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BSP Presidential Address

September 2012

Philip Greene Takes the Stage

My, how things have changed!

The Greek philosopher Heraclitus said that: "No man can step into the same river twice, because it's not the same river and he's not the same man." Nature is constantly changing, yet remains reassuringly the same.

But everything has to start somewhere, and my career in dentistry started in Liverpool under the tutelage of Professor Frank Lawton and, over the last 40 years, I have morphed into a full-time working periodontist, living proof of the power of clear goal setting.

I left Liverpool understanding the fundamental importance of periodontal health in Dentistry and moved back to Manchester, to work as an associate in various general practices, until I started my own general practice in 1976.

When I qualified we could only dream of regenerating bone that had been lost due to periodontal disease, and of correcting gingival recession defects. Now we do it every day, using a variety of materials derived from various biological and synthetic sources. Over the last 40 years we have learnt how to correct periodontal defects with greater predictability than ever before, by grafting tissues, usually from the palate, on to tooth surfaces denuded by trauma or development and by using a variety of materials from biological and synthetic sources. We are now entering an era of alternative and resorbable materials, which avoid the need to make a second surgical wound and this makes periodontal surgical therapy much more tolerable for our patients.

The Dental Practitioners' Section

I joined the BSP in the 1970's to learn more about practical perio and was fortunate to have the opportunity, under the leadership of then President Roger Mosedale, in 1986, to be the Founding Chair of the BSP Dental Practitioners' Section. And we made a difference. We established a niche group within the BSP and we actually managed to have the GDS narrative changed to include fees for a BPE exam and to make three-monthly scalings permissible and chargable. This was a breakthrough for perio treatment within the GDS. This section of the BSP has the potential to make a difference now, by reaching out to raise the standards of perio diagnosis and treatment in general dental practice.

The dental profession, as ever, faces great challenges. A new NHS contract is currently being piloted and it is likely to involve screening every patient for periodontal disease risk. The BSP has been, and continues to be, involved in the development of the periodontal aspects of the contract. There will be a need for dentists with enhanced skills in Periodontics, particularly since very few new periodontal specialists are currently being trained and this will inevitably lead to a reduction in the availability of specialist periodontal services. The GDP, some with the aid of Hygienists and Therapists, will need to provide good diagnosis and nonsurgical treatment because some of their patients will need it to be done and in order to avoid the increasing tide of litigation against dentists who do not provide adequate treatment for their patients. Therefore, the BSP must reach out to GDPs and ensure that they have the knowledge and capability to meet the challenge. If we don't, who will?

Direct Access

We will also face the challenge of Direct Access to Hygienists and Therapists. The GDC is committed to investigate this and it seems to be the intention of the OFT that they should allow it, if not approve it. There is a need to balance the cost of publicly provided health services against a change in the relative status of dentists, hygienists and therapists; balance greater choice against the risk of a possible lowering of clinical standards.

Education Programme

We have already made an impressive start with our referral policy, BPE information sheets and, recently, the superb Young Practitioners' Guide to Periodontics, which has been well received throughout the profession. Our website is a modern and functional source of information and contains details of forthcoming meetings, on-line cases for study, a series of lecture presentations on various aspects of periodontal practice and also a hardly-used Forum. **Please use the Forum to share ideas, to ask for help and advice and to keep in touch with other members.**

For the first time we will be an Education Partner in the Dentistry Show at the NEC in Birmingham, 1-2 March, 2013. The BSP will have its own Perio Techniques Lounge on the exhibition floor with a programme of periodontal education and events on both days. We hope to raise the profile of the BSP by taking part in this event, and hopefully recruit many new members.

This educational initiative will be supported by a series of Roadshows and advanced Masterclasses in various parts of the country, fulfilling our objectives of advancing the art and science of Periodontology. This meeting, and the **Manchester Spring Meeting** next year, will strongly feature world class clinicians and teachers of practical and effective periodontics, reflecting my personal passion about the benefits of periodontal health to the people we treat. It represents the endpoint of all the sophisticated research for which the BSP is justly renowned and which I am sure was a major factor in helping our successful bid for the **EUROPERIO 8** meeting that will be held in London in 2015. Please make a note of the dates - **3-6 June, 2015**. We need your support and that of your colleagues, and particularly from GDPs. Help us to make it the best EUROPERIO ever.

One thing that has not changed is the importance of bacterial plaque in the causation of inflammatory periodontal diseases. We now refer to plaque biofilm, and to specific bacteria, but whatever we call it, we still scrape or wash or flush or blast or laser it off the tooth surface. We have ultrasonics, airflows, lasers, topical antimicrobials, but we still need to remove the plaque from the tooth surface, and we still need the patient to do it wherever they can. I don't think this is going to change in the foreseeable future.

