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I was in a very small year of students and subsequently 2 members of the year became periodontists both of whom are shown in this photograph and I'm sure that some of you will recognise my good friend Sheila Diamond who runs a specialist practice in Limon. I qualified and began to work as a junior dentist in the Belfast School of Dentistry.

On reflection, however, it was 'the Troubles' that had a major effect on my subsequent life. It increased my resolve to stay in Northern Ireland at a time when it would have been easier to leave. I wasn't going to be intimidated by terrorists. I had made one decision but this led to the need to make further decisions about my career.

In preparing this address I thought a lot about how we make decisions. Occasionally it is just a case of being in the right place at the right time. But I feel there is underlying patterning that tips the balance in favour of moving in one direction rather than another. When I looked into this in a little more detail I found a considerable amount of evidence that major life choices such as career choice are strongly affected by personality and that personality traits have a substantial genetic component. So some individuals are more likely to become academics than others. Rather like our concept of susceptibility to disease.

I applied for and was appointed to an academic post in the School of Dentistry in Belfast. One month later I was asked if I wanted to take early retirement. However, it was my boss who got the enhanced early retirement package while I was left to run the Periodontal Department with no other staff, all the teaching, in a University with no money (almost sounds like 2010!) and the consultant responsibility for all the patients. I did what every self-respecting person would do, I mulled through. I had an introduction to research when I completed my PhD and I have a statistical brain as I do which helps as I deal increasingly with quantitative issues in aspects of my research. So that may explain part of how I became interested. I muddled through. I had an introduction to research when I completed my PhD and I have a statistical brain as I do which helps as I deal increasingly with quantitative issues in aspects of my research. So that may explain part of how I became interested.

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I'm sure that the genetic contribution from these two men is in part responsible for my persistence and ultimately affected the decisions I made and my career development.

So what is the other reason that periodontal research is important? In the current model UK undergraduate and postgraduate dental training take place within university based Dental Schools or Departments. Our universities are under significant pressure in relation to funding. In the past 15 years student fees were introduced and have risen to just over £3,000 per year. However, many universities, particularly those with Medical and Dental Schools, are planning to increase this figure substantially to help to balance their books. In this context Dentistry is in a difficult position as it is one of the most expensive courses to deliver and with a few exceptions most Dental Schools have a small intake and therefore do not raise a lot of revenue. Many Vice Chancellor's would not be unhappy if Dentistry was to disappear from their universities.

One of the compelling reasons for retaining Dentistry within the UK university system is that it is a university subject. This seems to be stating the obvious but what I mean is that it fits within the university ethos in that staff in Dental Schools are engaged in research which can be judged as such when compared with other subjects provided by universities. Research in all subjects in UK universities is assessed on a regular basis. Dentistry scored well in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) in 2008 with a significant proportion of the research submitted judged to be world leading or of international quality. The published results of the RAE are used by the universities to judge subjects relative to each other. The results are also used to construct league tables and to guide the allocation of resources.

In my view Periodontology very definitely punches above its weight in terms of oral and dental research in the UK. A cursory scan of the international literature would support this contention. Over the past 10 years about 10% of all papers published in what is currently the highest ranked journal in Dentistry, the Journal of Clinical Periodontology, stemmed from the UK. There is no doubt that high quality research output helps to underpin the place of Periodontology both in general and Dentistry in particular within the university setting and helps to protect us from relegation to a lower tier which might equate to locating Dentistry within technical colleges.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my wife Maeve for supporting me over the years and keeping me grounded. She has also collaborated in my most successful project to date the production of a family of 4 fantastic children. Finally, I look forward to welcoming you to Belfast in May 2011 for the Spring Meeting of the BSP.
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Vocational Training Year and the BSP

BDS results day, was definitely a day to remember!

