

DENTASA Newsletter April 2009

URGENT REMINDER: Balance sheets needed as discussed at branch meetings

April is upon us and that means that there are only two weeks left to submit 200 signed balance sheets (2007/2008) to Professor Ferdie Preller of the North West University. Prof. Preller is one of only two accredited persons who have been charged to do the necessary processing of these balance sheets and submit his findings to the Department of Health.

It is of the utmost importance that laboratory owners comply to this request, as it will have a direct effect whether this profession will receive an increase for 2010 or not. It is important to note that if the required amount of balance sheets is not received, the Department of Health will not consider an increase for 2010.

Balance sheets must be posted in a sealed envelope to the office of DENTASA from where they will be couriered to Prof Preller. DENTASA guarantees your anonymity and ensures you that no member of DENTASA will have access to these documents.

It is extremely unfortunate that such a short period of time has been given to us by the Department of Health, but it is beyond our control.

If you have any further queries regarding this matter, please contact the Secretary of DENTASA on 012-460 1155. Post your balance sheets clearly marked as "CONFIDENTIAL" to Box 95340, Waterkloof, 0145.

Your speedy response is appreciated.

Registration is now open for the DENTASA AGM 2009!

We are putting together a stunning programme with something for every one and here are just some of the topics:

- "The Conundrum of the Congenitally Missing upper Lateral Incisor" Prof AGH McCollum
- "To BEE or not to BEE, that is the question"
- "All zirconias are the same: Fact or fallacy?" by Dr N Biseswar
- GC Porcelain by Mark Bladen
- "Into the future with Promise Indirect: " by Ronnie van Eeden
- "The Gold Licence Issue"

The keynote speaker on Saturday is Brandon Topham on "Business survival in changing times"

The Traders will also be sponsoring hands-on courses on Saturday afternoon.

Application has been made for a possible 10 CPD credits

Registration Fee

Members: R800

Members that are state technicians, academia and students: R500
Non-Members: R1600 (Hint: Join DENTASA now and save!)

For hotel rooms contact the Indaba Hotel at 011 840 6600 before 6 May.
Use group code 1220387.
Single room R900, twin /double R1100. (Bed and Breakfast)

Payment Banking Details: DENTASA ABSA Brooklyn
Branch Code: 630345 Account No: 1500 184 686
Kindly indicate surname and telephone number as reference.
Once we receive proof of payment the registration will be processed.
Fax registration form and proof of payment to 012 460 9481 before or on 22 May 2009.
NO LATE REGISTRATIONS.

You can register and pay **online** at www.dentasa.org.za

Do you want your province to host the AGM next year?

All the provinces can put in a bid at this year's AGM to be the host next year, come and support your province.

Continuing Professional Development is here. What is it?

Continuing professional development is the systematic maintenance, improvement and broadening of relevant knowledge and skills to enable a professional to successfully carry out his or her professional duties and responsibilities throughout his or her career.

What is the purpose of CPD?

The principal purpose of the Department of Health is to protect public safety by ensuring practitioner competence. This provides the Council with mechanisms to ensure that dental technicians are competent and fit to practice, not just at the point of registration, but on an ongoing basis. The issue of a registration certificate each year is no longer automatic upon receipt of payment. The Council must now be satisfied that dental technicians have maintained their competence and fitness before they are reregistering the technician to practise through the issue of the annual registration certificate. As such Council will be requiring all practising dental technicians to participate in continuing professional development (CPD) activities including peer contact with dental technicians and other dental professionals.

What is measurable CPD?

CPD may be classed as measurable if the participant is able to provide some form of external documentary verification of attendance or participation and the activity or the provider has been approved for measurable CPD purposes. This can take the form of an approved course / workshop or peer contact activity. Types of activities that may count as measurable CPD include:

- Postgraduate courses leading to a degree, diploma or certificate relevant to dental practice
- Scientific lectures, seminars, and other educational programme including the educational components of professional association and specialist

society meetings, together with conferences and events which are approved or provided by approved CPD or recertification providers or accredited educational providers

- Peer group learning activities, which are provided by, approved providers or has been approved by the relevant workforce board for measurable CPD purposes
- Hands on educational programmes.
- Interactive peer contact, study groups and similar activities with written aims and a structured programme of activities.
- Learning with verifiable outcomes using audio, video, CD ROM, Internet and other similar material.
- Preparation and publication of a scientific paper or similar publication in a refereed publication.
- Preparation and presentation of a scientific paper, Continuing Professional Development course or similar activity that has been approved as a verifiable Continuing Professional Development activity.

What is non-measurable CPD?

- Belonging to a professional body.
- National chairperson of a professional body.
- Chairperson of branch or vice chairperson of a national professional body.
- Office bearer at all levels of professional body excluding the national chairperson at any level other than a chair.
- Event/activity convener/coordinator at local level.
- Event/activity convener/coordinator at national level.
- Local advisory/liaison committee chairperson.
- Active advisory/liaison committee member (75% attendance).
- Chairperson of a QA review panel.
- Member of a QA review panel.
- Convener of an accredited related special interest group.
- Member of an accredited related interest group.
- Formal meeting re programming planning, reviewing and re-curriculation involving members of the profession and provider including meetings of the SADTC.

CPD Guidelines

More detail information will be available in the month to come. Please visit the DENTASA website to keep up to date.

The DENTASA Awards

The Dental Technology Association of South Africa annually recognizes individuals and companies who have made contributions to DENTASA and the dental laboratory profession. DENTASA members are invited to nominate a person, lecturer or company they believe deserved to be recognized by their colleagues.

Award winners will be selected by the DENTASA Awards Committee and invited to the DENTASA AGM, where they will be presented with their award during the Awards Presentation Dinner.

We are looking for nominations in the following categories:

Merit Award for Outstanding Achievement
Trader of the Year Award

Educator of the Year Award
Lifetime Membership Award

Email your nominations to agm@dentasa.org.za

Branch Meetings:

EC - 17 April
WC - 7 May
Free State - 23 May

Reminder: Member subscriptions are due now.

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