Member Newsletter





President's Editorial

Peter Briggs

Time is flying and here we are in 2015.

My goals during my presidential year were to consolidate the very good things that the Society has been doing in recent years as we continue to modernise and look forward. To carry our focus in the new year and beyond and to build on our current strong position. One big aim is to reach out to younger practitioners and specialists as I see them as our long term future.

With this goal in mind our Council appointed Kushal Gadhia as chair of the new bsspd Young Practitioner Group. Many will have been exposed first hand to Kushal's organisational skills and vision at the recent London SRRDG / ACSRD conference - which most would agree was a big success. My hope is that the bsspd Young Practitioner Group will be a vibrant and successful part of bsspd. I have asked them to host the pre-conference meals drinks reception and entertainment on Friday 27th March. I know that Kushal and his colleagues have some interesting ideas for the future.

Both Kushal and AJ Ray-Chaudhuri (with support from others) organised the first bsspd MRD / ISFE revision course for both mono-specialty Prosthodontic and Restorative Dentistry trainees. It was hosted at the new dental hospital of Barts Health Trust (I would like to thank Phil Taylor on behalf of the Society for the use of their lovely new facility). Feedback from all on the day was very positive. I would like to put on record my thanks for all the bsspd examiners who gave up their time to come to London to help. I can confirm that, with only a little persuasion, all the attending delegates joined up as members of bsspd. The Society plans to run a similar day this year and it is hoped that bsspd will become



the established specialist society that provides revision help to these trainees.

I have just finalised arrangements for bsspd to be represented at the 2015 BDA conference and trade exhibition in Manchester on 7th, 8th & 9th May 2015. We will have a stand within the trade exhibition and also have been given the opportunity to provide two 1 hour 15min lectures to conference. This is a great opportunity for our society to connect to the broader dental family and show our relevance to all. James Owen is kindly leading this project with Kirstin Berridge. I know that they will be grateful to receive help from bsspd members on the stand.

The 2014/15 evening bsspd webinars have started successfully with Sophie Watkins on the 17th September and Phil Taylor on 30th October. As on the 26th October 2014 there were 85 delegates booked for Phil's webinar. This is great news and as our Council will know my goal is to see 100 or more society members log in to enjoy these live webinars. This year they are free to all bsspd members and £10 to non-members. The lecturers put in a huge amount of

preparation work that includes live polls, interactive case planning and discussion. Gareth Brock has now successfully taken over from Chris Butterworth (thanks Chris) as our webinar host with support from James Owen. So I encourage all bsspd members to make use of this free, high quality, flexible (live and recorded) education resource.

My 2015 conference gets nearer. You will find a draft programme within this Newsletter and hope that you will agree that the chosen speakers will provide education, interest, controversy and some fun. Please book onto the two parallel workshops as space is limited and they will fill up fast. I am planning to write up the conclusions and discussion points of the bsspd debate on the clinical implications to UK patients of the Minomata convention on dental amalgam for publication after the conference. We expect many young dentists at the conference who will be enjoying their first experience of our society. I have made great efforts to keep down the cost of the conference meal to ensure that it is well attended in 2015.

The Society continues to work hard on your behalf. Important areas include the Restorative Care Commissioning Guide Working Group - which is tasked with producing a national commissioning guide for three levels of complexity for: Prosthodontics, Endodontics, Periodontology and Restorative Dentistry. This is an excellent opportunity for commissioners to better understand Prosthodontics and understand better the complexity levels within our discipline. The peer review head and neck work continues. For the next year the presence of Restorative Dentistry will continue as part of H&N MDT validation. Lorna McCaul represents the Society on this important issue and is also working closely with other societies and UK groups.

