Plenty to see and do at Dentistry Show 2015

Birmingham welcomes dental professionals from all over the country to two days of innovation, learning and fun

By Dental Tribune

BIRMINGHAM, UK. A few weeks ago, the International Dental Show in Cologne Germany closed its doors with another record outcome of 135,000 visitors. During the five days of the show, manufacturers from all over the globe launched their latest dental products and solutions to markets in Europe. At the 2013 Dentistry Show, to be held from 17th−18th April at the NEC in Birmingham, dental professionals in the UK will finally have the chance to get their hands on the latest materials and tools in dentistry.

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As Chair of the Association of Specialist Providers to Dentists (ASPD) and Head of Dental at Newcastle-based law firm Sintons & Partners, Amanda Maskery advises dentists on legal issues on a daily basis. Working closely with the dental community in northern England, she will be offering her expertise to visitors to this year’s Dentistry Show in Birmingham (Booth E76). Dental Tribune had the opportunity to speak with her about the new National Health Service (NHS) contract and its impact on dentists in the UK.

Dental Tribune: Ms Maskery, you have been heading ASPD for over a year. What have been the major challenges during that time?

Amanda Maskery: There are continually challenges for the dental profession, which we at ASPD have to address. During the past year, we have seen a great deal of unrest among dental professionals due to the potential introduction of the new NHS contract. As a result, there is much uncertainty as to what lies ahead.

The new NHS dental contract has indeed stirred up some debate in the UK dental community. Is this reflected in the number of clients you see and the kind of requests that you have received from dentists?

There has been a marked rise in the number of people wanting to sell their practice and exit the profession perhaps earlier than they would otherwise have done. This has resulted in corporates buying up practices in increased numbers, but also offers the opportunity to young dentists to purchase a practice from someone leaving the profession. My team and I work extensively throughout the UK and saw a significant increase in sales and transactions last year. As a result, there is much uncertainty as to what lies ahead.

What other issues are you confronted with on a daily basis?

There is genuine difficulty in getting things done according to a particular timescale owing to the levels of red tape that exist within the Care Quality Commission and NHS England.

When are dentists advised to seek legal advice in general?

Key times are if the structure of the practice is changing, in which case legal advice from an employment and governance point of view will be very important. Obviously, it is essential when buying or selling a practice. It is also advisable to seek the advice of a knowledgeable legal professional regarding the new NHS dental contract, after discussions with local area teams.

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An interview with Amanda Maskery, Head of Dental at Sintons & Partners

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Planmeca updates Romexis software

The Planmeca Romexis software platform offers a multitude of tools and features to meet the demands of different specialties. According to the manufacturer (Booth F60), the new 4.0 version (available for Mac OS and Windows) redefines the all-in-one experience, further improving user friendliness and presenting a wide selection of enhancement screens, the revamped look and design of the software, and a more versatile range of 2-D and 3-D imaging technologies has been introduced, as well as new features that allow easier management of annotations and implant simulations elements.

"We have strived to build a complete ecosystem of devices, software and services behind all our products," remarked Helianna Puhlin-Narminen, vice-president of the digital imaging and applications division at Planmeca. "The new software version is a great step forward in providing users with an even smoother workflow. With Planmeca Romexis 4.0, the future of digital dentistry has arrived."

Planmeca is a worldwide forerunner in developing a complete range of solutions for dental professionals. The Planmeca Romexis software platform supports the most versatile range of 2-D and 3-D imaging modalities and integrates the entire CAD/CAM workflow, from intra-oral scanning to prosthetic design and milling in one system. The Planmeca Romexis Clinic Management module further provides real-time information and monitoring of unit usage and events.

VOCO innovates at Dentistry Show

Dental manufacturer VOCO (Booth L55) aims to impress with several pioneering products and devices at the Dentistry Show 2015. One example is Admira Fusion Xtra, which has the same physical properties as silicate ceramics—i.e., it has a low shrinkage. The new filling system is complemented by Admira Fusion Xtra, which has the same physical properties but allows increments of up to 4 mm. Other new products include the fast-setting glass ionomer material Ionomax Plus and Clip Flow, a flowable restorative material for temporary restorations.

