

HONOURS, AWARDS, APPOINTMENTS

Professor Hector appointed at Dundee

Professor Mark Hector has been appointed Dean of Dentistry at the University of Dundee. Professor Hector, who will also occupy a Chair in Oral Health of Children, was previously at Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry.

Head of Dental Services

Dr Susan Willatt BDS MBA LLM has been appointed Head of Dental Services (London) at Dental Protection Ltd with effect from 1 October 2011.

Dr Willatt joined Dental Protection as a Dento-legal Adviser in 1999 and is also Secretary to the Board.

Mature Educator Certificate

Susan Cunningham, Professor of Orthodontics at the UCL Eastman Dental Institute (EDI), has been awarded the Mature Educator Certificate for Excellence in Dental Education by the Association for Dental Education in Europe (ADEE) in recognition of her prolific contribution to dental education.

BDA Roll of Distinction

NASDAL member **Andrew Lockhart-Mirams**, a Senior Partner in the law firm Lockharts, has been awarded the British Dental Association's Roll of Distinction for his outstanding service to the British Dental Association (BDA).

Lockharts have been the BDA's lawyers for a quarter of a century and Mr Lockhart-Mirams is the first solicitor to be entered on the Roll of Distinction.

New King James IV Professor

Professor Lakshman Samaranayake, Dean of Dentistry, Tam-Wah Ching Professor in Dental Science and Chair of Oral Microbiology at the University of Hong Kong, has been awarded the King James IV Professorship 2011/2012 by the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

The professorship is awarded in open competition to practitioners of surgery/dental surgery who have made a significant contribution to the clinical and/or scientific basis of surgery. The award was established in 2001 to mark the millennium.

CHIVALROUS TONY TO ROW FOR CHARITY

Tony Chivers, a former chairman of both the Benevolent Fund and the Dentists' Health Support Trust, is so concerned that the two charities which exist to help colleagues who are in need of support are facing financial problems, that he is rowing 100 miles in November. At age 91 it is going to be a bit of a challenge!

For each mile that Tony rows he will donate £4 (Gift Aided). Tony is to do this on a Concept Rowing Machine on which he will keep an accurate record of



the distance covered each day. Anyone wishing to inspect the records or to see him 'on the water' will be very welcome so to do. Tony is hoping that many readers will be prepared to sponsor him and the proceeds from the row will be divided equally between the Benevolent Fund and the Dentists' Help Support Trust (the latter exists to provide funding for the Health Support Programme).

Donations can be made through <http://www.justgiving.com/tonychiversrow100>; by texting the message BENF10 £xx (for preferred amount) to 70070 or by post to BDA Benevolent Fund, 64 Wimpole Street, London W1G 8YS; telephone 020 7486 4774. www.bdabenevolentfund.org.uk

NEW YOUNG DENTIST GROUP LAUNCHED

Young dentists William Keys (pictured) and Paul Mooney have set up the 'BDA West of Scotland Young Dentist Group' which aims to hold regular meetings and social events and provide verifiable CPD for dentists under 35, those within 12 years of graduation, and dental students.

The group will provide young dentists and dental students in the West of Scotland area with the chance to network with dentists of a similar age, request CPD training in particular topics and also be represented within the BDA community.

The group's first meeting was due to be held early this month and Keys and Mooney are inviting applications for group positions including: chairperson, treasurer, secretary, social convenors, GDP rep, VDP rep, HDS rep and student rep. Applications close on 11 December and anyone interested in the group or becoming a committee member can email youngdentist@hotmail.co.uk.

'Already there has been a great deal of interest in the group and we are grateful for the help that the BDA has provided in setting up the group,' said Dr Mooney. 'We hope to encourage as many dentists and dental students as possible to become involved.'

Keys and Mooney graduated from Glasgow Dental Hospital in 2009 and have since worked in both primary and secondary care settings.

A page for the group is due to be launched on the BDA Communities website.