You all will be aware of the re-branding of ACSRD to RD-UK under the leadership of Ulpee Darbar. There have been suggestions from many quarters of closer working relationships between this group and the specialist societies to increase the voice of Restorative Dentistry at this important time. The present view of our council is that the roles and functions of bsspd are very different to those of RD-UK. We are a not-for-profit learned society that delivers high quality CPD and education and we hopefully help drive-up both standards and the understanding of Prosthodontics and Maxillo-Facial Prosthodontics within the UK. We also support research, study. fellowships and the endeavours of dentists with an interest in prosthodontics in the UK and abroad. When asked, we provide comment and help to national bodies wanting our input on the issues that relate to prosthodontics and maxillo-facial prosthodontics. Therefore Council feels that the current system of a bsspd-nominated representative that sits on the RD-UK Council to allow good communication and working relationship between both groups is the best model at present. We do wish RD-UK every success for the future.

The Councils of both bsspd and bsrd have both agreed that it is sensible to run a joint educational day at the 2016 Pan Dental Conference in Birmingham on 11th & 12th November 2016. You will hear more about the exciting plans for this conference in future months.

Council has approved allocation of funds to improve and evolve our web site (bsspd. org). Hopefully you will all notice these changes in the coming months.

Finally I would like to thank all our Council members, our society secretary and society administrator for all their hard work over the last 6 months. I would like to welcome Neil Poyser,

BSSPD webinar series 2014-15

Attracting attendees from far and wide!



Interest from the 2013-14 BSSPD webinars continues to grow with the latest series covering dates from Sept 2014 to April 2015.

A broad range of prosthodontic themes from occlusal concepts to multidisciplinary care for oncology patients is timetabled, with initial webinars in this latest series attracting up to 100 attendees from as far afield as North America and the Middle East.

The interactive webinar format has included audience participation polls and the 'gotowebinar' software allows attendees to ask questions either 'live' to the presenter or in a written format via the webinar host as the evening progresses. Webinars can be viewed on PCs, Macs and mobile devices*.

The 2013-14 webinars are available 'on demand' via the BSSPD website and the 2014-15 series will be available shortly.

* Mac desktop computers require OS® X 10.7 (Lion®) or newer; iOS 7 or newer is suitable for other Apple portable devices. Android 4.0 or higher is also suitable. There is a free 'gotomeeting' app available from the Google Play store or Apple app store. All Windows operating systems from XP or newer are compatible.

Future webinars

15 January 2015
The Prosthodontic-Periodontal interface

25 February 2015 Restorative dentistry – caring for the cancer patient

23 March 2015
The clinical and practical implications of the endodontic/prosthodontic interface

23 April 2015
What I have learnt from patients that
I have treated through in my career

Comments or suggestions?

My thanks go to all those involved, from the presenters to the attendees for the lively debate that has followed each of the lecture components. Please feel free to email me at garethbrock37@googlemail.com if you would like to see modifications to the format or have ideas for future webinar themes.

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who has joined council with a view of taking over from our Hon Treasurer, Mike Fenlon.

It is an exciting time for BSSPD and I will be very upset if I do not see most of you both 'logged-on' at our Webinars and also in the flesh at our Conference on Friday March 27th and Saturday 28th 2015 at the British Library, London.

Many thanks,

Peter Briggs, President BSSPD

News Bites

By Derek Moore

Head and neck Oncology Course

Morriston Hospital in Swansea hosted the Head and Neck Oncology Oral Rehabilitation course from the 8th- 10th of October this year. A number of BSSPD members attended the course as well as presenting on it. It is the 6th year that Morrison Hospital has run the course which continues to be very popular with StR's and prosthodontic MSc students from all over the UK. The two and a half day course covers many aspects of dental rehabilitation following resective surgery as well as looking at a surgical and chemoradiotherapy treatment options and effects. The course is already fully subscribed for 2015. James Owens

Webinar series

Continued thanks go to Gareth Brock for organising and chairing the webinars. They are going from strength to strength. The first 3 in the series have been very well received and we all look forward to the remaining features in the New Year.