VOCO has developed the protective dental cream Remin Pro forte especially for prophylaxis, adding ginger to the range of flavours available in the Remin Pro product line. Also on display is Celulux 3, a new cordless high-performance LED light-curing device in a pen design. It only weighs 70 g and is handled much like other devices in the surgery. In addition to these innovations and its best-selling dental products and devices, the company is exhibiting a whole host of offers at reasonable prices and at the event.

Implants stand out in comparative implant surface study

Israeli manufacturer MIS Implants Technologies has announced that its products have achieved favourable results in an extensive qualitative and quantitative analysis using scanning electron microscopy. The study was conducted on behalf of the Quality and Research Committee of the European Association of Dental Implantologists. It included 65 systems of sterile-packaged implants from 37 manufacturers and ten countries.

According to the intermediate study report, the C1 implant and the SEVEN implant manufactured by MIS achieved noteworthy scores. Although the SEVEN implants exhibited blasting material on up to 7 per cent of the surface in earlier studies by the committee in 2011 and 2012, the researchers did not find even isolated spots with residue on the two MIS implant types of Grade 23 titanium in the current study.

MIS Materials Discipline Manager Dr Tal Reiner explained the surface treatment processes applied by MIS that led to the results: "We monitor the surface roughness, uniformity and purity of our implants on a daily basis, taking samples from selected batches, and using our own in-house scanning electron microscope analysis. Because the analysis is done in our own labs, on-site, there’s no holding up production for raw materials, MIS adheres to strict procedures, adding any steps necessary to ensure the lowest percentage of contaminants, including blasting residue or remnants from various stages of production," Reiner added. "Because the scanning electron microscope analysis is done on samples only, a trained technician also does a 100 per cent visual inspection on each and every implant. Any flawed implants are unconditionally rejected."

The intermediate report, titled "Surface analysis of sterile-packaged implants," was published in the 01/2015 issue of the European Journal for Dental Implantologists.
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The dental industry is moving closer to a complete digital workflow

An interview with Stratasys Director of Global Dental for 3-D printing, Avi Cohen

By Dental Tribune

Digital dentistry is an emerging industry that has undergone rapid development in recent years. Intra-oral scanning, CAD/CAM and 3-D printing have fundamentally changed the workflow of dentists and dental technicians and have improved many dental procedures. Dental Tribune had the opportunity to discuss this topic with Avi Cohen, Director of Global Dental for 3-D printing manufacturer Stratasys recently at IDS.

Dental Tribune: Mr Cohen, what are the advantages of using 3-D printers and digital dentistry technologies in a dental practice or laboratory and why is digital dentistry becoming increasingly important for dental professionals?

Avi Cohen: The dental industry is by its very nature fast paced and requires rapid turnaround. When patient care is directly affected by a technology, technicians will always look for innovations that can reduce time while improving quality and precision.

How have dentists responded to the trend of digital dentistry? Do you think that the majority of practices and laboratories are already using or considering using digital technologies such as 3-D printing?

With any new technology, there is always the need to educate and it is the same in dentistry. It could be argued that many dentists hold traditional plaster moulds in high regard, but now there are alternatives. I believe that an increasing number of dentists, as well as newcomers entering the industry, will adopt newly available technologies that improve productivity, one of them being a move to digital dentistry.

With an increased range of superior intra-oral scanners and associated software now available on the market, more and more dental laboratories of all sizes are exploring and installing the level of 3-D printing technology that suits their company’s size and budget.

Most notably this year, we have seen an explosion of devices dedicated to digital imaging, impression taking and CAD/CAM fabrication of restorations—both chairside and in the laboratory. With the rollout of new 3-D printing systems, materials and capabilities finally, the printing of models. With Stratasys’ new systems and materials, models can be printed in full colour and in different textures, thus creating an exact copy of the patient’s mouth—the colour of the teeth and the gingiva perfectly attuned to the original. There are 900 different colours and textures from which to select. This brings realism to the market. Now, there is no longer a need for stone models. We are no longer in the “Stone Age”, we have arrived in reality.

In addition, our 3-D printed models have a clear jaw to visualise the exact position of nerves, and this helps dentists to prepare for the placement of implants. Moreover, with our 3-D printing solutions, it is possible for the first time to print gingival masks to see how and where to place an implant—this has been done entirely by hand until now.

What kind of digital solutions does Stratasys offer for different indications and customers?

