

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR PUTTERIDGE

Anyone with an interest in chairside teaching and learning is encouraged to attend the 2nd UK Chairside and Learning Conference which will be held at Putteridge Bury Conference Centre in Buckinghamshire on 21 June 2011.

The 1st Chairside and Learning Conference in 2009 was highly successful, with delegates tasked with facilitating focus groups in their home dental schools; those delegates will have the

opportunity to present their findings at this year's event. Work on developing best teaching practice guidelines will continue and there will also be opportunities for short teaching and learning research oral and poster presentations.

Delegates wanting to make a presentation should complete a proposal form available from john.sweet@warwick.ac.uk.

RAZOR SHARP MIKE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

On 24 March 2011 Professor Mike Braden celebrated 50 years at the Dental Institute at Barts and the London School of Medicine and Dentistry when a special symposium on 'Acrylic Polymers' was held in his honour.

Professor Braden was appointed as a lecturer at the London Hospital in 1961. He was the only ever non-clinical President of the British Society for the Study of Prosthetic Dentistry; contributed to the founding of the IRC in Biomaterials at Queen Mary in the 1980s; contributed to the development of acrylic bone cements, which are used in more than 80% of hip replacements; helped develop low shrinkage acrylic polymers for custom made hearing aids; and developed tissue conditioners.

'Mike is an extremely hard act to follow,' said Professor Robert Hill, who organised the meeting and is Mike's successor. 'He is a brilliant scientist



whose contribution to the fields of dentistry and orthopaedics is remarkable. Even at 83 [Mike] has a razor sharp mind and is still contributing.'

The current Dean of the Institute of Dentistry, Professor Farida Fortune, presented Professor Braden with an inscribed plaque suitably formed from acrylic.

PATIENTS NEEDED TO TEST INNOVATIVE MINI-IMPLANTS

Research & Education in Dentistry (RED) is calling on dentists to help them evaluate the long-term efficacy and performance of *Slim Onebody* dental mini-implants.

RED is interested in working with patients who fall into any of the following categories:

- Cohort one – lower edentulous adult patients with unstable or unretentive lower complete dentures
- Cohort two – upper edentulous adult patients with unstable or unretentive

upper complete dentures

- Cohort three – patients with missing lower or upper lateral incisor teeth.

Patients taking part in the study will be treated by a highly qualified and vastly experienced team of dentists at the state of the art Oracle Clinic in Shrewsbury and will also receive considerable price discounts. Any dentist who may have a suitable patient can telephone 01743 466796 or email info@oracledental.co.uk.