



# Newsletter



# President's Editorial

Dr Janice Ellis

Maybe it is a sign of getting old but it hardly seems any time at all since I was writing the editorial for the previous newsletter. The weather has considerably changed since September with the UK just coming through one of the worst periods of snow and ice for some time. Newcastle seemed to escape the worst of the conditions and I would like to think this is because of the friendly and sunny disposition of the people of the North East. I hope that none of you suffered unduly. Nonetheless, regardless of prevailing weather the work continues and plans for our annual conference at the Sage, Gateshead are gathering pace and progressing extremely well. At the close of registration we had over 200 delegates registered for the conference with many interesting entries for Schottlander Poster, the Schottlander Oral and the President's Prizes.

The theme of *tooth wear* certainly seems to have engaged our membership (both new and old) and I am sure it will be a memorable event. As well as an exciting programme of lecture presentations and posters, we have three workshops which were available by pre-booking only.

I visited the venue last month and was, even after many visits in the past, still impressed at the stunning location, views and architecture. The Sage really is a jewel in Gateshead and Newcastle's crown and as such a very fitting venue

for our Diamond Jubilee conference. The significance of this anniversary will not go unmarked and included in this newsletter is a lovely piece of BSSPD reminiscence. I am extremely grateful to all past presidents who have taken the

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time to contribute to this but particularly Richard Welfare who authored the piece and Stewart Barclay who co-ordinated and edited this contribution. We are hoping to welcome to Gateshead many Past Presidents and record the event with a poster display and a line-up of Presidents for a not to be missed photo opportunity immediately before the conference dinner drinks reception.

The conference dinner will be held in the Northern Rock Foundation room of the Sage and this is a fabulous and quite unique venue. For our after dinner speaker I am delighted to be able to welcome one of our fourth year dental students Dr. Sean Sarma and his colleague Dr. Dondo Sakutombo; this double act has experience of stand-up comedy in and around Newcastle and have survived the experience so I am confident we are in for some enjoyable light entertainment. Once the formal activities come to a conclusion those who are young at heart may well want to take advantage of the convenient location of the Sage on the Newcastle riverside area which is awash with excellent pubs and clubs.

Tuesday sees the conference welcome several young clinicians eager to present their work to a friendly but critical

audience and this really does present an excellent opportunity for junior colleagues to develop their presentation skills but also as a society enable us to demonstrate why they should continue as members. I do hope many of you will be there to support them.

Our conference charity is MIND. We have chosen this to reflect the significant number of health care professional who suffer, at one or other time in their life, from mental health issues, and particularly from my own point of view to recognise the somewhat alarming increase in students who suffer in this way.

Whilst the annual conference is a major event in the Society's calendar there has been lots of other activity this year. In particular I wish to highlight the hands on workshops that took place in London, Manchester and Durham at the end of last year. I believe these workshops provided good value, excellent quality CPD activity for members and non-members and certainly the numbers attending and positive feedback from delegates

support the Society's ambition to deliver more of the same in the future. The huge contribution made by Society members in planning and delivering these courses meant that we could do so at reasonable cost, which enabled young colleagues to attend but also allowed the Society to deliver this cost neutral.

In addition Chris Butterworth took forward our goal of delivering good quality web based interactive CPD; my StR's were full of enthusiasm for this development and we hope to go forward with more of the same next year.

So all in all a busy year for BSSPD, in which I believe we have consolidated many of the innovations of recent years whilst still moving forward as a progressive society. There are many people that deserve thanks for their contribution but in particular I would like to mention all members of council. I very much look forward to welcoming you to Gateshead in March.



The Sage, Gateshead. Photo credit Mark Savage.

# 60th Anniversary: A Reflection on the Society

Dr Richard Welfare

(with a little help from my "old" friends R Watson, P Wright, J Hobkirk & R Howell)

Any one watching their children grow up will realise that as they do so they go through various phases including being clumsy, not believing that anyone else has done it before, forging their own individuality and just generally maturing. When I stand back and look at the BSSPD I can see many of these aspects and, just like parents, we can be proud of what it has become.

BSSPD started as a 'study' club when Removable Prosthetic Dentistry was in its heyday and materials science was just developing and meetings consisted entirely of members' oral or poster research presentations. The "members only" attendance was probably first challenged by Rowland Fereday, RDH, in 1985 when he organised an accompanying person's programme but it was not appreciated by all members.

