

## **THE BRITISH SOCIETY OF PERIODONTOLOGY AND IMPLANT DENTISTRY**

Minutes of the 74th Annual General Meeting  
held online on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023, via Zoom.

Present: Professor Mike Milward	President
Professor Wendy Turner	Honorary Secretary
Dr Ian Dunn	Honorary Treasurer/Webinar Host

and 48 members registered to attend.

The President welcomed everyone to the Society's 74th Annual General Meeting.

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

There were three apologies received for absence from Dr Trevor Watts, Mr Julian Ekiert and Prof Iain Chapple.

### **2. To adopt the Minutes of the 73rd Annual General Meeting**

There were no amendments to the Minutes of the 73rd Annual General Meeting and they were approved.

### **3. Report of the Honorary Secretary**

Review of the Year ending December 2022.

Professor Turner reported as follows:

I am honoured to present the Honorary Secretary's Annual Report for this AGM, which is based on the year ending 2022.

Taking things in chronological order, Dr Rajan Nansi served as President of the Society in 2022.

Many of you may remember that Rajan had served on Council before and was the very first Chair of the Early Careers Group.

Rajan was a brilliant President. His passion and love for the BSP was evident from day one. His dedication to the Society and commitment to serving the members was wonderful to observe. He worked incredibly hard to meet the needs of our membership, replied to member enquiries, kept up excellent communications in the monthly newsletters and always had the members interests at the forefront of all decisions he made during the year.

Rajan planned an outstanding Conference at the elegant Luton Hoo Hotel in Bedfordshire. This proved to be a perfect location for BSP members to come together with friends and colleagues and enjoy an exciting mix of presentations, workshops, networking and socialising.

The Conference programme was planned to appeal to all members of the dental team and was lauded by all who attended. Rajan certainly raised the bar with the intricate planning he personally undertook for the event.

I am incredibly proud of Rajan and how much he achieved during his Presidential year. On behalf of BSP Council, I would like to thank Rajan for his selfless dedication and commitment to the Society.

The year began with the great news that Professor Iain Chapple had been recognised in the New Year's Honours List and awarded an MBE for his extraordinary achievements and service to oral health. The prestigious award acknowledged the lifetime of service that Iain has dedicated to improving dental care and oral health for the public and patients and the significant impact he has made in supporting the dental team Nationally and Internationally.

**In January**, the Society's programme of educational webinars commenced. Organised by the Chairs of the Education Advisory Committee, Dr Shazad Saleem and Prof Moritz Kepschull, the webinars continued to be extremely popular, allowing members to view live on the night or access the recording.

The webinars in 2022 offered a wide range of relevant and interesting topics and were well received by our members.

Date	Type of Event	Title	Presenter
20.1.22	Webinar	Time to take periodontitis seriously: economic & societal costs and how to implement the steps of care in real world NHS practice	Iain Chapple
10.2.22	Webinar	Avoidance of Doubt - the S3 guidelines and phased treatment approach to periodontal care within the NHS dental contract	Shazad Saleem
10.3.22	Webinar	Approaching/implementing behaviour change in treating periodontal disease in practice	Christoph Ramesier
26.4.22	Webinar	Management of peri-implantitis: a pragmatic approach	Andreas Stavropoulos
17.5.22	Webinar	Pre-prosthetic surgery - Enabling optimal restorations	Moritz Kepschull
9.6.22	Webinar	Minimally invasive non-surgical periodontal therapy - practical approaches and protocols to ultrasonic debridement	Devan Raindi
12.7.22	Webinar	Instrumentation selection and advanced techniques for sub gingival PMPR	Claire McCarthy
1.11.22	Webinar	The Bernese Concept for the Treatment of Single and Multiple Mandibular Recessions	Anton Sculean
16.11.22	Webinar	Supportive Periodontal Care - Practical implementation of step 4 of the S3 guidelines	Viren Vithlani

On 12<sup>th</sup> May, The Society celebrated Gum Health Day. With a focus on interventions to prevent or treat gum diseases, the 2022 official campaign centred around the slogan, "Treat Your Gums". It was great to see so many dental care professionals and dental practices promoting this important event and sharing their posts on social media.

