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Date for your diary

Spring Meeting
10-11 April 2014
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EuroPerio 8
London, June 2015
The countdown has begun!

Henry Schein Dental is once again proud to support the BSP
It is an absolute pleasure and a privilege to be able to present this lecture today as the newly elected president of the British Society of Periodontology. “The Science of Periodontology?” Or perhaps, I could rearrange that: “is periodontology truly a science?” This may at first appear an heretical statement and particularly as our constitution states clearly that the Society is to promote, for the benefit of the public, the art and the science of dentistry and in particular, the art and science of periodontology, and in furtherance thereof to advance all aspects of periodontology and to promote improvements in the teaching of the same. I would not for one moment contradict the suggestion that the practice of periodontology is an art although to what extent our discipline aligns to the Oxford English Dictionary’s definition of science is perhaps more questionable: “The intellectual and practical activity encompassing the systematic study of the structure and behaviour of the physical and natural world through observation and experiment.”

Undoubtedly, the actual discipline of periodontology is built around a number of well-defined sciences: for example, anatomy, epidemiology, physiology, pathology and microbiology. This does not necessarily imply, however, that periodontology is in itself a science. To draw a parallel to the world of aerospace engineering, the non-existent ‘rocket science’ is nothing other than an idea or an invention; ‘rocket science’ is not a coloquial term yet may be perceived to be a collection of well-defined sciences such as solid mechanics, fuel science, aerodynamics, physics, mechanical engineering and electrical engineering. Collectively, these and other similar sciences have put a rocket into space but truly, as the saying goes, it’s not rocket science! So perhaps before trying to answer my original question we should look at the fundamental building blocks for any science: the laws, theories, principles, theorems and hypotheses which contribute to the basic components of any scientific subject. Taking these in turn, a scientific law summarises a collection of facts which are determined by experiment, in a precise, single statement. These facts should be strongly supported by evidence yet cannot always be explicitly proven. In general terms, they might explain why a range of phenomena behave as they do in nature. One of the best known is the frequently cited law of physics, Sir Isaac Newton’s ‘Actioni contrariam semper et æqualem esse reactionem’ or ‘To every action there is always an equal and opposite reaction’.

The next level of evidence is contained in scientific theory which is generally an idea that has been rigorously tested and is accepted as an explanation for an observation. A theory is not necessarily correct but just not disproven, and it usually starts life as a hypothesis. Indeed, theories are occasionally disproved. For example, as peptic ulcers became more common in the 20th century, it was theorised that they were linked to the stress of modern life. In the 1980’s Australian clinical researcher Barry Marshall discovered that the bacterium H. pylori caused peptic ulcer disease and was nothing to do with stress. This led him to win a Nobel Prize in 2005. Albert Einstein’s work on relative and specific relativity is one of the best known theories in theoretical physics, noting that space and time are not absolutes and that gravity is not simply a force applied to an object or mass. Rather that gravity is associated with any mass and curves the dimensions of space and time around it. These theories of relativity transformed theoretical physics and astronomy during the early part of the 20th century and to some extent superseded and disproved the theories of mechanics proposed by Sir Isaac Newton.

Most laws, theories and even theorems begin life as a scientific hypothesis which is nothing other than an idea or an educated guess that merits further scientific evaluation. It may give rise to a proposed explanation for an observation but one that still requires rigorous testing and which, in turn, may ultimately be replaced. Democritus, for example, around 400BC hypothesised that all matter is made of small indivisible and indestructible objects called atoms which come in a variety of sizes and shapes and are combined in different ways to form matter. In itself, an amazing hypothesis that stood the test of time so Democritus can perhaps be forgiven for the misplaced opinion that atoms are indivisible.

And so I would like to return to the question of periodontal science and to explore briefly the extent to which our discipline is aligned to scientific laws, theories and hypotheses. An intensive search of the literature failed to reveal many periodontal laws. Thielemann’s diagonal law of occlusal relationships (Thielemann 1938) proposed that an occlusal interference such as an erupted or tipped tooth restricts the functional gliding movement of the mandible, and elongation of the anterior teeth and other periodontal tissues will develop in the anterior region opposite to the interference. This law, unsurprisingly, fails to appear in any contemporary texts as we now clearly recognise that periodontal inflammation and its consequences cannot be elicited by an occlusal interference alone.

