



A DIVERSE PROGRAMME FOR DENTAL HYGIENISTS AND THERAPISTS

The Hygienist & Therapist Symposium delivered an exciting two-day lecture programme at this year's British Dental Conference and Dentistry Show in May.

Among the exceptional speakers were Dr Alif Moosajee who provided a hygienist/therapist guide to peri-implant disease; dental hygienist Helen Minnery who discussed supporting patients with immediate loading full arch implant restorations; Dr Barry Oulton who explored the wisdom of great oral hygiene habits;

and Professor Tim Newton who presented on effective communication strategies to promote periodontal health. There were also sessions on direct access, managing dentine hypersensitivity, child patient behaviour management, the implications of self-employment, social media, and much more.

Commenting on the event in general, Alisa Chauhan, a dental therapist from NHS Community Wolverhampton, said: 'The show has been very diverse with a variety of good lectures relevant to me.'

Charlotte Harms, a dental hygienist and therapist from Pall Mall Dental Practice, said: 'I have loved the Show. I have been to nearly 20 talks over both days and have been so impressed. Everyone is very friendly and helpful.'

Next year's British Dental Conference and Dentistry Show will be held on 15-16 May 2020 at Birmingham NEC. For all of the latest information on the event, visit www.thedentistryshow.co.uk or call 020 7348 5270.



British Empire Medal for Fiona

Fiona Ellwood, who started her career as a dental nurse, has been awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Fiona is the patron and executive director of the Society of British Dental Nurses (SBDN) and also chairs the National Oral Health Group. She was lately senior lecturer and external examiner at the University of Chester.

Fiona acts as a key opinion leader and is an advisor for oral health education and preventative programmes across the dental arena, as well as infection control and professional practice. She is a former President of the British Association of Dental Nurses (BADN), an examiner for NEBDN and writes prolifically as an editorial board member for *Dental Nursing* journal.

Fiona is a trained mentor and has fostered and developed a mentoring culture in a number of areas both within and outside of dentistry.

Her final dissertation for her M.Ed looked very closely at the concept of leadership as a potential mechanism of change, which has

given her greater insight to the ever-changing world of health, education and dentistry.

This has also helped her in her role as an External Examiner for the University College of Cork and the University West of Scotland and as a GDC Quality Assurance Education Associate.

She recently completed a MSc PG Cert in Public Health and has enrolled on her PhD programme looking closer at education. Fiona is the QA & Enhancement Lead at Leamington Spa Orthodontics Centre and an honorary non-clinical lecturer at University of Warwick and a subject expert at the University of Bangor. Fiona is also a member of the Human Factors Advisory Board.

She is the founder of Dental Mentoring Network and a member of Dental Mentors UK. She has received an honorary Fellowship from the Faculty of General Dental Practitioners (UK) (the first DCP to do so), a Fellow of the Faculty of Dental Trainers at the Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh and Fellow of Institute of Administrators and Managers. More recently she became a member of the Interim Education Advisors Board RCS Edinburgh and a trustee of



DentaId, as well as becoming the vice president of the British Society of Dental Hygiene and Therapy (BSDHT). Fiona is also part of the East Midlands LDN and the gerodontology MCN group.

Fiona said: 'I am honoured to be included in the Queen's 2019 Birthday Honours list. My aspiration for dental nursing has always been to lay the foundations so others can have choices, make informed decisions and doors can be opened.'

'[SBDN] is taking my visions forward and for that I am eternally grateful, so today I celebrate dental nursing on a different level.'