Ronnie Laird, Birmingham, was the first, in 1997, to try a Conference centre rather than a University but it was expensive and the meeting made a financial loss (a very rare event). However, one benefit of holding the meeting in hotels is that the conference organiser doesn't suddenly find themselves having to locate towels for everyone because the university does not supply them!

Unfortunately, hotel accommodation rarely allows breakfasting in a communal way as it was in the university refectory. I always thought eating together was

invaluable for younger members to be able to sit beside "the famous" and just chat, whether about prosthodontics or just the weather.

The change from all members' papers to invited speakers plus members' papers has been a gradual one. Some distinguished overseas visitors came to meetings, such as Neils Brill and Gerd Tryde from Copenhagen, and then became members who continued to make regular contributions. I don't recall when a special session of invited speakers who spoke on a selected topic first came about but one of the first was on maxillo-facial management in Cambridge. Another initiative which was tried was to have an evening session just for juniors to allow them the opportunity to present in a learning environment. This was short lived mainly because of the lack of presenters.

Similarly the Reckitt/Schottlander prize used to have plenty of entries but they have reduced slowly until last year it was decided that we should move to case presentations, to encourage young(er) trainees and maintain a theme for the conference. This probably reflects a complex change in the prominence of Prosthetic Dentistry. The development of the specialties including Restorative Dentistry and Prosthodontics has led to Removable Prosthetics being seen as restrictive in scope. This development, together with a more international pro-

file, has seen Prosthodontics with fixed and removable (including implantology) as well as maxillo-facial care become more the focus for the BSSPD. Universities have also had to adjust and there has been a change in the departmental size and structure within most Dental Schools. Over the years there has been a broadening of membership to include hospital consultants and trainees and specialist practitioners, leading to what is now a different and much more diverse membership.

Although the BSSPD has always allowed materials scientists to be members there is now also active encouragement for technicians to become members. There has also been a slow increase in the number of general practitioners taking part but it is only in the last couple of years there has been a major push with the advent of the very popular road shows.

A number of members organised collation and printing of "the Proceedings" of each meeting for many years. The cost of this and the change in the methods of communication led to its demise and finally John Walter managed to get the Wellcome Museum to archive the essential history of the BSSPD. Abstract publication then took over but there were no full papers and no news. However, we now have the successful introduction of the newsletter and a web site for information and some full publications in journals.

The President has always picked the venue (often their University or home town) and decided on the content and theme

of the meeting. "Little Eric" (Scher), UCL, also a practitioner in Brighton, held his meeting there in 1969, when he generously presented the Society with The President's badge. (Likewise a gavel and goblet were donated to the Society but their whereabouts are not clear – any member with any knowledge should contact the Secretary). The full list of past presidents can be seen on the BSSPD web page.

Some other traditions have not changed such as the betting on the length of the speeches at the conference dinner from the start of the President's guest speaker standing up to propose the toast to the health of the guests to the President sitting down after proposing the toast to the health of the Society. Robin Heath, Angela Fletcher, our first Lady President, and Sheila Farrell, among others, were involved with the production of a Society tie of which there are still a few "second generation" ties remaining.

The one thing true of life is that there is always change. Recently there has been an explosion of societies, associations and conferences leading to a need to create a new niche for the BSSPD in this changing environment. It was not going to be research based because of the strength of the international research associations so with the changes in specialty training a more clinical Society with a broad interest has emerged which I and my old friends hope will maintain the strength of the Society and we all wish it well for the future.



# Annual Conference 2013

Theme: Wear Necessities

March 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> 2013

The Sage at Gateshead, Newcastle, UK.

The stunningly beautiful Sage at Gateshead is the venue for the forthcoming Diamond Jubilee BSSPD Annual Conference being held on Monday the 25th and Tuesday the 26th of March 2013. The conference is entitled "Wear Necessities" and a truly international class of UK speakers will cover all the aspects of tooth surface loss including; aetiology, prevalence, pathology and presentation, treatment and complications. The conference will appeal to dentists and dental care professionals whatever their level of experience be it new graduate or established practitioner.

