

HONOURS, AWARDS, APPOINTMENTS

New Health Watch Chairman

Consultant Orthodontist and long term member of the British Orthodontic Society (BOS) **Keith Isaacson** has been elected Chairman of the charity Health Watch. Health Watch, which was originally called 'Quack Busters' but which changed its name when it became a charity, aims to ensure that media coverage of evidence-based medical treatment is accurate.

Fellow of the American College of Dentists

Dr Chris Lynch, Senior Lecturer/Consultant in Restorative Dentistry, Cardiff University, was inducted as Fellow of the American College of Dentists (ACD) in October 2011.

The ACD is the oldest North American honorary organisation for dentists. Fellowship is awarded by invitation only, following a detailed nomination and scrutiny process. Of 203 new Fellows inducted at the ACD annual session in October, Chris was the only the only European dentist to be honoured.

Accredited Trade Organisation Status

The British Dental Trade Association (BDTA) has been granted Accredited Trade Organisation (ATO) Status by UK Trade & Investment (UKTI), making the BDTA one of only four such associations in the Life Sciences sector. As a result the Association will partake in the Trade Access Programme (TAP) and offer additional services and support to British dental businesses wishing to explore new opportunities in overseas markets.

RESEARCH ENCOURAGED AMONG HYGIENISTS AND THERAPISTS

At the recent British Society of Dental Hygiene and Therapy's (BSDHT's) Annual Oral Health Conference and Exhibition held in Bournemouth, the brand new *Annual Clinical Journal of Dental Health* was launched. The publication will complement the BSDHT's other publications, *Dental Health* and *DH Contact*.

The aim of the new journal is to provide an opportunity to showcase clinical research undertaken primarily by dental hygienists and therapists and encourage more clinical research by BSDHT members.

'I hope [our new journal] will encourage members to participate in research projects in the future,' said BSDHT President Sally Simpson. 'By doing so they will not only develop themselves but they will also benefit the wider dental community.'



STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITY FOR NEWCASTLE

A new centre dedicated to improving dental care and understanding of oral disease through world-class research is being opened at the Newcastle Dental Hospital and School of Dental Sciences at Newcastle University.

A collaboration between Newcastle University and The Newcastle upon Tyne NHS Foundation Hospitals Trust, the facility has four new dental surgeries and is supported by three research laboratories.

The state-of-the art facilities mean a full range of clinical dental research can be undertaken, including restorative dentistry, endodontics, periodontics, implant research, dental materials research, paediatric dentistry, local anaesthetic studies, fluoride therapy, nutritional

research, and surgical procedures. In addition two of the surgeries are equipped with operating microscopes for advanced surgical and restorative procedures.

The development has been funded by the Trust and University with staff supported by the Northumberland and Tyne and Wear Comprehensive Local Research Network, grant income and commercial research projects.

'We can offer industry a responsive, high-quality facility and support research and clinical trials,' said Professor Philip Preshaw, the new director of the Dental Clinical Research Facility. 'The developments we will be making in this new centre will directly feed into the way patients are treated here and across the UK.'

BDA CELEBRATES EXCELLENCE IN DENTISTRY

Leading practitioners were honoured on 24 November for their contribution to their profession at the sixth BDA Honours and Awards Dinner. The ceremony, which was sponsored by the British Dental Trade Association, included the presentation of awards by associations representing a range of dental professions, as well as the BDA's own honours.

Kevin Lewis attained the rare distinction of being made a BDA Honorary Member; BDA Fellowship, which honours outstanding and distinguished service to the BDA and the dental profession, was

awarded to Hew Matheson CBE and Graham Brown.

The John Tomes Medal, which recognises scientific eminence and outstanding service to the dental profession, was awarded to Professors Derrick Wilmot and Nairn Wilson CBE. David Macaulay and Peter Frost were both awarded BDA Life Membership. The BDA Certificate of Merit for Services to the Profession was presented to Lance Hale, Russ Ladwa and Janet Speechley, whilst the BDA Certificate of Merit for Services to the Association was presented to Menna Lloyd.

NAME CHANGE FOR BSSPD

The BSSPD, formerly known as the British Society for the Study of Prosthetic Dentistry, founded in 1953, has changed its name to the British Society of Prosthodontics at an Extraordinary General Meeting held at the 2nd Pan Society Conference in Liverpool recently. While the acronym BSSPD and historical brand identity remain, the name change embodies the educational, research and clinical activity that the society undertakes in the core areas of fixed prosthodontics and removable prosthodontics.