Welcome to another addition of our newsletter. We hope all dental practices enjoyed a successful 2012, as well as a great Christmas and New Year and we would like to extend our warmest wishes for a prosperous 2013. As always Dr Syed and Elite Perio are here to help all dental practices in any way we can, we have seen many dentist come in learn and observe from Dr Syed in 2012, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Dr Syed Visits Dr Valentini in Paris

Dr Mahnaz Syed spent the month of July in 2012 visiting family and friends back in her home town of London in England. During this visit Mahnaz spent the day visiting Dr Pascal Valentini’s beautiful practice situated a short stroll from the Arc D’Triomphe Paris, France. Dr Pascal Valentini is the President Elect of the European Association for Osseointegration (EAO).

Dr Valentini is a world leader in sinus augmentation and implantology. Dr Valentini is in a unique position that his private practice holds a small operating theatre. On the day that Mahnaz joined him at his surgery he performed a palatal implant procedure in an edentulous patient, who required additional retention for her denture whilst she was having a full arch of implants placed. Visiting him in Paris allowed Dr Syed and Dr Valentini to discuss the upcoming plans for a four day hands on cadaver and live surgery workshop due to be held at Griffiths University in February 2013. Professor Valentini and Dr Syed are both speakers for Mectron and they will be joined by Professor Saso Ivanoski. The trip will be Dr Valentinis first visit to Australia and we are expecting an exciting and innovative course. Please contact Henry Schein Hallas to register.

Introducing Dr Zahida Oakley

Elite Perio is proud to introduce Dr Zahida Oakley. Dr Zahida Oakley gained her dental qualification at the University of Sheffield, United Kingdom. After a brief period of working in general practice, she returned to the hospital setting in order to gain further experience in oral surgery. During the next three years, Zahida perfected her surgical skills whilst working at various oral and maxillofacial surgery departments in the UK. During this time she gained the membership of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Dr Syed was invited to take part in the Mucograft® round table conference which was held at Uluru, in early December 2012. Dr Syed had to present her findings along with other leading periodontists around Australia. Mucograft® is a new bio material which can be used as an alternative to a patients own soft tissue in soft tissue grafts. This obviously has a huge advantage in that the patient will not have the a second surgical site and therefore patient discomfort is reduced. The conference was chaired by Dr Daniel Cardaropoli who is a world leader and advisor in Geistlich Mucograft®.

*Leading Periodontist from all over Australia and New Zealand at the Ayers Rock Conference

Dr Daniel Cardaropoli was the international guest presenter at Uluru, with Mahnaz.

Dr Syed presenting her findings from her experience with using Mucograft®.
Following this, Zahida travelled and subsequently moved to Perth to be with her now husband, an Australian. Since living in Perth, Zahida practiced at the Oral Health Centre of Western Australia in the oral surgery and general practice departments. Zahida and has since completed the doctorate in Clinical Dentistry in Periodontics at the University of Western Australia (UWA). She has recently been admitted as a fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgery in the periodontics division. During her time in Perth, she has continually been involved in the teaching of undergraduate dental students at UWA and is committed to continuing education. Having regularly attended courses and conferences in Australia and internationally, she is familiar with the latest advances in the fields of periodontics and implant surgery. Zahida is committed to offering the highest standard of care to her patients and welcomes referrals for all aspects of periodontal treatment including implant therapy.

**IMPLANTS FROM A DIFFERENT ANGLE LECTURE**

**Bottom: Dr Syed periodontist at UWA**

Dr Mahnaz Syed gave a presentation on the use of the angled implant system Co/Axis by Southern Implants in June 2012. Mahnaz has been using this system for approximately 3-4 years with good success. Co/Axis is a unique pre angled implant which has its advantages in avoiding large bone grafting procedures. The system allows all implants to be placed with a resultant screw access which is more favorable for retrieval of the implant prosthesis should this be needed. The course was held at the UWA club, we would like to thank major sponsors Henry Schien Halas Southern Implants.

**Upcoming Educational Events 2013**

**Sinus Lift and Atrumatic Surgical Course**

4 Day Surgical Course on: Atraumatic tooth extraction, Sinus Augmentation Feb 28th - 3rd March Griffiths University Queensland - Presenters - Dr Mahnaz Syed, Professor Pascal Valentini and Professor Saso Ivanovski

Please contact Henry Schien on PH: 1300 65 88 22

**Southern Implant Course**

The Southern Implant surgical and restorative course has been a huge success, what better way to learn how to place and restore dental implants then under the guidance of Periodontist Dr Syed and Prosthodontist Dr Hotinski? Places are strictly limited so get in quick contact Bruce Mcdowell from Southern Implants on 0400 359 067. Southern Implant Surgical Course with Dr Mahnaz Syed and Dr Vladimir Hotinski Dates: May 10th, May 17th, June 8th and 21st.

**New - Hygiene Course 2013**

Due to many requests from our referring dentists - Elite Perio will be holding 1 perhaps 2 hygiene CPD educational evenings. This will include: A guide to correct periodontal maintenance for high risk periodontal patients as well as tricks tips for debridements, correct maintenance of patient with dental implants, peri-implant maintenance diagnosis. Also a hands on portion for correct sharpening techniques. The first course is planned for April and invites will be out shortly.

**ASIA - GEISTLICH DAY JUNE 2012**

Dr Mahnaz Syed was invited as the international speaker at the Asia Geistlich day 2012 The focus of the two day course was both on piezosurgery assisted extractions and mucograft findings.

The congress involved a variety of speakers from South East Asia. Day one the topics included hard and soft tissue surgery as well as piezosurgery assisted extraction technique and ridge preservation with a hands on section demonstrating piezosurgery on pigs heads. Day two was dedicate to soft tissue augmentation and introducing Dr Syeds preliminary findings on Mucograft®. Two days of lectures were followed by a hands on workshop in minimally traumatic extractions and bone surgery. The course was a great success with over 100 attendees who travelled from all over Asia to participate.

Following the bangkok program Mahnaz was asked to conduct a full day hands on piezosurgery bone grafting and sinus augmentation course in Singapore with attendees from Australia and Asia.

**Top and bottom Mahnaz teaching at the hands Mectron program in Bangkok Thailand.**