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Henry Schein is once again proud to sponsor The BSP
1000 BSP Members in 2008??:???

The Society has had a very successful year under the Presidency of Professor Valerie Clerehugh and membership has now passed the 900 mark, which represents an increase of 7% over the last year. This includes 8 Honorary Members, 15 “First 4 years since qualification” members (a 200% increase) and 125 Hygienist Associate Members (a 25% increase). We hope to start some new initiatives in the forthcoming year to promote the society and hopefully increase membership further. It would be good if members could continue to encourage others to join, perhaps as part of promoting meetings. Will 2008 see our 1000th member?

A Busy Year ……>>>

On Friday the 22nd September 2006 the AGM was held at Savoy Place, London. The formal Autumn Scientific Meeting entitled “Periodontology through the ages - the early years” began after Professor Clerehugh’s Presidential address “Time”. Professors Denis Kinane, lain Chapple, Richard Welbury and Drs Marie Therese Hosey and Aradhna Tugnait gave a range of presentations related to the diagnosis, treatment and management of younger patients presenting with periodontal problems. There were 140 attendees. This was followed by the Spring meeting, entitled “Periodontology through the ages - the later years”, which was held at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre on the 10th and 11th May 2007. The programme had attracted a great deal of interest among the Society’s members, with a total of 284 delegates. A full Spring meeting report can be found in this edition of BSP News.

… And an Exciting Time Ahead>>> 

2007 to 2008 will again be a busy time for the Society under the Presidency of Dr Graham Smart. This years Spring Meeting will take place on 13th - 15th April 2008 at the West Road Concert Hall, Cambridge, with the Conference Dinner on Monday 14th April 2008 at the American Air Museum, Duxford. The latter includes a Spitfire display, dinner under the wings of a B52 bomber and entertainment provided by Glenn Miller’s nephew, John Miller, and his 16 piece swing band. An event not to be missed! Full details can be found in this edition of BSP News and booking for the conference and dinner is available online.

The Autumn Scientific meeting in 2008 will be held at Savoy Place, in London. The Teachers’ Forum will be held on the afternoon of Thursday 25th September 2008. The Autumn Scientific Meeting will take place on Friday 26th September 2008.

For your advanced notification the Spring Meeting in 2009 will be held at Hallam University in Sheffield on 13th to 14th March, and the Autumn meeting in 2009 will be in London in late September. Europerio 6 will be held in Stockholm from June 4th - June 6th, 2009. Details are at www.europerio6.net

Educational Initiative>>> 

The Educational Initiative continues to thrive, with over 20 regional meetings held during the academic year 2006-2007 for general and specialist dental practitioners and dental hygienists; this equates to almost two every month! In addition, we estimate that BSP members have been involved in running around one course every week in the last year. A specialist level hands-on course on mucogingival surgery was run in Manchester during February 2007, and there is a waiting list for future courses. We have been making particular efforts to improve Society involvement and exposure to VDPs, with mixed success. We are also developing a number of other exciting initiatives that should be ready to roll out in the next year. We should thank Dr Elaine Giedrys-Lieper and her Regional Advisors for all their continued work this year. One of the prime aims of the BSP is to promote periodontal education and Elaine and her team play a major role in this.

Prizes Galore!>>> 

As reported in the last BSP News, the 2006 Research Prize was awarded to Dr Fiona Clarke from Queen Mary’s College, London, and she received her award during the Spring Meeting dinner in Edinburgh. The 2007 Research Prize has been awarded to Dr Mark Lappin, from Queens University, Belfast, for his project “Host Parasite Interactions in Periodontal Disease - Inhibition of LPS-induced NFkappaB activation by SLPI”. There were a number of high quality entries this year, and the judges were impressed by all entrants. All entrants have received feedback on their entries. The next closing date for this award is 31st March 2008 and details are available on the BSP website.

The Frank Ashley Undergraduate Prize for 2006 was awarded to Dr Hussein Asaria and he is pictured receiving his award at the 2007 AGM. The Frank Ashley Undergraduate Prize 2007 was awarded to Arthif Danial from King’s College London Dental Institute for the project “Periodontal Disease and Diabetes: A Dental Elective Study Based In The Kingdom Of Saudi Arabia”.

