Dental Loupes for students

Final year dental students stand to benefit from an exclusive finance deal from the British Dental Association (BDA) to purchase dental loupes to encourage them to develop healthy and effective working practices right from the start of their career.

The loupes are part of a special new membership benefit offered for students, which also includes free BDA membership for their final year of study, worth £45, and half-price membership for their first year after graduation, worth £112.50.

The loupes scheme, which is supported by DP Medical Systems and Nuview Ltd, reflects the BDA’s commitment to supporting students and young dentists at the start of their professional life, with prices for loupes ranging from £57.50 to £74 a month over a period of 24 months.

Peter Ward, the BDA’s chief executive, said: ‘We greatly value our growing student membership and want to do all we can to help individual students as they begin their career. Dental loupes are an important piece of equipment for dentists, providing magnification to make treatment easier and improving posture. We want to encourage young dentists into good working habits right from the start of their career and we are delighted DP Medical Systems and Nuview are supporting this initiative.’

Company, DP Medical (www.dpmedicals.co.uk) has been a leading dental magnification specialist for over 20 years and is the exclusive UK distributor of Surgitek/Oakley loupes and Global Dental microscopes. It has recently added Kahoka Dental Imaging Systems to its portfolio.

BDTA announces the winner

The British Dental Trade Association (BDTA) has announced the winner of last year’s Showcase prize draw to the Magic Kingdom at the Disney World Resort Florida.

Lisa Bates, a dental nurse at B V Nutall Dental Health Ltd in Sheffield, was the lucky winner, who was delighted to win the prize especially for her 11-year-old son Joe.

Richard Daley, BDTA director, said: ‘BDTA is delighted to sponsor this prize especially for students and young dentists at the start of their professional life, giving basic oral health advice.

They need to register and send a deposit of £250. People on the trek need to get a medical certificate from their GP certifying them to cook traditional Italian cuisine and experience local delicacies in the resort of Gardino delle Esperidi.

Volunteers please

A charity which provides primary dental care and education to communities in Tanzania, is looking for fit volunteers to join its second fundraising expedition to climb Mount Kilimanjaro.

Bridge2Aid (B2A) equips and trains local people from Tanzania as dental health personnel to care for some of the poorest folk in Tanzanian society, as well as providing opportunities for UK dental professionals to serve Tanzania.

The charity operates at grassroots level in the Mwanza region of north-west Tanzania, operating a not-for-profit dental clinic and a community dental programme, working closely with the Tanzanian Government. Personnel carry out free oral screening in schools and orphanages and in the past two years more than 2,900 people have received the free service. Each person screened receives an oral health report outlining any dental problems which need addressing and giving basic oral health advice.

For more information, phone 0114 252 6650 or log onto: www.bridge2aid.org