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CELEBRITY SPEAKER FOR BDEF MEETING

Members of the British Dental Editors Forum (BDEF) gathered together at the RAF Club in Piccadilly at the end of April for an evening of networking, discussion and an informative presentation by Judith Hann, one of Britain's leading science journalists and broadcasters.

Judith is known to millions for the 20 years she spent presenting BBC's *Tomorrow's World* as well as other programmes on technology, health, food and the environment. The topic for the evening was *Publicising science and healthcare in the twenty-first century* and Judith drew on her wealth of experience in the media to add to the debate. She highlighted the importance of joining together with industry peers to create a united voice on subjects affecting the industry at large.

'It was a pleasure to welcome Judith Hann to our event and take advantage of the guidance she provided on getting the most out of the world of journalism,' said Ken Eaton, BDEF Chairman.

The event also provided an opportunity for Professor Eaton to officially launch this year's Young Dental Writers Award and announce that the ceremony will be taking place on 14 September 2011. BDEF members were encouraged to nominate young writers for this year's awards.

For further information on the awards email kenneth.a.eaton@btinternet.com.

CAMERONS TO CYCLE FOR AILING DENTISTS

John Cameron and his daughter Sarah Cameron (pictured) are both taking part in the Ride Across Britain Challenge to raise money for the Dentists Health Support Trust (DHST).

John Cameron is Senior Clinical/Dental Adviser, Practitioner Services at NHS National Services Scotland in Edinburgh, whereas his daughter Sarah is an associate specialist oral surgeon at St Georges Hospital in Tooting. Dr Cameron is also Chairman of the Trustees of the DHST. The father and daughter team will attempt to cycle the 1,000 miles from John o'Groats to Land's End between 10 and 18 June 2011 to raise much-needed funds.

Dr Cameron is also writing to Local Dental Committees calling for sponsorship and donations to the DHST, for colleagues in need of help.

'This year we are desperately short of money, particularly due to the changes in the way dentists are paid in England and Wales,' said Dr Cameron. 'We may have to curtail the work we do with "sick" dentists.'

Other supporters of the DHST are taking part in sponsored activities



such as rowing and running the Edinburgh Marathon.

To donate, please write to Mike Stern, 48 Pollard Road, London, N20 0UD.

NEW EXAMINATION IN PRIMARY DENTAL CARE

The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh has developed a new examination in primary dental care: the Membership in Primary Dental Care (MPDC). The diploma is intended to test the range of knowledge and understanding that underpins clinical patient management within the broadest definition of the primary

care setting, recognising the dedication, experience and continuing postgraduate development of the hard-working general dental practitioner (GDP).

The new examination updates and replaces the MGDS RCSEd examination and the first diet is planned for early in 2012.