I am immensely proud to be the President of the BSP and will try to emulate the leadership of my many illustrious predecessors. This is a time of great potential for the Society. We are in a strong position to take advantage of the increasing interest in periodontics. If we can get our message across to both the dental profession and the public we can really make a difference to dental health in the UK. On a personal note I am indebted to Francis Hughes for his invaluable advice as Scientific Advisor, and Kai King as Honorary Assistant Secretary in the organisation of my Presidential year. I look forward to seeing many of you at one or more of this year's events.

CARDIFF **SPRING MEETING** 2012

The BSP headed to Wales in March to enjoy the sunshine and the hospitality that Cardiff has to offer. The Editor travelled down with family in tow to enjoy the city ahead of the main event and the weather was perfect. Cardiff Castle and the Millennium Stadium were taken in alongside a raft of 'daffs' to ensure a thoroughly good time was had.

Turning to the Spring Meeting itself, President Will McLaughlin then commenced proceedings with the usual welcomes and introductions but quickly informed the audience of the highly significant and official announcement that EUROPERIO would be held in London in 2015; a text message from Francis Hughes confirming the same ensured fabulous news to commence the meeting.

Will introduced the morning with a Welsh introduction to 'clarity or confusion' and out of respect for the Welsh language, your editor will not attempt to recreate! Of course this Presidential address was delayed following the success of the Pan Dental Conference in Liverpool.

Will provided the background to his Irish ancestry and the confusion over which nation to support given his Irish name, his undergraduate training in England, his affiliation to a Scottish Royal College and his home in Wales. No doubt a few drams of whisky might help the deliberations.

Professor Stephen Rollnick was the first invited speaker who is a Clinical Psychologist, Professor of Healthcare Communication (and quick to point out a dental patient) in Cardiff. Many will know that he was brought up in South Africa and a cofounder of 'motivational interviewing'. Prof Rollnick informed the audience that "patient readiness to change varies across population and perio patients tend to score 4-7 but we need 8-10". I am sure it is no surprise to this readership and a reminder that as clinicians we should be flexible in our communication style.

Professor Mike Lewis followed up and was as entertaining as ever. The opening gambit of "...the structure of penicillin is like a house plus a few other bits..." ensured that the audience was at ease with the content of this important area.

John Tiernan from the Medical Protection Society then followed on with medico-legal aspects of perio informing us that 'Perio is number 5 in the charts' with key areas being failure to inform, failure to treat, failure to monitor and failure to advise of risk factors. Again, this was an extremely entertaining lecture with a focus on communication with highly visual examples of where it can all go wrong.

Phil Ower provided an excellent presentation (as always) on the best way to debride root surfaces, which set us all thinking about how these treatments have evolved over time, and how there has been a shift in thinking and objectives. Regular biofilm disruption with toothbrush and ultrasonic is key. Of course Phil is a great servant of the BSP and is pictured here with Helen helping out as usual.

Giannfranco Carnevale rounded off proceedings with his insight into osseous respective surgery, which was of great interest.

In short, a great series of presentations highly pertinent to us all and all rounded off with a great dinner and social event.

Well done Will and the conference team!

Success for Periodontal Practices
Led by BSP Members

The Centre for Aesthetic Periodontics and Implantology (CAPI) in Tunbridge Wells has been awarded winner in the prestigious UK Private Dentistry Awards 2011 in the category "Best Periodontal Practice".

The Emsworth Specialist Practice (Hampshire) was awarded runner-up with the national awards ceremony taking place at a glamorous event at the InterContinental Hotel in London at the end of 2011. The occasion was attended by dentists and their teams from all over England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Neither practice is a stranger to awards with CAPI awarded runner up in the category "Best Referral Practice" two years ago, and Emsworth Specialist Practice recognised by the BDA as a "BDA Good Practice'.

This time CAPI has been awarded winner in the prestigious UK Private Dentistry Awards 2011 in the category "Best Periodontal Practice". Dr Pedja Pavlovic, Principal Dentist at CAPI, is a specialist in periodontics, ITI Fellow and the ITI Study Club Coordinator for the UK and Ireland.

Dr Amanda Biddle, of the Emsworth Specialist Practice is a specialist in periodontics and oral surgery.

Congratulations to everyone involved!

> "I am delighted that the whole team has been recognised for its hard work and excellent patient care by this prestigious award"
>
> Dr Pedja Pavlovic,
> Principal Dentist at CAPI

A day at Council and seeing **how the other half live!**

Readers may recall a feature in last year's newsletter highlighting a change in venue for Council meetings.

At the last Council meeting your Editor was up at the normal 6.30am on cuppa duty for Mrs Editor...

...before heading off to Sunny Stockport...

...leaving the 'Robertsmobile' parked up securely...

...before heading down to the big smoke on the 8.04 'Virgin Quest Pendolino' service to Euston...

(on best behaviour so as not to upset a fellow traveller Ricky Hatton! Incidentally, just a week later, Ricky announced his return to the ring)

Two hours later and hey presto…London Euston!

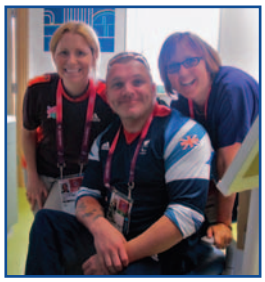
A few stops on the Underground led to Blackfriars...

