

Be aware of cybercrime

The British Dental Association (BDA) wishes to inform members of a potential cybercrime before they go granting remote access to a potentially untrustworthy company.

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If you are contacted by any company requesting access to your computer software, refuse!

The BDA is aware of a computer forensics company asking to access patient records remotely on behalf of the General Dental Council (GDC). GDC advice is that this would not normally be the correct process and that any request to access data in this way should always be run by them first. This type of request could mean unauthorised people access and abuse patients' sensitive information. This would also result in a serious data protection breach if access is granted by practices who wrongly believe they are acting in accordance with regulatory bodies.

Where such a request is found not to be legitimate, you should contact the police.

BDA advice on protecting personal information can be accessed on the BDA website with a member log-in.

All change for the *BDJ's* 'Other Journals in Brief'



John R. Radford



Reena Wadia



Paul Hellyer

The *BDJ* is delighted to announce the appointment of two new section editors who will collate the *Other journals in brief* page of the Journal. Paul Hellyer and Reena Wadia will share responsibility for the page from October 2017, choosing and editing a selection of abstracts of clinical relevant papers from other journals.

We would like to thank John Radford, who is retiring from the role of Abstracts Editor after ten years. Dr Radford is Clinical Senior Lecturer/Honorary Consultant in Restorative Dentistry at Dundee Dental Hospital and School. Stephen Hancocks, the *BDJ* Editor-in-Chief, said: 'We are very grateful to John for his years of service to the *BDJ* and his skills in both selecting suitable papers to summarise and then providing such meaningful précis that have consistently brought extra range and value to the journal. We wish him well in retirement from this activity and hope that he will be able to use his talents to enjoying reading longer works for pleasure without feeling the need to distil them!'

Paul Hellyer BDS MSc AFHEA was a general dental practitioner in Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, for over 30 years. More recently, Paul has worked as a Clinical Teacher for King's College London Dental Institute, based at Guy's Hospital and the University of Portsmouth Dental Academy (UPDA). He won an individual Excellence in Teaching Award in 2014 and another as part of the UPDA Academic team in 2016. He has now retired but continues his special interest in dental education and gerodontology, writing and reviewing articles on relevant topics such as the care of the older patient, the failing dentition and elder abuse. He also aspires to write a novel; has spent several weeks over the past few years as a volunteer in Africa with Bridge2Aid and Mercy Ships; and in 2014, visited a dental school in Somaliland on behalf of King's College London and the charity THET.

Reena Wadia qualified from Barts and The London in 2011 with the prestigious Gold Medal as well as numerous other undergraduate dental awards. Following general practice, Reena worked as a Senior House Officer in both restorative dentistry and oral surgery. Reena has recently completed the part-time specialty training programme in Periodontology at Guy's Hospital. She runs her own referral clinic at 22 Wimpole Street and also works as an associate at Woodford Dental Care. Reena has always encouraged and supported other young dentists by sharing any learning and experiences. To this end, she created her own blog as a platform to communicate valuable information. Reena is also a part-time clinical tutor at Barts and The London and endeavours to contribute to the profession through her National Board Member position at the Faculty of General Dental Practice and local committee role with the British Dental Association.

The *BDJ* editorial and production team look forward to working with Paul and Reena and will miss John's regular communications.

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