

INNOVATIVE ENGINEER IMPROVES DENTAL PRACTICE!!

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More brilliant ideas from local inventors. Are you joining them at Innovention 2005? Hurry - deadline for entry is 13th May!

With a prize fund of £25,000 on offer, it's not surprising that new ideas are still rolling in for the INNOVENTION 2005 COMPETITION and EXHIBITION on 24th June in Winchester before the deadline for entries on the 13th May.

Colin Chandler, 76, is a prime example of local ingenuity. A former engineer, he was spending a well earned holiday with granddaughter, Lucy, a dentist, who lives and works in Spain. Although most of us would have grabbed the chance to relax and enjoy the sunshine, Colin was restless, so decided to accompany Lucy to work. What a stroke of luck!! "I had to don a mask and gown to go into the treatment room – I think her patients thought I was a dentist, too! It was whilst I was watching her performing dental implants that the idea struck me.

I could instantly see an alternative, simpler, cheaper and better method of doing it. I persuaded Lucy to try it, which she did, using a pig's jaw!" explained Colin.

The result was excellent and, inspired by his success Colin took his invention to the International Dental Show in Cologne in April. This major five-day event featured over 1,500 exhibiting companies from 48 countries and attracted over 75,000 trade visitors from 141 countries. "At the Fair I met with four different Company Executives, three of whom are taking my invention to their New Products Committees. It's very exciting – they have had to sign confidentiality agreements and I am currently applying for a patent. If you want to know any more about it, you'll have to visit the Innovention Exhibition to see it!" commented Colin.

Even if he doesn't win anything, the publicity and encouragement he has received from Wessex Innovation Service will undoubtedly play a major role in winning lucrative international contracts for his invention.

Ken Teal of Wessex Innovation Service, organisers of the Exhibition was full of praise for Colin's hard work and determination, and said "past Innovention participants have an excellent record for achieving their ambitions and Colin is well down the road to success. His invention has sparked interest in market leaders from Japan, China, Sweden, Switzerland, U.S.A. and more. Age is no barrier to inventors who, like Colin, are prepared to really get their teeth into their ideas".

If you are an inventor or innovator, based in Hampshire, Dorset or the Isle of Wight, then why not give the experts a chance to help your invention hit the market?

Innovention 2005 Competition and Exhibition takes place at INTEC, Winchester, Hampshire, England on Friday 24th June. Inventors and businesses wishing to enter should enter on line at www.sehea.co.uk menu item "Inventors & Innovators" or call Wessex Innovation Service on 023 9244 9449 or email their name, address and telephone number to sehea@sehea.co.uk.

The Competition closing date is Friday 13th May.

Companies wishing to sponsor the event, donate prizes or take a stand to promote their services for inventors should contact Ken Teal, Wessex Innovation Service, The Regional Business Centre, Harts Farm Way, Havant, PO9 1HR. Tel: +44 023 9244 9449 Fax: +44 023 9244 9555, e-mail: sehea@sehea.co.uk

The Exhibition will also be open to visitors who should check the web at www.sehea.co.uk for registration information.

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Editorial Notes

About INNOVENTION

Innovention 2005 is organised by The Wessex Innovation Service, a division of the South Hampshire Enterprise Agency. It provides a confidential advisory service for businesses and individuals seeking to commercialise their innovative ideas. It offers advice and guidance across a broad range of topics including planning a course of action, market assessment and research, feasibility, prototyping, production, economics, sources of finance and intellectual property protection.

These services are provided free of charge to people on benefits while others pay a small charge as a contribution towards the costs of providing the service.

Now in its 14th year, Innovention gives innovators and inventors a greater chance to commercialise their ideas through exposure to a selected audience and the opportunity to win valuable prizes of cash and services.

The Innovention 2005 Competition was launched in early March and offers a prize pool valued at more than £25,000. Entries are invited from businesses and lone inventors up to the closing date of 13th May 2005. Selected entries will be invited to exhibit at the Innovention 2005 Exhibition which is to be held at the Intech Centre, Winchester, on Friday 24th June 2005. Competition winners will be announced and presented with their prizes at the Exhibition.

Innovention 2005 is sponsored by InventThat.com, Rothman Pantall, University of Portsmouth, Blake Laphorn Linnell, Harbour Economic Development Forum, Business Link Wessex, Fareham Borough Council, IP Consult, Hampshire County Council, Basepoint Plc and HATRICs.

Further details including the competition entry form can be found on the web at www.sehea.co.uk menu item "Inventors & Innovators".

Photos. Photos of past winners, people and inventions are available on request.

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