

A World Congress focussing on Geriatric Dentistry

Japan is the first country to experience a super-aging society... with all the attendant and incipient problems that brings.

The Japan Dental Association, in conjunction with the Japanese Association for Dental Science, the 8020 Promotion Foundation and the Japan Dental Trade Association will be presenting the Congress theme:

Dental care and oral health for healthy longevity in an aging society.

The congress will be held from **13 – 15 March 2015**.

The Tokyo International Forum will see co-sponsors, the World Health Organisation and the FDI collaborate with the Japan Dental Association, in a programme designed to contribute to effective policies on dental care for the aged.

These are problems all countries will face in time... being prepared in advance is obviously prudent and advisable.

*Registration has opened online on:
<http://www2.convention.co.jp/seikaigi2015/english.html>*

Achieving healthy longevity through dental care

Oral health care provision for improvement of QOL in the dependent elderly

A world where everyone can chew with their own teeth and enjoy eating throughout life

Cloud fantastic

What would you do when you looked up from your golf tee and saw this phenomenal formation? Of course, a picture! And that is what Jannes van Vuuren, an East London dentist did, using his cell phone. Algoa FM has featured the picture which apparently has stimulated a stir amongst those interested in the power and majesty of Nature.. and are we not all in awe when we see those clouds!



Source: AlgoaFM <http://www.algoafm.co.za/img/uploads/incredible%20EL%20picture.jpg>

Realisation of a Christmas wish

To warm the cockles of your hearts!

Michael Nel is autistic. His deep desire was that he could have "new teeth." Dr Mark Wertheimer activated the realisation of that wish through the 94.7 Christmas Wish campaign.... you will remember how the Association has supported that campaign under the initiatives of Mark. Professor Dale Howes and Dr Greg Boyes Varley coordinated to deliver on the wish... implants and extensive restorations were required.

A delighted and deeply grateful Michael wrote a joyful and moving letter which the JOURNAL is privileged to publish, with Michael's permission.

Dentistry can offer so much to make lives happy. We can all share in some of the reflected glory of our profession playing a great role in making wishes come true!

Dear Prof Dale Howes

I had to share this link¹ with you, as you were and are the only dental professional that took the time to help me. I asked my mom to write this little note as I myself are unable to do so.

Thank you again for all your time, patience, understanding and care. There are no real words that can express how grateful I am for my new teeth and making the quality of my life so much better. Not only functionally but also aesthetically.

I also want to thank Dr. Boyes-Varley who was willing and so professional to be able to place the implants in my, oh, so small jaws and nearly non-existing gums. And then also, last but certainly not least, all the staff at the Morningside Medi-Clinic who somehow, just "understood" me.

Thank you also for the lovely assistants at your rooms, who always receive me with their friendly faces and they make me feel as if I am important too, just like the "normal" people.

Thank you that you don't mind when I want to give you a hug, as there are other people out there that look at me funny when I want to hug them. They don't understand that this is the only way I can show my appreciation and that I want to make you feel special too....

To the people in the labs, that I never got to meet, but they still did so much for me. Thank you! You are all very special people. My mom keeps on telling me that God sent you all on our path, and I think she is right.

Blessings to you all. With so much appreciation,
Regards
Michael Nel

1. <http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/10/20/for-children-with-autism-opening-a-door-to-dental-care/?partner=rss&emc=rss>



Before



After

Erratum: A photographic confusion

It is with considerable embarrassment that we have recognised that in the report of the SASO Golden Anniversary published in the October issue of the JOURNAL, captions were incorrectly allocated to the pictures of two of the luminaries who lectured at that Celebration Congress. Sincere apologies are extended to Dr Jorge Faber and to Dr Dan Grauer for the error. Here are the pictures correctly identified.
W G Evans, Managing Editor.



Dr Jorge Faber, Editor in Chief,
Journal of The World Federation of
Orthodontists



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