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Sunday, 18 April

8:30–11:00

Shortened Clinical Protocols—Choosing the Optimal Treatment Strategy
Dr Roland Glauser, Switzerland
Hall 404, Level 4

9:30–12:00

Dentogingival Aesthetics—An Interdisciplinary Approach
Dr Ricardo Mitrani, Mexico
Hall 404, Level 4

11:00–12:00

Dental Materials, Orthodontics or Oral Medicine
A larger number of hands-on workshops will be offered as well, he added.

13:30–18:00

Immediate Loading of Implants—Pros and Cons
Dr Marcus F. Abboud, Germany
Hall 404, Level 4

14:30–17:00

Aesthetic and Functional Concerns for Fixed Implant Prosthodontics
Dr Kiah Phillips, USA
Theatre, Level 3

17:30–22:00

Advocated Technologies in Implant Dentistry—Reality or Vision?
Dr Marcus F. Abboud, Germany
Hall 404, Level 4

17:30–19:30

Tooth Wear and New Technology to Manage Dentin Hypersensitivity
Dr Filippo Panopoli, USA
Theatre, Level 3

IDEM Singapore International Dental Exhibition and Meeting

Date
15–18 April (Congress)
16–18 April (Exhibition)

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Today will be the last chance for IDEM visitors to collect ADA CERP credits at the Den
tal Tribune Study Club (DTSC) Symposia in hall 401 booth J30/K29. While Drs George
Freedman and Fay Goldstep will continue their series on dental lasers with a morning
session, Dr Hans-Dieter John from Germany will hold a live webcast about the risks of
coronary heart disease in association with periodontitis and peri-implantitis.

According to Dr John, the lecture will introduce new
technologies to detect and reduce risk factors for peri-
odontitis including aMMP8 di-
pagnostics, biofilm reduction for implants and anti-inflamm-
atory therapy.

Recent meta analysis re-
ported an association between
to periodontal disease (PD) and
coronary heart disease (CHD) and show a significant higher risk of 1.14 to 2.22 of develop-
ing CHD. The new chair-side
detection of matrix metallo-
proteinase MMP8 allows clini-
cians to monitor the periodon-
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cific manner and increase the
patient compliance to treat-
ment options and relevance to
general health and CHD.

Zirconium nitride hard
coating technology for dental
implants showed a significant positive effect on biofilm re-
duction and fibroblast adhe-
sion and surface mechanical
resistance.

It is the first time that the Dental Tribune Study Club is
holding a forum at a Singapore meeting.

The website was founded
in early 2009 as a online plat-
form for comprehensive den-
tal education. Besides live on-
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With the availability of more complex and costly treatment options, new challenges have arisen for dental professionals and the industry. Globalisation and dental tourism have also opened new possibilities and obstacles for dental practices in Asia and around the world. In order to address some of these developments, IDEM 2010 hosted its first LET’S TALK BUSINESS Seminar yesterday, covering a variety of business-related topics such as product liability, the management of advanced dental technology or fraud prevention in dental practice.

The seminar was attended by world renowned experts from Singapore, India and the United States.

Amongst others, the President of Global Management Group Ltd and founder of the T32 clinic in Singapore Dr Peter Tay talked about various dental delivery systems and how they can be used to provide better care for dental patients.

Dr Vivek Shukla, a health care business consultant from India, gave an overview about how costs and patient expectations can vary from country to country. According to a recent Globalysis study, the worldwide health tourism market including dentistry was estimated US$40 billion in 2006. The Asian market alone consists of 1.5 million medical tourists spending a daily average of US$362.

In a third session, product liability was discussed by Catherine Tay Swee Kian, National University of Singapore.

Today’s lectures will include medico-legal liability and malpractice in implant dentistry (Edmund Kronenburg, Singapore) as well as embezzlement and fraud in dental practices and how it can affect revenues (Teresa Duncan, USA).

Be involved in your business

An interview with Teresa Duncan, USA

Teresa Duncan is the President of Odyssee Management, a medical consulting company based in Alexandria, USA. As part of IDEM’s LET’S TALK BUSINESS seminar, she will hold a lecture today on embezzlement and fraud in dentistry. Today international spoke with Ms Duncan about this issue and what dentists can do for prevention.

Ms Duncan, fraud and embezzlement seem to be a common thing in dental practices.

Teresa Duncan: Yes, I think the instances of embezzlement are definitely on the rise. Even before the recession hit our economy, already a third of dentists in the US were embezzled in some form. There is a new report coming out soon and I am curious to see the results. I expect the numbers to be even higher because I am constantly getting calls from new clients who have been embezzled.