BDA Conference May 2015

Breaking news! BSSPD have confirmed their presence at the BDA Dental Showcase in Manchester from the 7th-9th of May 2015. BSSPD will be hosting two sessions on the Friday afternoon and the Saturday morning as well as having a stand present at the show. The Friday afternoon session will be run by the Young Dentist Group with Kushal Gadhia and one other speaker yet to be confirmed while the Saturday morning session will feature current President Peter Briggs and future President Julian

Satterthwaite. The sessions will cover a range of prosthodontic 'hot –topics' and promises to be an entertaining and informative event so be sure to add it to your diary! *James Owens*

Manchester 2016

I have been informed by Professor Satterthwaite that plans for the 2016 bsspd Conference in Manchester are well advanced. The provisional dates are Friday 18th & Saturday 19th March 2016.

The theme for the conference will be 'Progress & Precision in Prosthodontics', with the aim being to show how advances in technology and greater understanding of disease processes mirror a background and history of precision work. Topics to be covered will include prosthodontics planning, digital scanning and milling, attachments and copings, and oro-facial prostheses.

The speakers have been confirmed and a number of excellent venues provisionally booked, with the final decision on the host site to be confirmed early in 2015. Watch this space!

Signing off...

It has now been 3 years since I took over the Editor role for the newsletter (see feature). I hope you have enjoyed the articles. I now sign off with our biggest issue ever. Thanks to all who contributed and all who helped along the way. Best of luck to whoever comes along next. *Derek Moore*

Awards and achievements

Congratulations

Annual Conference of the Association for Dental Education in Europe



At the recent Association for Dental Education in Europe (ADEE) Annual Conference in Riga, Latvia, two BSSPD members were recognised with 'Excellence in Dental Education' Awards. From applications from all over Europe, two awards were made in the 'Early Career' category (less than 8 years' experience in dental education), of which one went to Mr Upen Patel (Birmingham).



Three awards were made in the 'Mature (Senior)' category, of which one went to Dr Chris Lynch (Cardiff). The aim of these awards is to provide international recognition of excellence in dental

education to individuals who have not yet achieved the rank of 'Professor'. Further information on these awards is available from the ADEE website (www.adee.org)

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Professor Craig Barclay

Craig is well known to the Society as past President from 2009-10. In June last year, The University of Manchester promoted Craig to an honorary clinical chair from Manchester Academic Health Sciences in



recognition of his clinical and research work at the University of Manchester Dental Hospital. This is the first time such an honour has been given to a dentist within the Manchester health care arena. Very well done.

Professor Damien Walmsley

Professor Damien Walmsley delivered a keynote lecture at the 38th Prosthetics Dentistry Teachers College held in Lyon, Faculty of Dentistry September 2014. Details of the conference may be found at the CNEPO website (http://www.cnepo.fr/congres/).

In France Prosthetic dentistry encompasses Fixed and Removable Prosthetic Dentistry which is a large component of the undergraduate course. The CPENO conference brings together all the teachers across France and the topics included Prosthetic Teaching in Birmingham UK and Turin, Italy, the use of simulators in preclinical dentistry and



the growing concerns of legal challenges in dentistry. The society has a substantial number of young teachers and the poster session was well attended with generous prizes supported by local and national sponsors. Prof Walmsley gave an overview of prosthetic teaching in the UK with a particular emphasis on the use of information technology. The conference included a Gala evening held as part of a river cruise on the Rhone river. Overall the conference proved to be a useful exchange of views and ideas which will lead to future collaborations. (The picture shows Prof Walmsley with prosthetic teachers from France and Italy.)

BSSPD member is awarded the Senior Clinical Unilever Hatton Prize

Dr Paul Hyde from Leeds University has been awarded the Senior Clinical Unilever-Hatton prize from the International Association of Dental Research (IADR).

The Hatton prize of IADR is an international competition given to a researcher who is within 2 years of a postgraduate degree. Paul won the UK Colgate prize of BSODR

in 2013 (see report in BSSPD newsletter) and was selected by the UK division of IADR to represent UK at the IADR conference in Cape Town 2014, winning the prize against international competition.

In accepting the award Paul acknowledged and thanked his research team and said "Leeds is a great place to do clinical research with internationally rated trial management and statistical support from the Leeds Clinical Trials Unit (CTRU) and the world class facilities of the Dental Translational Clinical Research Unit (DenTCRU)."

