Dental Loupes for students

Final year dental students stand to benefit from an exclusive finance deal from the British Dental Association (BDA) to purchase dental loupes to encourage them to develop healthy and effective working practices right from the start of their career.

The loupes are part of a special new membership benefit offer for students, which also includes free BDA membership for their final year of study, worth £45, and half-price membership for their first year after graduation, worth £112.50.

The loupe scheme, which is supported by DP Medical Systems and Novuxiew Ltd, reflects the BDA's commitment to supporting students and young dentists at the start of their professional life, with prices for loupes ranging from £33.50 to £47 a month over a period of 24 months.

Peter Ward, the BDA's chief executive, said: "We greatly value our growing student membership and want to do all we can to help individual students as they begin their career. Dental loupes are an important piece of equipment for dentists, providing magnification to make treatment easier and improving posture. We want to encourage young dentists into good working habits right from the start of their career and we are delighted DP Medical Systems and Novuxiew are supporting this initiative."

Company, DP Medical (www.dpmedicalsys.co.uk) has been a leading dental magnification specialist for over 20 years and is the exclusive UK distributor of Surgitek/Oakley loupes and Global Dental microscopes. It has recently added Kofak Dental Imaging systems to its portfolio.

BDA announces the winner

The British Dental Trade Association (BDA) has announced the winner of last year’s Showcase prize draw to the Magic Kingdom at the Disney World Resort Florida.

Lisa Bates, a dental nurse at V Nutall Dental Health Ltd in Sheffield, was the lucky winner, who was delighted to win the prize especially for her 11-year-old son Joe.

Ms Bates and her family went to Disney World Resort in May this year where they enjoyed a two week holiday. Commenting on her trip, Lisa said: "It was the chance and holiday of a lifetime."

She continued: "I just wanted to say a massive thank you to the BDTA for giving us this opportunity. We are truly grateful and who ever drew my name from the magic hat deserves a great big kiss."

The lucky winner of this year’s Showcase prize-draw, which took place last weekend, wins a trip to the Sorrento Cooking School in Italy, in accordance with this year’s, Recipe for Success, theme.

The winner will be whisked off to cook traditional Italian cuisine and experience local delicasies in the resort of Giardino delle Esperidi.

Volunteers please

A charity which provides primary dental care and education to communities in Tanzania, is looking for fit volunteers to join its second fundraising expedition to climb Mount Kilimanjaro.

Bridge2Aid (B2A) equips and trains local people from Tanzania as dental health personnel to care for some of the poorest folk in Tanzanian society, as well as providing opportunities for UK dental professionals to serve Tanzania.

The charity operates at grass-root level in the Mwanza region of north-west Tanzania, operating a not-for-profit dental clinic and a community dental pro-gramme, working closely with the Tanzanian Government. Personnel carry out free oral screening in schools and orphanages and in the past two years more than 2,500 people have received the free service. Each person screened receives an oral health report outlining any dental problems which need addressing and giving basic oral health advice.

For further details ring Laura Thompson on 0161 638 8615 or email students@bda.org.