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Swiss-based company, Electro Medical Systems (EMS), is a diamond sponsor for the EuroPerio8. With their AIR-FLOW system, it is dedicated to dental prophylaxis in periodontal practice. Today international had the opportunity to speak with company owner, Bernd Bühner, about the first few days of the congress, the company’s scientific approach and his vision for the future.

Today international: Your slogan is “Bye, Bye Biofilm”. Could you explain this shortly?

We chose this slogan because getting rid of biofilm is key in preventive dentistry. Biofilm is the cause of caries and periodontitis. Our “Bye, Bye Biofilm” slogan stresses the importance of professional prophylaxis.

All our other messages like “Save the tooth”, “Save the implant”, “Bye, Bye Biofilm”, “NO PAIN” or “I FEEL GOOD” describe exactly the business that we are in. Our new concepts enhance patient satisfaction which is important for running a modern and successful dental practice. With the AIR-FLOW and the new PLUS powder, the surface of the tooth can be completely removed of biofilm sub- and supragingivally without abrasion. The natural enamel prisms remain intact. There is no further need for polishing with a rubber cup and abrasive paste.

Today international: What can visitors expect at your sponsor session tomorrow?

Karen Davis will talk about the integration of subgingival air polishing into clinical protocols for biofilm management during prophylaxis and periodontal maintenance. This ensures the most effective and efficient removal of biofilm. A review of the literature reveals that biofilm removal with devices using low abrasion is very effective.

These new concepts are taught by the SWISS DENTAL ACADEMY, which offers a unique combination of theoretical learning and a hands-on experience that easy to use in daily dental practice.

“Bye, Bye Biofilm” is the core message that we are delivering to all delegates. An interview with Bernd Bühner, owner of Electro Medical Systems (EMS)
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EMS is the only company to manufacture the powders by itself, so the production is based on a lot of experience. Thirty years ago we started with sodium bicarbonates and then we continued with glycine powders. Now we have developed the Erythritol-based powder.

Wednesday's opening ceremony impressively showed how much the congress has grown over time. How do you rate its impact in the dental world?

This congress has a high energy and a great vibe. I remember it well when we were making reservations for the speaker's dinner at the Chateau Marmont in Geneva in 2000. Now EuroPerio is probably the most important congress in periodontics worldwide. It is great to see that it has developed this way.

What is your mission here at the EuroPerio8 conference?

We want to bring the message "Bye, Bye Biofilm" to all delegates. The biggest threats to natural teeth are cavities and periodontitis, which both are caused by biofilm. Our mission is to give the dental professionals the perfect tools to get rid of the biofilm pain-free. Bye, bye Biofilm, Good Bye!

As a company committed to preventive care, what's your vision for the future?

Periodontal disease continues to remain a big problem and we know from research that there are problems associated with it including heart disease and diabetes. Our company has a scientific approach, therefore we sponsor many clinical studies.

My hero is Dr Klaus Dieter Bastendorf, a dentist from a small town in Germany, who practiced preventive dentistry for 40 years. He treated a group of 137 children age six, twice a year, for 35 years and only lost four teeth. This is what I call preventive dentistry.

I wish there were more Dr Bastendorfs to represent our company slogan: "I FEEL GOOD".

My wish for the future would be that there are more clinicians like Dr Bastendorf in the world.

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A structured approach to treatment planning for advanced clinical cases utilizing modern digital technologies is the topic of an upcoming webinar that will be presented by the Dental Tribune Study Club on 18 June. The online course is free of charge and can be viewed from any computer. Participants will have the opportunity to earn a continuing education credit.

In the webinar, speaker Prof. Christoph Hämmerle, University of Zurich, will guide the audience through the established planning process for a complex clinical case utilizing the well-developed structure and the innovative case planning tool of Dental Campus, an e-learning platform.

Participants will be able to follow the details of the process and expand their own treatment planning capabilities. Furthermore, an introduction to the Dental Campus case planning tool will allow the audience to learn about and practice treatment planning in the future on the Dental Campus platform independent of tutor guidance. During the webinar, participants will be able to pose questions to the speaker via a chat window.

The one-hour webinar will enable the audience to apply a systematic approach to the treatment planning for complex patient cases. It will be broadcast live on Thursday, 18 June, from 5.30 p.m. CET. Participants will be able to earn a continuing education credit by completing a multiple-choice questionnaire on the topic discussed.

Registration for the webinar is now open on the DT Study Club website, www.dtstudyclub.com.