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JUNE

Training essentials – Managing stress in yourself and your team

Date: 17 June 2010

Venue: BDA, London

Email: events@bda.org

Welsh Rural Postgraduate Unit, Institute of Rural Health, 11th Annual Rural Dental Conference

Date: 25 June 2010

Venue: Gregynog Hall, Newtown, Mid Wales

Tel: 01686 650800

BDA Seminar – Introduction to being an associate

Date: 25 June 2010

Venue: BDA, London

www.bda.org/events

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The 18th International Federation of Dental Hygienists (IFDH) International Symposium on Dental Hygiene (ISDH)

Date: 1-3 July 2010

Venue: Scottish Exhibition & Conference Centre (SECC), Glasgow

www.bsdt.org.uk

The European Society of Lingual Orthodontics (ESLO) biennial congress

Date: 8-11 July 2010

Venue: Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London

www.eslo-congress.com

International Association for Dental Research General Session

Date: 14-17 July 2010

Venue: Centre Convencions Internacional Barcelona (CCIB), Barcelona, Spain

www.iadr.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3854

LIANA ZOITPOULOS

It is with regret that we report the recent death of Liana Zoitopoulos, aged 54. She was secretary of the British Association for the Study of Community Dentistry between 2006 and 2009, and was elected its president shortly before she was diagnosed with cancer.

NEW DEAN APPOINTED AT PENINSULA

The Universities of Exeter and Plymouth have announced that Professor Steve Thornton is to be the new Dean of the Peninsula College of Medicine and Dentistry (PCMD). Professor Thornton is currently Professor of Obstetrics and Associate Dean for Clinical Research at the University of Warwick Medical School. He succeeds Professor Sir John Tooke, the founding Dean of the College. Professor Thornton is expected to begin his new role on 1 September.

PCMD is a joint College of the Universities of Exeter and Plymouth and works in partnership with the NHS. Professor Thornton said, 'PCMD has already travelled an enormous distance since being established in 2002 and it will be a privilege to lead the next phase of its development. I have been extremely impressed by the quality of the staff, the students and the facilities and I am sure we can continue to build on the success achieved already. I have been a researcher and a clinician during my career and I am sure that experience will stand me in good stead in my new role.'

Professor Thornton began his medical career in 1983 after graduating from the University of Southampton, specialising



in obstetrics and gynaecology. He currently leads a successful research group, a team providing research support in West Midlands (South), a specialised clinic for women at risk of preterm labour and he co-ordinates research recruitment for obstetrics and gynaecology throughout the UK.

In addition to his position at Warwick Medical School he is also Associate Medical Director (R&D) at the University Hospital of Coventry and Warwickshire, Clinical Director of West Midlands (South) Comprehensive Clinical Research Network, Chair of the Specialty Group for Reproductive Health and Childbirth, and Clinical Lead for R&D at West Midlands Strategic Health Authority.

SEARCH FOR NEW FITNESS TO PRACTISE PANEL MEMBERS

The General Dental Council (GDC) is beginning work to recruit 50 new Fitness to Practise (FtP) panel members. Applications are encouraged from dentists, dental care professionals and lay people.

The panel members will sit in public hearings and can consider cases where a registrant's fitness to practise may be impaired due to their health, conduct or performance, as well as applications for restoration to the registers and appeals against registration decisions. Most hearings take place in London.

The recruitment process is being led by the GDC's Appointments Committee. Chair Bronwen Curtis said, 'This is a really exciting opportunity and we want to give people as much time as possible

to think about whether this is the right role for them. All applicants will be considered on their individual skills and experience. We especially hope to hear from dental care professionals who traditionally have been less likely to apply for this kind of role with the GDC.'

Interest can be registered by emailing csecretary@gdc-uk.org. Information is also available on the GDC website (www.gdc-uk.org).

The Fitness to Practise Committee is currently made up of 75 panel members: 38 dentists, 22 lay people and 15 dental care professionals (DCPs). It is a part-time role, with members sitting for around 20 days a year. They are paid £353 a day and are reimbursed their expenses.