

d2DIMPLANTS and the 4th EUROTEKNIKA INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

The 4th Euroteknika International Congress was held in October of this year in Sallanches, France. d2DIMPLANTS, Euroteknika's sole distributor in the UK, were once again associated with this Bi-Annual International Congress. Clinical Director Dr Willie Jack and his wife, Sue, with fellow attendees John Lougher, Head of Sales and Marketing Director, and dentists Dr. Martyn Hayward from Peterborough, Dr. Ibrahim Husain from Doncaster and Dr. Sotirios Giannetopoulos from Sheffield joined over 100 other international dental practitioners in Sallanches for 3 days of lively hospitality at both Euroteknika and in Chamonix.

Located in the heart of the European centre for micro-mechanics, the brand new Euroteknika factory is attractively situated in the valley below Mont Blanc. Our hotel was handily placed in the nearby Chamonix, a picturesque town and popular ski destination.

The purpose of this conference was to engage in debate about the challenges and changes that face the dental profession and individual practitioners as implantology moves into mainstream dentistry. The congress started with an in depth tour of the manufacturing facilities where all delegates got familiarised with the industrial side of the implant production and witnessed in person Euroteknika's high quality control of all production steps.

The tour of the production facilities was followed with a day and a half of presentations from leading experts on topics ranging from implant treatment planning and management of complications, to vascular risk in oral implantology, sinus lift techniques and the minimum legal requirements for implantology. Key speakers included Pr Gabriele Salvatore (Italy), Dr Pierre Bravetti (France), Dr Willie Jack (UK) only to name a few.

Top of the agenda were some of the more controversial aspects of implant dentistry that continue to be discussed among dentists. There are still various techniques used on a day-to-day basis with different views between practitioners that need to be associated with the rapidly increasing legal requirements and regulations.

"The conference aims to bridge the gap between science and everyday clinical practice" said Allain Veillard, Managing Director of Euroteknika and added "for some dentists it will mean acquiring the latest advanced surgical techniques whereas their less experienced colleagues may wish to investigate implant training pathways with a view to integrating implantology into their practice".

There was also a range of other attractions including multiple parallel sessions with hands-on surgical & restorative implant classes. "It offers a great opportunity for UK implant dentists to attend an international event, experience in person all the stages in the production of the implant systems and exchange views with colleagues from all over the world" said Dr Hussain.

Finally, we had the opportunity to make the most of our extraordinary situation near Mont Blanc and take some time of our trip for sport and relaxation. Hiking, climbing, biking and golf are only a few of the available activities and when combined with the breathtaking views and Euroteknika's wonderful hospitality makes this trip simply unforgettable.