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**Winners of Young Dentist Endodontic Award 2012
announced at 10th Anniversary event**

The four winners of the Young Dentist Endodontic Award 2012 were announced at a party to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Harley Street Centre for Endodontics on the evening of 11 October 2012.

First place went to **Rahul Bose**, second place to **Luis Fernandez Escarabajal** and joint third place went to **Michael Taylor** and **Thomas Hickley**. Between them, they won £3,500 of prizes sponsored by Dentsply, QED and SybronEndo.

Dr Webber announced at the event that he planned to continue the award in 2013 and thanked Dentsply, QED and SybronEndo for their role in making the award so successful in 2012. In celebration of its 10th anniversary, the centre also launched its new website www.roottreatmentuk.com

Speaking at the event at the Royal Society of Medicine on October 11th, Julian Webber, who created the Young Dentist Endodontic Award, said: “The aim was to promote enthusiasm among dentists for endodontics and this had been amply demonstrated in the applications received. The quality of the entries was exceptionally high and some exhibited a level of professionalism you might expect from a specialist endodontist.”

The three judges were Julian Webber and Trevor Lamb of the Harley Street Centre for Endodontics and Professor Andrew Eder of UCL Eastman Dental Institute. Their criteria for the judging were the quality of:

- pre operative radiographs
- post operative radiographs
- the treatment
- the application

Said Dr Webber: "The decision-making was lengthy and difficult and Trevor and I were very grateful to our co-judge, Professor Andrew Eder, for his rigour and attention to detail."

All the cases submitted by the finalists were worthy winners, continued Dr Webber, but **Rahul Bose**, a graduate of Manchester University and an associate in Oxford and London, won first place by demonstrating his determination to master endodontics, a technique he used to dread when first in practice. "By his own admission," explained Dr Webber, "Rahul admitted to being initially fearful of endodontics with minimal exposure to the field at dental school. He was willing to use new techniques integrating best evidence with clinical knowledge and patient preference. He is now no longer fearful of tackling endodontic cases."

Professor Eder commented: "Having seen the quality of the entries submitted by recently qualified graduates, I am confident that the future of the dental profession here in the UK is bright both clinically and academically."

The first prize for the award is a A Dentsply Maillefer X Smart Plus WaveOne kit and the winner's case to be published in a leading UK journal, second prize a Morita Root ZX Apex Locator from Quality Endodontic Distributors (QED) and for each of the joint third winners a Vitality Scanner from SybronEndo.

Details on the other winners are as follows:

Luis Fernandez Escarabajal graduated from the university of Alfonso X in Madrid and is working as an associate in an NHS practice near Yeovil, Somerset and also undertaking an MSc in endodontics at the Eastman Dental Institute.

Dr Webber said of his entry: "This was a difficult case to manage with little radiographic evidence of any canals present. The case demonstrated exceptional clinical skills with both manual and visual dexterity. Luis had access to a dental operating microscope which he used to great effect."

Michael Taylor is a graduate of King's College London School of Medicine and Dentistry at Guy's, King's College and St Thomas' Hospital .and now works as an associate at two dental practices in Hertfordshire, doing NHS and private work, and he has recently started a postgraduate certificate in education so he can teach undergraduates.

Dr Webber said of his entry: "A very professional approach demonstrating maturity beyond his years and considerable skills in the use of a contemporary nickel titanium rotary file system. Michael successfully negotiated, shaped, cleaned and obturated severely curved canals in his lower molar case and from an endodontic standpoint the result was rather exceptional."

Thomas Hickley is currently in Australia and was unable to be part of the proceedings on October 11th His entry was an anterior tooth which needed treatment following dental trauma.

Dr Webber said: "Thomas was meticulous in his approach, his record keeping and subsequent documentation were most impressive."

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