I also wish to thank our enthusiastic Undergraduate Representatives and their Perio Tutors, who promoted the importance of gum health to members of the public at busy locations around their Dental and Hygiene/Therapy Schools. It is wonderful to see the next generation of our profession have such passion for perio by promoting gum health in their community.

In the same month, the BSP attended The British Dental Conference and Dentistry Show in Birmingham. We were delighted to provide two speakers in the Specialty Interest Theatre; Rajan Nansi provided the audience with a periodontal update for general practice. This was followed by Nikos Donos who provided an overview of diagnosis and treatment modalities of Peri-Implantitis. The lectures were extremely well-attended, with the seating and standing areas full. The BSP Stand was incredibly busy throughout the Show as we promoted membership, distributed resources and answered clinical questions.

In June 2022, the ECG organised a successful hands-on Masterclass course, presented by Professor Nikos Donos in London.

The first part of the course was classroom based with lectures and case-based discussions around the classification of peri-implant disease and related risk factors. Different non-surgical and surgical treatments were evaluated and critically appraised for efficacy.

The second part of the masterclass was a hands-on workshop on pig jaws where participants practiced: Resective flap, GBR with the use of a bone graft and a collagen barrier, reverse torque technique (demonstration) and explantation with the use of piezo surgery.

Our ECG continues to develop and offer support to new members of the profession interested in periodontology. My thanks go to past ECG Chair, Dr Mitul Shah, and his committee members, for their service to the Society during 2022.

The EuroPerio10 Congress in Copenhagen, organised by the EFP, was a great success. The event was well-attended by BSP members. Sustainability was championed incredibly well and reinforced the take home message that we can all do our part as individuals, and as a community, to live more sustainably, as we strive to protect our delicate and precious Earth.

The BSP stand in the EFP Village was decorated with Union Jack flags and red, white and blue balloons. This provided a great meeting point for our members. In addition, the BSP social event at Brønnum cocktail bar was a crowded event and a wonderful time was had by our members.

A huge "thank you" to Dr Joon Seong, the EuroPerio10 British Ambassador, for his efforts working with the European Federation of Periodontology Organising

Committee and supporting BSP members on the lead up to the successful event in Copenhagen.

In August, the BSP workshops got underway to review the EFP S3 Stage IV Perio Treatment Guidelines, ensuring they were appropriate to share with UK dental professionals (dentists, hygienists, therapists), patients and the public.

Professor Nicola West and Professor Moritz Kebschull are still working on the paper and we shall advise members as soon it is published. In addition, a series of five educational webinars will follow the publication of the paper.

The BSP is fortunate to have a Patient Forum consisting of a small group of volunteers who regularly meet to share their experiences and ideas. The Forum was established in 2017 to give a voice to the community to help shape the future of gum health in the UK and to work with our Society. We greatly value their input on some of the initiatives we undertake and I know that their Council Representative, Julian Ekiert, will update you more on their activities later this evening.

The Society has also continued to foster close relations with the European Federation of Periodontology, with many of Council involved in various committees. In addition, we continue to enjoy good working relationships with many other dental agencies, including Public Health England, the Department of Health, NHS England, the Office of the Chief Dental Officer and the British Society of Restorative Dentistry. We have worked with these agencies in an advisory capacity and the voice of the BSP is being heard at the highest level. Again, this demonstrates the commitment the Society and its members have to engaging with all stakeholders as part of its Strategic Plan. I would like to thank all those members of Council who have given their time and expertise to support these important links.

We have continued to see a small growth in our membership figures. Retaining our members is of paramount importance to the Society and we are working hard to maintain good, effective communication. We continually explore ways to develop, grow, be a sustainable charity and set challenging targets. To assist us, we are planning to send out a short survey later in the year to explore member views and get feedback to inform our future plans.