.. and a few doors down led to 12 Bridewell Place and the home of the 'British Orthodontic Society'. Very plush surroundings indeed! A full-blown Council meeting ensued with a few light refreshments and a range of beverages that might typify our orthodontic colleagues before heading back on the train back to the North West.

BSP Member
Wendy Turner

VOLUNTEERING AT THE OL

When I first heard that there was going to be a dental clinic in the Athletes Village for the London 2012 Olympics, I knew that I had to volunteer. Having studied, worked and lived in East London for over 20 years I wanted to be able to say that I was part of an historic sporting event, the Olympic Games, something that is unlikely to come around again in my lifetime and on my doorstep!



It seemed like an absolute age between my application and interview in the summer of 2011 before I finally received confirmation in March 2012 that I had been assigned as a volunteer to the dental clinic. This was quickly followed by a number of big training events for all volunteers, which really amplified the growing excitement followed by a polyclinic training event which gave us more detail on all the various clinical roles as well as formally 'training' everyone to be able to give a 1g dose of paracetamol!

The dental clinic was in a stunning purpose built polyclinic within the Athletes Village. There were eight dental surgeries, decontamination and sterilisation facilities, a radiography room and an onsite dental laboratory on the 3rd floor. It really was a true polyclinic environment in every way, built over three floors with sports medicine, GP service, physiotherapy and sports massage, podiatry, optometry A&E, radiology suite and a well stocked pharmacy.

The majority of the polyclinic was open from 7am-11pm, with A&E providing 24 hour cover for the 18,000 athletes and team members living in the village. In addition there was a dental facility at both Eton Dorney (Rowing and Sprint Canoe) and Weymouth (Sailing).

Finally June dawned and only a few weeks were left before the Games would begin. I was appointed as one of the Dental Clinical leads long with some colleagues from Barts and The London Dental School and the frantic rush began to get the dental clinic up and running. I distinctly recall arriving one evening in early July with a number of other dental volunteers (to whom I am eternally grateful) to unpack over 150 boxes of dental equipment and consumables before the soft opening of the clinic a few days later on July 9th in preparation for the athletes and their national teams arriving from the 13th July. This was a very valuable time before the Games started, and the Village was full, to get the clinic fully stocked and operational. We had a staff of about 25 dentists, 26 nurses, 10 hygienists, 10 dental technicians and two receptionists during the Olympic Games staffing two shifts per day (06.30-15.15 and 14.30 to 23.15) – this in itself was a challenge initially as every shift introduced a different team who had never worked together. For our workforce there were inevitably difficulties for individuals in undertaking their role whilst maintaining a full time career, family and social life and the amazing co operation and dedication of my colleagues was greatly appreciated.

YMPIC GAMES DENTAL CLINIC

The dental clinic was very busy… along with our colleagues in Optometry we were the busiest of all the medical departments and for the peak two weeks of competition we were treating around 100 patients a day. The official figures haven't been released yet but an estimate would be that we saw approximately 2000 patients during the Olympic Games, and a further 1000 during the Paralympic Games. The majority of the treatment was general dentistry, with plenty of periodontal problems, caries and extractions although the challenge often was not the dentistry, more balancing treatment around the athlete's competition schedules. On site we also provided an extensive mouthguard program and on some days whole teams from various countries attended for mouthguards to be made! It was surprising that so many elite athletes had only arrived with 'boil and bite' type mouthguards to protect their teeth. The 2012 Olympic Games were also a unique opportunity to assess the oral health of athletes as previous surveys had shown there may be significant oral health problems in elite athletes and a substantial treatment and preventative needs. A study was carried out, led by Ian Needleman, where if athletes attended the clinic their oral health was recorded along with the impact this might have on their training and performance. It is hoped that this data will accurately capture the oral health of athletes and help planning of dental resources at future Olympic Games.

My journey through the Games involved many early mornings, late nights and generally living off adrenaline… despite it being the height of summer, I saw the dawn rise (more than once), experienced the first trains out of my local station and last trains home, but I wouldn't change a moment of it! Initially, I did feel very self conscious about wearing the purple and red games maker uniform leaving the house in suburban Hertfordshire. However it acted as a beacon when travelling on public transport as people wanted to constantly thank you for being a volunteer, or simply chat about the Games and say hello… I grew to wear it with pride!

Of course it wasn't all work. Being in the Olympic village we shared most of the facilities that were available to the athletes. During the first week welcome ceremonies were held for each country with flag raising, speeches and dancing and I was fortunate to join the Welcome Ceremony for the team from Ireland. I was also privileged to attend the Opening Ceremony for the Olympic Games which will be forever etched in my memory.

My other key highlights are all due to the people who made my experience in London 2012 special:

- The camaraderie and friendship of the whole London 2012 Dental Team
- Exchanging a "good morning" with Usain Bolt going into the Athletes Village
- The athletes who generously let me try on their medals
- The personalities of the team GB wheel chair basketball team who personified the spirit of the Paralympics
- The patience of my family during my absence for the summer of 2012!

