

# The British Society of Prosthodontics

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## The president's editorial | Dr Dean Barker

It is a pleasure and honour to write my first editorial for the Newsletter. I am composing it at the beginning of July with grey skies and rain outside the window, after weeks of sunshine in northeast Scotland. However bright skies are on the horizon both literally and figuratively! Not only is summer forecast to return, but it does appear that we might be edging out of the pandemic. While those of us in healthcare will be dealing with enhanced PPE, AGPs and managing footfall for some time to come, there is a sense of optimism that the vaccines have worked, and the country is moving towards more normal times.

The Society is also looking forward to our activities getting back to normal. The joint conference with our sister societies was forced online in March but was still very successful. With some uncertainty regarding 'the virus' still around, our Immediate Past President, Rob McAndrew, has organised another online event on the 15th September 2021 with a couple of excellent speakers and opportunities for members and non-members alike to present their work.

We will continue with our online CPD by restarting our popular webinar series. I am delighted that some notable colleagues have agreed to present to us on a variety of topics with a theme of 'Where have we come from, and where are we going?' In addition, the December webinar promises to deliver some early Christmas presents with some well-known guests lined up to appear on The Craig Barclay Show!

We have all got used to online CPD and meetings over the last eighteen months, but however good these events are, we miss interacting with our friends face-to-face. I am therefore excited to invite you to Aberdeen next March for our Annual Conference. The theme of the conference is 'Challenging the Dogma in Prosthodontics' and we have a programme of speakers who are not afraid of initiating debate. I hope this discourse will continue into an interactive plenary session that I have wanted to see run for some years; just what do we all *really* do in our surgeries?

As good as the speakers will be, I am sure we will also enjoy the social interaction just as much, especially after the last eighteen months. The social evening will be set in a private area of the adjacent



hotel that has a variety of seating areas to allow us to circulate with a drink and finger bowl of food in hand; I am sure that we won't need encouragement to do so!

Further details of the Autumn Meeting, the Webinar Series and the Annual Conference can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. I do hope you take part in all of these events. Please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of Council at any point if we can be of any help, if you want to be involved, or changes you would like to see initiated, as the BSSPD is *your* Society.

With very best wishes

**Dean**

Dr Dean Barker, President BSSPD 2021-22



There are signs the country is returning  
to some kind of normality

## Autumn Meeting 2021

Wednesday 15th September | online

Hosted by immediate past president Dr Rob McAndrew, the Autumn meeting has an exciting line up for a stimulating afternoon.

Prof Janice Ellis will be presenting on "The older edentulous patient; understanding the difficulties and treating successfully" and Mr Matthew B M Thomas will be discussing "Contemporary prosthodontic management of hypodontia".

To complement the invited speakers, a short oral presentation competition is being held. The presentations are to be 10 minutes in duration and on any topic related and relevant to Prosthodontics. Please visit the BSSPD website for [further information and to book](https://www.bsspd.org)



The poster for the BSSPD Autumn Meeting 2021 features a blue background with white and yellow text. At the top left is the BSSPD logo and website. The central text reads 'Autumn Meeting' in large white letters, followed by the date and time. Below this are three speaker portraits with their names. A 'zoom' logo and a webcam icon are also present. At the bottom, there are three images of dental work and a yellow banner stating 'Verifiable CPD Certificates provided'.

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**Autumn Meeting**  
Wednesday 15th September 2021  
1pm - 4:00pm

**SPEAKERS**

**Prof Janice Ellis**  
**Mr Matt Thomas**  
**Dr Rob McAndrew**

**Plus Free Oral Presentations (10 mins)**  
Submit your abstract on any prosthodontic topic to apply to speak at our Autumn Meeting

**Verifiable CPD Certificates provided**

# Annual Conference 2022 | Challenging the Dogma in Prosthodontics

**Thursday 10th-Friday 11th March 2022, Aberdeen**

The evidence base in prosthodontics is variable, not least due to the difficulty in establishing studies such as randomised controlled trials across much of the specialty. Therefore, a lot of teaching and practice is based on dogma.

Dogma can be defined as a principle or set of principles laid down by an authority as incontrovertibly true. On close scrutiny many dogmas are found to lack evidence but are still cherished. It doesn't mean they are wrong, but have they been challenged?

The theme of this conference is to scrutinise and debate some of the beliefs that prosthodontists have held dear for many years. The line-up of well-known and high-quality speakers have been given free rein to explore their topics and balance available evidence, opinion and contemporary practice.