Finally all the hard work had paid off and I could finally call myself a dentist. The wait between graduation and starting vocational training was a mixed bag of emotions from excitement and relief to insecurity and fear. This is what I will remember for the rest of my days, particularly the bit to get started on my treatment plans. I spent the first 6 months getting my treatment planning right, adapting and working on my operative skills, the last thing on my mind was the clock. Most of the treatment that walked through the door I had been trained for but I think the biggest change was altering my approach to patients from a purely academic hospital ethos to that of general NHS practice. I soon realised that 'in an ideal world' doesn't often exist in practice and as much as academia had formed the basis of my training its principles were not always applicable in the world of general dentistry. Initially, I had the feeling that my dental forefathers would somewhere be turning in their graves but it became apparent that although my altered approach may not have always been text book, I always had my patient's best interests at heart. So the learning curve was steep.

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The second half of the VT year was spent trying to get my speed up whilst maintaining quality care, without trying to sound like Barry Cockcroft. I had become more confident and independent in my treatment planning and started to form my own opinions and approaches on patient care. I gained confidence in my diagnosis and treatment of periodontal conditions and realised that periodontics was not just a box to tick on the way to ensuring the finals examiners were satisfied but was an intrinsic part of patient treatment. It was one way the patient could really measure and quantify my level of care. Some of the commonest complaints were halitosis, staining, bleeding gums and all these problems could be solved with thorough patient education, scaling and polishing... and of course patient compliance. On our obligatory VT trip to Dental Protection headquarters it soon became evident that negligence to diagnose and treat periodontal conditions is one of the top reasons for dentists facing the GDC. It is not enough to simply suggest specialist referral to patient with periodontal disease, as a VDP and GDP we are expected to inform, treat and monitor these patients. I was shocked at the number of patients who had never been informed of their gum condition, and they were equally shocked that they had been happily living with an oral disease no-one had ever told them about. GDPs are responsible for all their patient’s periodontal needs and I soon realised it is absolutely essential patients are informed and understand the consequence of periodontal neglect.

New Chair of the BSP Education Committee

It is an honour and a pleasure to serve as the new Chair of Education Committee.

I would like to thank Dr Elaine Gedrys-Leeper (retiring Chair) for her sterling efforts over the past years. I would also like to thank all the Education Committee and Regional Representatives whose help is always tremendously helpful in promoting the educational objectives of the Society.

Recent initiatives include a Joint BDA/BSP meeting in South Wales. Feedback for this was excellent and many thanks to the speakers Dr Liam Alday, Professor Nicola West and Dr Matthew Luckie. At the time of writing this, Professor Gareth Gethin has invited Professor Markus Hürzeler to run a Masterclass in Microsurgical Treatment of Periodontal Disease to be held in Sheffield as two 1-day events in February 2011. Details for this will be placed on the BSP website soon!

The challenge of the Education Committee will always be to engage, enthuse and inspire the potential Periodontists of the future, i.e. practitioners seeking to be Specialists in Periododontics or even those keen to take a special interest in this subject. To this end the Committee and Regional Representatives continue to focus on courses tailored for the recently qualified Dental Practitioner/VDP groups, which in essence are the future of the Society. In this era of internet use, we now also have a BSP facebook site, kindly set up by Dr Ian Dunn promoting the Society with web links to the BSP website. The purpose of BSP facebook is to engage and inform the new emerging breed of Dental Practitioner “facebook generation” about BSP led meetings, courses and training opportunities. Please visit the Regional meetings and Independent Periodontology courses sections on the BSP website and also our new facebook site.

Finally, but not at all means least, many thanks to both Helen Clough (Administrative Manager) and Ghilaine Ower (Conference Manager) for all their support and efforts in making “things” happen. I look forward to seeing you all at the BSP Spring Meeting in Belfast May 2011.

Charlie Tams

2009 Undergraduate Prize Report Summary:

In last year’s BSP Newsletter, it was reported that Cameron Herbert had won the Undergraduate Prize with a project entitled “The Antimicrobial Activity of Tigecycline Against Periodontal Pathogens and its Potential for Immuno modulation”. Cameron has now submitted his research report and a summary of the findings is presented: “The study has highlighted the potential for tigecycline to be used as a novel adjunct in the treatment of periodontitis. Tigecycline has a similar mechanism of action to that of the other tetracyclines but binds more efficiently. The combination of tigecycline’s efficient antibiotic properties helps it to overcome resistance, the immunomodulatory potential and the lack of cell toxicity lead to the conclusion that tigecycline is a novel antibiotic which should be further investigated as a potential adjunct in the treatment of periodontitides”.

