

The BDJ News section accepts items that include general news, latest research and diary events that interest our readers. Press releases or articles may be edited, and should include a colour photograph if possible.

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HONOURS, AWARDS, APPOINTMENTS

St David's Student of the Year

Craig Lewis, who has just qualified from Cardiff Dental School, is the third winner of the St David's Student of the Year award. The award is for the best all round student who has displayed the best professionalism, clinical competence and team work and is voted on by all staff members at St David's Primary Dental Care Unit (PDCU). The PDCU is where Cardiff's final year dental students get a large proportion of their outreach clinical experience.

Research Training Fellowship

The National Institute of Health Research (NIHR) has awarded a Research Training Fellowship and funding of £281,000 to **Holly Cole-Hawkins**, an Academic Clinical Fellow in the University of Bristol School of Oral and Dental Sciences.

Holly's PhD project will look at what it means to be a survivor of oral cancer, assessing their support needs, the impact of appearance changes and the effect on relationship dynamics. Her research, to be conducted over three years, will be closely aligned with Head and Neck 5000, a national study of people with head and neck cancer being led by the University of Bristol.

Prestigious orthodontic grants

UCL Eastman PhD students **Shari Daniels** and **Fiona Ryan** have both been awarded prestigious research grants by the European Orthodontic Society (EOS).

Fiona and her supervisor have been awarded £16,320 to fund a national research project to investigate certain psychological characteristics in the general UK population. Fiona has also received a £10,000 research grant from the Royal College of Surgeons of England for her work on patient involvement in orthognathic treatment.

Shari Daniels and her supervisors have been awarded £20,000 to support her research into the relationship between the muscles of mastication, mandibular growth and orthodontic therapies.

Chairman of the BDA Benevolent Fund

Ann Rockey has assumed the role of Chairman of the BDA Benevolent Fund, taking over from Mavis Phipps. Ann has been an active member of the South Wales Branch of the BDA for 30 years, is a member of the BDA Representative Body and has been a Trustee of the Benevolent Fund for over 20 years.

OLD TOOTHBRUSHES ON DISPLAY AT SAATCHI GALLERY

Brush! (pictured below) is among the images being displayed at an exhibition called *Indonesian Eye: Fantasies and Realities* at the Saatchi Gallery, London until 9 October 2011.

The exhibition offers an opportunity for Indonesia's contemporary art scene to reach an international audience and comprises a selection of paintings, sculptures and installations by 17 Indonesian artists.

Brush! is by artist Angki Purbandono who uses a scanner

flat bed to capture images. Angki comments: 'By provoking a conventional perception about the photographic medium itself, I capture new ways and moments of interaction with my surroundings, without using a camera as my tool.'

The theme of the exhibition, fantasies and realities, pays tribute to Indonesia's ancient myths and legends while also reflecting the influence of modern Indonesia.

www.indonesianeye.com



ASSESS YOUR PATIENTS' ANXIETY

Professor Gerry Humphris of the University of St Andrews would like to encourage readers of the *BDJ* to access a new website he has prepared for detailed information on the Modified Dental Anxiety Scale (MDAS) along with free copies, instructions and various language translations.

The MDAS consists of five self-complete questions each with a five category rating scale, ranging from 'not anxious' to 'extremely anxious'. It is quick and simple to complete and has been shown not to raise patients' fears. The scale has been used in numerous studies in the UK and overseas. It has a cut-off score for dentists to know when their patients will need extra assistance. www.st-andrews.ac.uk/dentalanxiety/