In your lecture today you will also talk about case studies in Asia. Did you notice any major differences to the US?

Teresa Duncan: Even in Asia the number is high though they are not as large as in the United States. This shows me that there are a lot more checks and balances here or at least higher awareness of the problem. The main difference is the form of embezzlement, for example, when cash is stolen. Embezzlers in the US are more careful in that respect.

There are also cultural differences and reporting is not as common as in the States. Many of these cases are handled in-house. In addition, embezzlers are also able to move between the jobs very easily.

I hope that with Singapore’s economy recovering so quickly, cases will go down.

What are the most common methods of embezzlement?

The most common method is to steal cheques and deposit them on one’s own account. In many cases, cash is also taken from the patient but not recorded in the practice management system.

The common theme of all these things is that the dentists are not aware of the reports that he or she could be running or is not paying too much attention to the business side of their profession. So they don’t realise what’s happening under their nose. I often hear from clients that they produce like crazy but there is not even money left to cover the payroll.

What are your recommendations to prevent fraud?

Doctors should be aware of the reports that they can run with their practice management systems. At least they should ask for a daily deposit book or charge summaries. The most important thing is to pay attention and be involved in the daily business.

Thank you very much for the interview.
NEW STUDY SHOWS HIGHER STABILITY IN SLACTIVE IMPLANTS

In a new study presented by researchers at the 25th Anniversary Meeting of the Academy of Osseointegration in Orlando, USA, implants with SLActive surface technology from Straumann have shown higher stability compared to five other commonly used implants.

The study, which was conducted on rabbit bone, was assessing the implant stability by removal torque evaluation after three and six weeks. It found significant differences between SLActive and all control implants.

A histological evaluation of the bone healing is currently ongoing, the researchers said.

Straumann’s SLActive, launched in 2005, is an innovative, dental implant surface technology, which has clinically proven to cut healing times in half to just three to four weeks. The technology is said to minimise the stability dip in the critical early stage of healing and increases implant stability. The implications of this are shorter treatment protocols, higher predictability and reduced risk with earlier loading, resulting in better patient care and satisfaction, the company said. SLActive could open the door to successful implant treatment in patients with poor bone quality or other challenging treatment situations such as patients with diabetes, osteoporosis, or patients who are smoking.

SLActive implants are currently available in all major markets in Europe, Asia and the US.

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NEW TETRIC N-FAMILY FROM IVOCLIN VIVADENT

At IDEM 2010, Ivoclar Vivadent is introducing a new comprehensive nano-optimised restoration system for high-quality standard restorations. The new line of products comprises the products Tetric N-Ceram, Tetric N-Flow, Tetric N-Bond and Tetric N-Bond Self Etch.

According to the company, the universal composite Tetric N-Ceram is based on the popular Tetric Ceram and designed for the fabrication of high quality standard restorations in the anterior and posterior region. Important properties like polishability, low shrinkage and wear could be enhanced with the help of nanotechnology. Tetric N-Ceram is complemented by the flowable composite Tetric N-Flow which also offers excellent handling properties as well as an exceptionally high level of radiopacity. Owing the material's outstanding wetting ability, it is particularly suitable for use as a cavity liner and offers the stability required for Class V restorations.

Tetric N-Bond is a light-curing single-component bonding agent for enamel and dentin bonding in conjunction with the total-etch technique. It uses nanotechnology and is acetone-free which is supposed to help postoperative sensitivities occur less frequently. It also enables a durable bond to be established between the restorative material and the dental hard tissues. Tetric N-Bond is suitable both for direct and indirect restorative procedures after prior light polymerization, the company said.

Tetric N-Bond Self Etch is a single component, self-etching, light-curing adhesive for direct restorative treatment procedures (composites, composites). A single layer of the acetone-free Tetric N-Bond Self Etch material is sufficient to establish a sound bond between the composite and the enamel or dentin reducing the time required for direct restorative treatment. According to Ivoclar, it is possible to store Tetric N-Bond Self Etch at room temperature without compromising its quality because of the monomers which are resistant to hydrolysis.

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According to the company, the ACTEON SHOWCASES IMPLANT CENTER2 UNIT will take full advantage of the introduction of its second generation devices in pre-implant surgery for dental use, has announced its commitment to the technological achievements of its predecessor, such as the Piezotome2 mode and a Newtron mode for all conventional treatments. The additions to this technology in the handpieces will include six ultra-powerful LEDs (100,000 Lux). The LED handpieces feature a long-life light ring which simplifies selection of the power setting recommended for each procedure.