Dr Gerry McKenna

Dr Gerry McKenna was last year's Prize winner of the prestigious British Society of Prosthodontics, Schottlander Oral Prize.



The presentation of prize and certificate took place at a dinner held at the Royal Society of Medicine in London in the presence of Dr Brendan Scott, Immediate Past President, Dr Peter Briggs, President and other BSSPD Council members and Assessors. Also attending on behalf of the Company were Brian Schottlander and Carolyn Ansell.

Gerry's paper was entitled "Tooth replacement for partially dentate older

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A day in the life

Derek Moore, BSSPD newsletter editor

As part of the changes that have been introduced over the last several issues, I thought we would add a "day in the life" insight into some of the roles and jobs that members of the Society carry out.

This is my last edition as editor (and given there were no other volunteers) here are some reflections into my role of as Editor. I hope going forward we might spotlight some of the other jobs within Council, or perhaps even profile other interesting aspects of "dental life " of the membership or wider contributors such as lecturers and presenters to courses and conferences. That is however for another day and another editor

How did you become editor? I was delighted to be elected to Council almost 3 years ago. It is now customary that everyone on Council has a least one specific role to play. Newsletter Editor was free and I sort of volunteered – no one else put their hand up and sitting at the end of the table at my first meeting, all eyes turned in my direction. Before you know it I start to nod in agreement and hey presto you have a new responsibility.

What is your day job? I spend most of my week as Consultant in Restorative

Dentistry at Royal Blackburn Hospital. The work is varied, but predominantly part of a Multidisciplinary team, with a large focus on head and neck oncology. This aspect is very rewarding, but can be very difficult, as you have to deal with patients who are going through very traumatic, life changing times, and whilst many do very well, some patients do not. It effects everyone in the team when patients who you have gotten to know and helped through their treatment don't always make a full and long term recovery.

It isn't all such intense work and there are lots of other opportunities to help very many other groups of patients. My main interest is Prosthodontics (no real surprise) and this work ranges from hypodontia treatment, to difficult removable dentures and all aspects in between. Generally it is enjoyable and challenging work.

Four days a week however is quite enough and Fridays after all, are designed for playing golf.

What does being Editor entail? It is not so difficult or onerous a task, and not difficult to fit in with everything else that being a busy single handed consultant brings. Things only really get busy with

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patients: a cost effectiveness analysis" and carefully analysed the cost effectiveness of the RPD and SDA concepts and their application in the treatment of older patients. His co-authors were Professor Finbarr Allen, Dr Noel Woods and Dr Michael Cronin from University College

Cork. In making the presentation Brian Schottlander said "Dr McKenna has come up with a clear conclusion from his work and it is good to learn that the evidence from it will be influential in making decisions about the preferred treatment options for this age group".

about a month to deadline. In between issues there is very little to do. Some members send articles as and when they are minded or some significant event they think newsworthy happens. Sometimes articles held over from previous editions filter in. Two months before publication a call goes out for articles. A more directed email goes to Council members, as they still tend to provide most copy. Thankfully this is now changing and more and more is coming in from the membership which is great and something I hope continues going forward.

The final month can get a bit more involved. I start to chase articles which have been promised. I put my thoughts together regarding page layout and the guys at 2020 change things to best fit! All done very amicably.

Proof reading is done several times over the final week to deadline. Once I think we are ready and happy, I pass the "finished" newsletter to the current and immediate past Presidents to check for content, grammatical errors and omissions. Finally we publish.

Best part of being Editor? I have enjoyed the interaction with the wider membership. It is great to be the first person to hear about awards, achievements etc, and to read the pride, happiness and sense of achievement with their successes in which people present their articles. It has also been a privilege to be on Council and to work generally for the benefit of the Society. Doing this role also allows me greater insight into a lot more of what goes on behind the scenes of dentistry in general in the UK and it has been professionally beneficial.