The table below shows the Society membership status at the end of 2022, a small increase on the previous year:

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>Honorary</b>	13	14	18	19	13	20	19
<b>Emeritus</b>	2	2	3	3	3	3	3
<b>Full Members</b>	674	768	784	805	766	795	818
<b>Full Members DH/DT</b>	181	218	257	307	314	377	399
<b>Postgraduate/ StR</b>	97	72	80	67	91	94	86
<b>First 2 Years</b>	45	20	24	6	5	5	14
<b>Undergraduates</b>	26	74	115	338	305	445	380
<b>Associates Overseas/ Retired</b>	24	31	11	11	34	34	58
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1061</b>	<b>1199</b>	<b>1292</b>	<b>1555</b>	<b>1530</b>	<b>1773</b>	<b>1777</b>

Prizes Awarded in 2022	Award
<p><b><u>Audit award</u></b></p> <p>No award</p>	£500
<p><b><u>Sir Wilfred Fish Prize</u></b></p> <p>Vitor Neves</p> <p><i>"Glucose metabolism modulation in periodontal disease prevention as a form of preventive medicine"</i></p>	£1,000
<p><b><u>BSP Clinical Fellowship award</u></b></p> <p>Hong Jin Tan</p>	Up to £4,000 per award
<p><b><u>Systematic Review Prize</u></b></p> <p>Varkha Rattu</p> <p><i>"Prevalence of stable and successfully treated periodontitis subjects and incidence of subsequent tooth loss within supportive periodontal care: A systematic review and meta-analyses"</i></p>	£1,000

<p><b><u>Poster Prize</u></b></p> <p><b>Clinical:</b> Chaitanya Joshi</p> <p><b>Research:</b> Annabel Simpson</p>	<p>£500 each</p>
<p><b><u>BSP Research Grant</u></b></p> <p>Joshua Jackson</p>	<p>Up to £5,000 per award</p>
<p><b><u>Frank Ashley Undergraduate Prize</u></b></p> <p>Kate McNelly</p>	<p>£500</p>

I would like to thank all applicants for their contribution to the Society and congratulate the individuals nominated for the awards. I also wish to thank the panel of judges who have assisted with determining the winners. Entry criteria and deadlines for all prizes are available on the BSP website.

In addition to the BSP Awards, we joined with The Faculty of Dental Surgery at The Royal College of Surgeons of England and contributed £5,000 towards a Pump-Priming Grant.

This was awarded to Annika Therese Kroeger, from Birmingham Dental Hospital, who will now receive £10,000 to support her research into, "*Molecular cartography of 'health' and 'diseased' gingival tissues.*"

During 2022, we held 4 Council meetings. It was hoped that two of the meetings could be in-person but our plans were thwarted by a national train strike.

Council meet regularly to reflect and evaluate our achievements and identify key objectives for the following 12 months. These objectives reflect elements of our strategic aims and keep the BSP focused on delivering the best service to our members, the wider dental community, the public and patients.

We recognise the need to keep the work of the Society under constant review to ensure that we continue to go from strength to strength. This has certainly been challenging over the last few years with the pandemic followed by the financial crisis. Nevertheless, we strive to meet the needs of our membership and stay at the forefront of research and education in the area of periodontology and dental implantology.

I remain extremely proud of how much the BSP has achieved over the last few years and I hope that as members you have felt supported throughout 2022.

As a charity, we rely on funding from organisations to enable us to succeed in our aim to advance all aspects of periodontology and implant dentistry and promote the importance of gum health to dental and medical professionals, undergraduate students, patients and the public.

Without the support of our 2022 Partner Sponsors, we would not have been able to fully support our members and the wider dental profession in the many successful initiatives we have undertaken.

In recognition of their financial support to help us achieve our strategic aims we allow our Partner Sponsors logos to be added to our website and newsletters. In addition, if they sponsor educational webinars or provide support for initiatives of public benefit, we may also add their company logos to educational resources to acknowledge their contribution. At all times, BSP Council follow health care compliance regulations.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to our 2022 Partner Sponsors: Acteon, Curasept, EMS, Haleon, Johnson & Johnson, KIN Dental, NSK and Oral-B. The BSP is extremely grateful for their support and the successful working relationship that we enjoyed last year.

Finally, I'm sure we have all at some point during our membership needed assistance from the BSP Management Team.

In terms of the running of the Society, Tamsin Lawson, who managed the Society events, stepped down from her role in December last year and we are grateful for her efforts with the Society.

I am delighted to announce that BSP has appointed Joanne Brown to the role of Assistant Manager. Joanne has a lovely manner and is extremely professional. I am confident that she will be a great asset to the Society. Joanne will work closely with Paula Dunn to manage all aspects of the Society. They are the central point of contact for all BSP matters and will be happy to assist you with any membership queries you may have.