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A glimpse into the life of an NHS Restorative StR

Tuesday starts a bit like Monday began though this time you buy a coffee on the walk to work from the coffee shop in the station. You remind yourself to stop wasting money and fill your travel cup before leaving the house! The salary of an NHS SpR, though not miserly by any means, does not stretch to such luxuries especially when you are still paying off those MSc fees from last year.

This morning is your monthly StR teaching session organised by your training programme director. One of the highlights of your training, this session offers teaching on a specifically chosen topic while offering a chance to chat with StR colleagues about anything from a case you’ve treated, a new technique you read about or a management issue you’ve come across. Last month there was even a surgery session on a pig’s head whereas today there is a revision session on the science and biology behind implantology.

By 12:15 your energy levels are fading but you maintain momentum until lunch by reminding yourself that a case just like any of these could come up in your Intercollegiate Speciality Fellowship Exam (ISFE) in 18 months time. Patients discharged and letters dictated the morning session draws to a close.

You grab a quick sandwich from the hospital canteen before attending the 6 monthly implant business meeting. Attended by dentists on the implant team as well as nurses and lab staff, these meetings are a chance to discuss the implant service within the restorative department. While frantically scribbling down the minutes, you remind yourself that one day you will be a lead consultant chairing such a meeting. Indeed, you will be the one making the decisions about the future direction of a department, liaising with healthcare managers, putting forward a business case for a new piece of equipment or new consultant and feel a pang of anxiety.

It’s Tuesday afternoon and you are supervising the final year students on the integrated adult restorative clinic. Student teaching is a small but important part of your role as an NHS restorative dentist and is a good opportunity for you to reflect on your own technique and the evidence behind the decisions you make.

After work there is a dental hospital StR meeting attended by a group of StR’s from all the hospital departments. As a restorative trainee you are expected to sit and pass the ISFE on completion of training so that you can be granted a place on the specialist list and therefore apply for that all important consultant job. This exam covers 3 sections: clinical cases, healthcare management and critical analysis, the latter of which are generic to FTTH ortho and paeds and to oral surgery.

It’s finally the end of another jam-packed day and you take a quick peek at what tomorrow has in store before heading home. Tomorrow morning is an admin session so you hope there will be some time to concentrate on the corrections for that academic paper you are so keen to get published. You’ve also arranged to meet with your educational supervisor in one of your quarterly meetings to discuss your progress. This reminds you to prepare a study leave application form for the forthcoming Specialist Registrars in Restorative Dentistry Conference which you are keen to go on. Your study budget of around £700-900 must be carefully considered to ensure you maximise the educational benefit.

Tomorrow afternoon you are hoping to accompany one of the consultants to theatre to assist with fitting an obturator for an oncology patient undergoing a hemi-maxillectomy. You remind yourself to call in to the library so you can read up on the procedure on the train home as this is not something you’ve seen before and you want to get the most out of the experience. While you are there you recall it is your turn to choose a journal for journal club next week and so you plan to select a suitable article.

7pm and you arrive home to your gym bag ready to go at the front door. It’s been there for three weeks now following your New Years resolution to get fit. However, despite the nagging voice in your head you walk right past it, promising that you’ll definitely go soon!

Louise O’Dowd
Advanced Instrumentation Masterclass January 2010

The BSP continued with its Masterclass series by organising an advanced instrumentation course on 30th January 2010 at the Eastman CPD facility at 123 Grays Inn Road. The course was designed for individuals who teach instrumentation skills for sub-gingival debridement to undergraduates, young practitioners and hygienists.

The course was the brainchild of Elaine Gre dys-Leeper who enrolled the skills of Jean Susan and Ruth Glover who delivered a hands-on programme giving participants the opportunity to review skills and understand key elements of teaching efficient mechanical instrumentation, sharpening, ultrasonic instrumentation, guiding patients in health behaviour change and principles of general case management. The entire day consisted of practical exercises designed to enhance both instrumentation and teaching skills.

The photographs show the keen participants and some unusual teaching aids that demonstrate the innovative approach developed and adopted by the speakers to teach these skills.