Each tip can be identified by a coloured ring which allows for the widest revolution range in its class. With 6 Ncm, it delivers unrivalled torque in micro-motors, the company said. The new technology in the handpieces triples the ultrasonic power in bone surgery. The addition of LED allow for an optimal vision of the operative field. The Piezotome2 and Newtron LED handpieces feature a long-life light ring including six ultra-powerful LEDs (300,000 Lux). The LED handpieces are autoclavable at 134°C.

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In the so-called Wavelength optimised Periodontal Therapy (WPT) the Nd:YAG laser is used to remove the diseased epithelial lining and improve access to the root surface. In a second step, the AT Fidels’ Er:YAG laser accurately removes calculus from the root surface and coagulates a stable fibrin clot.

According to Fotona, treatment acceptance of WPT is extremely high considering alternative treatment with a scalpel or a suture. The company offers a complete range of procedure optimised fibre tips and handpieces for its AT/HT Fidels line.

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NEW SOLUTIONS FOR CLASS II CAVITY PREPARATIONS

Placing a matrix band to attain a good contact point and avoiding interproximal overhang after excavation for Class II fillings has always been a time consuming and laborious procedure. Directa has announced to offer a unique and easy solution for this procedure by combining a separating plastic wedge with a stainless steel matrix. The FenderMate is available in regular and narrow width and for left or right application and will be colour coded for better identification.

According to the Swedish company, the combined matrix and wedge are inserted as one piece. A new technology contours and complements the curvature of the patients tooth and holds its shape without having to use a retentive ring that inhibits access to a cavity. The contact point is created by the dual curvature of FenderMate so that further burnishing will not be necessary.

With the combination of FenderMate and FenderWedge, Directa also offers a tissue friendly approach for the preparation and filling of Class II cavities.

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A POWERFUL LAD SYSTEM

The principle behind light activated disinfection (LAD) is the use of a specific light source to activate a photosensitizer, which serves as a catalyst in transforming oxygen molecules into highly reactive oxygen species, such as negatively charged oxygen ions and oxygen radicals. As the photosensitizer has an extremely high affinity to bacterial membranes, the bacteria are instantly destroyed when the reactive oxygen species are formed. The technique is especially useful in the oral cavity as it disrupts the biofilm in which the bacteria are embedded.

With FotoSan, CMS Dental from Denmark, introduces a LAD system that is able to treat a wide range of indications including endodontics, periodontics, periimplantitis, gingivitis, pericoronitis and caries. An introkit including two autoclavable covers for the light head, blunt tips for surface treatment and long tips for more profound treatment and endodontics, will be available to IDEM visitors.

The photosensitizer comes in three different viscosities facilitating the practical applications.

According to the company, the treatment with FotoSan lasts only 10 to 30 seconds and has no side effects.

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At first glance, Singapore might appear shockingly modern and anonymous, but it is indeed an undeniably Asian city with Chinese, Malay and Indian traditions from tang shau to ancestor worship creating part of the everyday landscape. In these contrasts that bring the city to life. Singapore has traded its rough-and-ready opium dens and pearl luggers for towers of concrete and glass, and its steamy rickshaws for hi-tech wizardry, but you can still recapture the colonial era with a Singapore Sling under the languorous ceiling fans at Raffles Hotel.

One day you are in a hawker stall (food centre) melting over a bowl of Indian curry; the next you are enjoying high tea in whispered environs complete with air-conditioned, starched linen tablecloths and gliding waiters. Super-safe and mega-civilised Singapore may be, but its sultry rhythms wash inexorably beneath the regimented beat of big-city life. In the crowded streets of Chinatown, fortune tellers, calligraphers and temple worshippers are still a part of everyday life. In Little India, you can buy the best sari material, freshly ground spices or a picture of your favourite Hindu god, while in the small shops of Arab Street, the cry of the Imam can be heard from the nearby Sultan Mosque.

Singapore is not just one island, but a main island with more than 50 surrounding mostly inhabited islets. Sentosa, Singapore’s resort island, is a getaway is a must-see for all visitors. Just minutes away from the bustling city, this island of tranquillity welcomes everyone with beautiful sandy beaches, rustic nature trails, Asia’s most exciting oceanarium and the Dolphin Lagoon. Palau Ubin is a window into the Singapore from 30 years ago—thatched huts, backyard orchards, dirt tracks and interesting wildlife. St. John’s Island, a former penal colony, which has been transformed into a tranquil resort with abundant water sport activities and holiday bungalows, also makes an ideal getaway. Kusu or “Turtle” Island is best known for its legend of how a giant turtle turned itself into an island in order to save two shipwrecked sailors, a Malay and a Chinese. Lazarus and Sisters Islands are some of the other easily accessible tropical paradises known for snorkelling and diving.

