

# It's conference time again...



BSDHT news and views from President, Sally Simpson

WELL, here we are again – another year has flown by and it's Oral Health Conference time once more; one of the key events of the year for dental hygienists and therapists.

I'm very much looking forward to this year's Conference and Exhibition, which returns to Bournemouth on November 18 and 19. It promises to be as interesting and informative as ever and along with the excellent networking opportunities that events like this provide, there will be the usual packed programme of presentations and workshops.

## Presentations and workshops

President-Elect, Julie Rosse and her programme planning team have put together a terrific event for us, with

greater variety and broader appeal than ever before. In other words, there's something for everyone, and this even extends into the Friday night where you'll find a choice between the formality of a meal, at the traditional Conference dinner, or, for the first time, a chance to dance the night away at the Friday night party.

Both will be held at the Royal Bath Hotel and, whichever of these options you choose, will provide a great chance to catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

The Conference kicks off with a presentation by Dr Fotinos S Panagakos DMD, PhD, director of Clinical Research Relations and Strategy within the Research and Development division of Colgate-Palmolive. His topic will be, *Periodontal disease and systemic health: an update and review of the science.*

Also, I'm delighted that, amongst an impressive array of eminent speakers, we have managed to attract to the Conference, the chief executive and registrar of the General Dental Council, Evlynn Gilvarry, who will provide us with

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an update from the GDC.

For those who prefer to mix up their day, by also attending some workshops, there will be a full range of topics on offer, ranging from *Tooth Whitening*, by Amarjit Gill, through to *Demystifying research – how to turn your research idea into a project*, by Hayley Lawrence. Each workshop will last an hour.

We're justifiably proud of the fact, that, yet again, we will have over 50 exhibitors at the event, with a huge variety from across the dental industry and those allied to our profession.

## Exhibition and CPD opportunities available

You'll have the opportunity to learn about, and sample, new products and equipment. In addition, this year, we have partnered with the British Dental Trade Association to provide a *Knowledge Trail*, offering one hour of verifiable CPD.

All presentations at the Conference meet the requirements of the GDC's lifelong learning scheme, so

attendees will earn CPD points, with certificates showing cumulative totals for presentations attended. These will be available online on completion of a conference evaluation form. Full details will be sent to delegates following the event.

## Not too late to book

So, if you've already booked for the Conference, I look forward to meeting you there and very much hope that you enjoy the event.

If you haven't booked yet – well, it's not too late to do so, but time is fast running out! So, why not get straight on the Internet and book online at: [www.bscht.org.uk](http://www.bscht.org.uk).

Accommodation can be booked through the Bournemouth Tourist Bureau and special rates have been negotiated for OHC delegates in a range of hotels, in all price bands. Booking any of the OHC listed hotels includes coach transport to and from the Conference dinner on the Friday evening.

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