

DIARY

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Date: 13 June 2011 – 31 December 2011
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SEPTEMBER

Teach the Trainers course Teaches participants how to run the one-day course *Writing a journal article and getting it published*

Date: 7-9 September 2011
Email: tim@timalbert.co.uk

NOHPG Study Day 2011

Date: 9 September 2011
Venue: Royal Station Hotel, Newcastle
www.nohph.org

BDA Scottish Scientific Conference

Date: 9 September 2011
Location: Dunblane
www.bda.org/seminars

Nobel Biocare UK Symposium

Date: 9-10 September 2011
Location: London
Telephone: 0845 873 6299
Email: sales@conferenceshop.com

BACD/BDTA Roadshow

Date: 20 September 2011
Location: Edinburgh
Telephone: 020 8241 8526
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Training day for oral health promoters

Date: 30 September 2011
Venue: Ramada Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
Email: wendy.mcevoy@nhs.net

OCTOBER

Community Dental Services Group Annual Presidential Meeting and Scientific Meeting

Date: 12-14 October 2011
www.bda.org/events

FANTASTIC NEW FACILITY OPENED

The Royal Hampshire County Hospital has just opened a £300,000 dental skills laboratory as part of a multi-professional simulation suite. The suite comprises state-of-the-art medical and dental simulation equipment with 13 dental stations supplied by KaVo. Every unit has been set up for four-handed dentistry with individual audio visual links to the demonstrator's master unit.

Helen Falcon, Postgraduate Dental Dean for Oxford and Wessex Deaneries, who also chairs the NHS South Central Clinical Simulation Steering Group for all healthcare professionals, opened the suite with Councillor Barry Lipscomb, Mayor of Winchester. 'This is a fantastic facility for local dentists, teams and professional organisations to use,' said Dr Falcon. 'I am pleased that NHS South Central and Winchester Hospital have demonstrated their very real commitment to dental training in Hampshire.'



BLOS LAUNCH LINGUAL ACCREDITATION

The British Lingual Orthodontic Society (BLOS) has launched an accreditation scheme as a demonstration of an orthodontist's skill and ability and their commitment to a specialist postgraduate education. Members of BLOS can now apply to become BLOS accredited.

The UK is one of the countries where lingual practice is most advanced and the aim of BLOS and its dedicated membership is to achieve equivalence with other leading lingual organisations. Both the World and European Societies of Lingual Orthodontics already run accreditation schemes. The standard of BLOS accreditation is designed to be as high, in order to celebrate the achievements of its members.

Orthodontist members of BLOS wishing to apply for accreditation

require three cases for the examination with a treatment need of IOTN 4 or 5. At least one must be an extraction case to demonstrate complex, sliding mechanics and arch-form control. Cases will be submitted electronically and the examination documents and models will be presented for viewing at the BLOS annual meeting on 5 November. The deadline for application is 14 October 2011.

Paul Ward, BLOS chairman, said: 'We are designing the accreditation process so that it is an achievable and worthy challenge; a clear demonstration of the clinician's commitment to excellence in lingual orthodontics.' Visit www.blos.co.uk for further details.

DCPs: DECLARE CPD

The General Dental Council (GDC) has written to all dental care professional (DCP) registrants reminding them of the importance of keeping track of their continuing professional development (CPD) hours by making their end of year declarations.

Compulsory CPD was introduced for DCPs in 2008 and runs in five-year cycles, depending on when individuals first registered with the GDC. More than 43,000 DCP registrants will end their five-year cycle in 2013. Of these, 19% have currently not declared any hours and 33% have declared hours for their first year only. CPD is a legal requirement of registration with the GDC and failure to meet the 150 hour requirement could result in registrants being removed from the register and unable to practise at the end of their five-year CPD cycle.

Registrants can make their end of year declaration by logging on to www.egdc-uk.org.

