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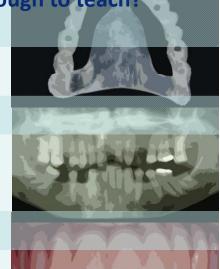
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Presidential Editorial

I must first say how delighted I am to be writing this editorial as the current President of our Society and I would like to thank you all for granting me this opportunity. In the time that I have been associated with the Society it has seen many changes and this is right and must continue as the world we live and work in changes. When I joined it was very much the "British Society..." and so Prosthodontics (Prosthetics) was seen very much from the historical British standpoint of "Removable Prosthodontics". The specialty of Prosthodontics is now seen much more realistically in the North American and European context of Fixed and Removable Prosthodontics and we have, and are, moving to reflect this new reality. Nevertheless, although this is manifest in our members and their specialist areas of interest (especially our younger colleagues) it is not necessarily the perception we have given to those outside our organisation, as you will see in Section 5 of this News Letter - "How Others See Us". Whilst I am delighted that we are seen by those in this survey as "The most friendly society" it is hard to be pleased by the perception of being the "least forwardlooking or least research-focused society". We have made great strides forward - but clearly there is still more to do in this area.



With change in mind – Council have looked to update the structure of our Conference in light of the feedback we have received from members and potential members – especially those in training and on limited training budgets. The Conference itself will be held on 2 days; Monday and Tuesday, with Council business and Heads of Department Meeting held before the conference starts. This will allow members to limit their time away from their workplace (and home) without missing parts of the conference, it will allow those attending the IADR meeting in Miami to also attend the BSSPD whilst not precluding those who wish to enjoy the delights of York over the weekend the chance to come early and make a long weekend of it!

Monday will be a structured programme with research presentations from international leaders in their field on the main conference theme of implant-supported prostheses (please see section 1 for further details).

The conference promises to be very exciting and popular this year and I would like to publically thank the members of Council who have worked with me to develop a theme for the conference which can be built on the following year under the presidency of Craig Barclay. Most of all though in this regard I would like to thank Linda Erickson and Mike Fenlon for doing the "real work" of organising the conference.

At this time last year Richard commented in this editorial that "change is often painful" and I think we can all have sympathy with that sentiment at times – but change can also be exciting and offer new beginnings – so let's grasp the opportunities this year in our private and professional lives – See you in York!!

Mark



Conference News:

56th BSSPD Annual Conference - York, 6th & 7th April 2009

The President and Council of BSSPD look forward to welcoming you to the 56th annual conference in the historic of York.

Once touted as the alternative capital of the kingdom, York today is England's first city of history and to walk its streets is to travel through time. You can trace York's history from the Roman settlement in AD71 through the Viking, Norman, Tudor, Georgian and Victorian eras. It is easy to understand why York was awarded the Europe Tourism City of the Year 2007-2008.

There are numerous attractions to visit or you can wander along peaceful pedestrianised cobbled streets steeped in medieval magic and lined with endless unique shops guaranteeing a fantastic shopping experience. Soak up York's compact historic centre, cosseted by ancient city walls. For further information on what York has to offer please visit www.visityork.org.

The conference itself will be held at the Hilton York which is located directly opposite Clifford's Fort, once the central stronghold of York Castle, and York Castle Museum. As outlined at last years conference the format of the meeting has changed this year in response to feedback from members. The Conference will this year be held on 2 days; Monday and Tuesday. Monday will be a fully structured programme with a main theme of implant-supported prostheses. We will be revisiting the precepts of the Montreal Consensus Conference in 2002. Our speakers include Professor Jocelyne Feine from Montreal, the leader of the 2002 McGill Consensus meeting and Associate Editor of the JDR,; Professor Ignace Naert from Leuven (both recipients of THE IADR Distinguished Scientist Awards for Prosthodontics), Professor Prof. Frauke Müller from Genève, Professor Guido Heydecke from Hamburg and Professor Paula Moynihan from

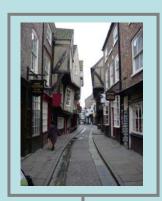
Newcastle together with support from other Society Members. The programme will allow us reflect on the progress that has been made since 2002 and hopefully develop our own UK Consensus. The day will round off with the Annual Conference Dinner.

The Tuesday programme will commence with the AGM followed by the Schottlander Prize presentations. Poster sessions (Schottlander Competition, clinical posters, and themed posters) will run in parallel with members presentations. The final session will have an education theme and in keeping with the conference will focus on the appropriateness of delivering training in implantology within the undergraduate curriculum.