The programme includes fully informative lectures, workshops, poster display along with the Schottlander prizes. BSSPD is inviting trainees to submit case reports depicting the management of tooth surface loss giving the opportunity for junior colleagues to showcase their work. In addition presentations based on research, teaching or audit of tooth surface loss are invited to compete for the Presidents Prize.



We hope you are able to join us at the Sage and look forward to meeting you.

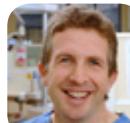
For further information and online booking please visit: <http://www.bsspd.org/Annual+Conference+2013.aspx>.

## Conference Hotel

Hilton Newcastle Gateshead  
Bottle Bank, Gateshead  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE8 2AR

Accommodation must be booked separately by delegates for the Annual Conference 2013.

The Conference Hotel is the Newcastle Gateshead Hilton Hotel but there is an array of hotel accommodation in the area to suit all purses and all tastes. Nearby hotels include The Premier Inn, Jurys, Copthorne, Ramada and Mal Maison. As your choice of hotel is clearly a personal thing we leave your accommodation choice and booking to you.



## Speakers

Professor Jimmy Steele CBE  
Professor Callum Youngson  
Mr Francis Nohl  
Dr John Whitworth  
Professor Jeremy Rees  
Dr Graham Chadwick  
Dr Caroline Reynolds



## BSSPD Webinars and Online CPDs

Mr Chris Butterworth

The BSSPD is once again leading the way amongst the specialist societies in its latest development starting in 2013. We have been working hard behind the scenes with further investment in our excellent website [www.bsspd.org](http://www.bsspd.org) to allow members to access online education and CPD. As a society we are increasingly aware that attending meetings and conferences can be difficult and that the internet is a powerful medium which can allow education to come direct to people's homes and workplaces.

In view of this, we shall shortly be going live with our online learning portal for BSSPD members. We will be making available educational material in the form of previous annual conference presentations and other recorded lectures and webinars direct to BSSPD members, to view at their convenience. Each item will come with a CPD allocation and such CPD certificates will be available to print and will also be archived on the member's part of the website on an ongoing basis. Access to these resources will be on an individual paid basis at the current time and following payment, access will be restricted to 48 hours to view the material. Completion of an online test regarding the content of the lecture will be required after watching it prior to the award of a CPD certificate with a 70% pass mark.

In addition, the society is planning on holding a series of live webinars to which members can attend and experience the interactive internet presentation

at the time it is given with opportunity of live interaction with the presenter. We will attempt to cover a wide range of subjects across the prosthodontics spectrum including CORE CPD TOPICS which we hope will be very popular with our members. The first trial webinar held in November 2012 and presented by Mr Peter Briggs was a huge success with over 60 live attendees. The subject was "The management of spaces" with Peter presenting an excellent overview looking at the evidence for space management with a fantastic array of clinical cases and literature discussion. The feedback was very good and the live discussion and audience polls made the experience very enjoyable.

All future webinars will attract CPD certificates and recordings will subsequently be available "on demand" for members to access at a later date. We hope to have Peter's webinar available for all members to access very shortly. We hope to offer discounts for members wishing to attend the entire series of webinars which will be held mostly on midweek evenings. The online education program is being developed and hosted by Chris Butterworth, our immediate past-president

- \* The game changes with missing canine(s)
- \* OI gold standard FPD option
- \* Conventional fixed and RBBs are much less successful in this situation (Roberts 1970 a & b; Schwartz 1970 & Foster 1991)



Our online CPD events received many positive feedbacks.

## News Bites

### Mr Derek Moore

As always I hope you have enjoyed the latest edition of the Society newsletter. Much of our focus at present is with the soon to be upon us Conference in Gateshead Sage and the Society 60 Year Anniversary. I hope to see old friends and new at this event, and I will continue to encourage one and all to offer ideas for inclusion in YOUR newsletter.



We are now in our 60th Anniversary year and it is planned to hold a display of photographs and memorabilia at the Annual Conference. Mr Stewart Barclay is co-ordinating this and if anyone still has items they would wish to lend for the purposes of the display, please contact Stewart directly - [stewart.barclay@nuth.nhs.uk](mailto:stewart.barclay@nuth.nhs.uk)

Some of you may be aware of the recently updated guidelines from the RCS England, and particularly those in relation to the oral management of oncology patients requiring radiotherapy, chemotherapy and/or bone marrow transplantation and guidelines for selecting appropriate patients to receive treatment with dental implants: priorities for the NHS both of which were originally issued in 1997 and are now updated to 2012. For those of you involved in these fields they are certainly worth reading.

