

## Dr Gerald Leatherman Award winner 2015 - Juliette Reeves



Juliette qualified in Birmingham in 1981 and has been an active member of BSDHT ever since. She has served, and continues to serve our society in a number of ways, notably holding the positions of elected council member and secretary of the Eastern Regional Group. She is a popular speaker within the society, nationally and internationally and promotes the valuable role of the dental hygienist to the various organisations and committees with which she is involved.

Juliette developed an interest in nutrition and studied part time for two years qualifying as a nutrition consultant in 1993. She is at the forefront of this field within dentistry and has promoted the role of nutrition in oral health for

over 20 years, in particular how nutrition impacts on periodontal disease. Juliette has developed and maintained a website, Perio-Nutrition, working in collaboration with Professor Ian Chapple and Dr Nigel Carter to ensure that dental professionals have up-to-date, accurate information and access to specialised articles.

Juliette remains committed to patient care and continues to practice in Cambridgeshire and London. As a practising dental hygienist her main areas of interest are salivary diagnostics, oral health of the renal patient, stress, bone density, female hormones and nutritional influences in periodontal disease.

Juliette has a special interest in implant maintenance and the prevention and treatment of peri-implant disease. A certified ADIA Implant Auxiliary, Juliette has received training in implant maintenance and therapy from academies in Geneva, Liechtenstein and the USA. She is the first dental hygienist to be elected to the committee of the Association of Dental Implantology 2012-2014. As DCP representative she was passionate about creating closer links between both organisations for the educational advancement of BSDHT members. During her term of office she worked closely with BSDHT to provide access on implant guidelines to our members. More recently, Juliette was instrumental in designing and helping to deliver the Dental Hygienist and Therapist programme for the 2015 ADI Team Congress and in an effort to provide clearer guidelines and support her colleagues, is currently undertaking a research project with Professor Nicola West to assess the prevalence of peri-implant disease from the dental hygienist and therapist experience.

A gifted clinician, lecturer and staunch supporter of all aspects of our profession, Juliette epitomises the spirit of Dr Gerald Leatherman.