Ante’s law, which was proposed around the same time that Albert Einstein was elucidating his theories of relativity, stated that with respect to replacement of lost teeth by bridges, the total periodontal membrane area of the abutment teeth must equal or exceed that of the teeth to be replaced (Ante 1926). A systematic review on survival rates and complications of fixed dental prostheses placed on teeth with severely reduced periodontal tissue support now largely refutes the original law (Lucat et al. 2007). Further, the chapter on occlusion in the most recent edition of Clinical Periodontology and Implant Dentistry could not have been published were Ante’s Law to be true.

So, with respect to laws, not a good start. Nevertheless, we have seen during the last three decades some exemplary examples of theories and hypotheses which have stood the test of rigorous examination. For example, in the early 1980’s Sture Nyman, Jan Lindhe, Thorkil Karring and Harold Nylander published their definitive paper examining new attachment in the surgical treatment of human periodontal disease. They tested the hypothesis, albeit on one tooth in one patient, that new connective tissue attachment can be formed on a root surface that has previously been exposed to a periodontal pocket of long-standing providing cells from the periodontal ligament are enabled to repopulate the root during healing. This clinical work on human teeth was preceded by animal experiments and followed by many years of clinical trials which today underpin contemporary periodontal regenerative therapy. Interestingly, the initial educated guess that gave rise to the hypothesis never actually developed in to a theory.

Conversely, we do often refer to Waerhaug’s theory of inflationary pocket formation which was proposed in the late 1970’s (Waerhaug, 1979) as a development of Irving Glickman’s theory of the 1950’s. It is interesting how Waerhaug’s theory superseded Glickman’s original concept which has become consigned to history, yet was never entirely disproven.

Another example of how periodontal scientists develop hypotheses and theories came with the work of Sig Socransky, Anne Halflife, Max Gooiken and Jan Lindhe with their ‘New Concepts of Destructive Periodontal Disease’, again published in the 1980’s. This work was clearly explained by scientific evidence and expected the long-held belief that periodontal disease progressed continuously with time but rather with phased and multiple asynchronous bursts of tissue destruction. It is perhaps a shame that this world-renowned group of periodontal scientists referred to new ‘models’ and ‘concepts’ rather than new theories of disease progression. Semantics perhaps, but it is important to venture forwards using correct terminology for acceptance in the scientific world.

And so I have just drawn on three clear examples that I believe provide some evidence for periodontology being a true science. There are other examples in the literature and hopefully there will be many more in the future. Indeed, I have, with my friends and colleague and President elect Iain Chapple, proposed the theory of ‘Furcation Sparring’ in which we have proposed a mathematical, Fourier series expansion to explain why furcation sites may appear to be immune from more widespread periodontal destruction elsewhere in the dentition. The work as yet has not been published but I anticipate eagerly the prospect of a joint Nobel Prize in Medicine once the theory has stood the test of time in around 20-30 years!

Professor Peter Heasman
SPRING MEETING 2013

The BSP headed North this year for the Spring Meeting and were warmly (and a little damply) welcomed to Manchester at the Hilton Hotel on Deansgate. The two day meeting had a world class line up of speakers coming from Europe and America and made for a fantastic two days.

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The BSP launches its “Young Specialists Group” (YSG) at the Autumn Scientific Meeting at the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh on 29th-30th October 2013.

Prof Iain Chapple will introduce to interested parties the rationale for establishing the group and his own vision for the YSG in an inaugural meeting between 9:15am and 11:15am. He has a very simple message for us all if YSG is anywhere near you... “IF YOU WANT TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF BRITISH PERIO AND IMPLANTOLOGY...”

All who consider themselves young (and youngish) practitioners with an interest in peri are strongly encouraged to be there to develop the YSG’s vision, aims and objectives and modus operandi and more importantly, to secure their representation on key decision making committees like BSP Council and the Conference Advisory Committee.