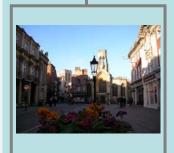
The meeting will close with the Presentation of Prizes and the Inauguration of the New President

The full programme can be found on the BSSPD web site including the Schottlander presentations.

There are so many places to visit that accompanying persons will have plenty of choice to occupy themselves during the presentations. The President and Council hope you will make an early booking for the conference and will arrive early to visit the huge range of attractions available. Many hotels offer week-end breaks and as the conference takes place on Monday/Tuesday this would be an ideal opportunity to have an enjoyable break beforehand.









55th Annual Conference 2008 Report:

The 55th Annual BSSPD conference was held in the week before Easter at the Thistle Hotel in Exeter. The conference itself was preceded by a partial denture symposium attended by local practitioners and technicians. Participants enjoyed informal lectures from Finbar Allen (Cork), Nick Jepson (Newcastle), Ken Hemmings and Cameron Malton (both London) followed by a series of workshops considering different aspects of design and provision of partial dentures, including an opportunity for delegates to bring along and discuss more challenging cases. The workshops were led by John Hobkirk, Richard Welfare, Ken Hemmings, Cameron Malton and Colin Clark all from London. A valuable learning experience was achieved for both delegates and presenters.

Professor Liz Kay of the Peninsular Dental School opened the conference on Sunday with a brief update of progress of the new school. Further highlights of the day included a joint presentation by Craig Barclay and Chris Butterworth on the management of prosthodontic rehabilitation of oral cancer patients following ablative surgery. Craig also used the conference as an opportunity to launch his online implant recognition website which must surely provide an invaluable resource for any clinicians struggling to identify unknown implant systems (see section X). The day finished with a civic reception by the Mayor of Exeter

Monday featured presentations for the Schottlander Oral and Poster Prizes and the Presidents Prize for the best case report. Rob Jagger & Andrew Juszczyk's interesting insight into the clinician—technician interface including the poor communication which still exists in many areas stimulated much thought, discussion and challenges especially for those involved in training. The conference dinner was concluded by Kevin Lewis after dinner speech and awarding of the Society prizes and awards, including this year the award of the Society's Gold Medal to Fraser McCord.

On the final day of the conference the President elect, Mark Thomason, spoke on "Implants in use" when he answered the conference question "Do we make a difference" but then asked "do we do enough?". Finally Francis Nohl gave a presentation on "Hypodontia care" and highlighted the costs of treating these patients and the inadequate payments that Trusts receive for the treatment.

During the conference Mrs Rosina Welfare entertained the accompanying persons with a walking tour of the city and a trip to Killerton House and Gardens.

Mr Richard Welfare, Immediate Past President





Annual Conference 2010:

The 2010 Annual BSSPD conference will be held from **Saturday 27th to Monday 29th March 2010.**

The conference will be held in the Stirling Management Centre, Stirling, Scotland with a theme on Dental Implants for the three days. The Saturday symposium will be held jointly with the Scottish branch of ADI and BOS and will be on dental implant maintenance and implant failure. Several national and international speakers have already confirmed including Patrick Palacci. The following two days will include national speakers talking on dental implants in cleft, hypodontia and head and neck oncology patients. I would encourage the dental implant theme for the few slots left for open papers. The poster demonstrations will therefore be for open papers that are non-implant based and traditional poster presentations. The Schottlander lecture and prizes will be available in the normal way. The symposium dinner on the Saturday evening will be held in Stirling castle and the BSSPD conference dinner will be on the Sunday this year.

It is hoped that a parallel session on the Saturday will be held for dental therapist. More information on this will follow.

A consensus meeting, by invite only, will be held on the Friday 26th March 2010, prior to the conference at the Glasgow Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons to try to develop national guidelines for dental implant maintenance.

We hope this meeting will have a lot to offer the dental team and would encourage as many people to notify general dental practitioners and their team of this meeting so they can put it in their diary.

Further details to follow.

Craig Barclay





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2008 Prize Winners:

BSSPD Gold Medal

The gold medal is awarded every three years to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the BSSPD and prosthetic dentistry generally. The 2008 award was made to Professor Fraser McCord of Glasgow Dental School.

Professor McCord (left) receiving his award from the President of the BSSPD, Mr Richard Welfare (right).

Schottlander Oral Communication

The award was made to James Field for the presentation "Perceived barriers of General Dental Practitioners in the North-East of England to the provision of implant supported overdentures"

Schottlander Poster Prize

The winner was Paul Hyde for the presentation "Pressure within impression; the effect of speed of approximation"

Paul Hyde (right) receiving his award from Dr. Brian Schottlander (left).