The 2007 Sir Wilfred Fish Research Prize presentations took place as part of the Dental Pan Society Meeting in Birmingham on 16th November 2007. The three research projects were all superbly presented, which made the judges’ task extremely difficult, but the prize was eventually awarded to Dr Nagihan Bostanci, of Queen Mary’s School of Medicine and Dentistry, London, for her project “Novel regulators of bone resorption in periodontal disease: the molecular interplay of RANKL-OPG-TACE.”

President Handover and a BSP First>>> 

The inauguration of the new BSP President 2007-8, Dr Graham Smart, took place at the Society’s AGM as part of the first day of the first ever Dental Pan Society Conference at Birmingham’s International Convention Centre on 16-17 November 2007. This represented the first conference collaboration between the 4 specialist societies and was an outstanding success, being attended by over 700 delegates. A full meeting report can be found in this issue of BSP News.
BSP Website>>>

The Society’s web site has developed further and has become a major tool in Society administration. The website has an average of 2000 hits every day. We still consistently rank first, above the AAP website, searching “periodontology” in Google. The online CPD and meeting appraisal continues to be a great success, allowing members to easily give feedback and obtain their certificate at a convenient time, but also allowing the Conference Advisory Committee to assess good and bad points about meetings, so that improvements can be incorporated into future meetings. We try very hard to keep the news section up to date, and will continue to email members and update the home page when we have important or interesting items of interest to members. An addition to the links page had been made for institutes providing periodontology courses: specialist courses, MSc, Distance Learning etc. There are now eight case reports on the website but there is plenty of room to accommodate a lot more! Good practice cases, or those used for Membership or Fellowship exams would be ideal. Members providing a case which is approved will be paid for their trouble!

A New Broom!>>>

Dr Philip Preshaw (left) of Newcastle Dental School has accepted the post of Honorary Secretary of the BSP Council, taking over from Dr Mark Ide (right). Philip is well known to the BSP membership and the Council is fortunate that he has managed to find the time to fulfil this demanding but crucial role. Thanks to Mark and good luck Philip!

Posts to Advertise>>>

Recently, Dr Liam Addy, BSP Webmaster, has set up a Jobs section within the BSP website, found at the top right hand side of the home page. Members need their username and password to post an ad. The job ads will be checked for appropriate content prior to going live, but advertisements posted on the website will not have been reviewed or checked for accuracy or compliance with employment law. The job ads placed will be viewable by the public. Ads can only be placed by members of the society but can be placed by members on behalf of colleagues. This service is free to all members.

Henry Schein Partnership Programme>>> 

The Society’s Partnership Programme in collaboration with Henry Schein has been running for over a year now and has proved very popular. Around 112 BSP UK members have an active account with Henry Schein, and the company has agreed a donation to our Fellowship Fund of £4,424. They have also provided support in other ways, especially in terms of publications and publicity, resulting in a total financial support of £7,374 for the year.

BSP Membership Data>>> 

Please ensure that your correct email address is on the BSP database (access your personal area to check this). The BSP is periodically (but seldom in practice) approached by dental companies for a list of members’ names and addresses. This is something that members agree to as a condition of membership. However, members have the option to have their details removed from such lists. If you wish to opt out please contact Anne Hallowes at bspadmin@btinternet.com.

BSP In The Wider World of Dentistry>>> 

The BSP has replied on behalf of the society to two recent GDC consultations on the new IQE / overseas qualifying examination expressing concerns with the difficulty in validating undergraduate and postgraduate experience. The replies are available on the BSP website.

The BSP continues to be a stakeholder in the current NICE developments, but there has been little to report in dentistry this year until recently. We have been lobbying hard to have periodontal assessment and treatment included as part of care guidelines for those with type 2 diabetes. We are waiting to hear if we have been successful. More recently, we have been involved in the consultation for the new draft NICE guidelines for antibiotic prophylaxis for infective endocarditis. The BSP has also recently submitted a reply to the London Assembly investigation into the state of NHS dental services in London.