It was an absolute pleasure to have shared the experience of London 2012 with not only a fantastic dental and medical team, but to have been part of the lives of the amazing athletes at such an important time.

Want to Contribute?

Just a quick reminder that there is a case study section on the BSP website with new cases going up all the time.

Submissions should be sent to our Honorary Editor Dr Ian Dunn and successful submissions receive an honorarium of £100. Full details: **http://www.bsperio.org.uk/members/case-studies.htm**

Also, there is a forum for general perio discussions and we have been monitoring you! Only one-fifth of those reading the various fora actually contribute. C'mon guys… the more the merrier and we want to hear your views!

A Gingival Veneer: Case Report

EUROPERIO7

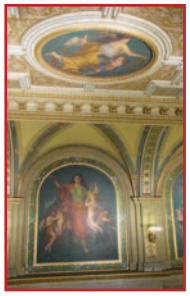
It didn't seem like 3 years since the last EUROPERIO but here we were in in the beautifully civilized setting of Vienna, the home of most of the great composers of the last 3 centuries and Sacher torte, for the 7th international outing. The 3 day meeting was as well attended as ever with about 5000 delegates, a huge trade show and no less than 9 concurrent lecture venues in the Messe Wien Conference Centre, with a completely saturated programme running from 8.30 in the morning until 7.30 in the evening. Utterly exhausting!

The first day opened with a non-dental speaker as these things tend to do. Professor Josef Penninger is a biomedical researcher responsible for the discovery of the RANKL gene and its role in the regulation of bone loss. He has twice been listed in the top 10 scientists in the world and he spent 60 minutes showing us why! He explained how the discovery of this gene and its role opened the door to explaining many bone wasting diseases and how this may have significant implications in periodontal disease management. This was a fascinating start to 3 days of wide-ranging learning and discussion on every conceivable aspect of periodontology and implantology. No periodontal stones were left uncovered and the UK was well represented in the long list of presenters. There was plenty to satisfy all interests and a very strong, and well-attended, hygienists' programme. The organizing committee, headed by Gernot Wimmer and including our own Richard Palmer as scientific chairman, are to be congratulated on putting together a very diverse and comprehensive programme. One bold, if controversial, move at this meeting was to split most sessions into 90 minutes of 3 speakers, which meant that each speaker only had 25 minutes to get the message across. This approach made for very focused presentations and was generally deemed a success.

The organization of this huge event improves with every meeting and there was little to fault in Vienna. The conference organizers, Mondial, did a superb job, ensuring a smooth operation from start to finish.

Amongst innovations this year was the establishment of an EFP Village near the entrance to the Conference Centre where all the national societies had stands, rather than being scattered around the trade show which has been the case in the past. This provided a great opportunity for interaction between the societies and also a useful focal point for society members to meet up. This is bound to be a feature of all future EUROPERIO meetings. Another innovation was a great app for smartphones and iPads, which were very abundant this year. It's strange to think that the iPad didn't exist when EUROPERIO 6 took place! The app enabled users to select lectures and plan their days with ease and to leave the programme book back in the hotel. Great idea.

Impressions of Vienna



The social programme was as varied as ever: welcome reception, a magnificent gala dinner in Schonbrunn Palace, industry evenings and society evenings. Add to this the accessibility of the conference venue to the centre of the city, with all the culture and sophistication that Vienna has to offer, and the success of EUROPERIO 7 was guaranteed. A memorable few days, and a hard act to follow!

EUROPERIO 8 London 3rd-6th June 2015 - Tell all your friends! *Phil Ower*

All change at BSP Council
A state of the nation

by Phil Preshaw

Over the past year, there have been 4 meetings of Council, necessary to conduct the business of the Council. Over the last 12 months, we have been working with the Department of Health to advise on the new Care Pathways that are being developed for the delivery of periodontal care in NHS Primary Dental Care.

Members of Council continue to play an active role on many external committees. Dr Nik Pandya and Professor Gareth Griffiths represent the Society on the Restorative SAC, and Professor Griffiths is the BSP representative to the EFP.

I would like to thank Dr Paul Weston for 4 years of service as an "Other Member" of Council. The end of his term of office creates a vacancy for a new "Other Member". In other changes to Council (to be considered later in the AGM), Dr Philip Greene will become President, and Dr Will McLaughlin will become Vice President of the Society as the Immediate Past President.

I have now been Honorary Secretary for 5 years (the Constitution states that it is normally a 4 year position), and it has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve the Society. However, all good things must come to an end, and I therefore would like to announce that I will be stepping down from the role after this AGM. I have been very lucky to serve under some outstanding BSP Presidents, including Dr Graham Smart, Professor Gareth Griffiths, Professor Francis Hughes, Professor Gerry Linden and Dr Will McLaughlin, and I am extremely grateful to all of them for their help and support.