*Are semi-adjustable articulators really the essential tool we make them out to be when nobody changes the settings? Does it matter what material we use for our impressions or is recording the correct tissues more important? Surely, we don't have to bury all those implants in the aesthetic zone, do we? And speaking of implants, is the McGill Consensus Statement still valid twenty years on? Some of us remember putting our knee into a patient's chest and shoving the jaw backwards as far as possible to identify RCP, but are we as confident that we can still find it now that rearmost and uppermost is recognised as being obsolete? We can also remember cutting away lots of enamel and dentine when preparing teeth; is this now obsolete as well, as so many recent graduates seem to think it is, or is there still a place for conventional crown & bridgework? Speaking of those younger colleagues, is it true that the latest generation can't cut it like we could in our day...?*

In addition to these individual talks, an exciting interactive plenary session will seek to establish what techniques, treatment plans and materials we *really* use behind our closed surgery doors and how our age or experience effects this. By anonymously responding with our smart phones, perhaps we can establish who is at the cutting edge and who is more conservative with their methods. Who knows, perhaps some folk might not always practice what they preach! The purpose isn't to self-congratulate or to criticise, it is more to reassure and establish just what we are doing as a body of clinicians.

Naturally, time will also be set aside for the Society's popular Schottlander oral presentations and poster displays on a variety of topics, which provide an ideal opportunity for young, and not-so-young, clinicians to gain valuable experience of sharing their work.

I am delighted to host this meeting in Aberdeen. The [P&J Live](#) is one of the UK's newest conference and exhibition centres, and while we may not fill the 15,000-seat arena, we will be accommodated in high quality facilities and conference rooms. There are two hotels on site in which we can relax and catch-up again face to face, be it in the spa or at the bar.

Although the Granite City is towards the top of the map, Aberdeen's role as the Oil & Gas Capital of Europe means that it is extremely well connected with frequent flights and direct rail links connecting all parts of the UK. In addition, we have secured travel discounts with various air and rail companies.



The Silver City by the Sea is also a very attractive place to visit from its ancient university and everything the city centre has to offer, to beautiful Royal Deeside and the Cairngorm National Park. If you haven't been to the area before, I'd encourage you to visit and have a look around.

I look forward to seeing you next March.

**Dean**



*P&J Live - Scotland's brand new, state-of-the-art events venue where the BSSPD 2022 Conference will be held*

#### **Are your details up to date?**

Are your contact details up to date? Has your email address changed recently? Have you moved?



The BSSPD needs your up-to-date details, especially e-mail, to keep you informed. If you are unsure if your details are correct or have had problems receiving emails from the society, please contact us to let us know your details. email: [admin@bsspd.org](mailto:admin@bsspd.org)

Alternatively, you can edit your contact details yourself: log in to the members only area of our website, click on 'Edit my details' and remember to click the red save button after making any changes.

## **News bites | Winners!**

The BSSPD is proud to support excellence in undergraduate and early career training and research through the various awards that are on offer. Thankyou to everyone who submitted and congratulations to the successful applicants.

Below you will find a summary of the awards and the winners.

The Kulzer Undergraduate Award is made for the best critical review of a topic of their choice. The winner of the **2021 Kulzer award** was Peter Mears from Leeds University Dental Hospital and his review was titled 'Are CAD/CAM materials the superior choice for dentures: A critical review of material

properties among CAD/CAM Milled, 3-D Printed & Conventional Acrylic Denture Base Resins'. Please click [here](#) to read the review. Prof Chris Butterworth, the BSSPD Honorary Curator and Awards Administrator, also spoke to Peter about his achievement. This can be viewed on the [BSSPD facebook page](#).

The **2021 Schottlander Poster Prize** was awarded to Mr Matthew Sarstedt from Dundee Dental Hospital and School for his poster entitled "Novel Materials for a Gingival Prosthesis". His Poster can be viewed [here](#).

The Schottlander Oral Prize is a prestigious award for the best oral presentation given at the annual conference. The case presented should have major prosthodontics focus (fixed, removable, Implant, maxillofacial) and our members who are currently in postgraduate training are encouraged to apply. The **2020-21 Schottlander Oral Prize** was awarded to Dr Thomas Gill in collaboration with Bristol Dental Hospital for his presentation "A Retrospective Analysis of Dental Implants Placed in a Tertiary Restorative Department: Success and Survival". Please see his response to the judging panels questions on the [BSSPD facebook page](#).

Each year the BSSPD supports post graduate training by offering an In-training award that provides financial support for the winner to gain a single defined episode of further training in a unit away from their 'home' base. The **2021 BSSPD In-training award** was awarded to Dr Thomas Gill who plans to use the funding to attend the Advanced Occlusion course at the Kois Centre in Seattle. Dr Gill is currently an ACF/STR in Restorative Dentistry at the Royal London Dental Hospital and member of the BSSPD. We look forward to his report on his experience.

