, Professor Donos will also be teaching in several of the workshops. ‘The aim of the event is to offer delegates the opportunity to gain a real understanding of implantology, from the basics right up to the most advanced levels in a very short period of time, whilst at the same time accruing verifiable CPD,’ says Prof Donos. ‘The course will involve a number of workshops, clinical case studies and two sessions of live surgery to enable attendees to gain valuable experiences they can apply in their own surgeries. It’s a very condensed course, spanning just one week, which at the least will make delegates aware of the different clinical options related to implant dentistry and will also serve as a refresher for more experienced clinicians to help extend their knowledge. Practitioners at any stage in their career paths are very welcome to attend.’

What makes the ITI Education Week so unique is its intensity, its long, full days and rotating faculty of renowned internal and external speakers both from the Eastman and abroad. “The event will see a combination of clinical academics and experienced practitioners combining forces and sharing their knowledge with delegates,” Prof Donos adds.

The first day of the six day educational session will focus on the principles of bone and soft tissue integration, risk assessment, and smile design and associated treatment considerations. The second day will reveal the benefits of 3D imaging software and its uses in advanced treatment planning, along with a surgical implant workshop. From the third day onwards, delegates will be presented with a case each day for which they will have to plan treatment in advance. This will be complemented by interactive planning sessions and live surgery of an advanced case along with other lectures and workshops on implants. The fourth day will involve a second session of live surgery. The fifth and sixth days will take to the stage on day five and delegates will be treated to a second session of live surgery. On the sixth day, the week will draw to a close with lectures and workshops on soft tissue and biological complications associated with implants.

The week of learning is the only event of its kind ever held in the UK this year, with similar events planned at dental education centres in Bern, Stuttgart, Munich, Hong Kong, Toronto and Boston. Along with lectures and workshops led by some of the world’s leading thinkers in implant dentistry, delegates will enjoy the brand new fourth floor facilities at the Eastman, a number of which were funded by ITI. Says Prof Donos; “It should prove to be a truly interactive experience!”