President's poster

The winner was Robert Crawford for the presentation "Maxillary dental implant reconstruction utilising porcelain fused to metal linked units cemented to a milled CAD-CAM Procera titanium framework"

Robert Crawford (left) receiving his award from the President of the BSSPD, Mr Richard Welfare (right).











Heraeus Kulzer Undergraduate Essay Prize

This prize is awarded to an undergraduate student who had to write an essay entitled "Do implants really make a difference for the completely edentulous patient?". The winner was Kathryn Bebb from Liverpool Dental School.

Kathryn Bebb (left) being presented with the prize by Anna Lees from Heraeus-Kulzer.



BSSPD Junior Staff Travel Fellowship

The winner of this year's award was Adrian Pace – Balzan who is an SpR at the Edinburgh Dental Institute. The award was used to fund an elective visit to the Mersyside Regional Head and Neck Cancer Centre

Adrian Pace-Balzan (left) receiving his award from the President of the BSSPD, Mr Richard Welfare (right).



BSSPD New Graduate Award

The assessors agreed to make the award to two applicants this year - Kushal Gadhia and Monder Zbaeda. Both came to the annual conference where they made presentations.

Kushal Gadhia (top left) receiving his award from the President of the BSSPD, Mr Richard Welfare (right).

Monder Zbaeda (bottom left) receiving his award from the President of the BSSPD, Mr Richard Welfare (right).



Coltene Student Bursary

The winner of this year's Coltene Student Bursary was Eamon Howard–Bowles from Cork Dental School. He will use the Bursary to support a study on the clinical performance of resin bonded bridgework.

BSSPD Research Award

The panel of judges recommended that the award be given to Anto Jose who works at Glasgow Dental School. The award will support a study into the treatment and prevention of Candida biofilms in denture stomatitis.





BSSPD Clinical Case Report Poster Prize

Mono-specialists and SpRs in training produce excellent portfolios of their patients' care which only ever sees the light at the RITA review and so are rarely shared with colleagues at large. GDPs and junior consultants also produce excellent and varied case presentations and these are also often not shared with the wide audience they deserve.

The BSSPD would like to stimulate the promulgation of this work to a wider audience at this year's BSSPD conference. This will be by means of poster presentations by the authors themselves. The closing date for expressions of interest in this prize is 9th January 2009.

The closing date for the following prizes is the 12th December 2008

Heraeus Kulzer- Undergraduate Essay Prize

The President's choice of essay title for this year is "Discuss the evidence for the social value of prosthodontics". The entry form must be returned to the Awards Administrator at least two weeks before the essay deadline. This prize is valued at £250. The Society would be grateful if members were to actively encourage undergraduates to enter.

Coltene Student Bursary

Coltene (UK) Ltd sponsor a bursary to assist undergraduate students with a study relevant to the field of Prosthetic Dentistry. The award is valued at £400. A certificate will be presented at the Society Conference following the period of study/travel and the award winner(s) will be encouraged to present a poster at the meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: In addition up to two other applicants will be considered for BSSPD Bursaries of £300 and £150.

BSSPD Travel Fellowship

Applications for the £1000 travel fellowship, for members of the Society who are Junior Staff, are encouraged.

BSSPD Research Award

The Society sponsor the award to encourage research into aspects of Prosthetic Dentistry. The award of £1000 is available to one winner per year who must be a current member of the Society.

The award will not be given to support travel to a meeting but should be used to support a research project with regards to the purchase of hardware or consumables.

The application should detail the exact nature of the research project and how the BSSPD funding will contribute to it. The winner of the award is required to present their results on completion to the society.



BSSPD Awards (cont.):

BSSPD New Graduate prize

This prize will be awarded annually to up to five new graduates (up to three years post-graduation) to attend the annual conference of the BSSPD with all expenses paid (including up to £50 for travel), and one year's free membership of the Society (at the discretion of the membership). Applicants should submit a short three to five hundred word account of their reasons for applying and its expected benefits

Schottlander Prizes

The BSSPD, in association with Schottlander, offer an annual prize for the advancement of knowledge in Prosthetic Dentistry. The prize will be awarded for a twenty-minute oral presentation delivered to the Annual Conference of the Society in 2009. A manuscript of the paper, submitted prior to the conference, will also be taken into consideration in the award of this prize. The Society gratefully acknowledges the generosity and continuing support of Dr. Brian Schottlander for this award which is set at £750.