Fortunately, an outstanding replacement for me has come forward. Professor Nicola West, Professor in Restorative Dentistry at Bristol University has agreed to be nominated for the position, and will, I am sure, be an outstanding Honorary Secretary of the Society. Professor West is currently an "Other Member" of Council, and therefore will vacate that position to take up the role of Honorary Secretary. Therefore, this year there were 2 vacancies for "Other Members" - one to replace Paul Weston, and one to replace Nicola. Fortunately, there were two applications for the position of "Other Member" this year, one from Dr Paul Baker, and one from Dr Joon Seong. Council would like to propose both of these individuals to fill these positions.

To conclude, as all members know, the brunt of the Society's work is undertaken by Helen Clough, our Administrative Manager, and Ghilaine Ower, our Conference Manager. All Council colleagues would find it extremely difficult to run this society without their advice, support and dedication, and they are both hugely hard working, supportive and helpful. They are both incredibly efficient, organised and simply outstanding.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate Will on an extremely successful year as President of the Society. It has been my pleasure to work with him.

Editorial Changes

This is the last Newsletter edited by yours truly (Ant Roberts) and I am passing the reins over to the more than capable Ian Dunn. I have thoroughly enjoyed producing the Newsletters, ably assisted by Helen Clough, Ghilaine Ower and the team at Henry Schein. I am grateful to them all and also deeply grateful for the contributions made by others in the Society which have continued to make the Newsletter a valuable publication. No doubt, Ian will still value everyone's continued support.

As part of a reinvigorated post, the Honorary Editor will be concerned with reporting the day-to-day activities of the Society. The Honorary Editor will prepare reports of the Society's meetings for inclusion in a suitable journal and shall be responsible for the publication of the Newsletter. A report to the Society will be presented at the Annual General Meeting. In addition, the Honorary Editor will also perform the role of Webmaster, and will be concerned with the day to day running and maintenance of the Society website, including news items, relevant links and resources.

BSP SPRING MEETING
11th - 12th April 2013
at The Hilton, Manchester Deansgate

"Effective Periodontics"

Speakers:

Prof Mark Quiynen (Belgium)
Prof Francis Hughes (London)
Dr Ian Peace (Nottingham)
Prof Peter Robinson (Sheffield)
Prof Andrea Mambelli (Switzerland)
Dr Edward P Allen (USA)
Dr Francesco Cairo (Italy)
Mr Will Kintish (Manchester)
Mr Ashley Boroda (Manchester)

"Lunch for Learning"

For full programme details please see website

Conference Dinner

Date: 11th April 2013

Venue: Manchester United Football Club, Old Trafford

PLUS Optional Stadium Tours!

Obituaries

Professor Barry Michael Eley

Barry Eley was born in London on 6th March 1940 and died on 1st April 2012, following a brave battle against Parkinson's disease. He made major contributions to the speciality of Periodontology, including an internationally recognised textbook and numerous research publications.

After graduation from the Royal London Hospital in 1962, he joined the Conservation Department at King's College Hospital Dental School in 1963 as Assistant Lecturer/Registrar and was subsequently appointed Senior Lecturer and Consultant in Periodontology in 1980. He remained at King's until his retirement in 2004, having been an active academic board member since 1972 and representing the BDA for the Dental School (1993-98). He was Honorary Secretary of the British Society of Periodontology (1984-87) and later President (1993-94).

He was awarded a PhD for experimental work on soft tissue reactions to implanted dental amalgam in 1980. That year he also established the first Department of Periodontology at KCHDS. As Head of Periodontology and Director of the Hygiene School, he developed an active and productive department. His research interests ranged from collagen turnover in the periodontal ligament to the pathology of amalgam tattoos and the role of proteolytic enzymes in the pathogenesis and monitoring of periodontal disease and peri-implantitis. The later studies led to further successful PhD projects for postgraduates, though Barry himself continued to engage in laboratory work.

He was awarded a Chair in Periodontology in 1997. He acted as internal and external examiner for final BDS and examined several PhDs throughout his career. Following the merger with Guy's and St.Thomas' Hospitals in 1998, Professor Eley was Vice-Chairman of Periodontology and Preventive Dentistry at King's College London Dental Institute. His spirited enthusiasm for new ventures and a unique sense of humour will be missed by those who knew him well.

He sadly lost his wife to breast cancer in 1997, but maintained his passionate support of Crystal Palace football club and other interests. Particular sympathy is extended to his grandchildren and children, Esther and Peter, who gave very moving tributes to their father during his funeral at the church where Barry and Julie had been married.

Mr Don Glenwright

It is with immense sadness that we have to share with you that former BSP President (1980-1981) and Senior Vice President Don Glenwright passed away on Thursday 13th September, after a short battle with cancer.

Don was a very charismatic, warm and engaging man who always welcomed new members to the BSP and never missed a BSP meeting whilst active as Senior Lecturer/Consultant and Head of Periodontology at Birmingham for 27 years, until he retired in 1997 to spend time with his family and garden.

