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Presidential Handover

All change at the top with Professor Gerry Linden providing an Irish taste of things to come.

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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 the five years had been all about, finally being able to treat and care for patients and put all that knowledge and training to good use, so why was I so scared? I couldn’t seem to stop imagining the worse case scenarios, creating oro-antral fistulas, perforating canals, myocutaneous infarction in the chair. These fears seemed to overshadow any excitement for the year ahead. Looking back, I had nothing to worry about.

My first few weeks were preoccupied with ‘examination’ appointments with the odd scale and polish to keep things interesting. By the end of my first week I was literally at the bit to get started on my treatment plans. I spent the first six 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 be the same as their teaching, their students are very much alive.

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 ignorance to diagnose and treat periodontal conditions is one of the top reasons for dentists facing the GMC. 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.

I have recently started a new post at the Manchester Dental Hospital as a Senior House Officer, of which my first 6 months is dedicated to oral surgery and oral medicine. I am finding this role extremely challenging and rewarding, and although perio isn’t a disease I am actively treating in my day-to-day role I have found myself diagnosing patients with periodontal conditions on implant clinics or providing alternative diagnoses on oral medicine referrals. This just highlighted once more that periodontal care is the cornerstone of dental prevention and treatment, and understanding periodontics is crucial to providing comprehensive patient care whether a specialist dentist or general dental practitioner.

Charlie Tams

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 Aldly, Professor Nicola West and Dr Matthew Ludie. At the time of writing this, Professor Gareth Garrett-Jones 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 Periodontics 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.

Kalpesh Patel

Young Practitioners Guide to Periodontics

The dynamic of Periodontics, otherwise known as Dr Elaine Gedrys-Leeper, conceived of the idea of a new resource for the BSP called ‘The Young Practitioners Guide to Periodontics’ and aimed at the newly qualified dentist. Elaine kindly approached me to be involved and we have subsequently received the support and contributions from a dozen BSP members. We are working towards a launch of the guide at the Spring Meeting in May 2011.

We have designed the guide to be an accessible resource that builds on the knowledge and experience gained during undergraduate years. The concept is that it will support new dentists and their practice teams, in managing periodontal health and in achieving the fulfillment for their patients and themselves through Periodontics that so many BSP members enjoy. Full details will be available in the Spring 2011 and do come to Belfast for the launch.

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A glimpse into the life of an NHS Restorative STr

Morning coffee is a must, even the flavourless brew from the hospital canteen becomes moderately appealing as you switch your mind into gear and contemplate the day and week ahead.

Quick check of the e-mails, before gathering together the study models for the 8am pre-clinic meeting to discuss cases due on the Joint Restorative Clinic. You remembered to write summaries of cases the Friday before, saving you from an early start.

This monthly diagnostic clinic attended by several restorative consultants is busy, with lots of interesting and challenging cases referred internally for further discussion and treatment planning. As usual, the pre-clinic meeting involves lively discussion with lots of ideas and plans suggested. At the mid point of your five year training you realise how far you’ve progressed when you can follow all of the discussion and even suggest a few alternatives too.

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 Intermediate 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 in the prosthodontic department. While frantically scribbling down the minutes, you remind yourself that one day you will be a lead consultant in the prosthodontic department.

The session offers teaching on a specifically chosen topic while maximising the educational benefit. Tomorrow afternoon you are hoping to accompany one of the consultants to the theatre to assist with fitting an obturator. You recall it is your turn to choose a journal for journal club next week but you remember to call in to the library so you can read up on the procedure for articulated models. Not only is this important when discussing this case with the referring consultant, but it 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 STrs 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 FTTA 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.

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You check your e-mail inbox, it is now on Facebook and encourage them to follow us.

We currently have around 120 members on Facebook but only few are aware that BSP is also a “social networking” society with its very own Facebook page. For those of you not familiar with Facebook, it is the world’s largest social networking site with over 500 million users! Users of Facebook add people or groups as “friends” and update their profile to let their “friends” know what they are up to. Users can write on their friends “wall”, which is effectively a way of leaving a note for someone to read next time they log on. It also allows users to post pictures and videos for others to view. Due to the success of Facebook, many businesses and groups have appeared with most large companies having a social networking strategy.