Finally, I would like to thank the whole of Council for their support this year and indeed the support of the whole membership.

This brings me to the end of my report.

Dr Alex Pollard proposed, and Prof Philip Preshaw seconded the adoption of Professor Turner's report.

#### **4. Report of the Honorary Treasurer**

Dr Ian Dunn reported on the accounts for the year ending 2022, covering the period 1<sup>st</sup> January -31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, as follows:

## **(a)Presentation of Accounts**

As always, I would like to thank our accountants, Alison Whalley and her team, Naylor Wintersgill Ltd, for the excellent job they do on behalf of the Society.

Thanks must also go to the BSP Team who manage the smooth running of the accounts on a day-to-day basis.

I intend, this evening, to provide a short summary of the accounts for 2022, highlighting the main points worth noting and will then finish with our proposals for 2024.

If we look first at the income received in 2022, it was slightly greater than in 2021.

The differences in figures can be easily explained:

- We were supported by more companies to achieve our charitable objectives.
- We were able to run our ECG Masterclass course, which had been delayed due to Covid.
- We received a greater return on our investments due to increased interest rates.
- The donations in 2021 included a £6,000 Patient Forum Grant, so effectively, our donations remained the same.
- Although the Conference income seems considerably lower than in 2021, last year the Society made a conscious decision to run a scientifically independent Conference and not have sponsored session as part of the main programme.

It is pleasing to see that the Society expenditure decreased in 2022 in comparison to 2021.

The Conference costs in 2021 were extremely high and the significant saving in this area in 2022 has helped to reduce the overall annual expenditure. This is an area which Council are reviewing and exploring ways we can bring our members together for a 3-day Conference and ensure we provide the best value for our delegates.

Support and governance costs have increased. However, last year saw the return of many events post-covid, which our staff attended. We also attended a face-to-face Council meeting and incurred travel costs which did not feature as an expense in the 2021 accounts.

Looking at the overall picture over the last few years, it is clear that the large surplus in 2016 and 2019 were predominantly due to EuroPerio monies. It is also evident that the annual surplus is due to increased Partnership monies, increased member subscriptions, Conference surplus and running cost savings where possible.

Council intend to use some of the funds to achieve charitable objectives and undertake educational initiatives over the coming period. However, caution will always be exercised to ensure that all projects are cost-effective and beneficial to our members, the wider dental community the public and patients. Safeguarding



the long-term future of the Society remains of paramount importance to us. As always, we shall keep you updated via our monthly newsletters regarding future activities.

We are extremely proud that our membership figures continue to grow. We have moved from 1,000+ to 1,500+ members over the last 5 years. The additional administrative work involved in meeting the needs of a larger membership has resulted in increased running costs, although streamlining systems and careful office management practices continue.

In summary, the Society made of surplus in 2022 of £104,388, which puts us in a strong position to continue with our charitable objectives.

Overall:

- There have been continuing financial challenges during 2021 due to the aftermath of COVID-19 and the ongoing financial crisis
- BSP continues to attract new members and continues to deliver high levels of educational activity via initiatives and through Annual Conference & Webinar based events
- We have generated a pleasing annual surplus of £104,388
- Our current financial situation fits well with our core principles to deliver education and our status as a charity
- We need to continue to ensure that we attract the financial support of our Partners as well as engaging with new Partners
- 2023 is still a challenging year, BSP is working hard to support its members and I would encourage members to support BSP and Conference in October
- Overall, our Society remains in good financial shape

**b). Proposals for 2024:**

1. That for 2024 we freeze subscriptions at 2023 levels, this will continue to be reviewed in future years (We recognise that some members are experiencing financial hardship and we greatly value their continuing support. By freezing our subscriptions, we hope to retain the members that we currently have.)
2. To retain the services of our accountant Alison Whalley at Naylor Wintersgill Ltd
3. That our Executive General Manager, Paula Dunn, continues to meet our accountant on a quarterly basis to be able provide the Trustees with a better "in year" assessment of the Society's financial situation.

