## JOINT BASCD-BSODR WEBINAR THIS APRIL



On Friday 21 April a live webinar will be held marking the British Association for the Study of Community Dentistry's (BASCD's) and British Society for Oral and Health Research's (BSODR's) 50th and 70th anniversaries. The title of the webinar is 'Behavioural science's contribution to dentistry perspectives from guiding and rising stars' and will take place from 10 am until 12:45 pm.

Plus

For more information and to register your place, go to https://bascd-bsodrwebinar.eventbrite.co.uk.

If you have any queries regarding your registration, call the organising team on 0161 665 5887.

## Notice of passing: Simon A. F. Howell

The Oral Health Foundation has announced the sudden passing of Simon Howell, former Director of Campaigns for the charity (previously the British Dental Health Foundation)

from 2004 to 2014.

During his time at the Oral Health Foundation, Simon was at the forefront of delivering its public oral health awareness message, with major campaigns such as National Smile Month and Mouth Cancer Action Month. He was also instrumental in spreading the ethos and mantra of the Oral Health Foundation, both in the UK and overseas.

After he retired in 2014, Simon and his wife Julie moved to Oradour-Sur-Vavres, Limousin in France, where he spent his remaining years.

## **NEW READER PANELLISTS FOR 2023**

BDJ Team is delighted to introduce four dental care professionals (DCPs) who have joined our reader panel.

Reader panellists are called upon to suggest or provide feedback on content ideas, write a minimum of one article for BDJ Team annually, and review books or events.

Stacy Topping is a senior dental nurse in the Community Dental Service in Northern Ireland and The Dental Continuing Education Coordinator at Northern Ireland Medical & Dental Training Agency.<sup>1</sup>

Stacy has numerous post qualifications and plans to write about dental nurse education.

Aisha Mehmood is a student dental hygienist and therapist in Manchester and has written about her route into dentistry in this issue of BDJ Team: 'Dental nursing gave me a kick start'. We look forward to hearing more about being a DCP student from Aisha.

Award-winning dental nurse Rebecca Silver has lots of writing experience under her belt. She wrote for BDJ Team in 2021 and 2022<sup>2,3</sup> and in an upcoming issue will explore why dental nurses may stay in jobs they find unsatisfactory.

Saloni Garg, a dental hygienist in Worthing, responded to a BDJ Team request for book reviewers, and this month has reviewed Jocelyn Harding's book for DCPs on caring for patients with head and neck cancer. We are pleased to have Saloni and her fellow panellists on board!

If you are interested in becoming a reader panellist, email k.quinlan@nature.com.

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