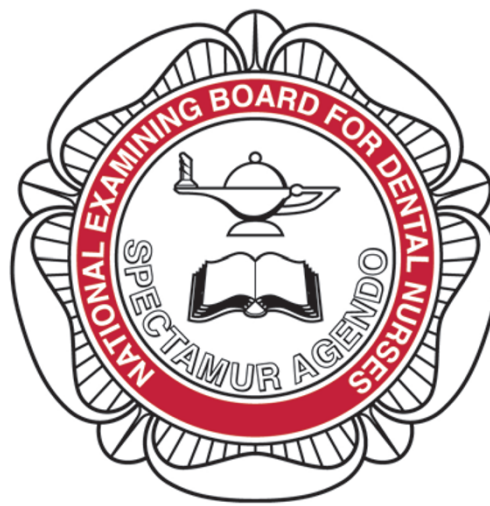


Will you be in Manchester this May?

This year's British Dental Conference and Exhibition will be held at Manchester Central Convention Complex from Thursday 25 to Saturday 27 May. The three-day event will offer you the chance to gain verifiable CPD, network with your peers and learn about the latest innovations and technologies at the exhibition.

At the Friday night party you and your team can enjoy handmade, rustic dishes and bespoke cocktails at Artisan on Manchester's Avenue North, then dance the night away with a live band.

If your principal is a BDA expert member, you may be able to attend for free. For more information and to book, visit www.bda.org/conference.



Could you be a Trustee for NEBDN?

The National Examining Board for Dental Nurses (NEBDN) is seeking to recruit exceptional people from all areas of dentistry to its Board of Trustees.

NEBDN works throughout the UK and Ireland to deliver high quality qualifications for dental nurses. Its mission is to improve the quality of education and training for dental nurses to promote patient safety and support effective dental practice.

Having recently been through a significant period of change, NEBDN now wishes to strengthen the Trustee Board to support growth and development in a changing external environment. This is an exciting opportunity to get involved in improving dental nurse education and training in the future.

Professor Nairn H. F. Wilson, Emeritus Professor of Dentistry and NEBDN Trustee, said: 'The primary purpose of a Trustee in a not-for-profit charity such as NEBDN is to ensure that the organisation acts in the best interest of the beneficiaries. In the case of NEBDN, these are dental nurses and, in turn, the professions of dental nursing and dentistry. To achieve this goal, Trustees must individually and collectively oversee, in an objective, free of conflict manner, the most efficient and effective use of available resources and volunteer support.'

'Thanks to a number of arrangements

and circumstances unique to the UK, including the sterling work of the NEBDN, dental teams in Britain are supported by exceptionally well-qualified nurses. Indeed, UK qualified dental nurses are amongst the best in the world.'

Becoming a Trustee for NEBDN is an excellent opportunity, whether you are looking to become a trustee for the first time or you have previous experience of Board-level work.

Trustees are required to commit to around six Board meetings per year held either at the charity's headquarters in Preston, Lancashire or in London. In addition, there are two or three supplementary meetings of the Board or its sub-committees annually and ongoing information exchange, which requires a regular time commitment each month. This is an unremunerated role although expenses will be paid for attendance at meetings.

For further information and to download an application pack visit www.nebdn.org, email Laura Oddie, Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive at laura.oddie@nebdn.org or telephone 01772 429994. The closing date for applications is Friday 7 April 2017.

New student of the year award launched

The British Society of Dental Hygiene and Therapy (BSDHT) and Henry Schein have announced that they are joining forces to launch a brand new national award that will recognise the personal achievements of a new graduate of either dental hygiene or both dental hygiene and therapy.

The winner of the award, to be presented at the BSDHT Oral Health Conference (OHC) in Harrogate in November, will have demonstrated exceptionally high standards throughout their studies and have gone 'above and beyond' in furthering the profile of the profession.

President of the BSDHT, Helen Minnery, said: 'This is an incredibly exciting

opportunity for a newly qualified professional to receive the recognition that they deserve for many challenging years of study.'

'The winner of this award will have performed a broad range of clinical skills to an excellent standard and actively recognised where and how they can improve throughout their years of study. Importantly, they will also have demonstrated a high standard of patient care, considering individual patient needs before, during and after the treatment while also creating a safe, clean and patient friendly environment.'

'The winning student will also present evidence of a positive attitude to their future in our profession with an ongoing and

effective plan for continuing personal and professional development throughout their career.'

For many years, BSDHT has sponsored a prize for each dental hygiene and therapy school in the UK to be awarded to their choice of student who they believe has excelled in their studies. Through BSDHT's new collaboration with Henry Schein, to further enhance and recognise these efforts, one winner from each school will now be considered for the overall 'Student of the Year' award.

The prize will include travel, accommodation and entrance into the BSDHT OHC and the spectacular 'Student of the Year' trophy.