The membership voted unanimously in favour of adopting Dr Dunn's proposals. Dr Will McLaughlin proposed and Dr Alex Pollard seconded the adoption of Dr Dunn's report.

**5. Report of the Honorary Editor**

Prof Wendy Turner shared a report, on behalf of Dr Alex Pollard, as follows:

The BSP Editorial Team work incredibly hard to ensure that our members, the wider dental community, the public and patients are kept up to date with the latest news

and developments. The growth in our membership and social media followers is testament to this.

**Facebook** – 16,916 (473 increase in last twelve months)

**Twitter** – 2,444 (126 increase)

**Instagram** – 4,501 (525 increase)

If you don't already follow BSP on social media, I would strongly encourage you to do so!

Using a variety of communication channels helps us to engage with as many members as possible, attract new members and foster collaborations with other health professionals and organisations. In addition to sharing news on our website and social media platforms, we email our members regular event updates, monthly newsletter and post an annual magazine, called the Periodical.

You will recall that last year's Periodical magazine focused on the importance of mental health and general wellbeing. This year, we are featuring BSP members who, in addition to their dental career, dedicate time to charity work. The aim of the article series is to showcase how charities unite people with different backgrounds and skills, who strongly desire to help others, and the impact they can make on improving lives in different ways. The member articles are fascinating to read and I am in awe of the phenomenal effort they make to support their charities.

Members should receive their copy of the magazine by post in November. I very much hope you enjoy reading this edition of the Periodical and I look forward to receiving your feedback.

As a service to our members, we advertise job vacancies on the Professional page of our website. Paula, Joanne and I are regularly inundated with job adverts. We certainly work in a field of dentistry that is in great demand!

Finally, I would like to encourage members to consider submitting a case study to the BSP. We accept case studies from all clinical members of the dental team, at any stage of their career.

The report should include information about the clinical condition before treatment, treatment undertaken, as well as the outcome of treatment and a brief reflection. It is also helpful to submit some clinical images to support your work.

The BSP award an honorarium of £100 for each case published on the website. Our aim is to build up a "library" of different cases which will serve as an invaluable educational tool to others and provide a great topic for discussion amongst peers. Each case study is carefully considered and supportive feedback is always given, so please do consider submitting a case study.

This brings me to the end of my report.

Prof Philip Preshaw proposed, and Dr Will McLaughlin seconded the adoption of Dr Pollard's report.

## **6. Report of the Chairman of the Education Advisory Committee**

Prof Turner had already covered the work of the Education Advisory Committee in her report and detailed the webinars that took place last year. There was nothing further to report.

## **7. Report of the Early Career Group**

Prof Mike Milward shared a report, on behalf of ECG Chair, Dr Devan Raindi, as follows:

It has been a great privilege to commence my role as the Chair of the Early Career Group from January 2023. I would like to thank Mitul Shah for his excellent work as my predecessor, driving the committee forward and promoting the ethos of the Society.

Professor Turner has already reported on ECG events from last year, so I wish to briefly update members on ECG activities so far this year.

I am fortunate to be supported in my role by an enthusiastic committee representing important parts of our BSP Community – Chandni Shah (Secretary), Kitty Guo (Academic), Stephanie Turner (Dental Hygiene and Therapy), Angeline Keh (NHS), Payvand Menhadji (Mono-Specialty) and Melissa Shemie (Social Media).

Our new committee has hit the ground running, bringing forward and implementing a variety of new ideas which will lead to greater visibility for the Society in the short and long term. This has included increased activity with our social media accounts led by Melissa Shemie (Social media rep) and Steph Leyland (Hygiene and Therapy Rep) ensuring that the activities of the BSP are well communicated to both members and non-members.

Members of the ECG committee are also supporting a BSP Dental Update Periodontology Edition with 11 articles currently being written in collaboration with senior authors from the BSP, focused on the S3 level guidelines.

In May, I was delighted to represent the Society and speak at this year's Dentistry Show in Birmingham. Together with Rajan Nansi we delivered four lectures over the two-day event in both the Specialty Interest Theatre and the Dental Nurses Forum.