BSP Council share Iain’s view that our future lies with our younger practitioners who are specialists or have a special interest in peri in its broadest sense. “We are entering a vital period in the History of British Peri - the Comprehensive Oral Health Assessment is here to stay, and will place Peri at the very top of the UK’s oral health agenda, we are entering into the era of Basic and Advanced Care Pathways where both Tier 2 and Tier 3 practitioners will be managing Perio and related problems within a specially commissioned NHS service - these pathways will be integral to the new Managed Clinical Networks; the prevalence and incidence of peri-implant diseases is increasing dramatically and peri-implant trained practitioners (both specialists and those with a special interest) are best positioned (due to their formal training) to manage these conditions through non-surgical and surgical protocols. These are huge opportunities, we need to continue to push and develop our YSG is central to this exciting new era... they must have a voice and they must engage”.

The BSP has embarked on an ambitions modernisation agenda, involving the development of a new vision and mission statement, our first strategic plan, new committee and meeting structures and the future development of industry partnerships. Ultimately this will require new Bye Laws, but with EUROPERIO 8 in London just 3 years away it is essential we plan carefully and those plans will involve our YSG. The 1st meeting will set the scene with 2nd and 3rd meetings arranged for Newcastle at the Sage, and finally Birmingham in September 2014, where we hope to sign off a constitution for our YSG.

The 3 meetings are generously supported by P&G, an indication of the importance we and P&G place in our young practitioners. Please register and take ownership of your future and the future of the BSP.

BSP Launches YSG

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The evening saw the BSP dance the night away at Old Trafford, the home of Manchester United Football Club. We started with a tour of the ground before a drinks reception in the imaginatively entitled Sax, Drugs and Sausage Rolls!

Finally we heard about the state of play in periodontal regeneration. Obviously this topic was delivered by an Italian, and Francisco Cairo did not disappoint. He showed numerous cases and studies using various biomaterials and cases where the surgical technique was so precise and wound stability was so good, that bone fill could be seen radiographically without the use of bio-materials.

It really was a great program and venue and I congratulate Phillip Greene and the conference team on a great event. Dr Ian Dunn
The BSP Masterclass in Aesthetic Mucogingival Therapy was held at ICED, 123 Gray’s Inn Road from 7th - 9th March. 12 delegates were privileged to enjoy 3 days of superb teaching from Roberto Rotundo and Francesco D’Aiuto, both having worked at the Florence centre from which much of the published material on this subject has emerged. Each of the 3 mornings was dedicated to seminar teaching and every afternoon to practicing the techniques learnt on pigs heads, which made it a very desirable course.

Roberto opened the meeting with a clear message that the masterclass was entitled mucogingival therapy for a reason: that obtaining tissue health and correction of traumatic brushing techniques were of paramount importance. It was stressed that the evidence base does not support the use of mucogingival surgery for maintaining health, data was provided to illustrate that less compliant patients appeared to benefit from having had graft procedures.

Following a classification of mucogingival deformities and indications for therapy, the importance of understanding the anatomy of both recipient and donor sites for graft procedures was emphasised and particularly the blood supply is key to success and dictates flap design. We were also introduced to Roberto’s as yet unpublished method to evaluate the aesthetics of the smile, using objective and subjective assessments of the face, teeth and periodontium. The published data of the 70’s and 80’s describe success as partial root coverage but over the past 2 decades, better understanding, microsurgical techniques and operator experience means that success can now only be described as complete root coverage. This is particularly valid when the procedure is carried out for hypersensitivity as it is the 10% of patients with a lack of cementum at the start of the root who require this portion of the root to be covered for relief of symptoms, partial root coverage not justifying the expense or morbidity of the procedure. Complete root coverage with planning and correct techniques is achievable.

On the second day, we covered many surgical procedures, including indications and contraindications for the free gingival graft with traenectomy, the coronally advanced flap for single and multiple recessions, the laterally positioned flap, pedicle flaps and bilaminar techniques including connective tissue graft harvesting. For multiple recessions where a large connective tissue graft would be necessary with the attendant trauma of the second surgical site, the options of commercially prepared grafts such as allograft (cadaver, Biohorizons) or mucograft (porcine, Gastrich) were explored with the advantages and disadvantages.

On the final day, we learnt about management of the edentulous crest and papilla deficiencies with classification of both surgical techniques, Francesco covered mucogingival surgery around implants and encouraged soft tissue assessment as part of implant planning. He emphasised the need for atraumatic extraction techniques to preserve tissue, which may require flap elevation to achieve. Compared with around teeth, there is reduced vascularity. A number of techniques were described, including the Palacci roll-through of tissue from the palatal to the buccal aesthetic zone.