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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 Sr, 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.

Well-done Sir!

Congratulations to Dr Mike Milward who completed his PhD and graduated in June 2010. His thesis was entitled ‘Oral Epithelium in the Pathogenesis of Periodontitis’. Specifically his research looked at the effect of periodontal pathogens P. gingivalis & F. nucleatum on pocket/sulcular epithelium. His results suggested a pro inflammatory role for epithelium in initiating and propagating periodontal disease, and went on to show ability of a naturally occurring antioxidant (lipoic acid) to dampen down the pro-inflammatory epithelial response, which may have therapeutic benefit in managing periodontal disease.

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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

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I am sure you will agree that BSP has always prided itself on being a welcoming and sociable society. Well now the BSP is also a “social networking” society with its very own Facebook page.

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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 Giedrys-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.

BSP Membership Database
Are you up-to-date?

A plea from the admin team at the BSP. Please can all members check that their e-mail addresses on the BSP membership database are correct. Notification about Masterclass courses are emailed to the addresses contained within the database - we don’t want you to miss out!

You can check your details and email address by going to the BSP website www.bsperio.org.uk and then clicking on MEMBERS AREA > Update details

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 ‘Core 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 key note 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 Jimmy 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 highlights 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 forerunner 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.
Practical periodontal maintenance for the dental team was also a parallel session entitled ‘New Concepts for the New Millennium’ with an emphasis on new technology for preventing and treating oral diseases including smoking to periodontal practice. More was to follow from Professors Michalowicz later and both speakers had a 45-minute slot to present to the audience. Professor Heasman’s presentation appeared to be ‘done and dusted’ within 2 minutes and using just a single slide! We all knew the answer to the question ‘Do our patients need to stop smoking?’ But we were then clearly led through the pertinent issues in formulating the answer so that full advantage of the time available was made.

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James Crawford (BDS student at Glasgow) stepped up to receive his prize entitled “Inflammatory mediators in periodontal disease”. Indeed, a poster presentation of the study was visible during the refreshment breaks for all delegates to see. In addition, Helen Clough and Ghilaine Ower were very deserving in the Societies award of appreciation for these key individuals literally without whom the Society would cease to function. To end the AGM proceedings, Dr Wendy Turner took to the stage to give a vote of thanks to the outgoing President of the Society, Professor Francis Hughes. The chains of office were passed to our new President Professor Gerry Linden, who humorously guided the delegates through his Presidential Address and personal take on the importance of ‘Roots’.

After a packed morning, refreshments were served, the trade stands visited and then back into the impressive auditorium for the remainder of the morning with presentations from Professors Michalowicz and Heasman.

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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 Preewhau, Dr Oistein 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.

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 Mucogingival Masterclass course, Markus returns to the UK on 4th & 5th February 2011 to run up a further mucogingival 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.

BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

Pan Dental Society Conference 2011

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There are a number of other excellent recently opened hotels in the city centre. The compact nature of Belfast means that all hotels are within walking distance of the conference centre.

Belfast City Council has generously offered to host a pre-dinner Drinks Reception on Thursday 26th May, followed by the Conference Dinner at City Hall. The craic will be mighty!

Airlines, including the budget airlines, fly into two Belfast airports from all over the UK. The George Best Belfast City Airport is only 3 miles from the city centre, with regular shuttle buses and taxis running from the airport to the city centre. Belfast International Airport is approximately 20 miles from the city centre. Again regular bus services and taxis are available for transport into the city. Early booking of flights is advised. There are numerous hotels located close to both the Waterfront Studio and City Hall, as well as the many restaurants and bars in the city centre. Full details will be available on the BSP website.

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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, Messerplatz 1, 1021 Vienna and full details can be found at the conference website.

www.europerio7.com

Diabetes, Nutrition and Diet in the Development and Progression of Inflammatory Conditions

Dr. Kornman - ‘Inflammation: An Overview’
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Perio Congress 2012

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.

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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.

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 year’s competition can be found under the article on the Autumn Scientific Meeting. For those thinking of applying, the deadlines are:

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

Prizes

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 Farnell as independent auditors to the Society.
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