Feedback from the course was overwhelmingly positive. Comments included:

- “An excellent course for teachers of perio”
- “Wonderfully prepared and supported by imaginative teaching material”
- “Clearly amongst the leading clinical teachers in the UK”

The good news is that there are plans to ensure that Masterclass courses continue.

Founders & Benefactors Day - Newcastle April 2010

On 17th April 2010, the Northern Deanery held a Spring Symposium at the Gosforth Park Hotel in Newcastle. The theme for this ‘Founders and Benefactor’s Day’ was ‘Care Values in Periodontics’ and boasted an array of quality speakers including Professors Robin Seymour, Philip Preshaw, Iain Chapple and Drs Ower and Roberts.

The Founders and Benefactors Lecture commemorates the Founders and Benefactors of the Sutherland Dental School which was established in 1895.

The keynote lecture was delivered by Professor Robin Seymour who will be familiar to many within the Society and he is pictured receiving a momentum of the occasion by Professor James Steele, Dean of Newcastle Dental School. Also pictured are speakers who also contributed to the day. Editor - apologies to Iain Chapple who delivered a superb lecture but managed to dodge the camera!

This was a full day event covering Nutrition and periodontal disease, neutrogenomics, inflammation modulation, links between periodontal disease and systemic conditions, and periodontal diagnosis and treatment. Over 360 delegates attended this event which highlighted the interest levels in the theme of Periodontology.

Super sleuth Phil Preshaw gives us some background:

The Newcastle Founders’ & Benefactors’ Lecture Series has its origins in the 2nd World War. The University of Durham Dental Graduates’ Association had its first meeting in summer 1943 and agreed the following objectives. “To maintain the interest of graduates and licentiates of the University of Durham in the Dental School of the University and Newcastle upon Tyne Dental Hospital, and to encourage social intercourse and good fellowship among members. The Society will ensure that the links between us and our school and hospital are not broken when we enter the world.”

To mark the occasion, on October 1st 1943, an Inaugural Address by Dr W.G. Senior, Secretary to the BDA, entitled “Opportunities of Dentistry” took place in the Medical School. This was the fore-runner of the Founders’ and Benefactors’ Lectures instituted in 1946. Of particular interest to members of the BSP; the first Founders’ and Benefactors’ Lecture was given by Sir Wilfred Fish, entitled “The Future of Dentistry”. Sir Wilfred Fish was the first President of the BSP (1949-1950), and is unique in being the only person to ever hold the position of President twice (he was President again from 1973-1974).

For the historians among you, the second Founders’ and Benefactors’ lecture at Newcastle was entitled “The Development of Social Dental Service” and was given by the Minister of Health, Dr WG Senior. This was in 1948, the year that the NHS was established, and the then new dental school in Newcastle, the Sutherland Dental School, was opened after that Founders’ and Benefactors’ lecture by the Right Honourable Aneurin Bevan, M.P.

Henry Schein Partnership Programme

The Henry Schein agreement is now entering its fourth year and continues to thrive. BSP members receive a discount on orders and in return, the society receives a donation from Henry Schein which is used to support the Clinical Fellowship. A cheque was received at the Cambridge meeting for £4,000.
Spring Meeting 2010

The British Society of Periodontology Diamond Jubilee Spring Meeting was held at the Hilton Brighton Metropole Hotel which was well attended and allowed friends and colleagues to catch up after a busy day of lectures. The Society is very grateful to our sponsors for supporting our meetings and also to our Commercial Liaison Officer, Dr Monica Lee, for managing the sponsorship issues. None of our meetings would happen without the extremely hard work and dedication of Ghiilaine Ower, our Conference Manager, supported by Helen Clough, our Administrative Manager.