In the afternoon sessions, we were fortunate, thanks to the generosity of Swallow, Gastrich and Biohorizons, to practice grafting with allograft and mucograft in addition to harvesting connective tissue grafts and the patience and humour of Roberto and Francesco were much appreciated by the delegates. There was a wide range of surgical experience between the delegates but all agreed it had been an excellent course. From my personal point of view, it was undoubtedly the best CPD since my MSc. I would urge BSP to run this course again.

Mary Gibson, Regional Rep

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The BSP Masterclass in Aesthetic Mucogingival Therapy

The elegant and ultramodern David Citadel Hotel was the setting for the European Federation of Periodontology Annual General Assembly in March. This is the meeting at which all aspects of EFP management are discussed by representatives from all the member countries, now numbering 28. The big issues this year were centred around the success of EUROPERIO 7 in Vienna, 2012, the campaign for the acceptance of Periodontology as a specialty throughout Europe, and the promotion of the EFP’s vision of Perio for a Better Life to the public and all healthcare professions in the build-up to EUROPERIO 8 in London, June 2015.

Around 300 members of the BSP and other UK delegates enjoyed attending the EUROPERIO 7 meeting. Obviously now our attentions are turning towards EUROPERIO 8, London in 2015. At the General Assembly it was clear how many of the delegates were already looking forward to the London meeting and I am sure that all BSP members will be eagerly anticipating this major event.

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Dr Philip Greene

The EFP General Assembly, Jerusalem, March 2013

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Dr Philip Greene
The countdown has begun...

Only 20 months to go, and preparations for EUROPERIO 8 at London ExCeL are well underway on a variety of fronts - it’s never a dull moment!

Having looked carefully at the outcomes of EP7 in Vienna we have agreed to retain many of the very successful elements of the program there. These include the basic layout of scientific sessions, research and poster sessions, elements of the social activities, the EFP Village for national societies. In addition we have set ourselves a number of new tasks to try to ensure that EP8 is even more successful than Vienna and is the best EUROPERIO yet!

New ambitions include:

- Media and PR - taking advantage of the run up to EP8 to promote the topic of Periodontology amongst the profession, amongst other health professionals and amongst the general public.
- Public and Patient Involvement - the one group whose voice has been missing from previous meetings has been that of the patient. We believe patient advocacy is potentially of great importance for Periodontology, and it is essential that we hear the views of our patients. We plan to run an open session (currently being organised by Prof Ian Needleman and Prof Philip Preshaw) for patients and professionals to discuss the implications of being a patient with Periodontal Disease.
- An inclusive conference party. Running inclusive social events is a massive challenge for a meeting as big as EUROPERIO, where we hope to have around 8000 delegates. We have ambitious plans to hold a party at a large venue at a reasonable cost so that as many delegates as wish can get together and party for an evening!

Scientific Programme

A fairly advanced draft of the proposed scientific programme now exists and needs some minor further working on prior to rolling it out for the world to see. As ever we plan to invite the best, most influential and inspirational speakers from around Europe and from further afield. Sessions will consist of an active Chair, who will give an overview of the topic, followed by 2 main speakers and then discussion. Main themes of the Sessions which will run in parallel throughout the meeting include Master Clinician Forums, clinically orientated Sessions for Specialists, Advances in Scientific Knowledge sessions and Periodontology in Dental Practice. Research sessions and poster presentation sessions will also run through the meeting and we hope to attract many abstract submissions from delegates for these sessions. In addition we are planning some eye-catching Keynote lectures and a special session to mark 25 years of the EFP as a closing session.

As I hope can be seen we think there is much that will be of interest for all delegates. Thus as well as specialists clinical sessions there will be more academic and scientific themes and major sessions throughout the meeting intended specifically for Dental Hygienists and General Dental Practitioners.

London ExCeL, June 3rd - 6th 2015

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Public Relations and Publicity

Whilst we hope and expect that every single member of the BSP will want to attend EUROPERIO 8, we also want to cast our nets much wider to attract many other General Dentists, specialists and DCPs from throughout the UK. We have agreed a partnership with the British Society of Dental Hygienists and Therapists and through this aim to attract a large number of hygienists to EUROPERIO. I hope that all members of the BSP will do all they can to recruit their friends and colleagues to attend what will be the largest meeting on Periodontology and Implant Dentistry ever to be held in Europe. To get the message out we intend to intensify our popular BSP Roadshow talks throughout the country during autumn 2014 to 2015.