As a leading provider of digital dentistry, we offer a wide range of 3-D printed dental solutions, including surgical guides produced in a clear biocompatible material—the ideal solution for implant placement. We also provide stone models for dental laboratories, thereby offering an extremely accurate replacement of plaster modelling and a range of orthodontic models for various applications.

As the industry moves closer to a complete digital workflow, dentists can now focus on more strategic tasks, while their 3-D printer accelerates the development of dental solutions, such as crowns, bridges, inlays, veneers and frameworks.

What in general makes your products stand out from the rest?

With our Dental Series, dedicated to addressing the needs of dentists and orthodontic laboratories, we offer a full range of dental solutions, making us a key participant in digital dentistry. For example, our Objet Eden260V5 Dental Advantage 3-D printer is engineered to meet the demanding production needs of mid-sized dental laboratories and medium to large orthodontic laboratories and provides new additional capabilities for improved productivity.

With labour costs as the main expense for dental and orthodontic laboratories, the Objet Eden260V5 Dental Advantage addresses this through a greater level of automation. Printing is done at the click of a button and, owing to the water-soluble support material, cleaning of models is an automated process. A single laboratory technician can design, print and have all models cleaned automatically with no post-processing required. The reduced cost per model has a knock-on effect on the labour cost.

In addition to our Dental Series 3-D printers, we offer a range of advanced dental materials, including the bio-compatible VeroIds. This material is ideal for applications requiring mucous membrane contact for up to 24 hours, enabling dental laboratories to use VeroIds to create veneer try-ins in precise A2 tooth shading. Soluble support technology allows the easy cleaning of dental parts with fine features, such as small removable die inserts in dental models.

Thank you very much for this interview.

Avi Cohen talking about the recent developments in the field of dental 3-D printing.

Dental technicians traditionally rely on steady hands and expert eyes to prepare crowns, bridges, frameworks, etc. The manual process is time-consuming and imprecise and requires materials that do not typically provide the best durability or aesthetic appearance. With a 3-D printer doing the hard work, dental laboratories eliminate the bottleneck of manual modelling. By combining oral scanning, CAD/CAM and 3-D printing, they can accurately and rapidly produce crowns, bridges, stone models and a range of orthodontic appliances.

Forward-thinking dental and orthodontic laboratories are continually seeking to improve their processes, reduce lengthy milling time and stay ahead of the competition. Using Stratasys’ PolyJet 3-D printing technology, featured in our Dental Series 3-D printers, laboratories can print in superfine 16 µ layers, dramatically increasing precision and reducing production time in comparison with traditional dental mould making. This avoids the need for patients to return to dental laboratories for corrective procedures, saving dentists both time and money and having a direct and positive impact on patient care.

With the cost of laboratory work becoming a major factor in dental restoration planning and therapy, we are seeing an increase in the adoption of digital dentistry by dental laboratories. This enables them to improve efficiency and provide a higher level of patient care.

For many dental professionals, this evolution has been a long awaited and welcome transition to a faster and labour-saving process that improves quality and precision while keeping businesses competitive.

Dental Tribune: What innovations in the field of dental dentistry is Stratasys presenting at this year’s IDS?

We are using IDS to exhibit new systems and materials. At this event, we are presenting something the market has never seen before: a breakthrough and the future. For centuries, impressions formed the basis for crowns and bridges. Everything was made by hand. Then intra-oral scanners were invented, allowing for digital impressions and,
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Birmingham “Back to Backs”: Welcome to Brum

By Annemarie Fischer

“I grew up in Birmingham, where they made useful things and made them well,” says Birmingham native author Lee Child.

Birmingham has been titled the “Second city”, and is also referred to as Brum, derived from an ancient variation of “Brommagen.” Over one million “Brummies” make it the second-most populous city in the UK after the capital.

Birmingham epitomises the idea of Enlightenment in England, fostered the Midlands Enlightenment (also “Birmingham Enlightenment”) which sparked the scientific revolution, became the pulse of the industrial revolution, and currently hosts five universities as the UK’s second-largest student city.

Lots to see and do

For a true time travel experience, the Back to Backs offers a restoration of the historic back-to-back housing. Each interior represents a different era from the 1800s the pre- and postwar 20th century. Admission is via guided tour only and can be booked via 0121 666 7671.

