Global network links dentists

A n ‘innovative global net- 
work, aiming to unite den-

tists of Indian origin from all 
over the world, was launched at the British Dental Association confer-
ence.

Dentalghar, which means the ‘home of dentistry’, was created by the visionary Professor Raman Bedi who joined forces with the market leader in healthcare education Smile-on and Henry Schein Min-
erva to bring Dental-
ghar to life.

Professor Bedi was the Chief Dental Officer of England from 1 Octo-
ber 2002 to 1 October 2005.

Dentalghar aims to link thousands of den-

tists who share com-

mon values.

All members are able to con-
tribute to polls, surveys and articles and professionals will have 24 hour access to new perspectives, fasci-

nating insights and the chance to discuss their experiences and re-

ceive advice.

Professor Raman Bedi, who-

hopes that Dentalghar will become a ‘major force in the industry’ said: ‘In dentistry, proportionately speaking, we have more worldwide den-

tists of BIPS (Bangladeshi, Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan) origin than 

our medical colleagues, and so this factor gave rise to the momentum for starting Dentalghar. Dentalghar is not only an arena to meet and dis-
cuss issues, but also to create oppor-
tunities whereby many of us outside India can think about how we can give something back to our country of origin.’

A spokeswoman for Smile-on said: ‘Delegates agreed the benefits of the programme were impressive, offering a flexible educational up-

date for established nurses and the best curriculum, by leading experts with real life scenarios, preparation advice for examination and regis-

tration and all the tools to make a fulfilling and successful career for training dental nurses.’

For more information on DNNET II, call 020 7419 8989 or email info@smile-on.com.

‘Take risks’ urges entrepreneur

Millionaire and entre-


epreneur Charon Gill advised 
dentists to ‘throw caution to the wind’ at this year’s British Dental Association conference.

The guest speaker admitted that ‘going to see a dentist is scary enough, but opening my mouth to £1,000 dentists is traumatic!’

He added: ‘Are entrepreneurs born or bred? I don’t know, but all I wanted was to be successful to make my grandfather proud of me.

I needed £6,000 to start my own business so I went to the Bank of Scotland - they gave me £5,000, but I needed £3,000 more; I got it in the end. My advi-
sive is to do the deal first and you'll find the money later – it’s out there somewhere.

If you want success you have to throw caution to the wind one day, 

and never be shy – talk about your business because if you don’t, no one else will.’

When asked how to ‘mitigate the risks’ in the recession, Gill said: ‘Now is a challenging time with the credit crunch but every situation creates opportunity. If you’re not sure about it do a business plan so you know where you want to be – it’s like a road map. Evaluate it on a weekly basis and make sure you stay on the right track.’

Paralympian offers inspiration

F ive times Paralympian and medalist Marc Woods gave 
dental professionals the ‘in-

sight to achieve beyond their ex-

pectations’ at the conference held by the British Dental Association.

As a gold sponsor of the British Dental Association conference, the dental manufacturer, Philips, hosted a seminar by the Para-

lympian Marc Woods.

Diagnosed with cancer at 17, Mr Wood had his leg amputated. He became an international swimming champion and has Represented Great Britain in five Paralympic Games.

He now works as a leadership coach and motivational speaker.

During the seminar he talked about the importance of taking personal responsibility and how everyone in the team (from prin-

ciple to the cleaner) has a part to play.

He also emphasised the im-

portance of involving each person in the practice and developing smaller and broader teams.

Mr Woods’ seminar was pre-

ceded by a Philips-hosted seminar and interactive quiz by Mike Lewis, professor of oral medicine entitled ‘The mouth is the window of the body. What can you see?’

This looked at the important rule, dental professionals can play in the early diagnosis of systemic disease, and how this can impact on patient outcomes.

Philips also launched its first ever Sonicare for Kids at the con-

ference – a toothbrush aimed at children aged four to 10 years of age.

The new brush is based on the core Sonicare technology but incor-
porates a number of innova-
tive new elements.

A spokeswoman for Philips said: ‘Validating studies con-

ducted amongst children aged between four and 10 years of age, 

found that Sonicare for Kids removes more plaque than a chil-

dren’s manual toothbrush, and this was found to be up to 75 per 
cent more in hard-to-reach areas.

Thanks to the in-built timer and quadpacer with its musical tones indicator, the children tri-

alling the brush also used it to 
teach their children how to brush effectively.

With Sonicare for Kids, par-

ents can provide their children with a fun way to start achieving exceptional results now and as they develop, providing effective brushing habits for a lifetime of good oral care.’