The latest ECG Masterclass took place on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023 focusing on Aesthetic Crown Lengthening, led by Mitul Shah. The day was a huge success with positive feedback and delegates gaining exposure to advanced crown lengthening techniques which would not have been possible without support from industry, organised by Viren Vithlani. The planning for the next ECG Masterclass is well underway and we have secured two excellent educators, Luigi Nibali and Claire McCarthy, to deliver a hands-on workshop on Minimally Invasive Non-Surgical Therapy. This will no doubt appeal to a wide range of our membership.

Inclusivity has always been at the heart of the BSP and the ECG is making plans to include a further role on the ECG committee which aims to appeal to the wider membership as well as opening eligibility for specific committee roles. More details on this will be shared once the details have been finalised.

Finally, I am very much looking forward to the BSP Conference in Birmingham later this year, where ECG Secretary, Chandni Shah, has arranged a fun social on the evening of Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. We shall be enjoying fun team games and food at Dropshot Digbeth. There are still spaces available so do book online if you would like to join us. I hope to see many of you there.

This brings me to the end of my report.

Prof Philip Preshaw proposed and Dr Alex Pollard seconded Dr Raindi's report.

## **8. Report of the Patient Forum**

Prof Wendy Turner shared a report about the Patient Forum on behalf of Mr Julian Ekiert:

We are extremely grateful to our members for the time and thought they give to the Forum. For many reasons, some Forum members found regular participation in meetings difficult. However, the result was problematic on our side in ensuring continuity of involvement from members and therefore greater difficulty in planning Forum activities. We had also not been clear about what we needed from Forum members to support the Society. To address this, we drew up a profile of what the Forum needed to continue to support BSP projects. Members were given a profile of what the BSP would expect in terms of participation to the BSP and its Patient Forum. If members were not currently in a position to commit to this, we also suggested staying in touch as Forum 'Supporters' rather than 'Members' where we would keep them in touch with developments but not involve them so closely in meetings.

As a result, we are delighted that eight members have agreed to continue as Forum members and will provide close input to the various projects and support for the Society. Many thanks to them.

At this stage it is worth restating the Forum's overall aims, as a community to help shape the future of gum health in the UK and to work with our Society. The Forum priorities are:

- Promoting good gum health and the prevention of gum disease
- Effect of gum health and wellbeing
- Access for gum health care.

The Forum has met three times since my last report to the AGM.

### **Projects**

Since my last report the Forum has participated in the following projects:

In September 2022, 8 Forum members participated in helping to formulate the "National guidelines for managing people with very severe forms of gum disease". Work continued with reviewing the S3 lay flow charts and a series of patient information leaflets, all of which are now available for free download from the BSP website.

Forum members have continued to be part of the SDCEP review taking place in Scotland. This work is now out for consultation by clinicians and academics. Meanwhile, Grant Creaney and I have produced a glossary of dental and periodontal terms for the public. Once this work is concluded it will be included as an appendix to the SDCEP general revision.

Perhaps the most exciting piece of work was the completion of a series of patient videos. This work took place in April 2023 and involved experts and patients taking about a range of periodontal issues and patients' experiences. Alex Pollard has now completed the editing and the completed videos are awaiting final approval and hopefully can be released for general consumption shortly.

The third iteration of the patient symposium for undergraduate students at Glasgow Dental School took place in March 2023. The importance of education (of dentists – not just of patients!) was clear at a previous patient forum meeting and forum members and our own patients have stepped up to be part of this. This event involves third year dental students and second year hygiene therapy students. Groups of 15-20 students prepare questions which are sent to patient volunteers in advance. The students and patients meet to discuss the questions. This event has run both in person and online. This year, Glasgow resumed the 'in person' format.

After the symposium the students complete an assignment answering questions about what they learned and challenging the students to reflect on the experience. As in previous years, the students clearly found this an eye-opening experience. Among other themes, the students' comments demonstrated how this non-clinical interaction challenged their preconceptions, and highlighted the importance of clear, jargon-free, non-judgemental communication. The patients who took part were incredibly positive about their experience – so much so they all volunteered to take part again!

Based on Professor Culshaw's experiences of these symposia, she believes patients can offer learning that is very challenging and complex to teach within the usual dental education program. She is certain that over a long enough time, clinical experience may teach similar lessons – but in an increasingly disconnected and digital era, such experiences are particularly valuable for our undergraduate.