Don was an incredibly popular teacher who enthused generations of students and inspired many junior staff through his passion for his chosen discipline of Periodontology. Some examples include: David Hillam, Peter Hull, Trevor Walsh, all former BSP Presidents, Mike Saxby former BSP Treasurer, Anthony Roberts, Mike Milward and myself, also a former BSP Treasurer. There are many more, a truly impressive record of achievement & one that perhaps could teach many other academics a lot about selfless commitment to furthering the careers of others.

Tributes have poured in for Don, through the BSP via Helen Clough, GDP-UK via Ian Dunn and also personal e-mails to me from friends like Ubele van der Velden and many others across the UK and North America. Many of his former students have wonderful stories and memories of Don's teaching. His funeral was held on Thursday 27th September at 2.30pm at Tanworth-in-Arden church and was a wonderful service attended by many past colleagues and former students, including the Chief Dental Officer, Barry Cockcroft, who cancelled his duties to be there because in his own words "This is far more important to me". Friends included Dermot Strahan and colleagues from the Gardening Club were present in large numbers also The St Mary Magdalene church was packed. Don's brother-in-law, James Thacker, delivered a reading, followed by a tribute on behalf of his Gardening Club by Peter Duncombe, and, finally, I also had the honour of remembering Don in my own personal way. I must admit, it was the hardest speaking commitment of my career. It was interesting that both Peter and myself read pieces of literature Don had written, and whilst at the family's request, these were both exceptional pieces, wise, humorous and eloquent - just like the man himself.

Don was a true gentleman, and being a very private man, we only really learned about his illness a few weeks ago. I visited him at the time and we enjoyed several hours of chewing the cud and sharing stories; he remained sharp and wise and of course retained that wonderful sense of humour. Our thoughts remain with his wonderful family, of whom I know he was extremely proud: his wife Gill, daughter Katie and son Robert, and his very new granddaughter, Jess. If anyone wishes to pay their last respects to Don, then the family have advised that donations could be made to the RNLI (as Don served in the Navy) or Shakespeare Hospice. This could be done via Thomas Bragg - Tel: 0121 744 1428.

by Iain Chapple

AUTUMN SCIENTI

The challenges and opportunities facing post

Prof Gareth Griffiths (BSP representative to SAC in Restorative Dentistry), set the scene and recalled that his first BSP meeting was in 1980 which was apt as Don Glenwright was President of the BSP at that time and his funeral was that afternoon. In 1994 the Mouatt Report was published with a driver to protect the public with recommendations for training, which has been developed further more recently.

Reviewing the adult dental health data and consensus data there was an estimate range of 1880-3760 periodontists to satisfy demand with BSP having 869 members, with 634 dentist members and of these 241 being on the GDC specialist list!

Mrs Elizabeth Jones (Postgraduate Dean for London Deanery) highlighted the opportunities for our specialty and the importance in establishing care pathways and the work towards triage. She indicated the issues surrounding funded specialty training programmes and funding and the perceived role of private practice and the London Deaneries workforce review for the forthcoming 30 years with a philosophical slant of GDS contracts focused on prevention rather than treatment. The Deanery involvement in issuing NTN and the underlying purpose of setting up this system was described and the importance of the value of dialogue with the GDC about specialist lists highlighted.

Dr Wendy Turner (London Training Programme Director for Periodontology) dealt with her role as TPD in the Dental Department of the London Deanery. *"How do I become a specialist in the UK?"* is a commonly asked question by undergraduate students. She described the CCST Periodontology (3 years) or Restorative (5 years) routes to becoming a periodontal specialist alongside some extremely interesting statistics about numbers on these lists and those institutes where training occurs. The impact of changes to NTNs upon this system was also described with considerations for the future.

Mr Mandeep Ghurman (Specialist Registrar in Periodontology) nicely presented the perceived issues of his training colleagues with their training experience...chair availability, nurse availability... (I am sure many readers will be familiar with that story!). The future importance of findings from the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey and the impact of undergraduate fees upon graduates who may not be in a position to afford non-salaried training posts.

Needless to say, an extremely interesting discussion ensued!

The Sir Wilfred Fish Research Prize presentation was slightly delayed in the programme due to the intensity and ebb and flow of the discussions. Nevertheless, Bhavya Mohan from Sheffield Dental School presented her study entitled *'The effects of photodynamic therapy on oral Candida species in planktonic form and as biofilms'*. This was an interesting study re-emphasising the difficulties of managing biofilms.

A bright and early start on the Friday (editor's journey slightly hampered by the closure of Holborn Underground) began with the AGM. The agenda was full and significantly a minutes silence was held in memory of Barry Eley, Don Glenwright and Gary Pollock.

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graduate periodontal education and training

Ian Needleman led a vote of thanks to Will McLaughlin as outgoing president. Well done Will!

Our new President, Phil Greene, gave the President's Address *"Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose"* which is covered by the Editorial in this Newsletter and after tea and coffee introduced the session with his clear remit of ensuring a programme with direct clinical relevance and so it unfolded: *"Periodontics in the Age of Technology"*.

