

FDI World Dental Federation publishes new Policy Statements

The FDI World Dental Federation has announced that it has published a range of new Policy Statements on the FDI website and revised three other Policy Statements. These Statements were adopted by the FDI General Assembly in Sydney, Australia in September.

The new Policy Statements are:

Alcohol as a risk for oral health: <https://www.fdiworlddental.org/alcohol-risk-oral-health>

Alternative direct restorative materials dental amalgam: <https://www.fdiworlddental.org/alternative-direct-restorative-materials-dental-amalgam>

Collaboration between oral health professionals and other health professionals: <https://www.fdiworlddental.org/collaboration-between-oral-health-professionals-and-other-health-professionals>

Mental health and well-being for oral health professionals and dental students: <https://www.fdiworlddental.org/mental-health-and-well-being-oral-health>



professionals-and-dental-students

Tooth wear: <https://www.fdiworlddental.org/tooth-wear>

The updated Policy Statements are:

Oral health for healthy ageing:

<https://www.fdiworlddental.org/oral-health-healthy-ageing>

Perinatal and Infant oral health care: <https://www.fdiworlddental.org/perinatal-and-infant-oral-health-care>

Social and commercial determinants of oral health: <https://www.fdiworlddental.org/social-and-commercial-determinants-oral-health>

BDA Benevolent Fund announces co-Chairs

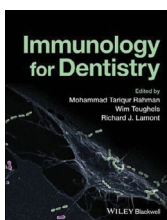
For the first time in its 140-year history, the BDA Benevolent Fund's Chairman position will be shared by two people. Shafaq Hussain and Molly Deykin will work together to lead the Board of Trustees following Ros Keeton's retirement at the AGM in July.

Joining the Board in June 2022, Shafaq's experience of advocacy for Parkinson's UK, as well as for Confidential and City of Sanctuary UK, will complement the Co-Chair role.

Molly knew about the BDA Benevolent Fund through her BDA membership and in her role as the British Dental Student Association President. After graduating she was also the Foundation Representative on the BDA Young Dentists Committee.

A series of articles about the history of the BDA Benevolent Fund is published in the BDJ starting in this issue.

BOOK REVIEW



IMMUNOLOGY FOR DENTISTRY

Editors: Mohammad Tariqur Rahman, Wim Teughels and Richard J. Lamont; 2023; Wiley-Blackwell; £89.99 (eBook); pp. 272; ISBN: 978-1-119-89302-8

Immunology for dentistry is an excellent, comprehensive book edited by an international array of renowned academics who are reputed in their respective fields. As mentioned by the authors in the preface of the book, the emergence of the concept of oral immunology from the ever-expanding insights of theoretical immunology and its clinical relevance and exercise in dentistry has led to the origin of this book.

The book is divided into 16 chapters which are very in depth in nature and cover all aspects of oral immunology. The first three chapters provide a solid foundation to the basic principles of immunology,

including the oral immune system and immune response, and mechanisms of immunity, which would provide a good understanding for undergraduate students. There is also a chapter that includes a detailed coverage on stem cell immunology, which is remarkably interesting to read. The next set of chapters cover clinical relevance of immunology related to different disciplines of dentistry, such as orthodontics, oral cancer, oral surgery, periodontics, and endodontics. Final chapters shed light on the basic principles and applications of various immunological techniques commonly used for research and diagnostic purposes, and

also on immunological research. The book concludes with a comprehensive index.

Every chapter in the book has a wealth of information for both undergraduate and postgraduate students, and is enhanced with relevant illustrations and schematic presentations. Some of the complex subjects of immunology are simplified using templates, colour diagrams and illustrations for easy understanding of the end user.

To summarise, this excellent book provides an invaluable collection of useful information about oral immunology and its key aspect for dental medicine. This book is an essential read for both undergraduate and postgraduate students, and is an enjoyable read for anyone or any clinician willing to have a good grasp of oral immunology and the immune system.

Overall, I have no doubt that this book would be highly recommended for students, graduates and those wishing to understand the core concepts of oral immunology.

Prashanth Narayanan