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The Newsletter of the British Association of Oral Surgeons

**Dear Colleagues,**

May I once again seek your forgiveness for the delay in this letter. I personally am largely to blame for this – I have found that, even with Yvonne's enormous support, the work involved with the Association has been more than anticipated, when added to a full clinical commitment. Nevertheless, it has been an exciting few months and I am glad to report that as an Association we are developing rapidly. We are gaining recognition and increasing the representation of our members much more effectively than ever before. There is a lot of on-going business which I will endeavour to keep you up to date with but the main issues currently are:

**CHANGE OF NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION**

As you know the Standing Dental Advisory Committee (SDAC) have recently provisionally reported to the Chief Dental Officer for England a possible change to the Specialist Lists. The general agreement seems to be that there should be a single Oral Surgery list. Presumably there would need to be a "grandfather" arrangement for those currently on the Surgical Dentistry list. There will also need to be much discussion about the remit of Oral Surgery and the criteria for entry on the list, necessary training pathway etc.

At a Council meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> November and discussions immediately after the Conference it was agreed to adopt the name of "**British Association of Oral Surgeons**". It was felt that the new name was more transparent to the profession and public alike. Furthermore, it more accurately reflects the business of the Association, particularly with respect of similar organisations in Europe, the United States and the Antipodes

**INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF ORAL SURGEONS**

Our annual conference this year will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> October at the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. We have been very grateful for the support of the College and it is a timely opportunity to mark its coming quincentenary celebrations. For the first time the Conference will extend over three days. This will offer not only the opportunity to extend the educational programme but will allow more time for members to mix and enjoy what promises to be a first-class social programme. Make sure you post the dates in your diary now and book early.

**STAFF AND ASSOCIATE SPECIALIST (SAS) GRADES**

Many of our members belong to the Staff and Associate Specialist (SAS) Grades. For some years this group of practitioners had their own annual meeting which was always a success. It is to their credit that they did this without the facilities and secretarial support that we enjoy at the College. With the rapid pace of change in the provision of oral surgery services, particularly within hospitals, the interests of the group have gradually become very similar to those of our Association. Indeed, at least half of the current Council Members are SAS grades. It seems sensible, therefore, to arrange one big annual meeting to further share our interests and we look forward to a great success.

The Conference arrangements are being undertaken by David Pagliero, Louis McArdle, James Parker, Jane Shearer and, of course Yvonne.

**JOURNAL**

Paul Allen has been very successful in securing a title for our proposed journal which should be available in about 18 months time. It will be published by Blackwell Scientific Publications

and carry the title of "Oral Surgery". Paul is in the process of putting together an Editorial Board and will no doubt be keen to hear from you with any suggestions, papers, research etc.

#### **FINANCE**

I enclose a summary of our financial position. Those present at the AGM will remember that our Honorary Treasurer was unable to attend due to ill health. Yvonne will be looking after the accounts and either she or the Honorary Secretary will deal with any queries you may have.

#### **NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL**

There will be a number of Council Members and Officers positions vacated at the end of the year. The Honorary Secretary will inform you of the procedures and dates for nomination for their replacements. I would encourage you to think ahead, and if you are interested in obtaining, or want to nominate someone else, then please don't miss the dates.

#### **PRESIDENT ELECT**

Our President for 2005 will be James Parker and for 2006 Paul Allen. Both of these members have worked extremely hard and effectively for the Association and will ensure the continuing success of the organisation. Make sure you get to know them and give them all the support they need.

#### **WEB-SITE**

Jane Shearer is working very hard to improve the web-site. Within two to three months it should be secure and there should be links to other related sites. If you have any suggestions please contact Jane or Yvonne at the office. <http://www.oralsurgery.org.uk>

#### **MSurgDent(Ed)**

The next diet of this examination will take place at the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh Written paper on 27<sup>th</sup> September and orals/clinicals on 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> September 2004. The closing date for application is 13<sup>th</sup> August 2004. May I remind you that anyone who is already on the specialist list for Surgical Dentistry will be exempt from part I of the examination. Further details can be

obtained from the College information Centre 0131 668 9222 or on the College website <http://www.rcsed.ac.uk>

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President BAOS

#### **COUNCIL OFFICE BEARERS**

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