As you leave the role of editor, do you feel you have made a difference to the Newsletter? When I took over. Prof. Julian Satterthwaite was Editor and Reza Roudsari an StR at Manchester University Dental Hospital compiled the publication. They also had great support from our administration manager Kirstin. What they achieved, essentially as home publishing, was excellent, given they had no professional input. Reza continued to help me for the first couple of editions and without his help, I am sure I would have floundered. As things grew and new ideas came forward it became increasingly more difficult to do this unsupported. Reza had to withdraw his help, as his clinical and academic commitments increased. but with much appreciation from myself and the Society. We linked up with 2020 Design in Liverpool around 2 years ago. We now have professional designers with years of experience and I think the results speak for themselves. I am delighted with the progression the publication has made.

I am equally delighted that despite some reticence in the beginning more and more of the membership are now sending news and articles. It was always my aim to have the society Newsletter for and about the Society membership. Not just news and views from Council. I think we are getting there and I would hope this trend continues going forward.

I hope I have left the newsletter better than when I started (you as the readers are the judge of that, not me) and given the new editor a platform to build on.

BSSPD In-Training Award

Joe Vere

This is my report detailing my visit to the Institute for Reconstructive Sciences in Medicine (iRSM) in Edmonton, Canada over 4 weeks in May and June 2014. I am extremely grateful to the BSSPD for the financial support that they gave, by way of the "In-Training Award Scheme" which enabled me to visit this prestigious institute.

The iRSM is an internationally recognised centre where patients with head and neck cancer, trauma and congenital abnormalities are rehabilitated by a multidisciplinary team

comprising head and neck surgeons, maxillofacial prosthodontists, anaplastologists, audiologists, speech and language therapists, industrial designers and support staff.

I spent most of my visit with the 3 maxillofacial prosthodontists, Drs Johan Wolfaardt, Martin Osswald and Suresh Nayar (Figure 1). I am extremely grateful to the three of them as they allowed me to watch them work, actively involved in

departmental activities and spent hours discussing various topics with me. I was able to attend the weekly Northern Alberta Multidisciplinary Tumour Board meetings, journal clubs, operational meetings and theatre lists. I was also able to spend time with all of the other members of the team. All were very friendly and willing to answer any of my questions. I was extremely impressed by the quality of work and amount of research that was undertaken by the team.

The philosophy at iRSM is to rehabilitate all patients following head and neck cancer with implant supported prostheses where this will result in functional, aesthetic or psychological benefit. Patients usually receive hyperbaric oxygen prior to the placement of implants in irradiated bone. The maxillofacial prosthodontists acknowledged that the evidence supporting the use of hyperbaric oxygen was equivocal. However, they reported very low incidences of osteoradionecrosis and implant failure. There were hyperbaric oxygen chambers on-site and I was able to visit this facility.



Figure 1: Joe Vere and Martin Osswald, Maxillofacial Prosthodontist, iRSM

I observed that the maxillofacial prosthodontists worked very closely with the speech and language therapists. All patients had a functional speech and swallowing assessment prior to treatment and 1, 6 and 12 months following treatment. A vast amount of information was collected at each of these appointments. A variety of different techniques including nasopharyngoscopy,

videofluroscopy and aeromechanical studies were used to guide surgery and oral rehabilitation.

I spent a significant amount of time with the surgical design and simulation staff in the Medical Modelling Research Laboratory where the surgical and prosthodontic rehabilitation of head and neck cancer patients was digitally planned. iRSM has, over the past five years, initiated a Master of Science program to educate and train individuals in surgical design and simulation.

Candidates for this unique program typically come from industrial design and through the program are provided with education and training to equip them to function in a clinical

and research team that requires use of advanced digital technology to design and conduct surgery. iRSM are currently pioneering the Alberta Reconstruction Technique (ART) where implants are placed in the fibula immediately before it is harvested. The ART technique differs from the Rohner technique because it is a single surgical procedure that can be readily used in patients with malignant tumours.

