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Welcome to York 2009; Presidential Editorial

As President of the BSSPD I am delighted, on behalf of Council, to invite you to York for the 56th Annual Conference of the Society – but before doing anything else - I would like to wish you a happy and successful 2009. It is difficult to pick up any publication at the moment and not be overwhelmed with tales of depression, downturns, economic crisis and impending doom. Well, whilst we can't turn our back on world events, I think we must do our part to avoid fuelling the downward spiral that our UK media seem to delight in. So join with my New Years Resolution –NO NEGATIVITY!! Share a positive thought with a friend!

And so to our first positive thought – The GDC have recently released their latest (Interim) Edition of “The First Five Years” and looks to be the first step in outlining a new approach by the GDC to interact with those delivering dental education. So why is this a positive thought I hear you asking – well how fortuitous that this new approach by the GDC is timed to coincide with the establishment of an Education Group within BSSPD!! Clearly any organisation that has the word “Study” in the title will be interested in education, and yes we have always had an interest in education. There has been a very positive drive from a substantial group of our members to develop the Education Group and there is a very positive view from Council that this group should be recognised within the BSSPD. This is a different approach than that for the group known as “Heads of Department”. This group has never been part of BSSPD but has traditionally met at the venue of the Annual Conference before the meeting. As Schools have moved towards being single department schools, then there are in reality no separate departments of prosthodontics and as a result no Heads of Departments. This HoD group has suggested that they dissolve themselves and become part of the Education Group.

And so to the Conference. This year, at the Conference in York the afternoon of the second day will have a 2 parallel sessions – one of posters and the other which will be a verbal presentation/discussion session which, in line with the theme of the Conference, will look at the delivery of implant teaching. The Education Groups have produced a strong programme, the details of which can be found later in this letter. The team delivering the programme will be strengthened by the participation of Professor Jocelyne Feine who will present an overview of the delivery of implant education in Schools in the USA and Canada.

So what about the rest of the conference? The programme is very exciting – as outlined in the last newsletter Day One will be a structured with research presentations from international leaders in their field on the main conference theme of implant-supported prostheses and following the AGM on Day Two there will be oral presentations, poster sessions and the parallel sessions outlined above in the afternoon. Day Two will be rounded off with the presentation of prizes and inauguration of the new President.

And yet more good news – Council members are getting younger!!!! - well at least the average age of Council is getting less!! It is a great time to welcome our new Council members and thank members of Council who have been serving the Society – details later in the newsletter

So welcome to 2009 – let us make it a great year for all members. More importantly let us make sure that we “Share a positive thought with a friend!”

Best wishes – see you in York

Mark





Do our patients get what they deserve?

Implants as a minimum standard of care

6th-7th April 2009

Hilton Hotel, York

Day 1



Registration 09:00

**Welcome by the
President
Professor Mark
Thomason**

AM Programme:

**So you think you know your
patients?
Dr Cath Exley (UK)**

**Chewing and choosing foods:
impact of oral health
Dr Paula Moynihan (UK)**

**Are they too old? Risks &
benefits of implants in elderly
adults
Professor Frauke Muller
(France)**

13:45 PM Programme:

**Back to the future! Looking back
at 25 years of implant-supported
mandibular over-dentures
Professor Ignace Naert (Belgium)**

**Edentulism: A unique disability
Professor Jocelyn Feine (Canada)**

**"They've given me my life back"
Dr Janice Ellis (UK)**

16:30

**Plenary. discussion
& consensus
Prof Mark Thomason**

17:00 Close

**19:30 Annual
Conference Dinner**



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Day 2



09:00

Annual General Meeting

10:00-11:00

Schottlander Oral Presentations

11:00-12:30

Poster Session

parallel session

11:30-12:30

Members' Presentations

13:45-16:30

**Educational Session:
Implant-supported
overdentures at
undergraduate level:
How should we
teach
it?**

parallel session

13:45-15:15

Clinical posters

16:30

**presentation of
Prizes and
inauguration of
new President**



2 BSSPD Education Group

For many years the Heads of Prosthodontics Departments have met immediately prior to the BSSPD Annual Conference to discuss issues pertaining to education and training. This group (whilst consisting largely of BSSPD members) has never been constitutionally affiliated to the BSSPD but rather used the opportunity of the conference to meet. In recent years it has become clear that the structure of the group needed to be revised, primarily because individual Departments of Prosthodontics, let alone Heads, simply do not exist within the vast majority of UK dental schools. Moreover the group recognises that their role in education is at the very heart of the BSSPD 's mission statement; "advancing education and research in prosthetic dentistry for the benefit of the public".

At the last meeting of Heads of Department group a decision was made to seek to establish an Education group within the BSSPD. In addition, Council has proposed that it would be useful to amend the Constitution so that from time to time groups relating to the work of BSSPD may be recognised within the Society. The establishment of an Education Group is strongly supported by Council. The principle of recognising such groups within the BSSPD will be put to the membership at the AGM.

In relation to the Education group the following is proposed;

Section 1 Purpose

The object of the education group shall be to promote excellence in, and discuss matters relating to, the effective delivery of education in fixed and removable prosthodontics.

Section 2 Meetings

Meetings will be held at the request of Council or at the discretion of the Officers of the group. The proceedings of such meetings will be reported to Council.

