

**February 2000**

The Barbados Dental Association 12th Annual Mid-Winter Convention

Date: 17.2.2000 – 20.2.2000

Venue: Christ Church

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**March 2000**

Academy of Laser Dentistry's Seventh Annual Conference and Exhibition

Date: 01.03.00 – 04.03.00

Venue: Panama City Beach, Florida, USA

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Coral Springs, HI 33076, USA

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The 2000 Meeting Of The Craniofacial Society Of Great Britain

Date: 22.03.00 – 24.03.00

Venue: Reading

Contact: The Courses and Conference Office, Institute Of Child Health,

30 Guilford Street,

London WC1N 1EH

Tel: 020 7829 8692/020 7813 8394

Fax: 020 7831 6902

E-mail: Courses@ich.ucl.ac.uk



London 2000: International Congress on Implant Dentistry

Date: 31.03.00 – 1.01.00

Venue: London Heathrow Marriott Hotel

Contact: Cherry Wilson,

Association of Dental Implantology UK

37 Halford Road, Richmond,

Surrey TW10 6AW

Tel: 0181 332 0321

Fax: 0181 940 0337

E-mail: congress@fdi.org.uk

Website: www.fdi.org.uk/worldenta

**April 2000**

BDA Conference: Dentistry 2000

— The Millennium celebration for oral care

Date: 6.4.00 – 8.4.00

Venue: Birmingham

Contact: Charlotte Long,

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64 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AL

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**May 2000**

9th International Dental Congress On

Modern Pain Control: A new millennium

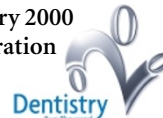
in analgesia, sedation and anaesthesia

Date: 2.5.00 – 5.5.00

Venue: Jerusalem, Israel

Contact: 9th IFDAS Secretariat,

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**October 2000**

New Zealand Dental Association Biennial Conference

Date: 4.10.00 – 8.10.00

Venue: Dunedin, New Zealand

Contact: NZDA Conference,

PO Box 1029, Dunedin,

New Zealand

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**November 2000**

FDI World Dental Congress 2000

Date: 29.11.00 – 2.12.00

Venue: Paris

Contact: FDI, 7 Carlisle Street,

London W1V 5RG

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Website: www.fdi.org.uk

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**The voice of the BDA**

*A selection of news releases from the BDA's Press and Parliamentary Department.*

**Sick Dentist Scheme changes its name**

The support programme for dentists in need of medical attention has changed its name from the Sick Dentist Scheme to the Dentists' Health Support Programme.

The new name is a reflection of the support work that the programme provides. The programme helps any dentist whose stage of health is potentially putting him or her and the welfare of patients at risk. The helpline number is 020 7487 3119.

**Solving the access problem**

BDA officers have met with officials from the NHS Executive to discuss fulfilling Prime Minister Tony Blair's pledge to improve access to NHS dentistry.

There will be two new initiatives under the general heading of 'phone and go'. The first initiative is to extend the role of NHS Direct, the telephone helpline, to take on dentistry and the second is to set up dental access centres in places where there are insufficient General Dental Service dentists taking on new patients.

**NHS dental registrations**

NHS dental registration figures have dropped from 24.4 million in December 1992 to 19.7 million in June 1999.

**NHS work carried out by GDPs**

The latest BDA survey of its members found that around 60% receive three quarters of their income from the NHS.

From the 1970s to the early 1990s dentists received only 5-8% of their income from private sources. In 1994-1995, 15% of dentists' income came from the private sector. In 1996-98 this figure had risen to 25%.

**BDA agrees statement on fluorides**

Following up on the Government's July White Paper on public health, *Saving Lives — Our Healthier Nation*, the BDA's Representative Board has approved a statement reaffirming the Association's policy on fluorides.

The statement includes support for water fluoridation schemes targeted at inner city areas and recognises fluoride toothpastes as an important public health measure.

**Getting A Job**

The BDA has produced a new advice sheet for dental students. *Getting A Job* contains relevant information for students who are soon to begin their practising careers within either general dental practice, community dental service or the armed forces.

*For further information, contact the BDA's Press and Parliamentary Department on 020 7935 0875 ext 243/258/299.*