Applications for the 2022 Awards are now open with the deadline as 6th January 2022. Details for all the awards are available on [the BSSPD website](#) with winners announced at the 2022 Annual Conference.

## BSSPD | The archive project

In 2006 the following was written in the September edition of the BSSPD newsletter by Dr Nick Jepson

*"Finally, amidst all this talk of future change, it is important not to forget the Society's history as the oldest Restorative society in the UK. To this end, sincere thanks must go to John Walters who has arranged for the archiving of BSSPD documents by the Wellcome Trust."*

Moving forward to 2021, the BSSPD is proud to announce that the archives of the society are being digitized. Dr Rupert Austin, BSSPD Honorary Secretary, secured funding through Kings College London's Undergraduate Research Fellowship to facilitate this project. Miss Shreya Aggarwal, an undergraduate dental student at Kings College London, has been carefully working her way through the boxes of material using smartphone technology to scan and digitize the content. Following that, the documents will be tagged to enable easy access of the archives.

Shreya and Rupert got in touch with the Wellcome Library in London who confirmed that they received 9 boxes of material deposited by John Walters in 3 tranches in 2005-2006 and that the material comprises 9 transfer boxes. In addition Chris Butterworth, the BSSPD's current Hon. Curator kindly transferred an additional 3 boxes of material to London. Thus, a veritable treasure trove of material has been discovered and now is an excellent opportunity to consolidate the material and work with the Wellcome Library in cataloging and recording an essential history of the British Society of Prosthodontics.

In terms of progress so far we received the following information from Will Greenacre, Collections Information Officer from the Collections and Research at the Wellcome Library:

*"(We) began work to catalogue these archives at the beginning of 2020, but the work was unfortunately interrupted when we were forced to close our buildings at the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. As we are still catching up on work that was delayed, we don't yet have a timeline for the cataloguing to be completed. You can see details of the BSSPD collection on our website [here](#)"*

Will has kindly allowed us to view the material and extended the offer to any members of the Society who wish to view the material, can be given access in the library's Rare Materials Room. Shreya and Rupert will also collaborate with the Wellcome Library to include all the material in our digitisation project, aiming to work with the Wellcome's digitisation team, as the Wellcome Library generally uses specialist photographers for material that they hold, and they would want to finish cataloguing the collection before digitising it. The archive is currently uncatalogued and stored off-site, and is not available to members of the general public (in order to avoid unforeseen issues relating to confidentiality, however as a rough guide the collection comprises of material relating to both the work of the British Society for the Study of Prosthetic Dentistry and the European Prosthodontic Association from 1903-2005. This includes:

- Council and AGM minutes and papers;
- General correspondence and reports relating to the field;
- Officers' meeting papers;
- Material from conferences including: proceedings, abstracts and organisation information;
- Discussion of technical training in the sector;
- Material on interaction with other relevant organisations;
- Cassette recordings from meetings;
- Additional records of the society.

Shreya and Rupert said: *"We are very honoured to be able to work with this precious material which chronicles the works of the society and we are delighted to take on this important and rewarding work for the Society. The BSSPD has a long history but the history and we looking forward to bringing the material in the boxes into the 21st century!"* Mr Bob Howell got in touch to offer his kind support and guidance to the project and has been having regular contact from Rupert and Shreya as the project progresses. Members will remember Bob's long standing contributions to the Society over 3 decades not least as Honorary Secretary from 1988-91 and President from 1998-99. Bob said of the archive project: *"I was pleased to hear from Rupert and Shreya that the BSSPD archives are in safe keeping and that they are to be digitised to enable members and others who may be interested to access them. Having been a member of the BSSPD since 1976, I felt that some personal knowledge of the earlier years of the Society and its members might be useful and I am delighted to have been asked to give advice and try to answer any questions about the content of the archives. Elders of the Society may well be approached for their reminiscences to help us!"* **The BSSPD would like to thank Kings College London for their financial support, Miss Shreya Aggarwal for assisting with the archive project and the Wellcome Library for their collaboration.**



We look forward to updating members in due course with progress and you will be able to hear more at our regular academic meetings and other such formal and informal gatherings. We aim to complete the project in the Spring time next year and disseminate findings at future BSSPD meetings and through publications in suitable Journals. If members would like to get in touch please do contact our current Hon. Curator Chris Butterworth or Rupert Austin via [admin@bsspd.org](mailto:admin@bsspd.org) or BSSPD website '[contact us](#)'.