Please note that Schottlander also provide a prize for the best Poster Display/Table Demonstration. This takes the form of a cash award for £150 for a single winner. If the judges recommend that the prize should be awarded to two posters, the cash award would be £100 each.

Prize winners will receive a certificate and will be invited to a dinner hosted by Schottlander in the autumn.

Undergraduate Student Elective award

The British Society for the Study of Prosthetic Dentistry, announces an elective prize for four undergraduate dental students on an annual basis. Each award would be to the value of £500. Applications would be considered to support an elective period of study related broadly to the field of Prosthetic Dentistry. The winners of the award would need to submit a report to the Society on completion of their elective and would be encouraged to present a report of their study, either as a communication, or a poster at the annual conference.

Potential applicants should note that the first two awards will be made from proposals submitted for the January deadline (Thursday 30th January 2009) and the remaining two from those submitted for the April deadline (Thursday 30th April 2009). This is to allow for the fact that the timings for elective studies are different across the dental schools. Applicants can only apply for one round and therefore should complete the appropriate form so it is clear for which date they wish to be considered. Further details are available in the regulations document.

Details, regulations and application forms for the BSSPD awards can be found on the website (http://www.bsspd.org).

All enquiries about the Society's awards should be addressed to: Dr B.J.J.Scott (BSSPD Awards Administrator), Unit of Restorative Dental Care and Clinical Dental Sciences, Dundee Dental Hospital and School, Park Place.

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National audit of the teaching of removable prosthodontics

In order to improve the teaching of removable prosthodontics, the BSSPD is committed to the development and delivery of training resources for those engaged in the training of undergraduate dental students. An audit of clinical confidence and confidence in the ability of teachers to deliver training was undertaken in order to inform this.

A questionnaire was designed and piloted at Newcastle University in October 2007. It was subsequently distributed to all prosthodontic teaching staff in UK through dissemination by the academic leads for prosthodontic training. Information on year of qualification, post-graduate training, and which stage of undergraduate course the respondent was involved with was gathered, along with whether their teaching was on specialist clinics or poly-clinics.

The questionnaire asked for a self-assessment of the respondents' confidence to perform various clinical aspects of prosthodontic provision and also their confidence in teaching that aspect.

To date responses have been received from 10 of the 14 UK dental schools (71.4%). Within individual schools response rate varied from 40.7% to 95% (where data available) and 157 individual responses with teaching experience ranging from 1 month to 27 years have been received.

76 respondents had concerns over some aspects of their skill/teaching base. The main findings are;

- •Where concerns existed over the respondents personal confidence in their skill base, these were mirrored in their confidence to teach that aspect.
- •There was little difference in the areas of concern expressed by GDP's, nonspecialist staff and specialists.
- •The main areas of concern were the use of surveyors and familiarity with contemporary knowledge.
- •Other frequently cited concerns were related to partial denture design, mouth preparation and evaluation of clinical and lab stages.
- •A desire for further training was clearly expressed.

It is hoped that the audit will continue to gain information from schools that have not yet taken part. Individual feedback will be formulated and given to participating dental schools in due course.

The intention is that BSSPD take this information forward and develop a UK wide training resource that can be delivered locally to improve the quality of prosthodontic training to undergraduates. The effect of this resource will be the subject of further audit.

Miss C Storey Dr J Ellis





How others see us:

The BSSPD council has been concerned to attract more members and particularly to increase the number of younger members. Earlier this year, council member Dominic Stewardson carried out a survey among younger dentists to find out how the BSSPD is viewed by them in comparison to the other restorative societies and what attracts them to join a specialist society. All the UK restorative specialist registrars and two groups of VDPs were sent a questionnaire to try to find the answers.

- •All but one SpR was a member of at least one restorative society or the BDA, while over half of the VDPs were BDA members but only two had joined a restorative society. Just under one third did not belong to any society.
- •An important driver towards joining a society for was personal preference. The SpRs were also influenced by interesting conferences while for VDPs, the cost of the society's subscription was the primary consideration.
- •For both groups, having a special interest in one area would attract individuals towards one or other society. SpRs were also attracted by the quality of conference programmes; VDPs by the opportunities for training.

There is a large number of VDPs and probably other young GDPs who could be attracted to the society providing the subscription fee were appropriate and we can offer training courses, perhaps at reduced rates for members.

The questionnaire also asked respondents to describe their image of each society choosing from a list of options. In the eyes of the SpRs, each restorative society was associated with different characteristics and qualities. However, BSSPD did not compare well with the other societies being seen as more old-fashioned, less forward-looking and having few young members. On the plus side, BSSPD was considered the most friendly and least exclusive of the societies. To the VDPs, the differences between the images of the societies were much smaller, but unfortunately BSSPD was still seen as the least forward-looking or research-focused society.

