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National Polish Society for Implantology
Welcome the EAO to Warsaw

The European Association of Osseointegration (EAO) held their 17th Annual Scientific Congress at the Palace of Culture and Science in Warsaw, Poland on 18-20th September 2008. The event was dedicated to the ‘Clinical Advantages and Predictability with Oral Implants’.

The meeting focused on all the aspects of the recent developments in osseointegration and researchers and clinicians received state-of-the-art information on different aspects of using these specific implants. BioHorizons had a stand at the event, which demonstrated all the latest technology and products available.

The Chairmen of the meeting, Andrzej Wojtowicz and David Harris were pleased with the overall success as Dr Harris has been co-ordinating this scientific programme with the committee for several months.

The meeting was an excellent and unique opportunity to meet specialists from all over the world and exchange opinions and ideas. Attendees were given the chance to decide for themselves what treatments in implant dentistry could lead to successful, long-term results.

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GKT Staff & Student Round

Saturday 21st July 2008, the sun was shining and the wind was calm, so staff and students of GKT Dental School were more than ready for what promised to be a competitive round of golf.

After a quick ‘team talk’, accompanied by bacon and coffee, the 20 players split into 5 teams, staff, postgraduates and undergraduates, plus 2 buggy drivers, and kicked off the morning with a 4-ball game. An individual contest for ‘closest to pin’ and ‘furthest drive’ made the game all the more competitive, but this was no contest for student player SunNeil Amin who took the crown of glory for both titles. The teams were then mixed up and pairs set off to play each other in a Stableford game. After a total of three games, with the postgraduates representing the students in a final game, the GKT staff, student’s results were 1 win, 1 draw and 1 loss, with the postgraduates taking the final victory for the undergraduates.

The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all and no doubt the GKT staff are looking forward to a rematch next year, where they can try and steal the title from the students.

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