Section 3 Duties

The group is only empowered to act in the name of the Society and not on its own behalf. Matters identified as having relevance to the Society and its objectives should be made known to Council (see section 4).

Section 4 Membership

- i. All members of the society will be eligible to be members of the group.
- ii. Named individuals from each University where the teaching of fixed and removable prosthodontics is delivered to undergraduates and postgraduates will be identified for Council and act as conduits for the effective delivery of matters relating to education identified by Council.
- iii. Members of the group shall elect a Chair and an Honorary Secretary for one year whose names shall be reported to the Council. Officers are eligible for re-election but will not be allowed to hold office for more than three years. A nominee shall represent the group on the Council of the Society.

The council therefore propose to the membership that the following statement is added to the constitution;

"From time to time groups relating to the interests of the BSSPD may be established by its members. These may be endorsed by Council"

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One of the drivers for establishing an education group was the increasing number of members' presentations that have followed an educational theme. In recent times these have included subjects as wide ranging as the use of pod-casts and the training experience of undergraduates in various aspects of removable prosthodontics. Membership of the group will be free and open to any BSSPD member with an interest in education.

This year's conference programme reflects the importance that the Society places on education and training and includes a workshop that will explore the question of how we can best to deliver the teaching of implant supported overdentures at undergraduate level. This initiative is particularly timely given the recent publication of the GDC's interim curriculum document as outlined in the President's Editorial and gives the Society the opportunity to explore the feasibility of curriculum enhancement with a view to informing subsequent iterations of 'The First Five Years'.

This workshop is open to all members of the Society and is included as part of the Conference package. It is anticipated that the workshop will help to provide guidance on whether or not this teaching should be delivered, what would be expected as ideal clinical, technical and laboratory education and how a programme could be delivered. It is hoped that all those interested (however peripherally) in the delivery of such teaching will attend and participate to the full. Participants will be able to utilise the presented information to deliver an effective programme should they wish, and delegates attending the meeting will be provided with a summary of the proceedings after the meeting. It is hoped that if sufficient enthusiasm is shown that similar ventures will be entertained by a forward looking and dynamic society.

The programme: 7th April (Tuesday pm)

13:45 Introduction- the GDC and European position	Dr R McAndrew
14:00 Delivering (The Canadian approach)	Dr J Feine
14:20 Delivering (The Newcastle approach)	Dr J Ellis
14:40 Current situation (A UK perspective)	Dr C Lynch
15:00 Areas for consideration	Group work
15:15 Tea	
15:30 Areas for consideration	Group work
15:45 Group presentations	
16:10 Open forum	
16:30 Close	

3 Changes to Council:

Dr Brendan Scott and Mr Martin Donachie come to the end of their terms of office as members of BSSPD Council in April 2009. Brendan has given the society tremendous support during his time on Council in his role of Awards Administrator, whilst Martin has represented the BSSPD on the Council of the Association of Consultants and Specialists in Restorative Dentistry. As Martin moves on to become Secretary of the ACSRD we wish him well and thank both him and Brendan for their hard work and support.

Also leaving Council is Richard Welfare who as Immediate Past President comes to the end of his term of office. Richard has always endeavoured to engage Council in issues concerning our technician colleagues, and we must be mindful in his absence to continue to support our invaluable team members.

Replacing Brendon and Martin we have one new Council member (Julian Satterthwaite, Manchester) and one returning Council member (Nick Jepson, Newcastle), whilst Dean Barker (Aberdeen) will act as our representative on ACSRD.

Professor Damien Walmsley (Birmingham) will also join Council as our President Elect for 2010-2011.

Mr Amre Maglad, currently training in Newcastle, will attend Council as the SpR representative.

Finally, we are delighted to welcome on board Suresh Nayar as Assistant Secretary. Suresh will shadow the current Secretary for the next year and thereafter become the Honorary Secretary, when he will be supported by the current Secretary.



Nick Jepson



Julian Satterthwaite



Suresh Nayar



Dean Barker



Damien Walmsley



Amre Maglad

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How to register for conference & website news:

Registration for this year's conference is only available via the BSSPD website

www.bsspd.org

Payment is available on-line via our secure payment partner PayPal. Payment by cheque will also be available or alternatively by cheque to the Administrative Secretary.

Accommodation is NOT included in the registration fee and delegates will need to make their own arrangements for accommodation.

Favourable rates have been negotiated with the hotel. Details of this and alternative accommodation will be available through the BSSPD website.

Only members with a valid email address and password can access the members-only area. Members wanting to have their email address validated and access this area of the website should email the webmaster quoting their membership number, who will then validate their email address and issue password.

BSSPD Annual Conference 2010

The 57th Annual conference will take place in Stirling under the Presidency of Craig Barclay.

The dates for your diary are 27-29 March 2010

Other conference dates to remember;

The joint SRRDG and ACSRD annual conference will take place in Newcastle on 16th and 17th October 2009.

BSSPD council meets ahead of that meeting on the 15th.

Watch this space!

In keeping with many of our sister societies the Council are investigating the possibility of enlisting professional support to update and enhance our website. In reality the work load involved with this is more than be expected of a Council member also trying to hold down a full time job ! Please talk to any Council member or e-mail the Secretary or Administrative Secretary about changes or ideas you think would improve the website for members.