One of our Forum members wrote to the Shadow Secretary of State for Health and Social Care of the United Kingdom, Wes Streeting MP, stating the risks to the general population of a local of general dentistry in general and periodontitis in particular. We received a request for more information from Dr Tom Gardiner, Policy Advisor to Wes Streeting MP and provided a briefing bullet point list of key issues.

### **Future work**

The Forum will play a prominent role at the forthcoming BSP Conference to be held in Birmingham.

On a European level, the Forum continue to play an important part of the Patient Involvement Symposium for EuroPerio 11, Vienna in May 2025. The BSP remains the only European Periodontology Society with a patient forum and we think it is still the only one in any professional dental society worldwide. The invitation to the BSP to lead the development of a symposium for the three-yearly meeting demonstrates how positively we are viewed internationally. Planning for the Symposium is

progressing well. The design and content have been co-produced by the working group of British, Austrian, Italian and Hungarian members including five patients, two dental hygienists, one international expert in patient advocacy and three dentists.

The Forum will provide input into future guidelines for Oncology patients with gum disease.

Finally, further lobbying work is also anticipated going forward.

Thank you. This brings me to the end of my report.

Dr Alex Pollard proposed and Dr Will McLaughlin seconded Mr Ekiert's report.

## **9. Election of Officers 2024**

As no other nominations have been received, the following are proposed by Prof Mike Milward and seconded by Prof Wendy Turner on behalf of the Council:

<b>President 2024</b>	Professor Philip Preshaw
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<b>Senior Vice-President</b>	Professor Gerry Linden
<b>Vice-President (Immediate-Past President)</b>	Professor Mike Milward
<b>Vice-President (President-Elect 2025)</b>	Professor Nicola West
<b>Vice-President (President-Elect 2026)</b>	Dr Paul Baker
<b>Honorary Secretary</b>	Professor Wendy Turner
<b>Honorary Treasurer</b>	Dr Ian Dunn
<b>Honorary Editor</b>	Dr Alexander Pollard
<b>Commercial Liaison Officer</b>	Dr Viren Vithlani

Prof Turner expressed her thanks to the other members and representatives on BSP Council.

## **10. Election of Other Members of Council**

Prof Turner advised that there were no appointments to report at this present time but any future appointments will be announced via the member e-newsletter and website.

## **11. Election of the President-Elect for 2027**

Prof Turner advised that a President for 2027 had not yet been announced.

## **12& 13. Honorary Members/ Emeritus Membership**

Professor Turner advised that there are no awards of Honorary or Emeritus Membership this year.

## **14. Notification of Awards and Prizes**

Professor Turner was delighted to announce the Award winners for 2023, as judged so far:

- **BSP Clinical Fellowship Award** – Dr Patrick Fee, Dr Jasmine Loke & Dr Giuseppe Mainas
  - **BSP Research Grant** – Dr Kitty Guo
  - **Frank Ashley Undergraduate Prize** – Robson Chiremba
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## **15. Any Other Business**

There was no other business to report.

Professor Turner advised that a vote of thanks to the immediate Past President, Dr Rajan Nansi will be made at the Conference Dinner in October.

## **16. Report of the President**

Professor Mike Milward reported as follows:

Good evening and thank you for attending this evening's AGM webinar.

As many of you will know, I have been actively involved with BSP and served on Council for many years as Honorary Treasurer. It was therefore a great honour to be appointed President for 2023 and it has been a privilege to lead the Society this year.

Despite me being at the helm, I must stress that Society's achievements are the result of the collective work of everyone on Council. I wish to thank all Council members for their continuous hard work and dedication this year, which has enabled BSP to achieve its charitable objectives and meet the needs of our membership.

What some members may not know is that BSP Council is made up of volunteers who give their time freely to help the Society. Their work is varied and can include undertaking initiatives, providing representation at external meetings, reviewing policies and working on important internal projects. Despite having busy day-jobs and family commitments, I am always astonished at how much we collectively achieve each year.

Although this work is done for the greater good, it was heartening to see BSP Past President and Honorary Member, Professor Francis Hughes, recognised in the King's Birthday Honours List in June for his outstanding services to Dentistry.