Our online forums continue to be popular and I would, as always, encourage the membership to get involved with the discussion threads and clinical treatment cases. You can also keep up to date with Facebook and Twitter.

Best of luck to Dr Chris Allen who is about to embark on a clinical adventure to Tanzania in February as part of a group from the charity Bridge2Aid partly to provide pain relief for rural Tanzanians but

also to help train local medical officers to take out teeth. More information about the charity and the opportunity to make donations can be found at [www.bridge2aid.org](http://www.bridge2aid.org) Chris has promised a report of his trip for the next newsletter.

Well done to a previous Council member Penny Bardsley who ran the Liverpool Marathon last 14th October in aid of Myeloma UK. She completed the run in 5 hrs 2 minutes, raising £2350 plus gift aid. Penny is delighted with her achievement and the sum of money raised and is very grateful to everyone who sponsored her for their generosity- including many BSSPD members – thank you all.

We must acknowledge the help in distributing our recent Conference information via the inclusion of our flyers within mailing from Dental Directory, Witham, Essex and Optident, Ilkley, West Yorkshire. The very generous sup-

port of these publishers and publications is very much appreciated. Thanks also to all our contributors – and I look forward to more and different contributions in the future, and once again a particular thanks you to Reza Roudsari for formatting the layout of our newsletter.

Finally, as this is the last publication before she steps down, on behalf of Council and all the membership, many thanks to Janice Ellis our President for all her sterling work for the Society in the past year, and best wishes to Brendan Scott as he takes us forward into next year.

## BSSPD Member Wins the EPA Prize

Andreas Artopoulos, a member of the BSSPD, was awarded with the European Prosthodontic Association (EPA) Oral Presentation Prize at the 2012 annual meeting of the EPA in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, in recognition of "a highly significant scientific achievement which was excellently presented". The decision of the jury of the EPA, presided by Professor P.S. Wright, was unanimous.

Andreas presented the findings of his MSc research project, which was a collaborative study between the Department of Prosthodontics,

King's College London Dental Institute and the Laboratory of Biomedical Physics, University of Antwerp, Belgium. The study was titled "A comparison of the accuracy of digital stereophotogrammetry and projection moiré profilometry for 3D surface imaging in maxillofacial prosthodontics", and

investigated the application of state-of-the art 3D imaging techniques. Results of the study indicated that an experimental moiré profilometer developed at the University of Antwerp could be applied as a low-cost alternative to a commercialized digital stereophotogrammetry device currently used at the Dental Institute for 3D imaging of the face.

The study was supported by the 2011 EPA Rowland Fereday Scholarship and Objet Geometries Ltd., and was supervised by Dr

Trevor J. Coward and Dr Jan A.N. Buytaert, with significant contributions by Professor Martyn Sherriff, Professor Joris J.J. Dirckx and Professor Michael R. Fenlon. Andreas has been a member of the BSSPD since 2008, and was the winner of the 2011 Schottlander Oral Presentation Prize.



Andreas Artopoulos (left), Professor Cees de Baat, President of the EPA (right)

## Past President Secures Research Grant

Dr Craig Barclay (Past BSSPD President 2009/2010) and a team of researchers from University Dental Hospital of Manchester have secured a prestigious NIHR patient benefit grant of £250,000 to run a pilot randomised controlled trial to compare the costs and effects of Conventional Implants with Mini Implants used to retain full lower dentures.

This study is due to start recruiting patients in the late spring of 2013 and will assess totally edentulous patients with Class V and VI mandibular ridges and compare function and patient satisfaction pre and post implant placement. The Christie clinical trials unit will oversee the project ensuring it is conducted to rigorous quality standards.

Mini-implants have been introduced within the NHS and in private practices in an ad hoc fashion, but their performance relative to conventional implants in terms of patient outcomes, longevity and costs not been quantified and their equivalence in performance is unproven. Mini-implants hold significant promise as a simple and affordable solution to this disabling condition but clinicians, academics and commissioners are in equipoise about the relative merits and disadvantages of both systems.

