

## ELECTIONS TO THE PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BRITISH DENTAL ASSOCIATION – NOTICE OF BY ELECTION IN WALES

Stuart Johnston, the member of the Principal Executive Committee elected from Wales, has announced his intention to stand down at the end of September.

Nominations for the by election in Wales are now invited, and completed nomination forms must be returned by **12 noon on Thursday 5 September 2013**. Further information on the by election, including a downloadable nomination form, is available on the BDA website at [www.bda.org/dentists/representation/governance/pec](http://www.bda.org/dentists/representation/governance/pec). If you want a hard copy election pack sent to you, contact Alison Magee by emailing your request to [a.magee@bda.org](mailto:a.magee@bda.org) or telephoning 0207 535 5833

### The Principal Executive Committee (PEC)

The PEC has overall responsibility for the control and direction of the policy and affairs of the Association, and its members are the Directors of the Association.

There are 12 members of the PEC apart from the senior officers such as the Chair, and each have a fair share of overall responsibilities. Typically this requires:

- attendance at all meetings of the PEC – around five a year, but maybe more when business demands
- attendance at own country council meetings
- attendance at UK Council meetings
- sit on 1 – 2 sub committees/issue specific forums
- attend general meetings of the Association

The approximate time commitment for an ordinary PEC member will be 20 days per year, with an annual remuneration of £15,000.

### Term of office

This shall be until December 2014, with the entitlement to stand for a full three year term of office at that point.

### Induction, support and training

Membership of the PEC will carry significant organisational and legal responsibilities. There will therefore be a thorough induction programme for those elected, and ongoing training. Members will also have 'civil service' advice and support from the Chief Executive and his staff.

### Next meeting of the PEC

Assuming the successful candidate is elected by the end of September, the next meeting of the PEC will be in London on Wednesday 23 October 2013.

## ROLLS-ROYCE DENTISTRY

A Rolls-Royce used as a mobile dental surgery during World War I joined an impressive line-up at Bonhams Goodwood Festival of Speed Sale on 12 July.

The 1913 Rolls-Royce 45/50hp

'Silver Ghost' was bought by Auguste Charles Valadier in 1915. Valadier established the first unit dedicated to the treatment of facial injuries. By the end of 1916 the Rolls-Royce had been modified to incorporate a dentist's chair.

## HONOURS, AWARDS, APPOINTMENTS

### Queen's birthday honours

Dr Susan Greening has been awarded an MBE in the Queen's birthday honours list 2013 for services to dentistry in the UK. Dr Greening, a BDA past president, is Clinical Director of Gwent Community Dental Service, Aneurin Bevan Health Board.

### International recognition

The Academy of Operative Dentistry (European Section) has presented its inaugural Award of Excellence to Professor Nairn Wilson in recognition of his international contribution and achievement to the field of operative dentistry. The Academy also honoured Professor Guido Vanherle (Leuven) at the event.

### Welsh Asian Women Award

Chandrika Joshi, Specialist in Special Care Dentistry, is joint winner of the Welsh Asian Women Achievement Awards in the category of Science, Medicine and Technology. Chandrika was born in Uganda and came to Wales in 1972; she has worked as a senior dental officer for more than 20 years and has dedicated her career to helping people with disabilities.

### BDTA President

Terry Porter has been elected President of the BDTA. Terry is IT Manager at The Dental Directory and has over 30 years of dental trade experience. Mr Porter takes over from Simon Tucker of Medenta Finance.

### Implant pioneer

Alpha Omega, the international organisation of Jewish dentists, hosted a gala dinner in June to honour Professor Harold Preiskel, the former Chairman of the Alpha Omega London Charitable Trust and one of the world's leading prosthodontists. Professor Preiskel has been a Consultant in Prosthetic Dentistry for 30 years at Guy's, King's and St Thomas' Hospital where he also founded the dental implant programme.

## WE READ THE BDJ

Ninety-two percent of UK dentists are aware of the *British Dental Journal*, according to the British Dental Trade Association (BDTA) Dental Media Readership Survey 2013. The most-read or looked at dental publications are the *BDJ* and *BDA News*, and along with *Dental Update*, these are also the most regularly read dental publications and have the highest proportion of readers reading cover to cover.

Of the 515 dentists who completed the survey, respondents tend to look at dental news or clinical/scientific articles the most, depending on the publication.

