

Seventh CDA Triennial Meeting in South Africa

Oral Health and Oral Disability in the Elderly

The CDA is pleased to announce its 7th Triennial Meeting, to be held in Cape Town, South Africa, on Friday and Saturday November 2nd/3rd 2012. The meeting will be run in association with the South African Dental Association's Annual Congress, which will run from November 1st to 3rd 2012.

The event will consist of a workshop on a theme important to dentists and the dental team in Commonwealth countries, a debate about the CDA's new strategic direction in relation to changes in the delivery of the CDA's educational programme.

The CDA's business meeting will be on the Saturday afternoon and will include reports from Officers, the election and installation of Officers for 2012-14 and presentation of CDA Awards..

Workshop

The workshop theme this year will be *Oral Health and Oral Disability in the Elderly* which ties in with the overall theme of the SADA Congress, *Dental Dignity for All*.

Treatment of elderly patients, even in the developed world, brings its own special difficulties; in the less developed world there is an even more complex set of issues. This workshop will describe and discuss these issues and the methods dentistry can use to overcome them.

The will consist of a number of presentations from 3 experts in this field, notably the CDA's Vice President for the European region, Dr Sue Greening, who is a Consultant in Special Care Dentistry (Wales, UK) and Dr Tope Esan, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Dentistry, and a Consultant at the Teaching Hospital in Ile-Ife (Nigeria). The third speaker will be by webinar from the UK and will be confirmed over the next few weeks.

Future Strategy Considerations

CDA members will know that, since the last Triennial meeting, the Executive has been concerned about how the Association's work can be maintained and remain meaningful in times of financial constraint and diverse local needs. We are preparing an exciting new strategy for the way forward and are planning a debate about this with the membership at the meeting.

Business Meeting

The meeting will also include the triennial business meeting. This will see the election of officers for the next term, and a vote on proposed changes to the constitution, including a move from triennial to biennial meetings.

Cape Town

Vibrant, diverse, colourful and captivating are just some of the adjectives that describe this beautiful city. Set at the edge of the cold Atlantic Ocean, surrounded by the Cape Floral Kingdom (a World Heritage Site) and adorned with a world-renowned landmark, Table Mountain, Cape Town offers visitors and locals a multifaceted experience.

Cape Town is blessed to have South Africa's top six tourist attractions within one hour's drive from the city centre, the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, Table Mountain, Cape Point, the Cape Winelands, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens and Robben Island a short boat trip away.



Congress Venue - Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC)

Cape Town International Convention Centre successfully hosted approximately 2000 events in its first five operating years. These events include international conferences, national conferences, special events, exhibitions, trade fairs and banquets ranging between 10 and 12 000 delegates attending conferences and up to 50 000 visitors at consumer exhibitions.

Further Information

A full programme will be published in the next few weeks. For financial support please see below. For any other information please contact: Administrator@comdental.org

We hope that the CDA workshop as well as SADA's extensive programme will provide you with an attractive choice of educational activities and look forward to seeing you in Cape Town in November!

Financially supported participation

The CDA has received some sponsorship funding from the Commonwealth Foundation, to financially support a (limited) number of participants – dental professionals from Commonwealth countries other than South Africa.



We are able to offer:

- Reimbursement of air fares, to a maximum of £400
- Reimbursement of hotel charges (bed and breakfast only), to a maximum of £400
- Free registration for the meeting

We offer this reimbursement to equal numbers of males and females; this will be on a “first-come, first served” basis, but initially it will be limited to one person of each gender per country.

Applications must be made by sending an email **before July 31st 2012**, to CDA Treasurer Anthony Kravitz:

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