

Press Release

BSSPD renamed



The BSSPD formerly known as the British Society for the Study of Prosthetic Dentistry, founded in 1953, recently changed its name to the British Society of Prosthodontics at an Extraordinary General Meeting held at the 2nd Pan Society Conference in Liverpool recently. While the acronym, BSSPD, and historical brand identity remain the name change embodies the educational, research and clinical activity that the society undertakes in the core areas of fixed prosthodontics, removable prosthodontics.

The incumbent president (Mr Chris Butterworth), Council and members look forward to the continual progression, development and engagement of the society within the discipline of prosthodontics.

Book Review

Endodontic Microsurgery. Enrique M. Merino. Published by Quintessence. 343 pages, 1232 Illustrations. ISBN 978-1-85097-178-8. Hardback £164.00

Over the last twenty years there have been numerous innovations within the endodontic field that have made the provision of optimal orthograde and retrograde root canal treatment more achievable. Of these innovations the use of microscopes coupled with the advent of MTA as a retrograde material are the most significant. As this field has evolved so has the need for a concise and comprehensive text, the availability of which has been limited. This book aims to give a comprehensive account of micro-surgical endodontic procedures giving particular attention to apicectomy, and achieves this in some style.

The text is well illustrated with over a thousand colour photos in addition to stylized diagrams explaining surgical concepts. The book is set out methodically initially addressing issues such as guidelines on using the operating microscope and techniques in anaesthesia and flap designs. Contemporary techniques on apical preparation and filling are also well described and illustrated. Where this book is quite innovative and separates itself from others is in chapters on the treatment of bone defects,

the endodontic-periodontic interface and surprisingly implantology. The author takes a contemporary view that endodontic practitioners are well equipped to replace teeth deemed unrestorable by root canal treatment with implants. Techniques in the placement of implants in sites where endodontics has failed previously and the management of bone defects associated with these are also described.

Where this book really excels is in its attention to detail to those areas that readers may have always wanted to find information but were unable to locate. A good example of this is the section on microscopes, explanation of the basic science behind magnification coupled with a step by step guide on operation is invaluable!

In conclusion this book is a good resource for endodontic trainees and specialists in addition to those involved in the surgical management of restorative problems.

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