Members of Council continue to play an active role on many external committees. The BSP has continued to be represented at meetings of the RCS Eng Specialist Practitioner Liaison Group. Dr Peter Floyd has represented the Society at the Dental Senate, while Dr Paul Baker, Professor Palmer and Dr McLaughlin have represented the Society on the SAC. Dr Ravi Saravanamuttu continues to represent BSP on ACSRD

A small group of senior members of the Society have also been involved with the Hon Secretary in submitting applications and recommendations for National Clinical Excellence Awards. The 2007/2008 round for applications is now open and can be accessed from the ACCEA website.

Love is in the Air...Another BSP First>>> 

On Thursday 10th May 07, Matt Perkins (Guys M Clin Dent student) and Zoe Pithers (Guys hygienist) announced their engagement during the BSP meeting in Edinburgh and, following a leak by parties unknown, an announcement was made by the President during her pre-dinner speech. The happy couple are shown a few seconds after the announcement. Is this a first for a BSP Spring meeting? Please let the Ed know of other BSP romances!
The BSP Spring meeting held on 10 & 11 May 2007 in the superb Edinburgh International Conference Centre stands out in memory as one of the great BSP meetings. There were a total of 284 attendees for this meeting, an excellent turn out, comprising 166 full members, 21 postgraduates, 24 BSDHT members and 94 non-members. The theme for the meeting was “Periodontology – the Later Years” and a veritable periodontal “Who’s Who?” of speakers was invited to deliver lectures on this topic.

Professor Panos Papapanou (Columbia University, New York) gave the first presentation on the epidemiology of periodontitis in the elderly, emphasising the periodontal implications of aging populations retaining more teeth. Dr Jonathan Bodansky (Leeds General Infirmary) gave an extremely authoritative talk on medical aspects of diabetes and delivered the stark take-home message that we should all be aware of the undiagnosed diabetic patient sitting in our dental chair. The epidemiological research linking periodontal disease and diabetes was then reviewed by Professor Phoebus Madianos (University of Athens), and this was followed by a lecture from Professor Evanthia Lalla (Columbia University, New York) that considered the mechanistic links between these two conditions.
This was a particularly successful BSP meeting and thanks go to Ghilaine Ower, our Conference Manager and Anne Hallowes, supported in this instance by Philip Preshaw. Thanks are also due to Dr Paul Baker, our Commercial Liaison Officer, and to our major sponsors on this occasion – Colgate, GlaxoSmithKline, Nobel Biocare, Oral B Laboratories, Pfizer and Straumann, as well as 21 other trade exhibitors.

Philip Preshaw
Obituaries

Dr John Saville Zamet

John Zamet was a champion of Periodontology in the UK. He founded the first exclusively periodontal practice in London in 1966 where he continued to work until his retirement in 2001. He was the first UK periodontist to participate in the Bränemark Osseointegration Programme. He was a gifted lecturer, a charismatic and kind teacher, much admired by his cadre of students. John Zamet's wise and confidential counsel was often sought by many as an aspiring specialist and by not a few who were already in senior positions. Always willing to help an individual or worthy cause, his smiling and apparently relaxed manner belied a burning passion for perfection that governed every aspect of his activities. Many a colleague has reason to be grateful to him. Born in London in 1932, John Zamet qualified in dentistry at the Royal Dental Hospital in 1955 and obtained his fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1958. Between 1956 and 1962 he worked in the Departments of Periodontology at the Eastman, Guy's and the Royal Dental Hospital, following which he obtained a post-graduate Fellowship to the University of Philadelphia under the auspices of the legendary D. Walter Cohen. On his return to London he became Senior Lecturer at the Royal Dental Hospital and then Consultant in Periodontology at University College Hospital Dental School. He obtained his MPhil investigating the clinical outcomes of surgical periodontal therapy in 1974. Following the closure of UCH Dental School he was appointed Honorary Consultant in the Department of Periodontology at the Eastman in 1995 and remained there until he retired. During this time he continued his research interests and published on the use of bioglass in regenerative periodontal therapy. John Zamet was determined that periodontology should be recognised as a specialty in the UK and initiated the process, through the British Society of Periodontology, that eventually established the specialist list. He was Past President (1977-1978), Honorary Vice-President and was conferred as an Honorary Member of the Society in 2000 in recognition of his contribution to periodontology. He was also a Member of the American Academy of Periodontology and of many professional organisations. He contributed a chapter “Periodontics, the frontier” to the book “The British Society of Periodontology, The first 50 years” published in 1999. John Zamet was both the first and twenty-fifth Chairman of the London Chapter of the Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity. He approached Ambassador Walter Annenberg to fund the Annenberg Lecture and Travelling Scholarship which sponsored the Post-Graduate Education of three students and endowed the Annenberg Lecture for years to come. He also served as Secretary of its London Charitable Trust sponsoring a wide range of projects both in the UK and in Israel. John Zamet retired reluctantly from active dentistry in 2001. Always seeking a challenge he went on to complete an MA at UCL in Holocaust Studies and in 2007 was awarded his PhD from Oxford Brookes for a thesis on ‘German and Austrian Refugee Dentists 1933 – 1939, The Response of The British Authorities’. He is survived by his wife Susan, son Richard, daughter Kate and one grandson.

