Quest for the Perfect Restoration

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A quest for the perfect restoration has always been a tough challenge all the way since ancient Egyptians until our present time. Though our restorations of teeth in our endeavor to reach the perfect restoration, restoring damaged or missing teeth has always been a tough challenge all the way since ancient Egyptians until our present time.

First Dental Technician Forum highlights current developments in dental labs

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Singapore: Dental technicians are a very important part of the dental team. As an extension of IDEM’s educational offering, the first Dental Technician Forum organised by the Centre for Advanced Professional Practices in Dubai and Koelnmesse saw over 220 dental technicians from 18 countries come to Singapore to develop the knowledge and skills they need to keep pace with the rapid advances and innovations in dental technology. An exhibition sponsored by VITA, Sirona and SHEBA, among other companies, created excellent networking opportunities and had the latest developments, systems and technologies on display.

Moderated by key opinion leaders from around the globe, the two-day event saw participants sharing and discussing cutting-edge knowledge and the newest clinical approaches in prosthetics.

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The four table clinic presentations, which ran concurrently, were among the most appealing and enjoyable sessions for all participants. Among other things, new hybrid materials and their benefits were presented. Participants were also given the opportunity to ask questions on real cases that were printed live with help of 3-D scanners and milling machines. By analysing different cases, brothers Drs Andrea Mastrorosa Agnini and Alessandro Agnini from Italy gave the audience a surprising insight into the operational techniques that they have developed over time with their increasing knowledge of new materials. With new technologies replacing traditional materials and techniques, they said that achieving good clinical results has become more systematic and time-effective.

A ceramist and professional photographer, Naoki Aiba demonstrated the capture of shade view photographs in order to communicate shade accurately. Tips for calibrating and cooling a shade guide were also given. Hue and value analysis of models milled by the inLab MC XL (Sirona Dental Systems), recommended for good aesthetics, which zirconia blocks are recommended for good aesthetics.
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World oral health report: Almost 100 per cent of adults suffer from dental caries

By Dental Tribune International

LONDON, UK: In celebration of World Oral Health Day, representatives of the FDI World Dental Federation presented the latest findings on oral health on 20 March at a press conference held in collaboration with the British Dental Association in London. The report identifies the main obstacles to achieving universal oral health and includes recommendations to improve oral health worldwide.

Among other aspects, the report, titled “Oral health worldwide: A report by FDI World Dental Federation”, highlights that nearly 100 per cent of adults and between 60 and 90 per cent of children worldwide have dental caries, which results in millions of lost school and work hours. For instance, in the US, an estimated 2.4 million days of work and 1.6 million days of school are missed owing to oral disease. In the Philippines, toothache is the primary reason for school absenteeism. The FDI stated that about 97 per cent of Philippine 6-year-olds have dental caries.

In addition, the report states that only 60 per cent of the world’s population have access to oral care, creating enormous disparities between different populations. According to the FDI, people of a lower socio-economic status visit the dentist less often and have fewer fillings, more missing teeth, higher tobacco consumption, higher rates of caries and untreated decay, and higher rates of periodontitis compared with those of a higher socio-economic status.

In order to increase access to oral care, the training of the oral health workforce needs to be strengthened and expanded to improve the quality of and increase the number of oral health professionals. Moreover, emphasis needs to be put on the equal geographical distribution of oral health personnel, especially within developing countries, where the dentist-to-population ratio is approximately 1:150,000 compared with about 1:2,000 in most industrialised countries.

The FDI further highlighted that a solely curative approach to tackling the burden of oral health is neither realistic nor sustainable. The organisation asserts that the prevention of oral diseases and promotion of oral health must be at the core of national policies and programmes. In this respect, global and national surveillance should be strengthened to identify risk factors and oral health needs as a basis for developing appropriate approaches and measures, the FDI stated.

The event also saw the launch of The Tooth Thief, an illustrated book for children that includes oral health tips. The book emphasises the importance of good oral health to children to instil good oral care habits from a young age. The foreword was written by Yaya Touré, Manchester City football club player and three times African Footballer of the Year, who was this year’s World Oral Health Day ambassador.

The book is available from the Apple iBooks Store and Amazon, and can be downloaded from the World Oral Health Day website, www.worldoralhealthday.com. The complete white paper can be accessed free on the website as well.