But in Singapore, everything starts and ends with food. The multi-cultural dining scene is a natural draw, while the daily race to find and produce the next best thing in cuisine is fuelled by an adventurous national palate. Because it is often viewed by its population as central to Singapore’s national identity and a unifying cultural thread, Singaporean literature often declaimer on the food they have eaten and the eateries around the country. There are some religious dietary restrictions as Muslims do not eat pork and Hindus do not eat beef. There is also a significant group of vegetarians. Nevertheless, people from different communities often eat together, while being mindful of each other’s culture and food that is acceptable to all. There are also some halal Chinese restaurants that prepare Chinese food in a way that conforms to Muslim dietary preference.

Food in itself has been heavily promoted as an attraction for tourists. It is usually promoted by various initiatives undertaken by the Singapore Tourism Board or the associations it deals with as one of Singapore’s best attractions alongside its shopping. The government organises the Singapore Food Festival in July annually to celebrate Singapore’s cuisine. The multiculturalism of local food, the readily availability of international cuisine and styles, and their wide range in prices to fit all budgets at all times of the day and year help create a “food paradise” to rival other contenders claiming the same moniker.

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Singapore is a delightful array of sweets on the menu. Order the dosai, a huge, thin pancake used to scoop up luscious and hearty gravies and curries. Other dishes from Northern India as well as a fresh banana leaf. The restaurant which is famous for its wide range in prices to fit all budgets at all times of the day and year help create a “food paradise” to rival other contenders claiming the same moniker.

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**Singapore International Film Festival (Cinema)**
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Today’s screenings:
- *Au Voleur/A Real Life* (19:00, LIDO 5, 350 Orchard Road)
- *Yan Lei/Tears* (21:15, LIDO 3, 350 Orchard Road)

**Singapore Flyer (Sightseeing)**
Venue: Marina Bay Sands
With a height of 165 metres, Singapore Flyer is the world’s largest Giant Observation Wheel and one of Asia’s latest tourist attractions. Taking approximately 2.5 minutes to complete a rotation, it was opened in February 2008. Inspired by national architectural icons such as the Eiffel Tower and the London Eye, the Singapore Flyer was conceived by the Japanese designer Kisho Kurokawa and DP Architects, a company known for their unique architectural designs. It promises more than just a view, but a panorama that captures Marina Bay’s skyline with a glimpse of neighbouring Malaysia and Indonesia.

**Singapore Botanic Gardens (Sightseeing)**
Venue: 100 Kent Ridge Road
Pay a visit to the only botanic garden in the world that opens from 7:00 to midnight every single day of the year without admission. Singapore Botanic Gardens were established in 1822 in order to evaluate for cultivation crops which were of potential economic importance, including those yielding fruits, vegetables, spices and other raw materials. Besides continuing the Gardens’ traditional roles in research, education and conservation, the new management is steering the Gardens on a long term expansion and development programme. New attractions, such as the Ginger Garden, Coolhouse and the Children’s Garden are being added to keep the Gardens one of Singapore’s leading tourist destination.

**Archipelago Brewery (Nightlife)**
Address: 79 Circular Road
Archipelago has the distinction of being the only brewery to introduce a unique line of beer with Asian spices flavours, such as ginger, lemon grass or pandan leaves. The pub is decorated in a classy colonial style with both indoor and outdoor seating. Popular with the office crowd, it is the perfect chill-out pub after work.

**Bar Cocoon (Nightlife)**
Address: 34 Merchant’s Court
Gigantic terracotta guards stand at the entrance, behind it on the ground floor the bar Cocoon can be found, on the upper floor there is a restaurant called Madam Butterfly. Opium beds, silk cushions and crystal chandeliers create a feeling of opulence.
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**Medical facilities**

Singapore's medical facilities are among the finest in the world, with well-qualified doctors and dental surgeons. Pharmacies are readily available at supermarkets, department stores, hotels and shopping centres. Registered pharmacists generally work from 9:00 to 18:00. Most hotels have their own doctor on-call around the clock. Other doctors are listed under Medical Practitioners in the Yellow Pages of the Singapore Phone Book. Visitors can also contact the following hospitals' International Patient Service Centres:

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