Harold Preiskel, Peter Floyd & Ian Needleman

Professor Dick Veldkamp

Dick Veldkamp passed away in April 2007 aged 92. He was made an Honorary Member of the British Society in 1982 at the Spring Meeting of the Society in Cardiff. Dick had a long association with the BSP. This association started through a friendship with Bryan Wade and together with Leo Coppes formed a close association between the BSP and the Dutch Periodontal Society. He first attended a meeting of the BSP in 1962 and in 1964 organised a joint meeting between the BSP and the Dutch ARPA in Haarlem. A further joint meeting was held in London in 1971. He regularly attended the BSP meetings for over 20 years. Our sympathies go to his daughter Ingrid, a hygienist who trained at the Royal Dental Hospital in London, and son-in-law Ubele Van der Velden, also an Honorary Member of the Society.

Bryan Wade writes:

It was in 1958 when I was invited to give a crash course in periodontology to the first group of students who were shortly to graduate from the newly created College of Dentistry in Baghdad that I first met Dick Veldkamp. He was the Dean and Head of the Department of Conservative Dentistry and we became firm friends. On his return to Holland, his interest in periodontology increased and with his colleague, Leo Coppes, he started to attend the annual conference of the British Society with a regularity which lasted for many years. His association with British periodontology was further increased when his daughter Ingrid, was one of the first students to be admitted to the newly create School of Dental Hygiene of the Royal Dental Hospital of London in 1961, an association further increased when Ingrid married Ubele Van der Velden. Dick was a fine upright man who will be greatly missed, but never forgotten.

Peter Hull

Dr Stuart McKenzie

Stuart McKenzie passed away on 27th March 2007 after a short illness. He was born in Scotland in 1922. His formative years were spent in Manchester and he attended the well known Manchester Grammar School. He graduated LDS from the Victoria University of Manchester in 1944. After a period at the Birmingham Dental School he returned to Knutsford where he lived and practiced for the rest of his life. In September 1950 he was appointed Clinical Lecturer (Part-time) in Dental Surgery at the Turner Dental School where he continued until his retirement in September 1987. He was always involved in teaching Periodontology and his appointment was changed in 1969 to Clinical Lecturer in Periodontology. He maintained a Dental Practice in Knutsford and always had a particular interest in Periodontology. His teaching was well received by the many years of students he taught and it was always up to date. Stuart was a founder member of the British Society of Periodontology when in 1949 he became an Associate Member. He was an enthusiastic member who rarely missed a meeting and was President in 1968-69. He also served the Society as Senior Vice President. Stuart had many interests outside Dentistry. He was a keen golfer and croquet player. He loved his garden and was a keen sailor. He was a unique character and will be sadly missed by all who knew him especially his wife Shelagha, daughter Elspeth, sons John and Frazer and their families.

