

Dental students write for the *BDJ*

The research insights featured in this issue of the *BDJ* (Volume 222 issue 5) were all written by dental students who entered a competition following a writing workshop held in February.

BDJ Editor-in-Chief Stephen Hancocks and Senior Managing Editor Ruth Doherty were invited to speak at King's College London Dental Society by the President of the Society, Balraj Singh Sohal. Drs Hancocks and Doherty gave a talk entitled 'How to get published in the *BDJ*... and other journals'.

King's College London Dental Society is one of the oldest and largest dental societies in Europe and represents over 800 students. Participants at the writing workshop were encouraged to enter a competition to write for the *BDJ*. They were presented with three *BDJ* papers scheduled for publication and asked to pick one to write a summary about.

Dr Doherty said: 'We received ten entries and the standard of writing was incredibly high. It was a hard task to choose our three winners.'

The winners are:

Daniel Hawkes (4th year undergraduate)

Kimberly K. Q. Ng (2nd year undergraduate)

J. S. Lau (2nd year undergraduate).

Their winning entries can be found on pages 361-364.

BDJ Research Insights are featured in every second issue of the Journal and are designed to bring research papers to life with accessible summaries, Q&As with the authors, expert views and infographics summarising the work in a 'quick bite' of information: perfect for the busy GDP.

The *BDJ* would like to extend thanks to everyone who entered the competition and congratulations to all of the winners!

If you would like to do something similar at your university or for your society contact Ruth at r.doherty@nature.com.

Honours, awards, appointments

First non-American President

On 18 March this year, Dr Michael Norton will be inaugurated as the first ever non-American President of the Academy of Osseointegration (AO), in Orlando, Florida.

New Chair

Alison Lockyer has been elected Chair of the BDA's Education, Ethics and the Dental Team (EEDT) Working Group. Dr Lockyer holds the East Midlands and Central Seat on the Principal Executive Committee (PEC), owns three practices and is a former Chair of the GDC.

Clinical Excellence Awards

A number of individuals received new dental awards from the Advisory Committee on Clinical Excellence (ACCEA) in 2016. These awards recognise NHS consultants and academic GPs who perform 'over and above' the standard expected on their role:

Bronze: Jennifer Godson, Jane Luker, Susan Greening, William McLaughlin, Vaseekaran Sivarajasingam, Peter Turner, Christopher Deery

Silver: Richard Watt, Michael Pemberton, Nicola West, Karl Bishop

Platinum: Iain Chapple

Seven individuals also renewed their ACCEA awards:

Bronze: Jayne Harrison, Peter Heasman, Stephen Robinson, Nigel Taylor, Stephen Fayle

Silver: David Thomas

Platinum: Nigel Hunt

Dental Academy Director

Professor Chris Louca has been appointed Director of the Dental Academy at the University of Portsmouth. Professor Louca was formerly Head of Education, Director Department of Continuing Professional Development and Programme Director, MSc Restorative Dental Practice at UCL Eastman Dental Institute, London.

Honorary Doctorate

Professor Crispian Scully CBE, who has long worked with colleagues in Spain and Ibero-America, teaching and publishing, has been awarded another Doctorate – a PhD (*honoris causa*) by the University of Santiago de Compostela.

Can you identify this mystery object?



The BDA museum would like *BDJ* readers' help in identifying a mysterious object (pictured).

This porcelain dish measures (L 10.5 cm × (W) 5 cm × (D) 2.5 cm and was designed and made by dentist Isidore Clifford in 1910. He registered his invention in 1910 and the registration number appears on the object but the original registration documents do not include a description of its use. Registration was the first step towards applying for a patent – for which Dr Clifford never applied. On either side of the dish are thumb rests and it appears to be designed for holding under the lower lip.

Is the object's use dental or is it for holding under men's noses whilst trimming a moustache?

Isidore Clifford (b.1855 – d.1919) appeared

on the first Dental Register in 1878 practising from 8 Grosvenor Gardens. He gained a Licentiate in Dental Surgery (LDS) in 1887 practising from 20 Grosvenor Gardens between 1900–1906. In 1885, with R. E. Clifford he published *Crown, bar and bridge-work: new methods of permanently adjusting artificial teeth without plates*, a richly illustrated book. This book went to two further editions published in 1886 and the final one in 1887, although this edition did not include the name R. E. Clifford. Isidore Clifford continued to develop dental products as the 1915 C. Ash and Sons catalogue included his design for a dental engine disc shield.

The BDA Museum would love to hear from you if you have any suggestions for the object's use. Email museum@bda.org.