Mr Bob Howell, Honorary member  
and Past president



Miss Shreya Aggarwal,  
Dental student and  
Chief digitizer

**Did you know the [public can use our website to find a prosthodontist](#)?**

If you wish to be included on the search database you need to opt in – just log in to the members section of the website, click on 'Edit members details' then 'edit primary contact details', then ensure the 'yes' button for 'show details on website' is selected. Don't forget to click the red save button once you have amended your details. If you practice from multiple locations you can add each practice location to improve your chances of appearing in the search results. If you have any problems with this please contact Kirstin ([admin@bsspd.org](mailto:admin@bsspd.org)) and she will be able to help you list your practice.

Please note that since 25th May 2018, your practice may no longer be listed if you did not reply to our email confirming that you still wanted to be listed.

**Keep in touch!**

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

We are also now active on [Facebook](#) – please join and follow us!

## Open Wide | Dr Richard Crosby



*Dr Richard Crosby, BSSPD councilor and founder of the Maya Desai Scholarship*

This edition of Open Wide is with Dr Richard Crosby. Richard is a long-standing member of the BSSPD and councilor of the society. We ask Richard about his career, decisions he made along the way and the Maya Desai postgraduate scholarship which he has established.

### **Hi Richard, can you introduce yourself to our readers?**

I don't think I'm one of your usual interviewees for this type of article. I'm not a professor and I don't teach dentistry to anyone. I have though, with my wife and partner Maya Desai, offered specialist dental care in Norfolk by running a general and then for the last 20 years, a private referral practice in Norwich. Although I have practised most aspects of prosthodontics my main focus has been on removable prosthetics. I come from Derby originally and have lived in and around Norwich since qualifying in 1983. I am now 60, semi-retired and have a 29-year-old molecular biologist daughter currently working in California. Apart from dentistry I am a fairly keen gardener with an allotment and I get a great deal of satisfaction from mending broken things.

### **In 2019 you were nominated as a council member for the BSSPD and have been an active council member following that. Why did you want to be a council member and how do you feel that your contribution has shaped the society?**

I've been a member of BSSPD since the days you had to be "recommended" to join. I've been to most of the annual conferences over the last 20 years so I thought my time was due. We used to make a holiday of the conference and so I've spent time in areas of the UK I would never otherwise have visited. Apart from regularly turning up for meetings I haven't really done a great deal whilst on the council of the BSSPD although I would like to think that I have brought a perspective from the real world. The society, whilst I have known it, has always been dominated by people who work primarily in the hospital service with relatively little experience of running a practice or treating paying members of the public.

### **Your dental education has seen you study around the UK. Initially graduated from the University of Birmingham, you completed subsequent studies at the University of Bristol and University of London before setting up a private practice in Norwich. How did these changes influence your career?**

Maya and I qualified together in 1983 from Birmingham Dental School and then, by great good fortune went straight to work in the same general practice in Norfolk. After about 18 months we thought we could do a better job of running a practice and so set up our own on the outskirts of Norwich. This was in the old days when you could open a dental practice just about anywhere. I do feel that the current

system is very bad for young practitioners and restricts innovation. After a few years we joined a local study group and it was really this that motivated us to pursue postgraduate studies. We started with the DPDS course run by Bristol University which was an early distance learning programme. This was designed for the south west but fitted other areas of the country without a local teaching hospital equally well. We completed this together and then a year or two later went for it and did full-time MSc's at the Eastman in consecutive years, 2001/2. We started to take some referrals for prosthodontics in my case and endodontics in Maya's. Eventually we decided to split the general practice from the specialist one setting up a new city centre practice in Norwich and shortly afterwards selling the general practice. I also started to work part-time at the local Norfolk and Norwich hospital with the restorative consultant there. I still run the practice but I haven't done very much clinical work for the last 3 years.

**There was a bit of a time gap between completing your initial training to then undertaking postgraduate training – why the delay and how did you feel this impacted on your study?**

When I qualified I wasn't really aware of the possibility of any type of career within a dental speciality other than oral surgery and orthodontics. Outside of one or two major cities I think this was very much the case. It is only in the last 25 years or so that specialist practices have started to appear more widely. So I think this accounts for the time gap. It was difficult and expensive to return to full-time learning almost 2 decades after leaving dental school. As well as the training it was impossible not to be involved with the running of the practice that Maya and I had established. Despite that I have found specialisation very rewarding and couldn't now imagine spending an entire career in general practice. I've enjoyed having to think a bit.