Peter Hull
Confusion, Confounders and Compliance

I have been privileged over my 20 years as a periodontist and a little more as a member of this Society, to witness a time of unprecedented change in our chosen sphere of work. The ‘scientific era’ heralded by such individuals as Jens Waerhaug, Harald Loe and Jan Lindhe has caused us to consider in great detail what causes periodontal disease and how it should best be treated, none more dramatic than the move away from surgical treatments to non-surgical management of disease. Regenerative therapies are now firmly established and we delve regularly into cosmetic applications of periodontal surgery. The control of periodontal disease is now firmly within our grasp and its management within the capability of most clinicians.

However, speaking to dentists and hygienists in dental practice reveals another side to the coin. Many have become disillusioned as they see repeated failures in their periodontal therapy. Others have moved on to accept tooth loss as inevitable and prefer to use their excellent surgical skills in the replacement of teeth by implants. Similarly, it has been difficult to attract young graduates into periodontology which is seen as repetitive and dull. Patients so often are not prepared to make the effort required of them in order for disease to be controlled. This is not surprising in a profession struggling to come to terms with how and what dental care should be provided, with an increasing emphasis on minimal intervention. Other matters complicate the issue further. Patients live in an ever more complex world and do not always cope well with the demands placed on them, sometimes leading to depression and psychiatric disorders.

In this context it seems fair to examine psychological perspectives of periodontal care. Without lapsing into psychological theory as propounded by such as Jung and Freud, it is possible to propose a practical periodontal psychology. I intend to look at three key areas during my year as BSP President. First, dentists and hygienists are affected by a variety of psychological factors affecting their delivery of periodontal care. The BSP Pan Society sessions last November looked at factors affecting the success of periodontal therapy. In the Spring we shall look at psychological factors which may impair a patient’s response to the plaque biofilm, both from a biological and also a behavioural point of view. My third topic will delve into the very under-researched area of compliance.

I think these are areas of concern to all practising clinicians, whether periodontists, dentists or hygienists, and I look forward to welcoming you all to Cambridge in April to explore these crucial, but often ill-understood, concepts so that we can improve standards of periodontal care in all spheres of dentistry.

And let’s hope for some fine Spring weather!

Graham Smart
President, British Society of Periodontology
Speakers

Dr Robert Matthews  
Statistics – Fact or Fancy (or ‘Of Storks and Babies’)

Prof Philippe Hujoel  
Spurious associations in periodontology
A role for the periodontal professional in the
ongoing epidemics of diabetes, stroke and heart disease?
Tooth loss – epidemiology, prognosis and outcome

Prof Andrew Steptoe  
Depression and physical Illness

Dr Gernot Wimmer  
Stress and Periodontal Disease

Dr Andy McEwan  
Smoking – an Addiction

Dr Rupert Hoppenbrouwers  
Tooth loss – The medico-legal impact

Prof Philip Marsh  
Dental biofilms – Slime, sex and subversion!

Prof Lynn Myers  
Compliance – how?

Dr Bernie Kieser  
How have we become so confused?

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- Punting on the Cam
- Sunday early evening clinical session and champagne reception
Spring Meeting 2008
Conference Dinner
Monday 14th April 2008
American Air Museum, Duxford

Featuring
The John Miller Orchestra

The BSP are thrilled to have found a spectacular location for this years’ conference dinner: the American Air Museum at Duxford. This award-winning building houses a huge collection of American aircraft, the centrepiece of which is a B52 bomber. We’ll have full and unimpeded access to the collection during the evening and will be dining under the atmospherically-lit aircraft above and around us.

Weather permitting there will be a flying display before the dinner. When it came to finding a suitable musical entertainment for this amazing venue, what could be better than the swing music of Glenn Miller and who better to perform it than a member of the Miller family!
I am delighted that John Miller, Glenn’s nephew, will be entertaining us with his 16 piece orchestra throughout the evening
SO BE PREPARED TO SWING!!

Graham Smart
The Future of Periodontology?