In the ART procedure, CT images of the fibula and CT or CBCT images of craniofacial structures are

digitally manipulated to ensure that the fibula is ideally placed to facilitate prosthodontic rehabilitation. Once this has been verified by the surgeon and maxillofacial prosthodontist, cutting guides, drill guides, positioners and custom fixators are designed and prototyped for guided surgery. iRSM had only performed 20 ART procedures at the time of my visit. However, I was extremely fortunate as I was able to observe the planning and surgery for both a maxillectomy and a segmental mandibulectomy during my 4 weeks (Figure 2).

Once implants have been placed using the ART procedure patients are usually irradiated and the implants remain unloaded for 8-12 months. I was able to see some of the earlier ART patients during and after prosthodontic rehabilitation during my visit. The planning, surgery and implant placement in these patients was so precise that all of these patients could have been rehabilitated with fixed screw retained

prostheses constructed at the fixture head level.

Extra-oral prostheses planned by the maxillofacial prosthodontists were constructed by the anaplastologists. These prostheses were usually implant retained. Anatomical detail was recorded using a 3dMD surface imaging system which often obviated the need for a conventional impression, Extraoral prostheses were subsequently digitally designed using any contralateral structures

to guide surface form. These prostheses were then 3D printed and indexed so that a wax try-in could be constructed. This wax try-in could then be sculpted and finished conventionally. It was clear that the digital pathway for facial prosthetic care was continually evolving at iRSM.

Although the anaplastologists constructed the extra-oral prostheses the prosthodontists were responsible for the maintenance of the percutaneous skin response. I learned about assessment and classification of the skin response as well as the continuing care requirements of extraoral implants. I was able to observe the use of a CO2 laser to excise hyperplastic soft tissue associated with an osseointegrated



Figure 2: Fibula free flap following implant placement and osteotomy. The occlusal transfer template ensures that the fibula is placed in the correct spatial position.

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Confronting the Grey Areas

BSSPD Annual Conference 2015 in London 27th & 28th March 2015, British Library



'Grey' areas...

The speakers at the 2015 conference will concentrate on flushing out he arguments in some of the 'grey' areas of Prosthodontics. It is hoped that delegates will be informed, entertained and challenged in equal measure. The speaker line up should not be missed and the conference will include a debate on the phase down of dental amalgam.

Full details and bookings at www.bsspd.org

Speakers:

- Liz Jones (Postgraduate Dental Dean, London Dental Education and Training, Health Education England)
- Professor Daniel Edelhoff (Germany)
- Professor Paul Tipton (UK)
- Jimmv Makdissi (UK)
- Shakeel Shahdad (UK)
- Phil Taylor (UK)
- Professor Trevor Burke (UK)
- Ken Hemmings (UK)
- Richard Porter (UK)
- Neil Poyser (UK)
- Professor Dominic O'Sullivan (UK)

Special Guest and Conference Dinner Speaker - Dr Phil Hammond (doctor, comedian and commentator on the NHS)

Phil is well-placed to provide an insightful after dinner speech - which should entertain and educate in equal meassure.



Optional Parallel Sessions:

There will be optional parallel sessions on Saturday 28th March 2015. Limited spaces are available must be booked separately at the cost of £30 per person.

Parallel Session 1

Multi-Disciplinary-Care (MDT) clinical workshop – Restorative MDT Cases from Nottingham – diagnosis, planning and treatment

Led by Neil Poyser Consultant and Specialist practitioner & team

Parallel Session 2

Treatment Planning - Panel Case Discussion

Led by Kushal Gadhia, Consultant in Restorative Dentistry and Chair of young BSSPD Practitioners with panel team

Some of the 'grey' areas the conference will cover...

Loss of Amalgam
to the UK - 'Phase
down' of amalgam:
A Society Debate
on the Implications
of the Minamata
Convention on
mercury to Dental
Amalgam - Should
we and our patients be
worried?



Is the UK dentistry ready for the planned phase-down and eventual 'banning' of dental amalgam? Are the bsspd concerned about this and are there still some clinical circumstances where dental amalgam is likely to perform better than the alternatives. The society will debate both sides of the argument which in turn will allow us to produce and publish a position paper. Phil Taylor, from Barts Health Trusts and QMUL, will outline the case for continuing use of amalgam and Trevor Burke, from University of Birmingham, will argue the alternatives. Conference delegates will be encouraged to contribute to the debate and vote on management strategies for different clinical circumstances.