**One of the major challenges living away from a major city is the access to clinical services. What was your experience of living and working outside of a major city? What would your advice to a young clinician be?**

I would first say that Norwich isn't tiny and it is a real regional hub. For a start, working regionally, there's a lot less competition and if you produce the goods you can be the go to person for a particular treatment for a wide geographic area. Many of our patients travel 60 miles or more for appointments. One aspect that can be seen as a possible advantage or disadvantage is that you see your work coming back 10, 20 or more years after you originally did it. I think this is quite rare in dentistry but it is a real education. Today the specialisation route is much better established and I would encourage any young practitioner to take it if they intend to spend a lifetime in dentistry. I would also encourage them to look to practice in the less obvious places. The general public have been convinced that keeping teeth is a good idea and there is no shortage of people wanting to do this everywhere.

**You worked in a clinic surrounded by Endodontists – how did this influence your management of endodontically treated teeth?**

Well, it's a very long time since I did a root filling, I wouldn't know where to start really now. Can you still get silver points? One thing I would say is that if you are going to retain root filled teeth around or under a denture pick your patient carefully and it's essential to review them regularly and have plenty of fluoride to hand. Having said that sometimes retaining key teeth for a partial denture user can be a very economical way of maintaining function without recourse to implant therapy.

**In 2020 you set up the Maya Desai Scholarship in memory of your wife, Maya. Can you explain a bit about the scholarship?**

Really sadly back in August 2017 Maya, who I'd worked alongside my entire career, had a sudden and completely unexpected brain haemorrhage. After a month in neuro-intensive care at Addenbrooke's Hospital there was no more that could be done for her and she died in September. Maya was eternally

grateful for the confidence her own father had shown in her and the education he funded. She was forever encouraging local GDPs to "go away and get trained". Therefore, when we wanted to do something to remember Maya a scholarship to encourage dentists to pursue specialist training seemed fitting. The intention is to encourage people to undergo specialist training at the Eastman and subsequently work in East Anglia or other similarly under-skilled areas of the country. If you're in training, thinking about training or know someone who's training, please have a look at the Maya Desai scholarship website and consider applying.

**For further information on the Maya Desai Postgraduate Dental Scholarship, please visit the [website](#).**

## Early Practitioners Group | MRD Revision Day June 2021

*By Rijula Karanjkar and Phillipa Hoyle, Young Practitioner Group Co-Chairs*

After the well-received MRD study day in Sheffield 2019, many of our members were keen to know when this study day would run again. Unfortunately, with disruption brought about by the pandemic the study day did not run in 2020. The restrictions posed by the pandemic resulted in changes to the format of the mono-specialty and restorative ISFE examinations. Candidates were faced with the prospect of virtual examinations for the first time and the challenges that this brings. To provide a valuable and relevant revision experience to candidates we reviewed the format of our study day and ran on a virtual platform.

The Early Practitioners Group's MRD Revision Day aims to provide delegates sitting restorative and mono-specialty exams, an opportunity to experience practice viva exams with unseen cases. It is a great way to practice exam technique, revise content and gain feedback from examiners. The usual face-to-face format has previously given candidates the opportunity to answer questions on endodontics, periodontics and prosthodontics on four different cases.

Replicating this virtually was a challenge with multiple examiners and delegates but this was successfully run with the help of Zoom breakout rooms and organisation from the BSSPD team. 21 candidates attended the day which ran all day on the 28th June 2021. The examiners came from a variety of monospeciality backgrounds and included Consultants in Restorative Dentistry, enabling them to bring a wealth of useful tips to the day.

Candidates undertook a morning of vivas with personalised examination technique feedback, followed by an afternoon feedback session detailing the content expected for each of the cases. Candidates were also given a detailed booklet with the case questions and answers.

The feedback received from the attendees was immensely positive with majority of attendees feeling that the study day had improved their knowledge and understanding of the examination process. Candidates particularly commended the varied examiner teams, the range of specialty questions, the afternoon feedback session and the top tips provided. Overall, they felt that this was an excellent preparatory course with a very useful structure.

Given we had run the course virtually for the first time, examiner feedback was important to guide future revision day organisation, especially as we often rely on our speakers and examiners taking time out of their schedules to contribute. Examiners felt that the virtual format worked very well for the MRD Revision Day. With no preference over a virtual or face-to-face course it was felt that the mock viva session should mirror whichever exam format might be running that year, to be as beneficial as possible to candidates.



Plans for the future of the Early Practitioners Group MRD Revision Day will be dependent on the format of colleges specialty examinations. Face-to-face events are an invaluable opportunity for feedback, building connections and peer review. Hopefully, a move toward face-to-face exams might be possible in time but at least we are reassured that running such an interactive session virtually is possible and of immense benefit to a variety of candidates who might not normally be able to attend in person. We hope to bring back this opportunity for our membership and beyond in the future.