The Birmingham Science Museum Thinktank at the Millennium Point Building offers a hands-on experience of Birmingham as the historic “Workshop of the World” in the “City of a Thousand Trades.” It also hosts the oldest and working Smethwick Engine by Boulton and Watt from 1779, along with a planetarium and a Science Garden. Just opened in March, the Spitfire Gallery explores the history of the legendary aircraft, which was produced at the Castle Bromwich factory.

The Museum of the Jewellery Quarter captures the craftsmanship in a time capsule and preserves its iconic 19th century architecture. The museum serves as the starting point to explore the largest European hub of jewellery business, buzzing with local shops and art galleries–with St. Paul’s Gallery as the starting from the 14th century to present, as well as fine art and historical industrial objects. Visitors should enter via the Big Brum clock tower, greeting visitors with the slogan “By the gains of Industry we promote Art.”

One may also hunt for gold in the brand new Staffordshire Hoard collection of an Anglo-Saxon gold treasure. The guided tour “Birmingham: its people, its history” offers a Victorian Birmingham experience. Contemporary and upcoming artists from the West Midlands are also continuously showcased.

The Bullring with the iconic Selfridges building and the Mailbox provides large shopping areas, with the Great Western Arcade offering a true Victorian shopping experience. For independent shops and entertainment visitors should definitely pay a visit to the Custard Factory. A Birmingham souvenir bag should definitely include Typhoo tea along with Cadbury’s chocolate. The factory premises Cadbury World in Bourneville offer chocolate delights not only of the taste of the treat and the biggest Cadbury shop; the chocolate anoma permeates the town specifically conceptualized according to the needs of the factory.

If you are in the mood for something savoury instead, the pub scene around Broad Street indulges in fusion cuisine that thanks to Birmingham’s multicultural population is unique in Britain. While the Michelin-awarded Adam’s and Purnell’s have specialised in British contemporary cuisine, the Golden Balti Indian Takeaway is the best place to go for a Balti, a curry dish that has originated in Birmingham.

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What’s on in Birmingham, 17–19 April

Hamlet
(Theatre)

Date & time: 16–18 April, 7.30 pm
Location: Crescent Theatre, 20 Sheepcote Street
www.crescent-theatre.co.uk

Probably the most famous play in the world and interpreted in thousands of different ways on stage and screen, Shakespeare’s Hamlet will be staged at the Crescent Theatre for only four nights on April. According to the theatre, Shakespeare’s Hamlet has a long established history of presenting award winning five star Shakespeare productions that are clear and accessible to all ages and all levels of experience. There will also be plenty of twists and concepts to provoke discussion and debate.

Andy Wickett
& World Service

Date & time: 17 April, 8.30 pm
Location: Tower of Song Café Bar, 107 Pembridge Road
www.towersong.co.uk

Atra Midlans artist, Andy Wickett started his career back in the 1980s singing and playing in a number of bands, most famously New Wave poster child Duran Duran. In addition, he has produced music videos and co-written albums with world renowned Asian artists Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan, Malik Singh, Stereo Na, Aaz and EDCS among others. With his latest band World Service, he is regularly performing in large arenas and venues in the UK and around the world.

Nadine Shah
+ The Black Site

Date & time: 18 April, 6.30 pm
Location: The Rainbow Venues, 160 Digbeth High Street
www.therainbowvenues.co.uk

Often compared to PJ Harvey, this 27 year-old North England singer and songwriter with Pakistani and Norwegian roots just released her second album. Her current tour will make a stop on Saturday in Birmingham at the Rainbow Venues. The Guardian wrote about her distinctive voice “Think Marianne Faithfull, not the prim young creature courted by Mick Jagger in the mid-60s but the ravaged, battle-worn survivor who re-emerged with Broken English in the late 70s.”

George Clinton
& Parliament Funkadelic

Date & time: 19 April, 8.00 pm
Location: O2 Academy Birmingham, 16-18 Horsefair
www.o2academybirmingham.co.uk

Seventy-four year old George Clinton needs no introduction. Born in North Carolina, he, most single-handedly ruled black music in the 1970s. His inspiration, dedication and determination resulted in the elevation of ‘funk’ music to complete recognition and acceptence as a true genre in and of itself. As the single most sampled artist in music history, he inspired a whole line of artists including Afrika Bambaataa, Prince or Rap legends Public Enemy.