

◀ Saturday

The final day of the conference saw another jam-packed day of lectures, starting with the Federation of European Orthodontists Session. Delegates were treated to an array of fantastic speakers that morning, with informative, bitesize lectures on topics such as primary failure of eruption and tooth resorption. Parallel sessions on 'Driving private practice' and 'Growing your private practice' informed delegates on social media as well as the latest digital technology, whilst the 'Skills for Dental Care Professionals' kept delegates busy, with two sessions on clear aligners offered by Align. After a scheduled caffeine hit, Rishma Shah delivered an inspirational talk 'Dragon's Den: Bringing out the entrepreneur in you' ... who knows, maybe a future British Orthodontic Conference will be hosted at our very own Necker Island?

Mid-morning, we gathered together in the main auditorium to applaud our friends and colleagues in the Prizes and Awards ceremony. This is always a memorable, uplifting and influential session, and celebrates our achievements collectively as a profession – with people from across the country, from all ages and all levels of experience, being recognised for their triumphs and successes. The conference then drew to a close, finishing with the 'Clinical Pearls' presentations, where speakers illustrated their innovative and useful tricks of the trade, which we can now hopefully implement into our clinical practice.

The 2024 British Orthodontic Conference will transport us back to the vibrant city of Birmingham on 16–19 October. The theme of this conference will be 'Reinvention' and we already have some renowned home and international speakers confirmed. Please save the date in your diaries and keep your eyes peeled, as the society will be providing more information about this event over the next few months.

Finally, a huge thank you to the BOS Conference Committee and all of our sponsors. Your enthusiasm, dedication and hard work paid off in a stellar event this year. I look forward to seeing everyone again next year, and would encourage all aspiring or established orthodontists to attend this fantastic event. ■

Incoming BSPD President awards two Honorary Life Memberships



Professor Emerita Anne Maguire (left) and Professor Paula Waterhouse, BSPD President

Two exceptional dentists, who have both left an indelible legacy on the specialty of paediatric dentistry, have been awarded Honorary Life Membership of the British Society of Paediatric Dentistry (BSPD). BSPD's new President, Professor Paula Waterhouse awarded Professor Emerita Anne Maguire and Dr Ben Cole their Honorary Life Memberships at a celebration event during the BSPD Annual Scientific Conference 2023 in Newcastle.

Professor Emerita Anne Maguire became Clinical Professor in Preventive Dentistry in 2013 and on her retirement in 2020 was awarded an Emerita Professorship by Newcastle University. Anne has achieved notable contributions to the advancement of knowledge in paediatric dentistry via her clinical, scientific and education research. She has over 180 publications and over 3,600 citations with clinical research areas concentrating on the oral health of children, the effects of liquid oral medicines upon oral health, erosion and fluoride.

Dr Ben Cole has been influential in the training of paediatric dental trainees and



Professor Paula Waterhouse, BSPD President and Dr Ben Cole

pivotal in the establishment of regional services for the improvement of children's oral health in the northeast and Cumbria, setting up the region's first oral medicine and gastroenterology multidisciplinary team, improving children's clinical outcomes and quality of life. As training programme director, he was instrumental in increasing both numbers of trainees and trainers in the region. In 2013 he became Clinical Director of the Dental Directorate at the Trust. Ben has supported BSPD in a number of roles including Honorary Secretary for BSPD and then President in 2012.

Professor Paula Waterhouse, BSPD President said: '[Anne] has contributed so much to advocating for paediatric dentistry in the UK. [Her] award of Honorary Life Membership of BSPD is richly deserved for her vast contribution to clinical academia and to the wider specialty. I am [also] delighted that Ben's influence and advocacy in paediatric dentistry is recognised by Honorary Life Membership.'

'By honouring Anne and Ben, they will both remain part of the Society to which they have given so much.'