

BSSPD 58th Annual Conference Austin Court, Birmingham 18 and 19 April 2011

The BSSPD conference was held at Austin Court in Birmingham on 18th and 19th April 2011 under the presidency of Professor Damien Walmsley.

The conference was opened by Professor Lawrence Young, Pro-Vice Chancellor & Head of the College of Medical and Dental Sciences at Birmingham Dental Hospital. BSSPD has often found itself collaborating in many interdisciplinary projects over the years. This year was no exception with our conference entitled “Jewels of Restorative Dentistry” reflecting this style of association. Gay Penfold, manager of the Jewellery Industry Innovation Centre gave a fascinating talk on “*Jeweller or Dentist – spot the difference!*” Her entertaining style included pictures and designs of the latest fashion jewellery made using the latest techniques. We were then privileged to listen to Deborah White who was able to give the first presentation on the results from the Adult Dental Health Survey “*Old age with teeth? A changing picture of oral health in the UK*”. This was followed by Professor Trevor Burke who presented a paper based on his results of the Dental Practice Board “*Stop the burning – bridges to success*”. The results of this work had shown that bridges prepared by older dentists had a longer survival rate. Professor Philip Lumley finished the morning session with a timely update on endodontics and discussed success rates in his talk “*To the apex and beyond?*”

After lunch Professor Iain Chapple gave an entertaining and thought provoking talk entitled “*Losing teeth makes you die younger*”. He took us through the metabolism and how it affects the gums and the influence of losing your teeth. The last keynote speaker of the day, David Attrill, gave a reflective and also forward thinking lecture “*Lessons of the past, visions of the future*” which included a video of a patient undergoing treatment. The last session of the day consisted of three open papers covering Cleft palates (Naveen Karir), e-learning (Upen Patel) and primary care treatment of pulpitis (Peter Frost). At the same time a parallel session of poster presentations were being judged and there was an impressive display of topics with very enthusiastic young people around to explain their cases and research.

Monday’s programme concluded with the annual conference dinner which was held at the Botanical Gardens. In keeping with the beautiful spring weather it was possible to enjoy pre-dinner drinks in the grounds. Prizes were presented and representatives from Hereaus Kultzer and Schottlander were present to award prizes to successful winners in several categories. The BSSPD young graduate prizes were also announced. We were then treated to an excellent after dinner speech by local comedian Don Maclean.

Tuesday morning featured presentations for the Schottlander Oral Prize from Andreas Artopoulos, Gareth Calvert and Joe Vere. The presentations were of a very high standard and whilst the judges were deliberating on the result, the final keynote lecture was given by Professor Mike Fenlon who discussed the “*Rehabilitation of compromised patients using implant supported prostheses*”. The Schottlander Oral Prize was then awarded to Andreas Artopoulos from Kings College London for his talk on “*A metrological investigation of the dimensional stability of three permanent denture base materials*”.



Professor Damien Walmsley offers his congratulations to Andreas Artopolous, winner of the 2011 Schottlander Oral Prize

The Schottlander Poster Prize was awarded to Salehi Rabhani from Kings College London for her poster “*An in vitro comparative study of the retentive forces and wear of the Locator attachment system*”. Unfortunately Salehi was unable to attend so Bob Clark, Andrej Juszczuk and David Radford accepted the award on her behalf.



David, Andrej and Bob receiving the prize from the President, Professor Damien Walmsley

Finally all that remained was for the current President Professor Damien Walmsley to handover the chain of office to Mr Chris Butterworth from Liverpool who proceeded to enthral everyone with a preview of what awaits us next year at the conference in Liverpool.

BSSPD AWARDS 2011

The BSSPD Gold medal was awarded to Professor Paul Wright for his continual contribution to the Society and prosthodontics as a whole.



Professor Paul Wright receiving his medal from the President at the start of the conference.

The BSSPD makes a number of awards to undergraduates and dentists on an annual basis. These are made to enable individuals to carry out clinical research projects, undergo further training or attend the conference. The presentation of these prizes took place at the annual dinner on the Monday evening.

Heraeus Kulzer Undergraduate Essay Prize

This prize was awarded to Kathryn Webster, a third year undergraduate student from Liverpool for her essay entitled “How will new advances in research enhance the clinical practice of prosthetic dentistry”.



Kathryn Webster receiving her award from Gary Brookes of Heraeus Kulzer

Coltene BSSPD Student Bursary 2011

This prize was awarded jointly to Mariam Azmi and Ola Hassan, both from Leeds. Unfortunately neither were able to attend the conference so their supervisor, Paul Hyde, accepted the award on their behalf.



Paul Hyde receiving the Student Bursary award on behalf of Mariam Azmi and Ola Hassan

New Graduate Award

The assessors agreed to make the award to three applicants this year – Richard Holliday (*Falkirk*) Cara Miller (*Newcastle*) and Amardip Kalsi (*Berkshire*).



The President, Professor Damien Walmsley with the New Graduate Prize winners from left Amardip Kalsi, Cara Miller and Richard Holliday

Research Award

The panel of judges recommended that the award be given to Dr Gareth Brock from Liverpool. His work will be entitled “*a pilot study to compare conventional splint therapy with a new biofeedback device in the management of sleep bruxism*”.



Gareth Brock receiving his award from Professor Damien Walmsley

Elective prize 2011 – January round

These were awarded to Anusha Patel from Birmingham and Krista Siddall from Liverpool.



Professor Damien Walmsley presenting one of the two elective prizes to Anusha Patel

Travel Fellowship 2011

Andrew Barber from Bristol received this award to support a visit to the Department of Dentistry, University Hospital Leuven in Belgium.