

News feature

An exciting appointment at the Eastman



Professor Andrew Eder boasts an illustrious career within dentistry which continues to shine following his appointment to the newly established chair of restorative dentistry and dental education at the UCL Eastman Dental Institute.

Following almost 20 years of experience in graduate dental education at the Eastman, he has now also been invited to further develop continuing education in medicine and related areas through his latest appointment as associate dean for continuing education at the UCL School of Life and Medical Sciences.

The school has been established following the amalgamation of the activity of the Faculty of Biomedical Sciences with the Faculty of Life Sciences. Professor Eder has been invited to scope current continuing education activity and simultaneously identify opportunities prior to further developing CPD in medical, surgical and related areas across the School. In conjunction with developing a highly trained support team, Professor Eder will continue in his primary management roles at the Eastman.

Andrew qualified from Kings in 1986 where he then spent two

years working first as a house officer in paediatric, orthodontic and restorative dentistry, and then as a part-time senior house officer in restorative dentistry, while also gaining experience in general dental practice. This was followed by a move to the Eastman Dental Institute in 1989 and a Masters in conservative dentistry. Following completion of his formal training, Professor Eder was invited to remain at the Eastman in a part-time capacity, first as lecturer and then as senior lecturer and associate specialist, while also spending time in specialist practice in central London.

Professor Eder's rise to the top of his profession has seen him as president of Alpha Omega, the Royal Society of Medicine's dental section, and his specialist society, the British Society for Restorative Dentistry. Faced with a new and challenging opportunity in 2002, Professor Eder was appointed director of UCL Eastman CPD, which is now nationally and internationally recognised for its structured and progressive approach to lifelong learning. The Eastman's CPD unit provides a comprehensive range of evidence-based educational activities to challenge and stimulate practitioners, specialists, consultants and all members of the dental team from qualification to retirement.

As an honorary consultant in restorative dentistry at the Eastman Dental Hospital and a specialist in restorative dentistry and prosthodontics, Professor Eder has actively maintained specialist clinical activity. In recognition of his extensive contribution to the development of lifelong learning, he was granted visiting chairs at both UCL and Middlesex Universities in 2003 and at the Tel Aviv University Dental School in 2008. Despite Professor Eder's significant responsibilities, he successfully divides his time equally between academic and clinical practice.

Commenting on his new appointment, Professor Eder said: 'My professional role encompasses four main areas. These are education, management, research and clinical, all of which I try to focus on and develop simultaneously. However, management is currently the biggest part of my role at the Eastman as both chair of the division of clinical education and also head of the CPD unit which has over 100 part-time staff contributing to the delivery of almost 300 courses annually and over 5,700 attendances last year.'

As a leading authority in his field, Andrew Eder is able to bring to his new posts a level of expertise and knowledge to benefit future generations of dental, medical, healthcare and allied professionals.