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 2015 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.

The Launchpad UK, however, is only one of many novelties the organiser has promised to present this year. For the first time, for example, visitors of the show will have access to the Endo lounge, a new forum designed in association with the British Endodontic Society that will provide an update on the latest clinical techniques, materials and research in the field. Reflecting the increasing demand for information on facial aesthetics, the new Facial Aesthetics Theatre will explore the latest clinical techniques and products in this particular area to help you deliver safe and effective treatment for all your patients, the organiser said. Hosted by experts at Apolline, the Compliance Clinic will offer a vast array of practical hints and tips to ensure regulation compliance for all practitioners.

Visitors will also find old favourites such as the ever popular PerioLounge, delivered in association with the British Society of Periodontology, and the Short-Term Orthodontics Lounge, as well as the ADI Implant, GDP and CORE CPD theatres at the show. Business Skills Workshops held in conjunction with Practice Plan will also return.

But it will be not just all mouth, the organiser said. On Friday evening, the show will host the prestigious Dental Awards in order to celebrate outstanding individuals and teams whose commitment continues to raise the bar in dentistry. Attendees will be able to enjoy a four-course meal and great entertainment at this glittering black tie gala dinner. Presenting with a Willy Wonka ice-cream stand, UK-based charity Bridge2Aid will also host a ‘Village Fete’ with traditional games such as ‘test your strength’ strongman and ‘hook a duck’.

“Not only a dental event that the whole team will enjoy but also the perfect opportunity to gain valuable education and experience, The Dentistry Show, taking place on Friday 17th and Saturday 18th April, is the place for all dental professionals to be, a representative said.

According to latest figures, more than 7,500 delegates are expected for this year’s show, another record for the event that only started six years ago. For the trade show, more than 400 dental companies, dealers and service providers have registered this year including manufacturer Stratasys. Dental for 3-D printing manufacturer Stratasys, just one of many novelties the organiser has promised to present this year at Dentistry Show 2015 will host a two-day programme packed with inspirational lectures, practical advice and hands-on experiences, as well as attendance from over 400 UK and international exhibitors.

Over one million people make Birmingham the second-most populous city in the UK after the capital. Here are some tips how to enjoy your time off in the Brum.
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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 specialists.

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 enhanced modules. Optimised for full high-definition screens, the revamped look and design of the software correspond with the fluid usability that has come to define Planmeca products.

The innovative dashboard interface of the new version utilises a flexible tile-based layout, helping users accelerate their workflow through fewer clicks. The software also dedicates more room to patient images, while its redesigned toolbars enhance usability.

In addition, the Planmeca Romexis 3D Implant Planning module has been upgraded with several tools, including implant alignment, safety areas with alerts, as well as a custom abutment designer. Furthermore, a number of essential functional enhancements have been added, such as the 3-D object browser—a feature that allows easy management of annotations and implant simulation elements.

“We have strived to build a complete ecosystem of devices, software and services that communicate with each other smoothly,” remarked Helianna Puhlin-Nurminen, 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 chairside 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 143) aims to impress with several pioneering products and devices at the Dentistry Show 2015. The firm is Admira Fusion x-tra, which has the same physical properties but allows increments of up to 4 mm. Other new products include the fast-setting glass ionomer material ionoStar 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 Celulax 3, a new cordless high-performance LED/tungsten 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 bestselling dental products and devices, the company is exhibiting a whole host of offers at reasonable prices 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 elemental 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 scanning electron microscope analysis. The study was conducted on samples only, a trained technician also does a 100 per cent visual inspection on each and every implant. Any flawed implant is 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.

Providing advice to dentists requires an in-depth understanding of the complexities facing dentists. How do you keep up to date with the field?

I have a very strong network of influential dentists, among them chairpersons of local dental committees, representatives on national bodies, and entrepreneurial dentists who know and understand the marketplace. At the Dentistry Show, my firm is sharing a stand with Annshika Bogan and Damira Dental Studios, which has an extensive portfolio across the south of England. She is one of many connections who are able to update me from a dentist’s point of view, ensuring I have true insights into the profession.

In my native North East England, we are heavily involved in the dental community and work closely with Newcastle University’s School of Dental Sciences to understand the profession from its outset. Further, being Chair of ASDI, as well as a member of the National Association of Specialist Dental Accountants and Lawyers, gives me access to a wide professional network.

“As a lawyer, you encounter developments in dentistry very early on. Where do you see the greatest challenges and opportunities for dentists in the UK currently and in the future?”

“We will see an increasingly corporatized heavy market in the UK, but there will also be opportunities for young dentists to buy into practices, since dentists are exiting the profession owing to the new contract.”

Banks and funders are also very much open for business with deals in the health care sector, and this offers another avenue for dentists to acquire their own practice or practices and be able to secure the finance to do so.

Thank you very much for the interview.
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Digital dentistry is an upcoming 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.

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.

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: 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.

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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 “Brommagem”. 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 (“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 Think-tank at the Millennium Point Building offers a hands-on experience of Birmingham as the “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 largest art gallery outside of London. Watch out for the two trails, the “Findings Trail” and the “Charm Bracelet Trail” made by Birmingham artists, as a guide for visitors throughout the quarter.

Located at Chamberlain Square, the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery offers free admission and hosts a collection of paintings 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 hate 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 chochcolates not only a taste of the treat and the biggest Cadbury shop; the chocolate anoma permeates the town specifically conceptualized under 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)

Dates & 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 in April. According to the theatre, Stagetize has a long established history of presenting award-winning five star Shakespearean plays 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 Cafe Bar 107 Fenshore Road S www.towerofsong.co.uk

Attrax Midlands 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 Ali Fateh Khan, Malik Singh, Stereo Na, Taz and EDCO 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, 16 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 Horsfall 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 acceptance 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.