Ceramics, CAD CAM technology & digital clinical scanning - Is CAD/CAM Technology and all-ceramic restorations the answer to all of our problems?



intra and extra coronal restorations, with traditional impression techniques? The society is delighted that Daniel Edelhoff from Munich, Germany has agreed to share his views and experiences on this important subject. His Dental Institute and students have the choice of several systems. He is a world renowned expert on digital CAD CAM technology and associated tooth preparation. He will also demonstrate the use of this technology for the minimal restoration of patients with tooth wear.

Implants and Periodontal patients - When are periodontal patients ready for dental implants?



With increased of evidence

highlighting the growing problem of peri-implantitis now seems a good time to clarify the timings and needs of patients who want teeth, that are lost because of periodontitis - replaced with dental implants. Dominic O'Sullivan from Bristol University will provide conference with his views on this controversial subject area with delegates able to take away sensible and practical advice.

Are people 'stuck-in-thepast' who still use conventional indirect

Confronting the Grey Areas

Continued...

Cracked Teeth - What is best treatment option for vital and non-vital cracked / fractured teeth?

Most accept that cracked and fractured teeth are becoming more and more common. There are many approaches recommended for this problem. Richard Porter will discuss these issues from a clinical viewpoint and offer advice for conference delegates on what is the best way forward to manage this difficult clinical problem.



Who better to talk about this topic than the renowned private Prosthodontic

practitioner and postgraduate teacher Professor Paul Tipton. Paul has been asked to "tease out" the Grey areas of Occlusion and explain his approach to this controversial subject. It is the first time Paul has spoken for bsspd – so not to be missed.

Dento-Legal challenges for prosthodontics.

The UK is now the riskiest country in the world in which to practice prosthodontic dentistry. Kevin Lewis,



Director of Dental Protection Limited, has kindly agreed to address our 2015 conference on this important and difficult subject. He will explain the reasons for the increased risk to both NHS and private practitioners and suggest strategies to control this risk. He will look into the future and explain how the defence agencies are planning to cope with this trend in the future.

Adhesive or Conventional Dentistry for the restoration of broken down or worn teeth – which is best and why?



Ken Hemmings, a well-known Consultant and Specialist practitioner will present his personal views on the options of direct / indirect adhesive dentistry or conventional restorative techniques when restoring broken down and worn teeth. Ken has published widely in this area and will outline the factors that he looks for when considering both options. The presentation will be practical and informative with take home advice for clinicians of all levels of experience.

The Grey Areas of 3D Scanning and Dento-Facial Imaging in Prosthodontics

Who better than Jimmy Makdissi to take us through this dilemma. How often

and for what cases should we be using 3D scanning in 2015? How do we best balance the risk to the patient of using CBCTs in Prosthodontics? Are we at risk of hiding behind technology? Where are the clear indications and benefits compared to conventional imaging techniques?

Managing Complex Prosthodontic Problems and Failure - some clinical tips

Shakeel Shahdad, a well know Consultant at BHT and private practitioner will



discuss his approach to managing complex failing / failed conventional and implant prosthodontic cases. We all understand that the need to be able to manage these problems will grow as the current middle aged population grows older. We look forward to hearing sensible advice about this problem from an expert such as Shakeel who balances his time between the hospital and general practice environment.

Schottlander Oral Presentation and Poster Prizes

BSSPD welcomes posters and oral research presentations from all practitioners. These will be judged and prizes for the best poster and presentations awarded.

BSSPD Conference Trade Exhibition

There will be a trade exhibition to accompany the two days of the Conference at the British Library Conference Centre on 27th and 28th March 2015

Full details and bookings at www.bsspd.org

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bone conduction hearing aid. The maintenance of extra-oral implants is an avenue that I plan to explore in the future.