Dr Michael Zybutz (London) presented first and began with the familiar story of the paperwork frustrations of being in practice. Note taking, letter dictating, letter checking etc… and his presentation demonstrated the 'Panda' system (http://pandaperio.com), offering solutions to common practice problems. The system provides a bespoke system tailored to your preferences and he showed some clear chartings performed by one of his colleagues, Perry O'Dontist.

Prof Tomaso Vercellotti (Genova, Italy), presented *"The Surgical, Clinical and Scientific Rationale of Piezoelectric Bone Surgery Procedure in Implant Therapy"* using some splendid video clips and images to illustrate his views and methodologies. A lot of material was covered with a wealth of clinical cases.

After lunch, Professor Francis Hughes chaired the afternoon session which started with Dr Andrew Dawood (London) describing how 3D technologies can enhance diagnosis and treatment for patients requiring periodontal, implant, or surgical reconstruction. Very sensibly, he referred to one of the best digital techniques ...our own digits but the technology on show was outstanding… even 3D printing to plan guided surgery... even for bi-functional implants to support nasal and oral prostheses.

Dr Pieter van Heerden (St Albans) discussed the use of computerised periodontal probing in clinical practice and in particular the Florida Probe. He highlighted that the technology was some way away from his South African roots where he did not have TV access. He showed a variety of manual probes in various states of usability (from the drawers of embarrassed colleagues) and advocated the use of the constant force electronic probes giving a practical guide to their use. The verbal impact of hearing the detailed measurements helps the patients although probably a very sensible feature to have the override on when the programme speaks "danger" and "warning"!

Last, but by no means least was Prof Richard Palmer (London) who stepped in at the last minute to replace the scheduled Prof Frank Schwarz (Düsseldorf, Germany) due to illness. Dental implant treatment in the Periodontitis patient was the topic and covered peri-implant mucositis, peri-implantitis and a new disease… peri-cementitis! As usual from Prof Palmer a very thought provoking presentation with conundrums galore.

In short, another great day at the BSP!

Report of the Honorary Treasurer of the BSP

2011 Accounts presented at the Annual General Meeting on 29 September 2012

Professor Heasman opened his report to the membership by confirming that the accounting period was for the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2011 and that the accounts had been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (2005).

The accounts for 2011 showed that the Society was in a financially sound position with annual income of £238,838 and total expenditure of £223,176 leaving a comfortable surplus of £15,662. Income from subscriptions had increased from £99,393 to £104,584 and the observed deficit of running costs of the Society (subscriptions minus total expenditure) continued to reduce on a year-by-year basis. Once again, the Spring Meeting had been highly successful with a surplus of around £35,000 which offset the deficit of the running costs to leave the aforementioned surplus.

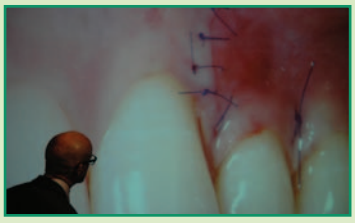
The Treasurer recommended:

- Leaving the membership subscriptions unchanged for all categories of membership in 2013;
- That the Society retains the excellent services of Naylor Wintersgill as independent examiners of the Society's accounts.

The AGM voted to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Caption Competition

Last years' caption competition was jointly won by Kai King and Gwen Adey for their respective entries. Both worthy winners and diametrically opposed views but equally funny.



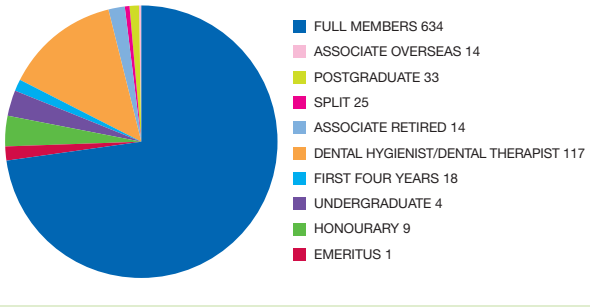
"This micro perio surgery has become huge!!!"

"Honey, I Shrunk the Periodontist"

This Years' Caption Competition

This years' caption competition comes from the recent Autumn 2012 Meeting. Emailed submissions should be sent to Ian Dunn (dunnian@me.com) and his decision is final!

Membership Statistics



The total membership has changed little since last year, with at present 869 members, up from 864 last year. The membership currently comprises: 9 Honorary Members, 1 Emeritus Member, 634 Full Member Dentists, 117 Full Member Dental Hygienists/ Dental Therapists, 33 Postgraduate Student Members, 25 SpRs, 18 First 4 Years Members, 4 Undergraduate Members, 14 Associate Overseas Members, and 14 Associate Retired Members.

