

## Spotlight on the British Dental Conference and Dentistry Show

This year's first combined British Dental Conference and Dentistry Show will take place on 18-19 May 2018 at Birmingham NEC. Visit [www.thedentistryshow.co.uk](http://www.thedentistryshow.co.uk) and [www.bda.org/conference](http://www.bda.org/conference).

### The case for good sugars

Tim Ives will argue the case for 'good sugars' in his Hygienist & Therapist Symposium session 'Sweet offender versus sweet pretender: utilising sugars to treat and prevent disease'.

### Dental nurses and dental photography

Diane Rochford will speak on the benefits of dental photography for dental nurses in the Dental Nurses Forum.

### Dental and systemic health

Melonie Prebble and Victoria Wilson will be exploring the links between oral and systemic health in the Hygienist & Therapist Symposium.

### Understanding behavioural change

Dentist Ben Atkins will be presenting on patient understanding and behavioural change at the Hygienist & Therapist Symposium, and the importance of patient trial outcomes.

### Dental medical emergencies

Helen Watson and Lynn Fox – owners and instructors from Orchard Training Services and ResusPlus Training respectively – will each present sessions on dental medical emergencies in the Core CPD Theatre.

Over 10,000 visitors are expected at the two-day event, which is free of charge and open to all.

For more information visit:

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## BSDHT PRESIDENT DISCUSSES TOOTH EROSION ON THE AIRWAVES

Helen Minnery, President of the British Society of Dental Hygiene and Therapy (BSDHT), was a guest speaker on Talk Radio in March, discussing tooth erosion and its prevention.

Helen emphasised how diet is one of the most important considerations for avoiding tooth erosion, more so than the products used during daily cleaning. Helen made clear that it is acidic food and drinks that have the greatest influence and that people need to think about how often and when they consume such things.

Helen also gave specific examples of some of the most acidic foods and drinks to be aware of, and offered listeners some practical advice to reduce the potential for enamel erosion.

This is just one way that the BSDHT continues to raise awareness of dental problems among the general population,

particularly highlighting the need for improved oral health for children. To find out more about the society and what else it does, visit [www.bsdht.org.uk](http://www.bsdht.org.uk).



## NEW PRESIDENT FOR DTA



The Dental Technologists Association (DTA), the not-for-profit association representing the interests of UK dental technicians, has announced that Delroy Reeves has been appointed as President for the coming year.

Delroy began working as a dental technician about 40 years ago, completing his initial training at an in-house dental laboratory in Jamaica. His education continued here in the UK at South London College, where

he gained a City and Guilds Final Certificate in 1983 and a City and Guilds Advanced in Crown and Bridge Technology in 1986. He runs his own crown and bridge dental laboratory in London.

A member of the Council of DTA since 2011, Delroy is a keen runner and a deputy churchwarden in his spare time. He said: 'I'm delighted and honoured to be taking over as DTA President at this time of great change. 2018 marks the tenth anniversary of our member publication, *The Technologist*, and I believe we have much to celebrate. I look forward to working with colleagues on the DTA team to support our members'.

To find out more about the DTA visit [www.dta-uk.org](http://www.dta-uk.org), email [info@dta-uk.org](mailto:info@dta-uk.org) or telephone 01452 886366.