**As ever, we are grateful to those who took part in the day making it a success for all involved.**

### **Membership**

We encourage all new and existing members to pay their annual subscription by direct debit - "The smart way to pay". This makes it much easier for our Society to manage our membership and also makes it easier for members - no more need to remember subscription deadlines each year. For those wishing to change payments to direct debit, please contact Kirstin at [admin@bsspd.org](mailto:admin@bsspd.org) or download the direct debit mandate form from the [Members only area of the website](#) (under 'Council Papers').

## **Council matters | Update**

On the 17th of May, 2021, the BSSPD AGM was held. A recording of the meeting is available in the [Members Only section of the BSSPD website](#)

**The council was pleased to nominate Dr Suresh Nayer as the President for 2022/2023.**

Hello all – I am Suresh Nayer, your President Elect. I completed my graduation in dentistry and post-graduation in Prosthodontics in India. After a brief stint in teaching in India, I moved to the middle east where I worked for a year before landing on the shores of UK in early 2000. I started with a couple of house officer jobs, before being successful in obtaining a SpR post in Sheffield!

My introduction to BSSPD was in my second year of SpR (Specialist Registrar) training. In those days, one's application to BSSPD membership had to be supported by two

BSSPD members! Having done that and being successful in obtaining my BSSPD membership, my first conference was in Edinburgh in 2006 and I am privileged to have attended every annual conference since then. I was active in the SRRDG (Restorative Dentistry trainees' group) in those days and was appointed as the first SpR rep to BSSPD Council.



I was appointed as a Consultant in Restorative Dentistry in 2009. I continued my association with the BSSPD council when I was elected as the Asst Hon Secretary in 2009 and served as the Hon Secretary from 2010 – 2012. After my term as Hon Secretary, I was co-opted to the BSSPD Council as the International representative – to liaise with other international organizations. In 2013, I skipped the pond to Canada in my new role. I have been fortunate to be part of multiple international prosthodontic organizations spanning North America, Europe, and the Indian subcontinent. In my Presidential year, I am hoping to bring the Prosthodontic world closer – “One World, One Prosthodontics!”

I am currently the Director of Clinics at the internationally acclaimed Institute for Reconstructive Sciences for Medicine (iRSM), Edmonton, Canada and an Associate Professor at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada.

I have had the honour of serving on the BSSPD council continuously since 2009 and I hope to be of service to this premier UK prosthodontic organisation for many years to come in one form or other. For a young man, from a small town in south India, who dreamed of someday to do more in Prosthodontics, I believe I have come a long way both literally and geographically, since I landed on UK shores in early 2000. Thank you all for believing in me and electing me as your next President. I count my blessings in having reached where I am, and I look forward to my time at the helm and working with the BSSPD council to take this organization to new heights. And I am looking to each and every one of you for help in this endeavour!

Thank you



**Ms Stephanie King was elected as an Ordinary member of council.**

Stephanie states on her appointment: *"I am at the end of my training in Restorative Dentistry at Liverpool Dental Hospital, and due to complete my Prosthodontics membership exam this year. Being at the earlier phase of my career, I have the benefit of seeing all the development so far in our specialty, and the excitement of what I can yet contribute."*

*There are so many inspiring individuals within the BSSPD, witnessing their accomplishments has always driven me to strive for the best and achieve excellence where possible. I have remained a member of BSSPD since joining as an undergraduate because I recognise the huge benefits of staying connected with like-minded clinicians locally and nationally.*

*I am thrilled at the opportunity I have been given to become a member of council. I look forward to having active involvement in the society that has offered me so much. I will support the society in driving forward with our educational aims and connecting with members at all levels to enhance the growth of the BSSPD. The relationship with our membership, and non-members, is key to the ongoing evolution of our society as we face the post pandemic era, bringing with it new challenges to communication and engagement."*

This year, there were 3 nominations for **Honorary membership** to Phil Smith, Stewart Barclay and Damien Walmsley.

Dean Barker provided the following comment on their recognition:

*"I was delighted that Damien Walmsley, Phil Smith and Stewart Barclay accepted Honorary Membership of the BSSPD following the Annual General Meeting in May. Honorary Membership of the Society may be conferred upon 'any person of high standing in the profession of prosthodontics' and these three gentlemen certainly fit that description.*

*Damien Walmsley is a Professor at Birmingham University and served as BSSPD President in 2010-11. Phil Smith recently retired from Liverpool Dental School is also a Past President (2017-18) and both of these men served the Society well over many years.*

*The same can be said of Stewart Barclay who filled various roles on Council. From a very personal point of view, I was delighted that Stewart was recognised in this way as he was one of my trainers at Newcastle and taught me everything that he knew. All three recipients are very well known to BSSPD members and deserve to sit alongside the others that have been recognised by the Society in this way."*

Applications have recently closed for the role of **Honorary Assistant Secretary**. This role is for 1 year and will transition (post formal nomination) to Honorary Secretary. Our current Honorary Secretary, Dr Rupert Austin, is due to complete his 3-year term in March 2022.