This trial therefore will aim:

- To understand which clinical outcome measures are most important to assess treatment success
- To assess how best to capture costs, both direct (staff, equipment and consumables) and indirect (individual and societal)
- To assess the ease of use of data capture methods in the field
- To record the variability of outcome measures which will inform a power calculation for a full trial
- To understand the frequency and nature of serious adverse events in a trial of mini-implants and conventional implants.

The successful team were:

Professor Martin Tickle (Academic PI)  
Dr Craig Barclay (Clinical PI)  
Dr Tanya Walsh (Study statistician)  
Ms Sarra Jawad  
(StR in Restorative Dentistry)  
Dr Mark Harrison  
(Health Economics Lead)  
Mr Ronald Polak (PPI lead)  
Professor Paul Coulthard  
(Academic Oral Surgery Lead)

The trial will run for a two year period and the results are hoped to be published very soon after completion.

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## BSSPD Member Wins International Awards

Dr Gerry McKenna, BSSPD member and lecturer in Prosthodontics and Oral Rehabilitation at University College Cork has recently won two prestigious international awards for research.

In June 2012 he won the Unilever Senior Clinical Hatton Award at the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) conference in Igassu Falls,

Brazil. In September 2012 he was presented with the ECG-GABA Award during the annual conference of the ECG (European College of Gerodontology) in Rotterdam in the Netherlands.

Gerry received these awards for his PhD research on tooth replacement strategies for partially dentate elders. Gerry's project was supervised by Professor Finbarr Allen and Dr Denis O'Mahony from University Col-

lege Cork with further contributions from Dr Noel Woods, Dr Michael Cronin, Dr Cristiane DaMata, Professor Albert Flynn and Professor Charles Normand.



Dr Gerry McKenna receiving the Hatton 2012 award

The research work compared removable partial dentures with treatment based on the shortened dental arch concept for partially

dentate older patients in a randomised controlled clinical trial. The study showed that in terms of impact on Oral Health related Quality of Life and cost effectiveness, the shortened dental arch treatment proved superior.

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The project was funded by a grant from the Health Research Board (HRB) and Gerry was a member of the first group of Health Research Board PhD Scholars in Health Services Research.

### Share Your Success with Us!

BSSPD would like to share the success stories of its members with the world!

Send your news items to [derek.moore@elht.nhs.uk](mailto:derek.moore@elht.nhs.uk).

## "Hands-On" Tooth Wear Courses

The British Society of Prosthodontics recently staged 3 very successful 'Tooth Wear' taster sessions in London, Manchester and Durham as pre-events to its Diamond Jubilee Conference being held in Newcastle on the 25th and 26th March 2013.

The daylong courses covered modern practical applications and techniques in the management of tooth wear with attendees being provided with important pre-attendance literature in the form of PDFs, handouts and the course aims. Included in the day's activities was the clinical use of putty matrices to aid the direct composite restoration of anterior maxillary teeth, 'dentine-bonded crown' preparations and tooth preparations



for worn teeth posterior with adhesive tooth-coloured or cast metal onlays.

For many delegates this was the first time they had been exposed to some of

the clinical techniques demonstrated so being able to witness first hand prosthodontic preparing and finishing teeth was most welcome; equally important was the opportunity to practise and perfect preparation techniques on several teeth in small groups under expert guidance. In addition to the personal approach the course teachers were also able to

supplement their teaching with their own excellent high definition clinical videos illustrating the clinical techniques in practice.

**"Very relevant to everyday practice"**

**"Fantastic hands on, lots of practical tips"**

**"All tutors really helpful and able to show they can do what they say"**

**"Enjoyed the mix of practical and the theory behind it all"**

composite restorations, the use and tolerance of the 'Dahl' concept and the provisional restorations for teeth prepared to receive the restorations proposed.

It was evident that delegates enjoyed and appreciated most sincerely the approachable, friendly and colligate approach taken by the course providers (Mr Peter Briggs, Dr Julian Satterthwaite, Mr Richard Porter, Mr Arijit Ray-Chaudhuri, Mr James Field,) along with their ability to demonstrate (with handpiece-in-hand) how things can be done well and what should be aimed for. Not only was the feedback very positive the opportunity to showcase what the Diamond Jubilee

Conference aims to achieve through the provision of a practical and relevant prosthodontic courses to general practitioners and specialists alike was warmly welcomed.



