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UDENTE: Demonstration of an Imaginative Online Teaching Project

Presented by Professor Patricia Reynolds

Abstract

IVIDENT is an award winning educational research project that aims to create a virtual dental school to provide the components of dental education through a flexible online environment. The IVIDENT project was conceived to maximise the accessibility to specialist teaching staff through high quality blended learning for all the dental team. The educational provider such as a School or organisation linked to IVIDENT accredits their own CPD and courses utilising quality assured IVIDENT components (eg tools, systems and e-library) that are seamlessly delivered to the user. As UDENTE the metaphor of an international airport will be proposed to show how aircraft (Institutions) land at the UDENTE terminal to refuel and collaborate in a secure environment. This seminar will introduce this imaginative project and demonstrate it in action. It will seek the views and input from Curtin University through the Centre of International Health.

When: Friday 24 September 2010
Time: Presentation 2.00-3.00 pm
Where: Health Sciences Boardroom 400:405
RSVP: 20 September to Natasha Forde n.forde@curtin.edu.au
Tea and coffee will be provided.

About the Presenter

Professor Patricia Reynolds BDS MBBS MAODE(Open) PhD FDSRCS(Eng) trained as a specialist Oral Surgeon and was appointed to a Chair in Dental Education in 2007 at King’s College London for her work in e-learning. Her current position is Director of the Centre of Flexible Learning in Dentistry at King’s College London which includes a successful portfolio of six Distance Learning Masters courses and large flexible learning and haptics (robotics) research projects.

Patricia was recognised by the Association of Dental Educators in Europe (ADEE) for excellence in dental education in 2005 and was a finalist in the Times Higher Education Awards for Innovation in Distance Learning in the same year. She was awarded a commendation by Medical Futures, UK, 2008 for the innovative project IVIDENT (International Virtual Dental School) now called UDENTE (Universal Dental E-learning) http://www.udente.org. She serves as an external examiner to the Open University UK and external advisor and Adjunct to Curtin University.