This small survey gives us some idea of how BSSPD is viewed by younger dentists and in what areas our image could be made more attractive to them. The results will be used to help inform the council's discussions on ways of improving the appeal of the society.

Dominic Stewardson



6 Implant Recognition System

Dental implants are becoming a favoured option in the replacement of single or multiple missing teeth. To facilitate recognition many manufacturers provide removable adhesive labels for each implant supplied that can simply be placed within the patient's record. However these are often lost and many patients are unaware of what implant system, far less which size, has been used. Furthermore, neglectful patient-information tracking from previous clinicians may cause additional difficulty in obtaining these system details. As a result, identifying implant systems presents a considerable challenge to clinicians, where valuable clinical time is dedicated to investigating patient history and securing implant-system identification (e.g. by making manufacturer enquiries, acquiring clinical expertise from colleagues, contacting the patient's previous clinicians). There now exists, however, a convenient internet database which facilitates the identification of implants quickly and effectively. This identification system can make the difference between hours of tedious investigation and research, and an efficient clinical appointment. The use of radiography to image the implant in situ is useful and may aid in determining the brand. This process is further complicated due to the multitude of variants currently, and previously, available.

The Implant Recognition System, IRS, is an internet delivered database designed to enable dentists to simplify the implant identification process. Based on an expert system the dentist is asked a series of questions. Following questions, the user is presented with the system, brand, contact details and, usually, an image and radiograph of the system as confirmation

. IRS contains a broad range of over 440 currently available implant systems and is constantly updated. For a nominal annual retention fee IRS can be accessed on: www.whichimplant.com.

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Nominations for Assistant Secretary and Council Members

The Hon Secretary's term of office is due to come to an end at the 2010 AGM. Nominations for the post of Assistant Hon Secretary (2009-2010) are sought. The Assistant secretary will automatically become the Secretary at the 2010 AGM and serve for a three year period. Anyone interested in being nominated for this role and requiring more information regarding what it entails is encouraged to contact the present Hon Secretary (Dr J. Ellis).

Two council members are due to retire at the AGM in April 2009: Dr Brendan Scott and Mr Martin Donachie. Nominations are sought for two new council members to serve from 2009-2012

Nomination forms for both Assistant Hon Secretary and council members are attached (see following page)or electronic versions can be obtained by email from the Hon Secretary. Nominations should be duly proposed and seconded by Society members and returned to the secretary with an indication that the nominee has been approached and is willing to stand.

The closing date for nominations is 12th December 2008.

Nominations for Honorary Membership

Nominations are normally considered at the November and April Council meetings. Any member who wishes to suggest another member for consideration should send a short (1 side A4) curriculum vitae to the Hon Secretary by Friday 12th December 2008.

Membership Information

Remember you can check your own subscription status at any time on the BSSPD website www.bsspd.org

Please continue to update your membership information on the members-only part of the website. This is important so that we can ensure we can keep in touch with you easily and that you are kept informed of any developments/issues.

If you have any queries regarding your subscription, wish to amend your banking details, or any questions at all in relation to receiving the European Journal please contact Linda at l.e.erickson@ncl.ac.uk and she will be happy to help.

Nomination Form for Election to BSSPD Council Name of Nominee: Name and Signature of Proposer (must be a BSSPD member): Name and Signature of Seconder (must be a BSSPD member):

The nominee is requested to provide an election statement of 200 words or less (for use in the event of a ballot being necessary):

I confirm my willingness to stand for election to the BSSPD council

Signature of Nominee

Date

Completed forms should be returned by 12th December to;

Dr Janice S Ellis Hon Secretary BSSPD Restorative Dentistry School of Dental Sciences Newcastle University Framlington Place Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 4BW

Nomination Form for Election to post of Assistant Hon Secretary BSSPD Council

Name of Nominee:
Name and Signature of Proposer (must be a BSSPD member):
Name and Signature of Seconder (must be a BSSPD member):
The nominee is requested to provide an election statement of 200 words or less (for use in the event of a ballot being necessary):
Please give an indication of any previous experience that may be of benefit to the post of Assistant Hon Secretary
I confirm my willingness to stand for election to the post of Assistant Hon Secretary to BSSPD council. I understand that this role will progress to Hon Secretary after one year.
Signature of Nominee
Date
Completed forms should be returned by 12 th December to;
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