

Dear Colleague,

Since my last newsletter, events have continued to move on apace. Following on from the 'Review of the Dentally Based Specialist Lists', the Standing Dental Advisory Committee has formed an expert-working group to consider the surgical specialties allied to dentistry. Mike Hahn and myself have represented BAOS on this with other representation from AACOMS, ABAOMS CCHDS and BAOMS, SAC in Max Fax surgery. The remit of this group has been to try and develop areas of agreement in the establishment of a revised specialty of Oral Surgery. There has been much debate with agreement in many areas but not surprisingly difficulties were encountered with parts of the proposed curriculum. A report will be produced by the group, which will go to the Chief Dental Officer and to the GDC, who will consider its content along with similar documents produced by other consultees.

You may well be aware that the GDC has now gone out to consultation with regard to the future of specialist lists and this process closes on 17 June. BAOS has asked to contribute to this

process and our council has now prepared our response. Once the consultation period closes the GDC will then assimilate the information and hopefully we will get some idea of the shape of things to come later in the year.

We have also been asked to contribute to consultations on Surgical Care Assistants and Professionals Complimentary to Dentistry.

There have been recent elections for members of the Board of Faculty of Dentistry at RCS England. