

PCD research recipients announced

The four winners of the Colgate PCD Research Awards in partnership with the Oral Dental Research Trust were announced at the recent British Dental Exhibition and Conference.

Miss Nicola Ling, Miss Lindsay Allen, Mrs Francesca Barclay and Mr Trevor Coward were each awarded £2,500. The aim of the awards is to support investigations of clinical relevance, particularly in the field of preventive care.

The awards were presented by Professor Nairn Wilson, Chairman and Acting Director of the ODRT, who described the awards as 'an important forward looking initiative in helping to build and strengthen the academic base of the dental team.'

Miss Ling and Mr Coward were present to receive their awards. Miss Ling is Staff/Tutor Hygienist, School of Dental Hygiene & Therap at Birmingham Dental Hospital. Mr



Coward is Lecturer in Craniofacial & Maxillofacial Technolog at Guy's, King's & St Thomas' Dental Institute.

Pictured (left to right) Professor Nairn Wilson, Mr Coward, Miss Ling and Tony Kravitz, President of the BDA.

New degree for technicians

A foundation degree in dental technology being developed at De Montfort University in Leicester is likely to become a registrable qualification for dental technicians.

The General Dental Council has received a paper from the Dental Technicians' Association on the proposed foundation degree, which would lead to an Hons BSc programme in Dental Technology.

The 12 foundation degree modules have been developed to cover the GDC curriculum for registered dental technicians. The programme is being validated by De Montfort University and will be delivered in Further Education colleges across the UK. The validation involves GDC visitors and a GDC visit team will visit the programme when it is up and running.

BSc degrees in dental technology are already available at Cardiff and Manchester.

Are you eligible for entry onto the PCD register via the transitional entry route? Turn to page 18 to find out.

Dental nurse takes up Mastermind challenge

Dental nurse advisor Linda Bussey stepped up to the infamous 'Mastermind' chair recently in an effort to encourage young people into dental nursing.

Linda, who works as a dental nurse advisor for Bradford South & West PCT and Bradford City Teaching PCT, took part in NHS Mastermind, an annual event in which students across the Bradford district get the chance to put local health service staff under the spotlight.

'When I volunteered for NHS Mastermind it occurred to me that very few people know what a dental nurse actually does,' says Linda. 'this was my chance to tell the future workforce about dental nursing as a career choice.'

