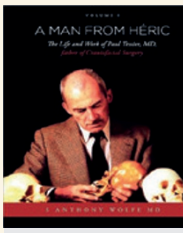


BOOK REVIEW



A MAN FROM HÉRIC: THE LIFE AND WORK OF PAUL TESSIER, MD, FATHER OF CRANIOFACIAL SURGERY: VOLUME I

S. Anthony Wolfe
Lightning Source UK Ltd
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This biography, written by one of Paul Tessier's trainees, is a testament to his lifelong dedication to the field of surgery. His contributions to dentistry, plastic and reconstructive surgery, ophthalmology, oral and maxillofacial, and neurosurgery mean that all these specialties owe a great deal to Paul Tessier. It is no surprise that he is given the fond title of 'father of craniofacial surgery'.

The book follows Paul Tessier's life in chronological order covering both his career and social life. The images of cases leave one astounded by the aesthetic results achieved after correction of complex craniofacial deformities, burns reconstruction and cosmetic operations, such as the self-designed 'mask lift.' The perceived need to combine techniques from various surgical specialties is understandable. There is also mention of Paul Tessier's preference for use of autologous bone grafting; however, the book does not go into procedural details and surgical intricacies. There is a list of all of his publications at the end of the book for those who are keen to explore further.

Paul Tessier spent much of his time abroad. There are pictures and stories from his time spent in the United States in the 1970s, in Iraq, in Lebanon and in Cuba in the 1990s. These hint at a man whose surgical skills were sought after worldwide. There are also captivating pictures depicting him as a devoted family man, a racing driver and a passionate scuba diver. It is good to know that he made time for social activities despite the gruelling theatre hours he subjected himself to.

Though only a few will choose to master craniofacial surgery, this book will broaden the mind of any trainee as to what can be accomplished.

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BDA MEETINGS

East of Scotland branch

East of Scotland Branch will hold their AGM on 30 March at the Royal Scots Club, Abercromby Place, Edinburgh, EH3 6QE from 6.30 pm. The AGM will be followed by an educational meeting on Practical Tips in Restorative Dentistry with Mr Arshad Ali. For further details or to submit your apologies, please contact Branch Secretary Ruby Ahuja on bdaeastofscotland@gmail.com.

South Mercia branch

The South Mercia Branch AGM will be held on Thursday 14 April at 5 pm. The venue for the meeting is Lady Margaret Hall, Norham Gardens, Oxford, OX2 6QA. There is also an Oxfordshire LDC meeting being held at the same venue with Professor Nairn Wilson speaking and you are welcome to enjoy this talk after the AGM, which offers CPD.

The Branch Council look forward

to seeing as many members as possible at this important meeting to discuss some changes to the Branch rules. For further information or to confirm attendance/submit apologies please contact Alison Lockyer on dr.arlockyer@gmail.com.

Hospitals Group

The Hospitals Group Annual Presidential and Scientific Meeting 2016 will take place on Friday 14 October 2016 at The Cutlers' Hall, Sheffield along with the AGM. Nominations are sought for members of BDA Hospitals Group Management Committee for various roles and we are keen for representation from all areas of hospital dentistry. Please consider applying; no experience necessary, just enthusiasm and ideas! The committee is also considering nominations for President Elect 2017-19. Please email Andrea at andrea.greatrex@bda.org for further details.

HONOURS, AWARDS, APPOINTMENTS

BDA CDS Group 2015 Brighton Conference Poster Competition

Service Improvement Category

1st prize: Natalie Acquaka and Emma Nguyen, Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust

2nd prize: Andrew Mulford, Melanie Menzies and Seonaid MacLean, NHS Lothian

3rd prize: Sarah-Jane McGuckian and Sheriden McDonald, Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Trust

Trainee Category

1st prize: Katherine McDermott, City Health Care Partnership CIC, Leeds

2nd prize: Ria Prasad, Kent Community NHS Trust

3rd prize: Emma Gill, Swarnjit Shanid and Debra Clavin, Bradford District Care NHS Foundation Trust

To register to receive details of the 2016 competition, email louise.foster@glos-care.nhs.uk.

New Dental Director

Dental Protection has appointed Raj Rattan MBE as the new Dental Director, to succeed Kevin Lewis who steps down this summer. Mr Rattan has over 30 years' experience in dental practice and has been associated with Dental Protection for over 20 years, first as a dento-legal adviser and more recently as a senior dento-legal consultant.

Prestige Dental Prize

Dentist Alexandra Henderson of Croydon Dental Care is the recipient of the annual Prestige Dental Prize, having been deemed the best performing student on the post-graduate certificate element of the MSc in Restorative Dental Practice, at UCL Eastman Dental Institute. Alexandra received a Denar Mark 2 articulator from sponsor Prestige Dental.

Golden Medallion Award

The American Prosthodontic Society has selected King's College London Dental Institute Emeritus Professor, Dr Harold Preiskel, as its 2016 Golden Medallion Awardee. The Golden Medallion Award is issued periodically to individuals whose contributions to prosthodontics have been exceptional.

DID YOU BUY THREE PASTEL DRAWINGS IN 2001?

Tina Davy of Scarborough is attempting to trace a dentist on behalf of an artist from whom the dentist bought three pastel drawings in 2001. The artist – Colin Challen – is organising a retrospective exhibition of his work, and is hoping to include the pastel drawings in that exhibition. Unfortunately, Colin does not know the name of the dentist, but thinks that he had a practice in or near York in 2001. The dentist was introduced to Colin by a mutual friend, Alex Joannidis, now, sadly, deceased.

Tina can be contacted via email, tinadavy11@gmail.com, or telephone 07816 152792.