As was first reported in the last issue of BSP News, the BSP has now successfully completed a year long, wide-ranging and thorough market research project, in collaboration with market research professionals, ase, in London. This project, carried out by Dr Viv Ward and Dr Mark Ide, was designed to look at various aspects of the teaching and delivery of periodontal care across the UK, and to identify perceived and actual barriers to, and attitudes about, periodontology and specialist training in the UK. The project was initiated because of the low numbers entering periodontal specialist training in the UK, a problem that did not seem to affect the other monospecialities to the same extent. For example, this year (2007) it is estimated that the number of graduates starting on a specialist training programme in periodontology will be exceeded by the number on the specialist list retiring from clinical practice.

The survey involved two separate activities: both focus groups and a large-scale online survey of all final year undergraduate dental students, VDPs and specialist trainees, together with those who had entered the specialist list in periodontology by training. The project has generated some very important and interesting results, which are now starting to be considered by Council. The Council’s initial deliberations took place during a day long meeting at the ICC in Birmingham, prior to the Pan Society Conference, on 15th November 2007. This meeting (see photograph above) was attended by 30 interested parties, including most of the BSP Council, teachers, specialists, practitioners and specialist trainees. Discussion during the day was intense, detailed and, at times, passionate. The main discussion points are to be presented at a future Council meeting, when decisions will be made on what action the BSP will be taking. The findings and decisions will be made available to the BSP membership, and the wider dental community in the UK, in due course. A full report will appear in the next issue of BSP News. The BSP Council believes that the findings of this project will impact on training at all levels and will have major implications for the future of periodontology in the UK, both for the profession and the public.

Editorial

The market research project that the BSP Council has undertaken to shed light on the low uptake of periodontology as a specialist career choice amongst young dental graduates was highlighted as an area of concern by Dr Viv Ward in his Presidential Address in 2005 (as published subsequently in the BSP Newsletter) and, indeed, it is Dr Ward, along with Dr Mark Ide, who has initiated this project on behalf of Council. As reported the Council, as commissioners of the report, have had initial discussions and full details of both the results of the project and Council’s deliberations will be made available in due course. It would seem that periodontology as a specialism has a problem in the UK, in terms of image and the costs of training as a periodontal specialist. And yet …... you will see that membership of the BSP increases year on year as we approach our 1000th member and your President and I run dozens of perio courses for GDPs every year that are consistently over-subscribed. The recent DwSI (perio) course that was run on the South coast (see the last issue of BSP News) also attracted a very large number of applicants. So perhaps the interest in the subject is there, particularly for the more experienced clinician. Unlocking that simmering level of enthusiasm, and removing any potential (or real) barriers would seem to be the main objectives. I suspect that this issue will occupy the BSP Council a lot during the year so watch this space.

If you have any views on the subject please email me at philip.ower@btopenworld.com.

Phil Ower, BSP News Editor
The Autumn Scientific Meeting for 2007 was, for the first time, held in conjunction with the other 3 specialist societies at the International Convention Centre in Birmingham 16th – 17th November 2007. Over 700 delegates from the BSP, the British Endodontic Society, the British Society for Restorative Dentistry and the British Society for the Study of Prosthetic Dentistry gathered for 2 days of superb scientific presentations, supported by a huge trade show.

For the first day the 4 Societies held individual meetings, but with the opportunity for members of the Societies to move freely between the meeting rooms in the ICC. The BSP meeting room (capacity 300) remained full for most of the day, attracting a much larger number of attendees than we normally have at an autumn meeting. The second day was a full combined meeting for all 700 delegates, with a dinner in the evening between the 2 days.

Our day started in traditional style with our AGM, at the end of which the outgoing President, Professor Val Clerehugh, handed over her chain of office to BSP President-in-waiting, Dr Graham Smart. Professor Clerehugh thanked her organisational team, Anne Hallowes and Ghilaine Ower, while Professor Iain Chapple in turn paid tribute to outgoing BSP President. The AGM was completed in record time and a new record was established for the shortest-ever Presidential Address (5 minutes) with the threat of the full version at the Spring Meeting in Cambridge in April 2008. Details of the AGM can be found elsewhere in BSP News.

