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A GSDM  
Alumni Practice  
on the  
**cutting edge**  
in ITALY

Four of the youngest members of the Boston University Italian Alumni Association (BUIA) recently partnered to create a practice in Casalecchio di Reno, Italy just outside of Bologna called COBE Dental. COBE is comprised of the first letters of the last names of the four partners: Diego Capri PERIO 01; Giacomo Ori AEGD 02, PROS 05; Sherry Bloomfield ENDO 02; and Claire Eusebio DMD 04, AEGD 05. Diego, an Italian, and Sherry, a Canadian, are married to each other as are Claire, an American, and Giacomo, an Italian. The couples fell in love while students at Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine (GSDM) and all involved agree that their unique relationships are the basis for what will become a very successful and fulfilling practice.

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*Impressions* visited their newly opened office while in Italy to attend the BUIA 9th Annual Meeting (also covered in this edition). After a year of construction, they have created a warm and comforting space for their patients that's ultra modern and sleek. The entire office and much of the equipment was custom designed; the five operatories feature flat screen television and music. The office also boasts a private consultation room and a welcoming staff—including Diego's sister, who works reception. The partners note that one of the reasons they chose this particular location was the ease of access for patients and the availability of parking, which is very unusual in Bologna.

Over a delicious dinner in Bologna, the four recounted that neither Sherry nor Claire spoke Italian at all before deciding to follow their hearts and future husbands to Italy, though you certainly would not have known that to hear them! They are now fluent and treat Italian-speaking patients with ease.

In addition to the marital and alumni connections, COBE stands out in another important way—they offer general dentistry, periodontal treatment, endodontic treatment, and prosthodontic treatment in one location where the partners take a collaborative and holistic approach to treatment planning. In Italy, this type of cross-specialty office is rare.

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Another important distinction for COBE patients is that Capri is certified by the American Board of Periodontology and Ori is certified by the American Board of Prosthodontics, which is very unusual in Italy. Both Capri and Ori have also published multiple articles in international scientific journals and Capri is a Board member of BUIA.

In addition to her GSDM Endodontic credentials, Bloomfield received a degree in dentistry and prosthetic dentistry from the University of Padua in 2004. Bloomfield is a member of the American Association of Endodontics (AAE), the American Dental Association, the Massachusetts Dental Society, and Alpha Omega. Bloomfield has received numerous

awards for clinical and scientific merit from the AAE, the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, and the University of the Pacific.

Eusebio completed both the DMD and the AEGD programs at GSDM and is currently working toward Italian credentials at the University of Sienna School of Dental Medicine.

She returns to the United States regularly to treat patients on military bases.

The four partners vividly remember the passionate faculty at their Alma Mater and the avide variety of learning opportunities. Like their fellow alumni at the BUIA meeting, they also speak of the supportive and family-like environment.

COBE credits the standard of excellence and methodical training they received at GSDM as the reason they have been able to create a practice that always considers the patient holistically while developing a treatment plan, and reports that new patients are very pleased with COBE compared to their previous experiences. As a result, word of mouth is spreading and their patient base is steadily growing.

Every COBE partner attended the BUIA meeting and, time and again, when their fellow alumni learned that COBE would be featured in this publication, they were delighted and wished them the very best with their new practice. Friend and BUIA Board member Luca Landi sums up the collective sentiment well: "They are at the forefront of high quality, multispecialty oral health care in this country. They are the future of dental care in Italy, and it is a bright future indeed."



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