GDC and BDA for DCPs?

When DCPs start to register with the GDC on 31 July 2006, will they also be allowed to join the British Dental Association (BDA)? There are many of us who would like our GDC recognition to be carried over to the BDA, and this would be a start.

Rosemary Prior
RDN
By email

BDA Chief Executive Peter Ward responds: *this is a highly significant time for the development of the dental team, with new opportunities opening up for dental care professionals. This focus on the contribution of the whole dental team is welcomed and supported by the BDA; whether or not this support will involve extending membership in the future, will be up to our existing members to decide.*

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BDHA Midlands Regional Group

Date: 30 September 2006
Venue: Holiday Inn Birmingham Airport
Email: enquiries@bdha.org.uk
Website: www.bdha.org.uk

Dental Showcase

Date: 5-7 October 2006
Venue: ExCeL, London
Tel: 01494 782873
Email: admin@bdta.org.uk
Website: www.dentalshowcase.com

BADN AGM

Date: 7 October 2006
Venue: ExCeL, London
Tel: 01253 338360
Email: admin@badn.org.uk
Website: www.badn.org.uk

ONG AGM

Date: 9 October 2006
Venue: Edinburgh Conference Centre
Tel: 01723 365262
Email: dickinson368@btinternet.com
Website: www.orthodontic-ong.co.uk

Orthodontic Dental Nurse Conference Day Programme

Date: 10 October 2006
Venue: Edinburgh Conference Centre
Tel: 020 7837 2193
Email: ann.wright@bos.org.uk

British Orthodontic Society Conference 2006

Date: 8-11 October 2006
Venue: Edinburgh
Tel: 020 7837 2193
Email: ann.wright@bos.org.uk

BDA Community Dental Services Group Annual Presidential and Scientific Meeting

Date: 12-13 October 2006
Venue: Marriott Forest of Arden Hotel, Birmingham
Website: www.bda-events.org

BDHA 2006 Oral Health Conference and AGM

Date: 17-18 November 2006
Venue: International Centre, Harrogate
Tel: 0870 2430752
Email: enquiries@bdha.org.uk
Website: www.bdha.org.uk

The British Dental Receptionists' Association AGM

Date: 25 November 2006
Venue: Dencraft, Sheffield
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Email: info@bdra.org.uk
Website: www.bdra.org.uk