The theme of the day, “What is success in periodontics?” was addressed first by Professor Klaus Lang in typically mellifluous and meticulous style. He proposed a grading system (A to D, with A representing the ideal treatment outcome and D effectively malpractice) for determining success in the treatment of periodontitis. His arguments were persuasive and illustrated with a case that, for various reasons, did not reach the heights of his A standard but which was acceptable for that patient for reasons that he outlined. This was a very practical presentation, during which we learned that even Gothenburg patients sometimes lose attachment!

There followed a brilliantly informative and confident presentation by Dr Colin Cook on radiography in periodontal and implant patients. He stressed that diagnosis of periodontitis should be made clinically, with radiographs confirming the diagnosis, not vice versa. He went on to compare digital and film systems and finished by demonstrating the value of 3D CT techniques for the visualisation of periodontal bone defects.

The morning session concluded with a tour de force by New York periodontist Dr Alan Meltzer who treated his audience to an impressive presentation on implants in the aesthetic zone. His extensive review of the literature, interspersed with clinical cases, was persuasive and covered crucial areas such as the transition from primary to biologic stability, the benefit of nano technology to improve implant surfaces and the use of “platform switching” to influence biologic width formation.

The afternoon session started with a superb presentation by an old friend of the BSP, Professor Jan Wennstrom who presented a paper on peri-implantitis as a threat to successful therapy. More than once he emphasised the similarities between implants and teeth, pointing out that the host response was the same, as was the bacterial colonisation of the implant surface. His measured and precise presentation closed, as had Professor Lang’s in the morning, with the comment that a high level of infection control was the key issue in the success of therapy.

The final session of the day was a thought-provoking view of patients’ perceptions of periodontal therapy by Dr Ian Needleman. He looked at the impact of both disease and treatment on patients, emphasising the lack of data using patient-based outcome measures, those outcomes that mean something to patients. He highlighted recent studies that may change our perception of periodontitis as a “silent disease” and that future studies should consider these patient-centred outcomes along with the more usually considered clinical outcomes with which we are so familiar. This was a fascinating way to close the main sessions of the day. The day concluded with the Sir Wilfred Fish Prize presentations (see elsewhere in this issue).
Dinner with Pudsey

The dinner in the main function room of the ICC was filled to capacity with 400 diners, preceded by a reception. An unplanned bonus was the presence of the annual BBC Children in Need outside broadcast in Centenary Square, just outside the main entrance to the ICC. This prompted the Pan Society organisers (specifically Annabel Thomas and Ghilaine Ower) to arm themselves with suitably decorated (Pudsey) ice buckets and do a round of all the tables. Wallets and purses were relieved of £1042.64 (plus $10!) which was immediately delivered to the Pudsey Bank in the square. An excellent rock band provided a fittingly lively end to the evening.

Specialist Societies Get Together

The following day, the 4 specialist societies combined resources for a plenary session to provide a fascinating and interactive day of lectures and treatment planning sessions devoted to management of the mutilated tooth or dentition. There were arguments on endodontics versus extractions (Tony Hoskinson), periodontics versus extractions (Klaus Lang) and natural teeth versus implants (Richard Palmer), followed by a critical review of long term outcomes in fixed prosthodontics (Derrick Satchell). This impressive array of top international speakers delivered a brilliant, often thought-provoking, at times amusing, series of talks, superbly illustrated and all present will have learnt about other fields of specialist practice outside usual comfort zones.

The second session of the day was an interactive session chaired by Dr Karl Bishop, who presented a series of complex restorative cases with difficult problems that were discussed by the assembled panel of the morning speakers, as well as by the audience. An audience voting system had been installed so we were able to vote on issues and questions that were posed by Dr Bishop and get a near instant bar chart on the screen with the voting results. This was a fascinating and informative way to run a treatment planning session and was over all too soon, such was the level of interest that was generated by this novel approach.

The final lecture of the day was delivered by a speaker well known to all 4 societies, Dr Kevin Lewis from Dental Protection. Dr Lewis spoke on some of the dento-legal perils in cosmetic dentistry and suggested ways in which some of the inherent risks can be minimised. He then addressed the issue of the economics of dental reconstructions and the increase in complaints that has arisen from the high cost of complex dentistry.