From 1st - 3rd July 2010, the International Symposium on Dental Hygiene assembled at the Scottish Exhibition & Conference Centre (SECC), Glasgow. The conference theme was ‘Oral Health - New Concepts for the New Millennium’ with an emphasis on new technology for preventing and treating oral diseases including alternative treatments. Delegates were welcomed by the British Society of Dental Hygiene and Therapy (BSDHT) and the International Federation of Dental Hygienists (IFDH) in the state-of-the-art setting of the SECC. The list of invited keynote speakers was impressive with many contributors well known to the BSP. A host of parallel sessions took place over the 3 days. Since Editorial thanks must go to the official photographer of the event Filip Gieitinski, who is the Head Photographer at Dentopix for allowing the reproduction of the images of the event.
Roger Mosedale & David Hillam - Honorary Members

As highlighted earlier in this newsletter, Drs Mosedale & Hillam were awarded Honorary Membership at the AGM of the Autumn Scientific Meeting held in London. Both Roger and David have made considerable and significant efforts for the Society and the wider Perio community and it was entirely befitting that these awards were made. Clearly both recipients were highly moved by this award and the considerable and significant efforts for the Society and the wider Perio Scientific Meeting held in London. Both Roger and David have made were awarded Honorary Membership at the AGM of the Autumn

After the awards, both Roger and David were surrounded by well wishers. A quick snap of Roger with some of the current and former Birmingham Perio crew who were part of the benevolent delegates who he has, and continues to, heavily influence.

Dental Hygienist/Dental Therapist Members

Full Membership status agreed at AGM

The British Society of Periodontology is pleased to announce that following changes to the Constitution agreed at the Annual General Meeting held on Friday 24 September 2010, Dental Hygienists/Dental Therapists have been given Full Membership status. This will be automatically conferred on existing Associate Hygienist members and be offered to all new members at the point of application for membership of the Society.

A survey carried out earlier in the year under the Presidency of Professor Francis Hughes showed that the majority of hygienist members would welcome full membership status and the opportunity for greater involvement in the work of the Society. There was considerable support shown by the membership present at the AGM for the role of the Dental Hygienist/Dental Therapist within the BSP and the vote was carried by a large majority.

As Full members Dental Hygienists/Dental Therapists will have voting rights, which they did not have as Associate Members. They will continue to benefit from reduced subscription rates both for annual membership and registration fees for scientific meetings. It is hoped that these changes will encourage Dental Hygienist/Dental Therapist members of the BSP to play a full role in the activities of the Society.

Council welcomes these changes and looks forward to continuing to work closely with Dental Hygienist/Dental Therapist colleagues in the future. Pictured is Helen Clough at the BSDHT conference in Glasgow in July 2010 demonstrating the BSP’s commitment to hygienist/therapist members.

Future Meetings

The Titanic Meeting 2011

BSP Spring Meeting, Belfast Waterfront Studio
26-27 May 2011

The Spring meeting will be held in Belfast on the 26th and 27th of May 2011. Organisers have developed an exciting and stimulating programme, including renowned national and international speakers both from the world of periodontology and further afield from areas of medical practice and research.

Presentations on the opening day will investigate the role of nutrition and diet in the development and progression of inflammatory conditions, focusing on periodontal disease.

The second day will concentrate on the long-term management of patients with periodontal disease and peri-implantitis, including a look into potential future treatments based on an ever-increasing knowledge of the aetiology and pathogenesis of these conditions.

Speakers include: Dr Ken Kornman, Professor Iain Chapple, Professor Ian Young, Professor Philip Preeshaw, Dr Oystein Fardal, Dr Paul Palmer, Professor Stefan Renvert, Dr Carole Lowis, Professor Francis Hughes and Professor Jukka Meurman. All this in the historic city of Belfast, which has been regenerated with an extensive programme of development including the building of the Belfast Waterfront, which will house the conference. The Europa, probably one of the most iconic hotels in Western Europe, will be the conference hotel.

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Europerio 7 2012

The Austrian Society of Periodontology is hosting Europerio 7 in Vienna from 6th - 9th June 2012. The conference venue is the Reed Messe Wien Exhibition & Conference Center, Messeplatz 1, 1021 Vienna and full details can be found at the conference website.

www.europerio7.com

BSP Masterclass Sheffield February 2011

Readers who remember last years’ BSP Newsletter will recall the feature on Markus Hürzeler who provided a Muco-gingival Masterclass. Such was the popularity and demand for the previous BSP Muco-gingival Masterclass course, Markus returns to the UK on 4th & 5th February 2011 to serve up a further muco-gingival course hosted at Sheffield Dental School. This is a one-day course with 30 places available on each day. Further details will be emailed to the membership shortly.