The society would like to thank all attendees along with the teachers and Louise Brumer, Sales Specialist for Dentsply who supplied much of the dental materials used.

## Gold Medal Nominations

The Gold Medal is the highest accolade which the Society can award. This award is presented only once every three years to an individual who has made 'exceptional contributions to the furtherance/development of Prosthodontics' in the following domains: clinical, research, education.

Nominations are received from the membership every three years and the Gold Medal is awarded following discussion by the BSSPD Council.

The Gold Medal is scheduled to be presented at the 2014 annual meeting. Nominations are now being sought from the membership to put forward colleagues who have made an outstanding contribution to the field of Prosthodontics.

**The closing date for nominations is 10th March 2013.**

Nominations to be forwarded to Janice Ellis ([janice.ellis@newcastle.ac.uk](mailto:janice.ellis@newcastle.ac.uk)).

| Winner                     | Year |
|----------------------------|------|
| Professor Bjorn Hedegard   | 1972 |
| Professor John Osborne     | 1975 |
| Professor Ernest Matthews  | 1978 |
| Professor Niels Brill      | 1979 |
| Professor David Watt       | 1981 |
| Professor John Bates       | 1984 |
| Professor Kenneth Liddelow | 1987 |
| Professor Per-Olof Glantz  | 1990 |
| Professor Michael Braden   | 1993 |
| Professor Alan Grant       | 1996 |
| Professor George Zarb      | 1999 |
| Professor Robin Heath      | 2002 |
| Professor John Hobkirk     | 2005 |
| Professor Fraser McCord    | 2008 |
| Professor Paul Wright      | 2011 |

# BSSPD and General Dental Practitioners

## Dr Neil Stephen

It is beyond doubt that the expertise available at the Conferences and meetings (particularly the lecture-based opening day) of BSSPD, provides an abundance of very useful practical knowledge for the majority of GDPs. As most of you reading this will probably be hospital/community-based and a BSSPD Member already, this immediately illustrates how publicity surrounding the meetings has been thus unintentionally limited, usually, to existing Members.

### How do we change this?

With this in mind, my rôle as a Council Member was to try to improve contact and increase awareness of our Society with non-Member GDPs, so that they could benefit from the high standards that the BSSPD maintain, so endemic of and expected from a Professional Body.

In these days of regrettably cash-dominated Dentistry, the BSSPD is a gem of a Society that proffers pure ethical practical advice, which is so needed for the general Practitioner.

Over the past 20 years that I have been a Member, the main method of publicising the meetings has been to contact the existing Membership, with the current President and Council boosting attendance by personal efforts. The Conference is usually timed to take place on the Monday and Tuesday before the Easter

break. As the Society is dominated by Academic and Hospital based Staff, this is understandable, but certainly not conducive or attractive to GDP participation. This is already a "short week" in general practice in the run up to the first long weekend of the year at Easter. It would mean giving up Monday and Tuesday, theoretically returning to their Practices for a maximum of two days in that week, with the Thursday's being a wind-down day just before Good Friday.

**When considering attending a meeting, GDPs will usually consider the lecture content, when it is, and where it is, and how much it is!**

The response of the various Presidents and Council members to my proposed modifications of some aspects of our meetings, though initially cautious, has been nothing short of fully understanding. Most important was the establishment/confirmation of a "Day Rate" for the first day of the conference aiming to attract those new to the Society, and encouraging a taster visit, with lots of lecture content, but without the larger financial or time outlay for the full Conference. Positioning the Conference during a different week is being considered, as nothing is set in stone, but forward planning for Conferences means that arrangements and dates have been fixed for a while yet.

Immediate publicity was obtained by kind, free help from two major Dental Supply companies. THE DENTAL DIRECTORY printed our advertising art/paperwork, offering to help with design, and then distributed them to thousands of GDP customers. OPTIDENT also very kindly distributed our brochures free-

of-charge to their GDP customers....in these budget-conscious days, these two companies have gone out of their way to help us, and have made a huge contribution to our efforts, we should be enormously thankful. Advertising in Dental Publications can be prohibitive, but the Editors of Dental Practice Magazine, The Probe, and Dentistry have been sympathetic, for which we are grateful, adding to existing contacts with Dental Update and the EJPRD.

