

Society news



British Society of Paediatric Dentistry

The formation of a trainee-led collaborative research group (pictured) has been welcomed by the BSPD.

The official launch of CONNECT (Child Oral health NortherN rEsearch CollaboraTive) took place at the BSPD conference in Manchester with a gathering of more than 20 trainees at a meeting convened by Helen Rogers (Sheffield), Greig Taylor (Newcastle) and Fiona Noble (Sheffield).

The group is aimed at trainees at any stage of their training from any specialty in the North of England who have an interest in child oral health research, with representation in Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle and Sheffield.

Association of British Academic Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons

The Association of British Academic Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons' (ABAOMS') annual conference was hosted by the University of Liverpool on 15-17 November with thought provoking sessions around the delivery of undergraduate oral surgery education and what Brexit could mean.

The delegates were presented with world-class research ranging from 'Epigenetics in Head and Neck Oncology' to 'Microneurography and Trigeminal Physiology'. The conference also provided an opportunity for delegates to chat and reflect with colleagues. It was particularly encouraging to see many trainees at the conference, many of whom presented and already have enthusiasm for teaching and research. <http://www.abaoms.org>

British Association of Oral Surgeons

This year's British Association of Oral Surgeons Annual Scientific Conference was held on 27-29 September in Belfast. Delegates were treated to a fantastic selection of inspiring, informative and humorous lectures in the beautiful surroundings of the City Hall. The quality of the open papers was very high with many commendable presentations from the dental core trainees who participated.

Record numbers attended the conference with 500 delegates, including those attending the Nurses Study day.

The Titanic was built in the ship yards of Belfast alongside the SS Nomadic. Restored to her former glory the Nomadic played host to the informal social night providing a great platform for networking.

British Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons

The British Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (BAOMS) has just signed an agreement with the Association of Surgeons in Training (ASiT) to give all its trainee and consultant members, including trainers, free ASiT membership from January 2018 for a three-year pilot.

Young doctors and dentists aiming for a career in oral and maxillofacial surgery (OMFS) spend a long time in training, so ASiT membership will link them to the family of surgical trainees.

The collaboration will ensure trainees in OMFS are well represented within ASiT and the wider surgical community.

DENTISTS ON FILM



The Man Who Knew Too Much

H. S. Brand of the Academic Centre for Dentistry Amsterdam, and movie buff, kicks off a new series of columns on films featuring dentists with *The Man Who Knew Too Much*, directed by Alfred Hitchcock (1934).

Bob Lawrence has received information about a planned attack on a foreign state official. To prevent him from passing this information to the police, the criminal gang involved have kidnapped his daughter. Bob starts looking for her, together with his brother-in-law Clive.

During their search they come to a dental practice and they enter pretending to be sailors and that Clive has a toothache. The dentist indicates that Clive can enter the treatment room. Bob hears cries of pain coming from the treatment room. A few moments later, Clive comes outside, and the dentist asks Bob for five shillings. After Bob has paid, he asks if the dentist wants to have a look at his teeth too. While the dentist examines Bob's teeth with a pocket probe, the leader of the criminals enters and goes to a side chamber. When the dentist finds out that Bob is not really a sailor, Bob wants to escape. However, the dentist pushes Bob back into the dental chair indicating that a tooth has to be extracted. The dentist tries to put the mask for the inhalation anaesthesia on Bob. During the ensuing struggle Bob is able to place the mask on the dentist, and he loses consciousness. Bob places the dentist in the chair and puts on his white coat. He bends over the dentist, pretending to inspect his teeth. Now the sniper, hired to kill the state official, enters the dental office. In Bob's presence, the two criminals discuss the abduction of his daughter and the planned attack. When leaving, the leader asks Bob: 'Is this your last job tonight?' Bob answers: 'No, my first.' As soon as the criminals have left the dental office, Bob gives the dentist an additional dose of inhalation anaesthesia to prevent him from regaining consciousness, and continues with Clive in pursuit of the criminals.