## **BSSPD 2021-22 Webinar series | Where have we come from and where are we going?**

The [BSSPD Webinar series for 2021-22](#) has been released. The theme for this webinar series is 'Where have we come from and where are we going?' The webinar series has been curated by Dean Barker and each webinar will be hosted by James Field.

**Thursday 9th September 2021 @19.30:** [Tooth whitening with Dr Linda Greenwall](#)

**The aim:** Is to provide delegates with the current theories and research surrounding tooth whitening, to enable the successful implementation of strategies which can help provide high quality results for patients.



Dr Greenwall is a Prosthodontist and Specialist in Restorative Dentistry. She lectures in the UK and internationally on tooth whitening, aesthetic dentistry, practice management and inspirational talks.

**Monday 18th October 2021 @18.15: [Management of TMD with Miss Pamela Yule](#)**

**Learning Objectives:**

- To review the aetiology of temporomandibular disorders (TMDs)
- To discuss the diagnosis of TMDs
- To outline treatment strategies and management of TMDs



Pamela is currently Consultant in Restorative Dentistry at Newcastle Dental Hospital. Her clinical practice incorporates all aspects of Restorative Dentistry (such as Endodontics, Periodontics, Prosthodontics and Implant Dentistry) and particularly the treatment of patients requiring complex and advanced restorative treatment need, including multi-disciplinary care.

**Monday 8th November 2021 @19.30: [The evidence base in Prosthodontics with Dr Thomas Lamont](#)**

**Learning outcomes:**

- Being aware of history and role of Cochrane Oral Health
- Understand the results of the Cochrane Systematic reviews relevant to the practice of prosthodontic dentistry
- Consider ways that we could improve the evidence base as a society



I am clinical researcher and specialist in restorative dentistry at Dundee Dental Hospital & School. I have been a Clinical Editor at Cochrane Oral Health since 2015 and have extensive experience in large scale primary care based trials and Cochrane systematic reviews. Completing my PhD in 2018, my research focused on overcoming challenges in randomised controlled trials and systematic reviews.



**Monday 24th January 2022 @19:30: [Crown materials and luting cements with Mr Steve Bonsor](#)**

Learning outcomes:

- Explain the historical context of the ceramic materials used in fixed prosthodontics
- List the various ceramic materials employed in contemporary clinical use
- Explain the material's science underpinning these products
- Describe how the structure of these materials has an impact on how they may be attached to dental hard tissue
- Explain the materials and protocols which may be employed when attaching contemporary ceramic materials to dental hard tissue



- Steve works as a GDP in private dental practice in Aberdeen where he accepts referrals for restorative and surgical cases.
- He is heavily involved in postgraduate dental education having lectured throughout the UK and is actively involved in research having published original papers in peer reviewed journals with his main research areas being antimicrobial photodynamic therapy and the clinical performance of dental materials.

**Thursday 24th February 2022 @19:30: [Dental assessment for HANC with Mr Will Keys](#)**

Aims and Objectives:

- Understand the evolving role of Restorative Dentistry in the management of head and neck cancer patients
- Dental management of patients prior to and post radiotherapy.



- Will is a Consultant in Restorative Dentistry in Aberdeen Dental Hospital and Institute. He currently leads on the dental management of head and neck cancer patients for NHS Grampian.



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## **BSSPD Christmas webinar | Prof Craig Barclay presents “In conversation with . . . “**

[Wednesday 8th December 2021 @19:30](#)

BSSPD past president Craig Barclay will be talking to national and international special guests. The conversation will delve into the world of prosthodontics discussing classical methods of prosthodontic care and how clinical procedures have changed. The panel will debate whether old methods of our craft are still applicable and relevant given that they have been superseded by newer techniques using modern technology.



Craig qualified BDS in 1986 from Glasgow, and took up his current NHS consultant post at Manchester in 2002. He is a Consultant in Restorative Dentistry and Honorary Professor in Maxillofacial Rehabilitation, Associate Dental Postgraduate Dean for Specialist Training and Director of Education for Manchester Dental Education Centre.

He has published over 50 refereed papers, written three books and has lectured both nationally and internationally on head and neck cancer and dental implantology.