When considering attending a meeting, GDPs will usually consider the lecture content, when it is, and where it is... and how much it is! The Society scores well with content and cost, especially the Monday. "When" has already been discussed.

### Where?

Presented correctly, the Conference City can be a strength for attracting potential delegates. The "easiest" group will be those from the area, thus avoiding hotel charges, and long travel times. Having said that, our last few years have been in such attractive locations as Stirling, York, Birmingham, and Liverpool, with Newcastle (2013) Dundee (2014) and London (2015) to come!! These are magnificent opportunities to visit our Cities, maybe arriving at the week-end,

and experiencing somewhere that we've always meant to visit –the opportunity awaits, and accountants will advise how much can be tax-allowable!! Members, local to the BSSPD meeting venue, but not exclusively so, could show GDP colleagues the lecture content, publicise the event through peer contact and let them see what useful practice-orientated riches are available.

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of practical knowledge for GDPs and many other Dental personnel alike, and very much affordable. We are also one of the few Societies who can regularly entertain Dental Technicians, so complimenting the Dental family. Although we need more GDP members, I know that they are in need of this Society more, obviously from an educational standpoint, but, subtly, from an ethical standpoint as well.

Most things worthwhile take time, but if we achieve this extra GDP, and possibly Technician, Membership, this great Society will prosper as its history shows it deserves to. This advance is not only in the hands of the current Council, but in each and every hand of our Members. Long may we prosper!



## BSSPD Member's Charity Work

Dr Neil Stephen has a unique experience as a Council member and practicing GDP and his thoughts will give us something to work with going forward.

As well as Neil's contribution to BSSPD, he has recently been on his travels to StLucia. As part of his trip he volunteered time and materials to engage with a start- up programme to provide dental health education to local schoolchildren, many of whom are underprivileged.



It is hoped the project will grow into bigger and better things for the local community. The visit also provided the children with basic scholastic kit, provided by Neil, leaving behind material such as pens, pencils, a lot of happy smiles and a huge amount of enthusiasm and joy.

Neil has promised a more detailed report later.

## Welcome to the New Council Members

There were two nominations for these posts and they have been elected unopposed to the BSSPD Council. A big welcome to our new council members:

Mr Philip Taylor and  
Miss Penny Bardsley

We would like to show our appreciations to:

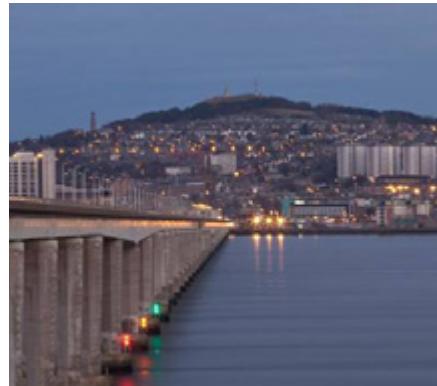
Mr Peter Briggs and  
Mr Neil Stephen

for all their hard work in the council since 2010.



## Preliminary Information about the 2014 Conference

Dr Brendan J J Scott



The 2014 annual conference of the BSSPD will be held in Dundee on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th April. The theme of the conference will be "Aesthetics in Prosthodontics".

A very interesting group of speakers from England and Scotland have agreed to give presentations over the two day period. It is hoped that the structure of the meeting and the profiles of the speakers will not only attract a good number of BSSPD members, but also general dental practitioners across Scotland and beyond.

The conference will be based principally in the Apex Hotel, which is one of the waterside venues in the centre of Dundee and is situated very close to the railway station. In addition to the structured programme of speakers, there will be dedicated time for poster sessions and the Schottlander Oral Presentations.

The conference dinner will take place in the evening of Monday 14th April.

In addition to the Apex itself, there is plenty of accommodation within walking distance of the conference hotel which should suit a range of budgets.

The Dundee and Angus Conference Bureau have also indicated that it

should be possible to provide and fund a number of airport transfer coaches from Edinburgh airport and back again at the end of the conference. This should make travelling arrangements considerably easier for delegates.





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