I had a fantastic time at iRSM. It was very interesting to observe the rehabilitation of patients with complex craniofacial defects in a Canadian healthcare setting and I learned a great deal which I now hope to implement in the UK. I made some good friends and now have the opportunity

to undertake international research with this group. Finally, I would like to thank Dr Johan Wolfaardt for arranging my visit and the BSSPD for the support that they gave me. Finally I would like to thank all our Council members, our society secretary and society administrator for all their hard work over the last 6 months. I would like to welcome Neil Poyser, who has joined council with a view of taking over from our Hon Treasurer. Mike Fenlon.

A Trip to Peru by Chris Allan

Our Members Charity Work



The Vine Trust (www.vinetrust.org), a charity based in Edinburgh, has been sending medical, dental and other volunteers to Peru for over 10 years.

Most of the medical and dental work is carried out on the upper Amazon and its tributaries on converted ships, Amazon Hope 1 and 2. In June last year my wife and I departed for two weeks in Peru, aware that there had been problems with the ships' engines but with an assurance that the necessary repairs were expected to be completed. In the event, they were not and so instead of visiting remote villages in the Amazon basin, we worked with the other volunteers in the Trust's original medical centre in Belen, a poor community on the waterfront in Iquitos, population 460,000, Peru's fifth largest city and the largest town in the world not accessible by road. Although poor and housed on floating logs or stilts to allow for the rise and fall of the river system, families appeared cohesive and reasonably well nourished and the crime rate low.

We travelled by auto-rickshaw and then canoe each day to reach the clinic which

was staffed by the local team which would ordinarily have been on one of the ships. Clinic equipment was borrowed from one of the ships. Dental patients ranged in age from three years to over seventy with most needing extractions or "simple" fillings as well as preventive advice. Standards of dental health varied widely but most patients were quite stoic and grateful.

The group did manage a short trip up one of the tributaries to do a clinic in a more remote village. Basic equipment was set up in a sort of "Dutch barn" where triage, medical and dental clinics ran alongside each other with preventive dentistry classes for children and dispensing of medicines.

There were also quite a lot of spectators whose numbers increased when the rain came on. And did it rain. For a time the noise of the rain on the tin roof was so loud we could scarcely communicate and of course no one wanted to leave, except the lads who happily played footie outside.

As usual the photos show rather more than words alone allow.

Membership fee increase

As members are aware our current fee will increase going into 2015 from £90 up to £100. This was approved at the AGM in Dundee in April.

Following recent Council meeting and review of the Society finances, proposals have been tabled to further increase the membership fee over the coming 2 years, that is an increase of £10 into year 2016 and again into 2017, thereby raising the membership fee to £120 by 2017.

Whilst Council appreciate that increases 3 years running may seem untimely to some (and at a time when other establishments have been criticised by many within the profession for what are considered excessive fee rises) it is considered necessary to balance our finances.

In order to be fiscally robust, the membership fees should account for all of the running costs of any Society. In recent years we have found that other income sources eg conference, study day fees etc, have been required to meet the shortfall of our administrative outlays. We have not had to release any funds from the reserves, which are kept to manage any unexpected large outlays. Council feel the Society balance sheet should not have to rely on other income sources to protect us going forward.

As yet these are proposals and would need to be ratified by the membership at AGM. We felt this however is the correct time to make the membership aware of these proposals and offer a background for the perceived need of these increases.

Nominations for BSSPD council

The British Society of Prosthodontics is currently accepting nominations for BSSPD council where two Ordinary Council Member posts will be available from Spring 2015. One of the posts involved BSSPD Newsletter Editor.

The nomination form can be found in the member's area of the website (under council papers). The closing date is Friday 30th January 2015 and applications should be sent to

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Congratulations to Deborah Bomfim

Congratulations to Deborah Bomfim, who was elected by the SRRDG at the recent conference in London, as trainee representative upon Council. Deborah graduated in 2006 from King's College London Dental Institute. She is currently in her 4th year as a Restorative Dentistry StR at the Eastman Dental Hospital and has sat on SRRDG committee since 2012.

Keep in touch!

Remember to regularly visit the Society's website to keep informed about planned events and to update your membership details.

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