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

Prizes

The Society awarded the 2011 Sir Wilfred Fish Research Prize to Dr Douglas Robertson from Glasgow for his research "Periodontal disease in non-smoking patients with type 1 diabetes". We had 4 excellent entrants for the Fish prize last year, which made choosing a winner very challenging. The Society was very impressed with the high standard of applicants for this prestigious award, and extends sincere congratulations to Douglas for winning the prize among very stiff competition.

The winner of the 2012 Frank Ashley Undergraduate Prize was Carly Ross. Carly is a dental student at Glasgow University, and she used the prize award to undertake a research elective at the Forsyth Institute in Boston. Her project was entitled "The effects of anti-TACE antibody on periodontal bone loss" and we very much look forward to hearing about the results of her research in the near future.

The entry criteria and deadlines for all the prizes and awards are available on the BSP website.

Administrative Manager Gets Married!

In May our Administrative Manager, Helen, got married to Chris Cobley. Among the 60 guests the BSP was well represented and our photographer-in-chief Phil Ower provided many of their wedding photos as well. Ghilaine Ower and Trisha Whitehead helped the champagne flow afterwards! A good time was had by all and here are a couple of those photos to prove it!

Helen will be using her married name from 1 January, but all other contact details remain the same.

Website Update

The website is fundamental to the management of the Society. Our databases, conference registrations, course feedback and CPD certificates are all done online. Many thanks go to Helen Clough, Ghilaine Ower, Canterbury Web, and our new combined Editor and Webmaster, Dr Ian Dunn, for managing the website. I encourage all members to use the website regularly: there are case reports, you can use the jobs section and there are discussions on the forums. All of our newsletters are on the website, as well as all our publications such as the BPE guidance, and the Young Practitioners'Guide.

Goodbye and thanks to...

Professor Philip Preshaw has stood down as Honorary Secretary after five years of service to the Society. During that time he has served the BSP magnificently, not just in his capacity as Honorary Secretary but also in taking the lead in so many Society initiatives, e.g. the revision of the BPE guidance. His help and encouragement during the period of handover between Anne Hallowes and Helen Cobley was invaluable and truly appreciated. He deserves a well earned break after his stint on Council but has only made it to the end of the table so far! Not completely severing his ties with Council he remains as Scientific Adviser to Peter Heasman who is limbering up for his Presidency next year. As a mark of the appreciation for all his hard work and enthusiasm a presentation was made to Philip at the Annual General Meeting in September.

... and Hello to...

Professor Nicola West has stepped into the rather large shoes of Philip and is already working very hard in this demanding role! Ably supported in Bristol by one of the Society's newest Council Members, Joon Seong, Nicola is quickly getting into the swing of things and is used to the mountain of emails hitting her inbox on a daily basis from Helen! It is a team effort and the Society is very fortunate to have her on board.

Revised 2nd version of the Young Practitioners' Guide to Periodontology

This successful guide has now been revised and reprinted. The changes include the updated Basic Periodontal Examination as well as the Referral and Parameters of Care, and Guidelines for Periodontal Screening and Management of Children and Adolescents Under 18 Years of Age. In addition to hard copy, a PDF version is available to download from the website.

Your Teeth For Life - Facts about Gum Health

We are now pleased to be able to offer these very popular patient information leaflets FREE to BSP members. An order form is downloadable from the website under publications.

Future Meetings

BSP Roadshows Return

If you haven't yet managed to get to a BSP Roadshow, you are in luck… more are on their way. There is one more Roadshow planned for 2012: Plymouth (10 December 2012). The title for the roadshows is *"Periodontology - is it all mechanical cleaning?"*. The speakers at the various roadshows include Dr Nik Pandya, Dr Will McLaughlin, Prof Liam Addy, Dr Matthew Locke, Dr Hamed Karimi and Dr Monica Lee. There will also be a further 2 Roadshows in 2013. First in February at UCLan Preston with live video broadcast to up to 4 satellite locations entitled "Now What? Management of the Non-Responsive Periodontal Patient" with speakers Dr Philip Greene and Dr Ian Dunn. The second is in April in Inverness again with live video broadcast to satellite locations. As always, full details and online booking will be available on the BSP website.

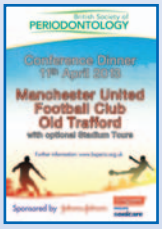
Masterclasses

Aesthetic Mucogingival Therapy

Dr Roberto Rotundo and Dr Francesco D'Aiuto

Date: 7-9 March 2013

Venue: UCL Eastman CPD,123 Grays Inn Road, London WC1X 8WD



BSP Spring Meeting 2013

Date: Thursday 11 and Friday 12 April 2013

Venue: Hilton Manchester Deansgate, 303 Deansgate, Manchester M3 4LQ

Dentistry Show 2013

The BSP is pleased to be an Educational Partner at the Dentistry Show 1-2 March 2013

Autumn Scientific Meeting

Date: Friday 25 October 2013

Venue: Royal College of Surgeons, London

BSP Spring Meeting 2014

Date: Thursday 10 and Friday 11 April 2014

Venue: Sage, Gateshead, Newcastle-upon-Tyne

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