Craig is a past president of the BSSPD (2009-10)

## EMAIL PREFERENCES



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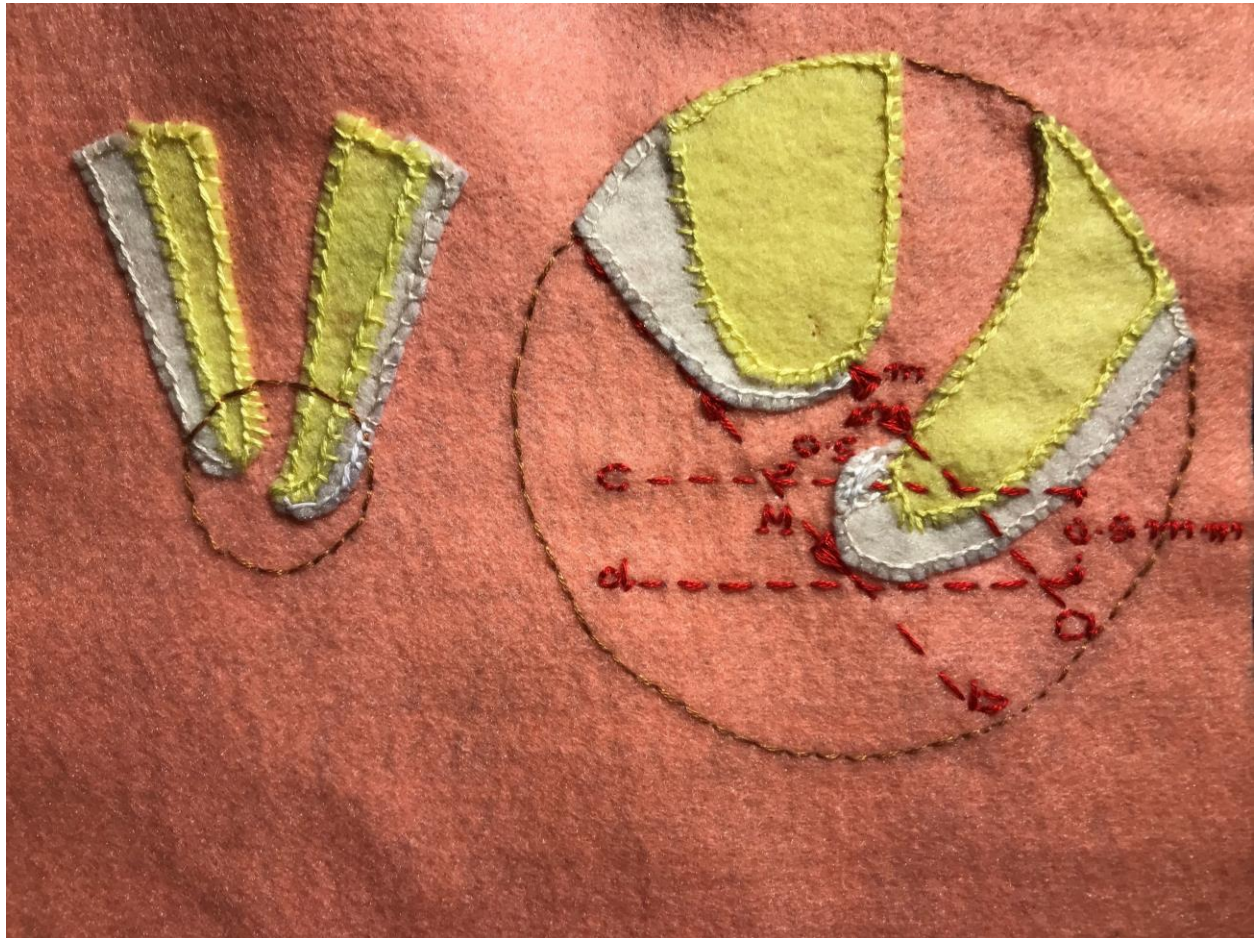
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**Back cover:** An endodontically treated tooth 🦷 is sometimes essential to support a prosthesis. Especially, in the world of Conservative Dentistry. The image denotes a magnified view of the root apex.

'm' minor foramen is the 'apical constriction', 'M' major foramen is the 'apical foramen', Line a - Line b is 0.5mm, Line d - Line c is 0.5 mm from anatomical tooth apex. In this instance, the working length for RCT is taken as 1mm from the tooth apex.

**This needlework was completed by Dr Alice Chacko**

*"How crucial is the understanding of distance? The possible variations in tooth anatomy, variation in radiographic and electronic techniques of working length determination (no technique being 100% accurate), variation in obturation techniques, variation in clinical skill that can mean success or failure of the root canal treatment . . . and all to conserve a natural tooth. Endodontics is truly fascinating. Restoration of endodontically treated teeth also." 😊 Dr. Alice Chacko*