

The BDJ News section accepts items that include general news, latest research and diary events that interest our readers. Press releases or articles may be edited, and should include a colour photograph if possible. Please direct your correspondence to the News Editor, Arveen Bajaj at the BDJ, 64 Wimpole Street WIG 8YS or by email to bdj@bda.org

Students awarded

Student clinician Gregory Antonarakis of Cardiff Dental School was recently awarded first prize in the 27th Annual BDA /Dentsply Student Clinician Programme Awards.

Eleven students entered for the Awards this year, presenting a standard of work covering the full spectrum of dental research, from dental education to cell biology.

The winning entry explored the role of primary enamel knot cells in the formation of the secondary enamel knots in murine embryonic tooth germ development.

The second prize went to Laura Spitz from Leeds Dental Institute, while the Professor Howard Tongue Memorial Prize was awarded to Catherine Lambe of University College Cork Dental School.



Left to right: Mr George Rhodes, winner Gregory Antonarakis and BDA President Tony Kravitz.

Alumni at Bristol

This year's Newsletter of the Bristol Dental Alumni Association has recently been published and distributed to its members.

Members who have not yet received a copy or non-members interested in joining should contact the Clinical Dean's office.

The address is: Dental School, Lower Maudlin Street, Bristol, BS1 2LY. Telephone 0117 928 4308, or e-mail theresa.munns@bristol.ac.uk. Membership details can be found on the website at www.dentalschool.bris.ac.uk/postgraduate/alumni.

Putting fun into brushing



Andrew Mitchell from Hastings has designed an innovative toothbrush, which aims to make dental care more effective and more fun for young children with a wind-up feature, 3-d brush and a measured toothpaste dispenser. His design forms part of his final-year project for his Industrial Product Design degree at Coventry University and is based on extensive research with dentists and dental hygienists and the opinions of a seven-year old child. Andrew researched children's toys to come up with the concept of a wind-up toothbrush to help children interact with the activity of brushing their teeth. Five complete winds of the brush are enough to power the spring within and provide enough power to become an effective cleaning aid when brushing. The 'self-powered' nature of the brush means that no batteries are required and unlike some electric toothbrushes the design can be submerged in water.

Dental charity gets new President

Ian MacIntyre, former President of the BDA, has become Honorary President of Smile-menders, a registered charity dedicated to delivering dental care to Ukraine.

The charity was set up in 2003 by Wiltshire orthodontist Richard Swift and general dental practitioner Brendon Ball. Its objectives are to improve patient experiences through the provision of glass ionomers and local anaesthetics, enabling dentistry to be administered with compassion. In addition it aims to provide opportunities for professionals to observe Western techniques in all aspects of dental care.

The first destination of the mobile unit was to an orphanage, where there had been no services for over a decade. Its next trip, delivering an entire dental suite of equipment and supplies to an outlying area, is planned for summer 2004.

The charity will also be replenishing supplies to surgeries, some of which were originally provided by other organisations. It is also sponsoring a Ukrainian engineer to be trained in equipment maintenance. For more information contact Smile-menders on 01793 873044 or email brendon@smilemenders.org.



Richard Swift with Ian MacIntyre

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September 2004

IFEA Sixth Endodontic World Congress

Date: 8-11.09.04

Venue: Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Queensland, Australia

Tel: (0)7 3858 5599

Email: ifea2004@im.com.au

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92nd FDI World Dental Congress

Date: 10-13.09.04

Venue: Delhi, India

Tel: +91 11 233 15834

Email: shastri@tci.co.in

Cleft care and the patient in the UK, Europe and Beyond

Date: 14.09.04

Venue: Royal Society of Medicine

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British Orthodontic Conference

Date: 19-22.09.04

Venue: Harrogate

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October 2004

European Society for Oral Laser

Applications International Laser Conference

Date: 7-8.10.04

Venue: Hotel Intercontinental, Abu Dhabi

Tel: +43/1 405 13 83 ext. 10

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Queen's Birthday Honours



Professor Nairn Wilson

in relation to Oral Health, she has overall responsibility for the teaching of medicine and surgery (human disease), communication skills, oral medicine and experimental oral pathology to undergraduates.

Dr Michael Martin from the Department of Oral Microbiology at the University of Liverpool was appointed an MBE for services to dentistry. One of the aims of his research into oral infection is to alter the way in which cross infection is perceived in dental practice.



Professor Chris Ham

A number of individuals from the dental world were honoured in the Queen's Birthday Honours this year. Nairn Wilson, Head of the Guy's, King's and St Thomas' Dental Institute and Professor of Restorative Dentistry, was awarded a CBE in recognition of his services to dentistry and healthcare regulation. Professor Wilson joined King's in October 2001 and has enjoyed a distinguished career in academic dentistry. He was President of the General Dental Council from 1999 until last year and has been Chairman of the Oral and Dental Research Trust since 2003.

Professor Farieda Fortune from Queen Mary College, University of London was commended for her services to dentistry and received a CBE. A Professor of Medicine in



Dr Michael Martin

Dr Rashmi Patel was awarded an MBE. A member of the Standing Dental Advisory Committee and formerly President of the Anglo-Asian Odontological Group, she has worked extensively for charity.

Professor Chris Ham, Professor of Health Policy and Management at the University of Birmingham has been awarded a CBE for services to the NHS. He is currently on secondment to the Department of Health, where he has been Director of the Strategy Unit since May 2000. He has in the past worked with the *BDJ* helping with the Management Research Initiative.

Team celebrate new IIP status



Staff at Burgess Hill Dental Care from West Sussex recently celebrated their newly gained Investor in People status. They achieved it through a workshop programme that involves the use of a phantom practice for hands-on training. Above: Staff from the practice with owners Jo Wirdnam (front row centre) and Michael Sword Daniels (back row third from left).

Practice centre students win prizes



Annual prize giving at the Maurice Wohl GDP Centre.

Prizes for excellence were awarded to four final year students from The Maurice Wohl General Dental Practice Centre recently.

Joint winners of the Maurice Wohl GDP Centre Annual Award 2004 were Leila Michaeli and Anna Rothera while Sean Khine and Jonathan Lee were jointly awarded the Maurice Wohl GDP Centre Certificate of Merit.

A prize for the Maurice Wohl GDP Centre Practice Leaflet Competition 2004 was awarded to Firm 5.7 (Danielle Besant, Hemini Desai, Ali Jaffer, Leila Michaeli, Deepesh Patel, Rupal Patel, Fleur Quinn).

The prizes are awarded to students who fulfil high standards in all aspects of the Centre's teaching including treatment planning and supporting clinical proficiencies, personal inter-relationship skills with staff and patients, effective team facilitation including close support 4-handed dentistry, professional attitude and outlook.

The Centre is part of the Department of Primary Care Dentistry at the GKT Dental Institute where final year students work in an adult general practice environment to perfect their clinical skills and learn team work and aspects of practice management.

Raising money for children's charity

Staff at Total Orthodontics' practices in the South East raised £1,500 for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital during 2004 National Smile Week. They spent the entire week in fancy dress and patients were invited to make donations to the charity.

