Editors Report 2015 - 2016

The Publications Team has once again endeavoured to ensure that throughout the year our members are provided with a raft of publications, clinically relevant to today’s practising Dental Hygienist, dually qualified Dental Hygiene-Therapist and student of dental hygiene and therapy.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank my team, my colleagues Patricia Macpherson, Elaine Tilling, Alison Lowe, Emma Pacey, Marina Harris and Miriam Khan, for their contributions and unstinting support once again throughout 2016. My role continues to evolve and without their support it would be impossible. The team has been supported throughout the year by the experience of an active Editorial Board comprising Andrew Gould, Amit Patel, Ian Dunn, Sheila Scott and Fiona Collins and Kenneth Eaton.

The BSDHT Publications

Dental Health

Once again the authors of the clinical papers published in Volume 55 of Dental Health are predominately dental hygienists and dually qualified dental hygiene therapists and students, which is a very welcome trend.

The clinical papers in all six issues covered a diverse range of subject matter this year and included:

- Ingestion of a scaler tip: a case report
- Dental implants: to probe or not to probe?
- Is there an indirect role for a dental hygienist in a private residential care home?
- Improving the oral health of older people living in care homes: a review
- Squamous cell carcinoma of the right tonsil: a personal journey
- SDCEP – the modern way to keep up to date in practice
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV): a risk factor for mouth cancer
- Reducing anxiety in adult dental patients
- Periodontal disease and diabetes: raising awareness
- The management of a patient with special needs
- Oil pulling – is there a clinical benefit?
- Dental anxiety in patients attending for treatment by dental care professional
- The early years of a Dental Hygiene/Therapist
- Who needs a mentor?
- Occupational health exposure to mercury in dental personnel
- Case report: camphor burn
- The sugar tax - an update
- Independent hygiene clinics
- White spots, red patches and lumpy bumpy bits...!
- An investigation into the management of dental patients with implanted cardiac devices
- The effects of alcohol on periodontal health
The journal offers up to six of the required ten hours verifiable CPD, as set down by the General Dental Council: a pass rate of 85% is required. A variety of articles of direct relevance to your daily clinical practise are included in every issue and provide you with general CPD.

Student members and overseas subscribers continue to receive electronic copies of the journal, enabling us to make substantial savings in printing and postage costs.

Advertisers continue to choose Dental Health to keep you updated with their latest products, news and innovations. This is reassuringly encouraging in the current market where there is a large variety and number of publications targeting our members and competing for their business. Our advertisers generate income for BSDHT and allow us to keep costs down, and we are grateful that they continue to do so. To date the journal is in a financially secure position tracking favourably against the predicted budget.

**DHContact ONLINE**

Last April you all received a letter alerting you to some changes to the format of DHContact. This initiative was a part of our new website design, and in direct response to your comments and requests.

We have updated the format of DHContact, which you all previously received six times a year by email, and now produce an interactive online newspaper which is updated regularly, generally twice weekly, on its own page on our newly redesigned BSDHT website.

This allows me to bring you current news about the profession, the industry and most importantly, what is happening in the world of dental hygiene and therapy, as it happens. As news stories come in I am able to publish them on line and you can then access them immediately. From time to time I will use social media to alert you, otherwise you can log on to the website at your leisure.

This page is for BSDHT members only so you will have to be logged on to the website in order to view it.

**The Annual Clinical Journal (ACJ)**

The Annual Clinical Journal serves to showcase the best of clinical research undertaken by dental hygienists, those dually qualified in hygiene and therapy and students in the UK. Members have until the 31st December to take their verifiable CPD from the 2016 issue. The pass rate remains at 85% and, along with your CPD certificates, is in accordance with the GDC guidance.
My role

I chair all BSDHT Publication Committee meetings and teleconferences, and attend BSDHT Executive Committee and Council meetings throughout the year, as well as various other professional meetings as directed by the President. I continue to promote links with other professional bodies and organisations, while sourcing potential authors and contributors for our raft of publications.

Fundamental to my role is maintaining current awareness of the rapidly evolving dental environment. I will continue to endeavour to keep members up to date and fully appraised of professional and political issues that directly impact on all aspects of our clinical practise.

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