Our ambition to improve the profile of Periodontology on the back of the run up to EP8 has coincided perfectly with the launch of the EFP’s campaign - Perio for a Better Life. Many of you will have seen the material particularly on the EFP website regarding Perio-systemic links and the EFP have recruited a PR team to work on this project throughout Europe. Within the UK we have engaged our own PR adviser, Andrea Williams from Fusei PR, to work on this campaign getting our stories out to the profession, other health professionals and the general public. Andrea has set up Social Media accounts so do join us on Facebook and Twitter.

What Happens Next?

For the committee there is lots more to do, but for you readers, please make sure you save the dates in your diary!

Professor Francis Hughes
Chair, EUROPERIO 8
AUTUMN SCIENTIFIC MEETING
The Root of the Problem!

Outgoing president Philip Greene reflected on how much he enjoyed his tenure as President and the privilege associated with chairing the BSEP. He said there was still much to do and urged members to utilise social networking to engage the public. The Editor proposed a toast to his “very successful year in serving the BSEP so well”!

Nicola West thanked incoming President Peter Haseman for his dedication in his past role as Treasurer and for his considerable efforts in giving the society such a solid financial platform to grow from. Steve proceeded to joke he could not have done this job as well if it not for Denise and Martha - his beloved farmyard animals. Our new President then proceeded to deliver his President’s Address “The Science of Periodontology” which is covered by the Editor in this Newsletter.

Following the Address, two parallel sessions were held. The main session was on the Biofilms Research Prize presentations and Clinical Case Reports. The Biofilms Research Prize presentations comprised a diverse list of studies. Dr Pedro Gaspar Gancedo from Birmingham Dental School presented his study entitled “Periodontal Disease and Oral Hygiene in the United Kingdom”, Dr Martin Ling, also from Birmingham, with R. Ho and snappily titled “Chemotactic accuracy of periodontal dermal cells and periodontal disease using a novel direct visualisation chemokinesis chamber”. Keeping up with the theme of research was the occasion of Chandigarh Dental Institute in India producing evidence of the possible role of Toll-like receptor genes in Periodontitis patients. Dr Asad Ali, also from Chandigarh Dental Institute was later announced as the winner of the BSEP Research Prize. Dr Martin Ling was later announced as the winner of the BSEP Research Prize.

The BSEP’s Clinical Case Reports comprised two cases. One was entitled “The Root of the Problem!” and the other was “How Young is too young?”. A lively discussion followed amongst the attendees regarding basic matters such as deciding an appropriate name for the group. Even what constitutes being “Young”!

In the other parallel session, the inaugural Research Prize presentations were held. Professor Francis Hughes, Chair of the Research Prize Committee, was joined by the current Research Prize winner Dr Matt Leung who presented “Tooth exposure due to gingival recession: A systematic review of clinical studies and an evidence-based approach to management”. He was joined by Dr Michael Ainsworth and Professor Alfried Schimming.

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Prof. Ralf Hecke of the University of Aarhus, Denmark, provided new insights on the injection technique for the treatment of gingival recession defects. He highlighted the importance of the frequent injection technique for the treatment of gingival recession defects. He also focused on the use of injectable biologic agents to enhance root coverage.

A subsequent session was held to present the Young Specialists’ Congress (YSC) research poster. Dr Marco van Steenbergen of the University of Antwerp, Belgium, presented “The impact of Porphyromonas gingivalis on the formation of calculus: A new treatment for calculus removal in periodontal patients.”

Dr Rajiv Patel followed on, discussing harvesting palatal connective grafts for gingival augmentation in practice. He also reflected on his recent use of acellular dermopelvic collagen matrix (AlloDerm). He highlighted the importance of connective tissue grafting techniques for management of gingival recession. Dr Peter Armitage (Kingston University, London) followed on, discussing the treatment of gingival recession, focusing on the use of injectable biologic agents to enhance root coverage. He highlighted the importance of the frequent injection technique for the treatment of gingival recession defects. He also focused on the use of injectable biologic agents to enhance root coverage.