Francis has dedicated a lifetime of service to improving oral health and dental research in the UK and internationally and made a significant impact on improving dental education and patient care. I am sure you will all join me in congratulating Francis on this richly deserved award.

As Wendy mentioned earlier, Rajan Nansi did a fantastic job as President last year and I took over the leadership role in January. I have been supported on the Management Team this year by Wendy Turner and Ian Dunn and together we have

worked hard to reply to clinical enquiries and manage the running of the Society. Thank you, Wendy and Ian, for your support.

I would like to thank Tamsin Lawson, our previous Education and Events Manager, who left the Society in December, for the support she has given me and the work she did for the Society. I wish her the best in her future endeavours.

I would also like to thank our Executive General Manager, Paula Dunn, who is a fantastic support to me. It has been a challenging year and Paula has been doing the management role whilst also supporting me with my Conference. Thank you to Paula for everything you have done.

I also wish to express my gratitude to our 2023 Partner Sponsors: Acteon, Haleon, Johnson & Johnson, NSK, Oral-B and Philips.

They have provided the Society with funding to support many of our planned activities this year. Their help and support enable us to achieve our strategic aims and objectives which benefit and support our members, the wider dental profession, patients and the public. More information about our Partner Sponsors can be found on our website.

My Presidential year has passed by incredibly quickly and I am proud of how much has been achieved over the last eight months.

In addition to the work reported in our monthly newsletters, we still have many ongoing initiatives, some of which may run into 2024. I remain focused on serving the Society and will continue to keep the membership at the heart of everything we do.

As highlighted in Devan's report, I have planned my Conference to take place in my hometown of Birmingham. Entitled '**Teams - working together for success**', the Conference programme is based on my strong belief that we need to work closely together with a common goal in order to deliver the best treatment outcomes for our patients.

The Conference starts on Wednesday morning with a new collaboration between BSP and BSODR to help support early career researchers in developing their careers and in delivering future research to benefit our patients. The afternoon will allow early career researchers to compete for the prestigious Sir Wilfred Fish Research Prize, with the winner having the opportunity to present in the main Conference. There will also be fantastic lectures to enjoy.

The Conference on Thursday and Friday will develop the teamwork theme, from our patients views and opinions, contemporary patient management, working with other dental specialties, through to the future of periodontal care.

Being a huge Formula 1 fan, I am delighted that Perry McCarthy, Ex Formula 1 driver and '**The Stig**' from BBC Top Gear, has agreed to deliver the keynote speech at his Conference this year. His talk will explore the importance of developing a team and working together.



The **“Peaky Blinders”** themed Conference Dinner is being held at The Book Rotunda, Birmingham Library. Our event starts with a private drinks reception, followed by a fantastic 3-course meal.

After dinner, we will be treated to a short talk from English Historian, Professor Carl Chinn MBE, a writer and broadcaster who will provide a fascinating insight into the poverty and degradation of one of the Empire's great cities during the Peaky Blinders era. We will then be dancing the night away to live music performed by VIVID - a stellar collection of London's West End performers and industry professional musicians. Peaky Blinders fancy dress is optional, but I have my costume ready. It promises to be a night to remember!

I am thrilled that so many of you are supporting this event. If you haven't booked yet, there are still a few tickets remaining, so please register via the Events page of the website and join us in Birmingham 11th - 13th October 2023.

Whilst on the subject of Conferences, I am very pleased to report that Professor Philip Preshaw, next year's President, has organised his Conference to take place in Newcastle in October 2024. Newcastle is a wonderful city and I shall certainly look forward to attending as a delegate.

Philip's Conference theme is Interdisciplinarity – and will focus on how we can work together more effectively across periodontology, dentistry and medicine, to achieve the very best outcomes for our patients. I am sure this will be a fantastic Conference and I encourage you all to save the date in your diary.

Finally, this evening, I wish to thank you, our members, for supporting the Society and joining with us in our mission to promote public and professional awareness of periodontology and implant dentistry to achieve our vision of **“Periodontal Health for a Better Life”**.

As always, the interests of our members remain at the centre of everything we do, and I hope that you have felt supported through the many initiatives we have undertaken in recent years.

We shall continue to keep you up to date with the latest news, developments and events via our newsletters, website and social media platforms.

Thank you, members, for listening this evening.

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