Global network links dentists

A
n ‘innovative global net-
work, aiming to unite den-
ts from all walks of life, was launched at the British Dental Association confer-
ence.

Dentalghar, which means the
‘house 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-
ts 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 speak-
ing, we have more worldwide den-
tists of BIPS (Bangladeshi, Indian,
Pakistan, Sri Lankan) origin than
our medical colleagues, and so
this fact 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 where by 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:
Dentalghar offers an inval-
uable opportunity for dental profes-
sionals to join in a global
network and explore the latest news,
case studies, interviews, spe-
cial offers and charita-
table events.

Professionals look-
ing to study abroad will also find outstanding in-
formation on work per-
is, visas and qualifi-
cations and there is also
an excellent opportunity to win bursaries and to contribute to vol-
teering in the UK and all around the
world. Delegates at the confer-
ence agreed that this innovative on-
line community would give profes-
sionals from all walks of life a voice
that would be heard by thousands.

For more information on Den-
talghar, visit www.dentalghar.co.uk
to discuss the range of
flexible educational pro-
grammes available from Smile-
on or at 020 7410 8898 or email
info@smile-on.com.

Paralympian offers inspiration

F
ive times Paralympian and
medallist Marc Woods gave
dental professionals the ‘in-
sight to achieve beyond their ex-
ceptions’ 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-
lympic 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
titled ‘The mouth is the window
of the body. What can you see?’

This looked at the important
role 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 in-
corporates 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 re-
moves more plaque than a chil-
ren’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-
ticipants 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.’