The PRACTITIONERS’ SECTION
After being inspired seeing Dr Pat Allen’s presentations at the 2013 BSP Spring Meeting in Manchester, Dr Paul Baker presented his reflections on using the tunneling technique over the past 6 months for treatment of gingival recessions. He highlighted the importance of the frequent injection technique for the treatment of gingival recession defects. He also focused on the use of injectable biologic agents to enhance root coverage.

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Obituary

Dr Anne Haffajee

It is with great sadness that I write this short personal memory of yet another great clinical scientist lost to the global periodontal community. Anne Haffajee passed away peacefully on Friday the 16th August in Boston, following a long battle with cancer; she was only 65 years old. It was almost 2 years exactly, give or take 11 days since we lost Sig Socransky, Anne’s great colleague and mentor.

Anne was a true Brit, born in Colchester in 1947; she studied at University College Hospital London, graduating in Dentistry in 1970. Anne’s husband Charles is an exceptional Cardiologist and Anne moved to Boston with Charles in 1976, where she joined the Forsyth Institute and worked for decades with Sig, changing the face of periodontal microbiology and making a truly distinguished contribution to clinical periodontology. Anne was an expert skier and enjoyed the double black runs of Europe and the most challenging black runs of North America.

Two of my fondest memories of Anne are very different ones. The first was in 1995, when the Forsyth team were preparing abstracts for the AAPR, and of course being British, I had quickly helped Anne of the team with their abstracts, prior to Anne and Sig’s scrutiny. Anne came into the lab one morning and summoned me over, to announce with a wry smile on her face, that I’d been rumbled, because I had spelled a few words in “English English” rather than “American English”; she was the only one in the lab capable of solving that mystery. The second was dinner at the IADR in Singapore 1995, when Anne joined me and my colleagues from Birmingham UK and completely outclassed the male contingent with her knowledge of English football, and her ability to drink beer and remain elegantly sober until the evening ended.

Anne had a sharp intellect, a great sense of fun and above all she mentored many young scientists from all over the globe, especially South America, Anne will always be remembered for her glittering career in clinical science. She leaves behind her two daughters and husband who meant the world to her, and she leaves the world of periodontal research and care a poorer place for her passing.

Thank you Anne for the science, and for just being you.

Ian Chaplin
Meetings and Events

Out and About in 2013 with the BSP

February
- Roadshow at uCLan: “What Now? Management of the Non-responsive Periodontal Patient” with Dr Philip Greene and Dr Ian Dunn, Dentistry Show (see page 5)

March
- Masterclass - “Aesthetic Mucogingival Therapy.” EDH London (full report see page 6)

April
- Spring Meeting in Manchester (full report above)
- BDA Conference in London

September
- Roadshow in Inverness: “Gutting To Grins With Referrals” with Dr Sarah Manton and Dr Gary Brock
- Roadshows in Glasgow and Canterbury: “Periodontology – is it all Mechanical Cleaning?” with Dr Shauna Cushnie and Dr Mark Ciarcia, and Dr Nik Pandya and Dr Monica Lee respectively

October
- Roadshows in Portsmouth and Leeds “Periodontology - is it all Mechanical Cleaning?” with Dr Philip Ower and Dr Mary Gibson, and Prof Val Claregood and Dr Margaret Kellett respectively
- BDTA Dental Showcase in Birmingham
- Autumn Scientific Meeting, Royal College of Surgeons, London

November
- Roadshows in Bournemouth and Chatham “Periodontology – It’s All Mechanical Cleaning?” with Dr Philip Ower and Dr Mary Gibson, and Dr Will McLaughlin, Dr Liam Addy and Dr Matthew Locke respectively
- BSDHT conference and Exhibition, Birmingham

Website Update
Our social media presence continues to gather support with over 1000 people now following the BSP on Facebook and 130 followers on Twitter. If you are not already following the BSP we can be found on Facebook at www.facebook.com/BSPperio or on Twitter we are @BSPperio.

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Want to Contribute?

Just a quick reminder that there is a case study section on the BSP website with new cases going up all the time.

Submissions should be sent to our Honorary Editor Dr Ian Dunn and successful submissions receive an honorarium of £100.

Full details: http://www.bspperio.org.uk/members/case-studies.htm

Also, there is a forum for general perioc discussions and we have been monitoring you! Only one-fifth of those reading the various fora actually contribute. C’mon guys... its more the merrier and we want to hear your views!

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