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Pan Dental Society Conference 2011

The 2nd Pan Dental Society Conference will take place on 11-12 November 2011 in Liverpool. Those who recall the 1st Dental Pan-Society Conference ‘Dilemmas & Decisions in Dentistry’ held in Birmingham 2007 will remember that this is an outstanding opportunity both to hear international experts in the field and to network with like-minded colleagues across the disciplines.

www.pandental.co.uk
Membership Stats

The total membership has decreased slightly since last year, with at present 885 members, down from 924 last year (a 4% decrease). The membership currently comprises: 7 Honorary Members, 1 Emeritus member, 633 Full Members (of whom 66 are overseas), 40 Post-graduate student members, 28 SpRs, 17 First 4 years members, 2 undergraduate members, 33 Associate members, and 117 Hygienist / Therapist Associate members.

82 members did not renew their membership in the last year, whereas there have been 47 new members in that time.

Prizes

Last year, the Society awarded the Sir Wilfred Fish Research Prize to Mandeep Ghuman from Barts & The London School of Medicine & Dentistry for his research “Suppression of osteogenic potential caused by gingival fibroblasts”. There were 3 applicants for the Fish Prize, and the standard was extremely high.

The winner of the Frank Ashley Undergraduate Prize was James Crawford, 4th year dental student from Glasgow Dental School who conducted an excellent summer elective research project in Glasgow Dental School entitled “Inflammatory mediators in periodontal disease”.

The winner of the BSP Research Grant was Dr Martin Ling, clinical lecturer in periodontology from Birmingham dental school for his research “C-reactive protein modulation of peripheral blood neutrophil response”.

There were no applications for the Fellowship Award or the Audit Award in the last year. The entry criteria for all the prizes and awards are available on the BSP website.

Details relating to this years competition can be found under the article on the Autumn Scientific Meeting. For those thinking of applying, the deadlines are:

- Frank Ashley Undergraduate prize: 1 February
- Research Grant: 31 March
- Sir Wilfred Fish prize: 1 July
- Fellowship Award: 1 December
- Audit Award: _

Entries to the editor please at anthony.roberts@manchester.ac.uk. All entries may be published and the Editor’s decision is final!

Caption Competition

There was only 1 entry for last year’s caption competition and unusually they wished to remain anonymous:

“see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil”

The editor took a quick moment to check out what Wikipedia has to say about the “Three wise monkeys:
The three wise monkeys (Japanese: 猿三昧, ian en or sanzaru, or 猿三昧猿, sanbiki no sanzaru, literally “three monkeys”) are a pictorial maxim. Together they embody the proverbial principle to “see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil”. The three monkeys are Mizaru, covering his eyes, who sees no evil; Kikazaru, covering his ears, who hears no evil; and Iwarazaru, covering his mouth, who speaks no evil. Sometimes there is a fourth monkey depicted with the three others: the last one, Shizaru, symbolizes the principle of “do no evil”. He may be shown crossing his arms. You learn something every day!

Website Update

The website continues to evolve and improve. Listed below are a few of the initiatives that are deserving of comment:

- The Job section of the website has been active this year - with a number of requests for jobs to be posted. A number of these have been from non-members.
- The BSP ‘Google rating’ has lowered to 5th when typing in BSP. Please can colleagues remember to send all news items to Helen Clough (admin@bsperio.org.uk) who will post these on the website as appropriate.
- Please remember that the website is a useful way of advertising Perio-related courses.
- Plans are afoot for an Undergraduate area of the BSP Website. It is envisaged that this could be “National Curriculum” based on a combination of lecture programmes from contributing Universities.

Summary from the Honorary Treasurer

Professor Heasman recommended and the AGM voted to accept the following:

- To increase the subscriptions for all levels of membership the Society with the exception of the undergraduate subscriptions;
- That Council, on behalf of the membership considers carefully appropriate measures to make savings for 2010;
- That we retain the services of Richard Barwick as accountant to the Society for 2011;
- That we retain the services of Herbert Parnell as independent auditors to the Society.
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