Keeping up with the industry
Dr Richard Kahan gears up for Clinical Innovations Conference 2013

D esigned specifically to help dental practitioners keep up-to-date with the industry, Healthcare Learning: Smile-on is proud to host the 10th Clinical Innovations Conference (CIC) on 17th and 18th May at the Millennium Gloucester Hotel in Kensington, London. Presented in collaboration with The Dental Directory, the event will provide a unique opportunity for dental professionals to attend a variety of clinical lectures and workshops, learning and applying the latest techniques and products in the industry.

Running alongside the main lecture programme this year will be the London Deanery DFT Conference, designed specifically to introduce London Deanery Foundation students into the modern dental industry.

Amongst the confirmed line-up of highly respected speakers will be Endodontic Specialist, Dr Richard Kahan. Richard is a specialist endodontist working in Harley Street, London and the former Director of Endodontic Courses at UCL Eastman CPD. He has lectured widely on endodontics and technology and has recently set up the Academy of Advanced Endodontics to teach the fundamentals of endodontics to GDPs through extended mentoring within his practice. With five years’ experience of endodontic CBCTs, his clinic has become a referral centre for complex cases used by both endodontists and GDPs.

“After speaking at the CIC last year, I found the event to be very well organised while providing a wide range of education to suit all delegates,” he says. “I found audience participation to be great, and really felt that delegates were responding to what I was saying.

“I will be giving a similar lecture this year, looking into cone beam CT technology, and how it can be used to diagnose and treat endodontic cases effectively. I will use various case studies to illustrate my points.

“My lecture will also apply to all members of the dental team, as I hope to aid the general progressive awareness of cone beam technology within the modern profession. I aim for delegates attending my talk to realise the potential for this technology to enhance their clinical work, even if they have not undergone any training specifically within the area of endodontics. I also hope to offer support and guidance on how delegates can utilise this knowledge and understanding to raise the standard of their treatment range. The latest imaging equipment can save the practitioner and their patient...
both time and money, which could have a great affect on the overall success of treatment and the reputation of the dental practice."

In order to provide a diverse learning experience for delegates, the CIC 2013 will present several additional features over the course of the two days. The trade exhibition, for example, will host a range of high profile suppliers and manufacturers, demonstrating the latest equipment and innovations in UK dentistry.

"Dentistry is a very fast-paced profession, and techniques and equipment can evolve very quickly," adds Richard. "As a result, I think it can be very difficult for practising clinicians to keep on top of the latest developments, particularly if they are also trying to run a dental practice and raise a family at the same time. Information has also become more accessible to patients, so they are always demanding new or more complex treatments on top of everything else. If the clinicians get behind, so does the practice, and in such uncertain economic times, this can be a huge worry.

"In order to keep up, I think it is important that clinicians employ a variety of learning methods, and one of these should definitely be attending events such as the CIC. I believe this to be a very useful way for practitioners to update their knowledge and skills, as the events encourage face-to-face interaction between professionals. Dentistry can be a lonely profession at times, particularly for principle dentists. By speaking to people they otherwise may not have had the opportunity to speak to, attendees to such events can gain a wealth of new ideas and different perspectives to help them and their practice thrive.

"As well as offering a relaxed and friendly atmosphere for networking, the trade exhibition also enables delegates to meet the experts behind new products, allowing them to gain a better understanding of the techniques. From the trade's point of view it also provides feedback on where they could improve their products or services, so everybody gains."

Another opportunity to meet both old friends and new will be presented at the Clinical Innovations Awards Ball on the evening of 17th May, when you can relax and enjoy a luscious gala meal with live entertainment. The evening will also celebrate the latest developments in the industry, and the deserving winner of the Clinical Innovations Award will be announced.

As well as working in his specialist practice in Harley Street, Richard is Senior Clinical Part-time lecturer in Endodontics at the prestigious Eastman Dental Institute, University College London teaching endodontics to both postgraduate specialist students and general practitioners. He has lectured nationally and has written many research papers for refereed journals. Richard’s other interest is Information Technology and he is a consultant in dental IT integration. He has recently finished writing a clinical software programme called EndoBiz which is currently undergoing beta testing.

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