

DIARY

SEPTEMBER

British Orthodontic Society annual conference

Date: 25-27 September 2011
Venue: Harrogate International Conference Centre
www.bos.org.uk

BACD Liverpool Study Club: Basics of Clinical Photography

Date: 28 September 2011
Venue: Saving Faces, Liverpool, 7-8.30pm
Telephone: 020 8241 8526
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FGDP(UK) Yorkshire Division Study Day: Occlusion: what every GDP needs to know

Date: 30 September 2011
Venue: Cedar Court Hotel, Wakefield
Telephone: 07789634511
Email: enq@fgdp.yorkshire.org.uk

OCTOBER

Celebrating 100 years of The London Hospital Dental School

Date: 3-4 October 2011
Location: Royal College of Surgeons (Alumni Conference); Royal Courts of Justice (Gala Dinner); Garrod Building, Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry, Whitechapel campus (Academic Conference)
Telephone: 020 7882 7790
Email: alumni@qmul.ac.uk
http://www.qmul.ac.uk/alumni/alumninetwork/batlaa/londonhospitaldentalclub

34th Annual Meeting of the Society of Craniofacial Genetics in conjunction with the International Congress of Human Genetics

Date: 11 October 2011
Location: Montreal, Canada
www.craniofacialgenetics.org

Quicksleeper 4 digital controlled local anaesthetic system – Hands On Course

Date: 14 October 2011 (Glasgow)
Date: 28 October 2011 (Birmingham)
Telephone: 01380 734990
Email: info@generalmedical.co.uk
www.generalmedical.co.uk

BDTA Dental Showcase

Date: 20-22 October 2011
Venue: NEC, Birmingham
www.dentalshowcase.com

GENERAL NURSES TO EXPERIENCE DENTISTRY

General nurse students will commence placements within the Guy's and St. Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust Dental Directorate from October 2011. This is the first time general nurse students have been placed in a dental care setting within the Trust.

First, second and third year students from the Florence Nightingale School of Nursing and Midwifery and London South Bank University will learn alongside dental undergraduate and postgraduate students as well as the qualified dental team.

Dr Barry Quinn, Director St. Thomas' Dental Centre and KCL Dental Institute Learning and Teaching Coordinator, stated that the placement

of general student nurses in a dental setting is forward thinking and will expand the interdisciplinary team. Both parties will gain an understanding of each other's remit which should lead to better communication between future healthcare professionals.

Students will rotate through a number of specialities and departments allowing them to observe patients' experience of emergency and planned dental care.

HONORARY DOCTORATE FOR DAME MARGARET SEWARD

An Honorary Doctor of Science degree of the University of Plymouth has been conferred on Dame Margaret Seward at the graduation ceremony for the first 47 dentists qualifying from the Peninsula Dental School.

After receiving the award from the Vice Chancellor of Plymouth University, Professor Wendy Purcell, Dame Margaret gave the address to the new graduates in the Minister Church of St Andrew and is pictured (right) with the inaugural Dean, Professor Elizabeth Kay.

**NINE MILLION COMPLEX NHS TREATMENTS NOT PAID FOR**

An NHS Information Centre report shows that adults who do not pay for NHS dental treatment account for a bigger proportion of complex dental treatments than paying adults.

Less than a quarter of treatments (9.0 million out of 39.2 million overall) performed by dentists in 2010/11 were carried out on non-paying adults, but this group accounted for more than half of all the complex courses of treatment (1.2 million out of 2.2 million in total), such as bridgework and dentures. One reason for this may be a lower standard of dental health among non-paying adults, according to *NHS Dental Statistics for England: 2010/11*.

The report brings together information on different aspects

of NHS dentistry in England. It points to an increasing number of NHS dentists, NHS dental patients and also NHS dental treatments.

The number of treatment courses performed on the NHS rose 1.7% in a year to reach 39.2 million in 2010/11. 29.2 million patients (56.3% of the population) were seen by an NHS dentist in the 24 months to June 2011 – a 1 million increase on the 24 months to March 2006, immediately prior to the introduction of the current dental contracts.

The report reveals that 7.8 million child patients were seen by an NHS dentist in the 24 months to June 2011 and the number of child patients seen has increased each quarter since June 2008.

An increasing number of female dentists are working for the NHS, an increase of 800 on the previous year (22,800) and 43.5% of NHS dentists are now females.

The number of treatment courses that included a fluoride varnish has increased substantially, by 55.1% among children and 21.6% among adult patients.