This first, joint gathering of the UK’s specialist societies was a sure-fire hit with the delegates and proved to be a hugely successful format. A repeat meeting of this type in the future is almost certainly on the cards. The BSP is grateful to Annabel Thomas of the BES, and her team, for leading the organisation of the meeting and also to the principal sponsors: Astra Tech, Henry Schein, Nobel Biocare, Biotac 3i and P&G Professional Oral Health.

Phil Ower
**“What happens to our conference evaluation forms???”**

Evaluation Forms are completed anonymously by all conference delegates at the end of each meeting. You may wonder whether anyone ever looks at the results... well, they do! The responses are invaluable for the purposes of assessing how a meeting has been received and for forward planning of future meetings. The results from each meeting are processed and are then presented at the next Conference Advisory Committee meeting for discussion. Any individual comments that are made are also reviewed at this time and the necessary steps taken to address issues of concern. So please, keep the comments coming, particularly constructive ones! Recent comments have resulted in the new policy of obtaining aims and learning outcomes from all the speakers, providing prospective delegates with additional information on the presentations, and also providing reference points to make the scoring system of more value.

As the venues vary from one meeting to the next, each venue provides different challenges but the aim is to provide you with well planned programmes and well run meetings that you will enjoy and the Conference Advisory Committee works hard towards this objective - the evaluation forms are a valuable resource in this respect.

Ghilaine Ower
Conference Manager

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**Caption Competition**

The winner of the caption competition from the last issue of BSP News was Dr Philip Preshaw, who receives an extremely nice bottle of wine from the cellar of the Editor. His winning entry is shown below.

This year’s competition picture was captured during the Dental Pan Society meeting in Birmingham and shows President Dr Graham Smart and Professor Richard Palmer examining the BSP chain of office (or has the President spilt his wine again?). Entries to the editor please at philip.ower@btopenworld.com. Entries will not be treated in the strictest confidence.

The Editor’s decision is final!
Future Meetings

Autumn Scientific Meeting 2008

“From Research Conception to Clinical Application”
Savoy Place, London
25th and 26th September 2008

Collaborating with Industry on Oral Health Care Products: Success and Failures
(Professor Martin Addy University of Bristol Dental School)

Developments in Statistics. Where is Dental Research?
(Professor Mark Gilthorpe University of Leeds)

Development of Photodynamic Therapy (Periowave) for the Treatment of Periodontal Diseases
(Professor Nikos Donos Eastman Dental Institute)

The Journey in Designing and Marketing a New Implant System.
(Professor Neil Meredith Neoss Ltd)

Spring Meeting 2009

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13th and 14th March 2009
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BSP and Henry Schein Partnership Programme

The BSP has devised a scheme with Henry Schein whereby members of the Society can, if they wish, buy dental products at preferential rates.
This scheme will benefit both the BSP and individual members, as well as providing Henry Schein with the opportunity to participate in BSP activities. This will be of advantage to all with no additional cost to members. The Society will benefit through an annual donation to the Fellowship Fund from Henry Schein.

In addition, there are specific projects on which our two organisations can co-operate that will increase the awareness of periodontology as a Speciality and promote periodontology amongst newly qualified dentists.

The scheme is a preferred purchasing programme in which members may participate. This will involve:

1. An initial meeting with a Henry Schein Consultant to set up a bespoke purchasing programme for the practice that addresses the needs of the practice and delivers recommendations on ordering procedure, product selection and a buying plan. This will be cheaper for the practice than ordering at random due to the preferential rates to which participants will be entitled.

2. A discount of 5% on handpiece and small equipment repairs.

3. A discount of 10% on preventive maintenance visits by Henry Schein technicians.

4. Free welcome pack of £300 of Henry Schein brand materials for each surgery following the Consultant’s review.

We would like to emphasise that joining this scheme is voluntary, there is no subscription, it is solely for BSP members, and will cost you less for all the products you use, not just periodontal products. At the same time, BSP charitable activities will benefit greatly at no additional cost to members. Please note that this scheme will entitle a whole practice to participate provided one person is a member of the Society.

If you wish to participate, and we hope you will, please contact:
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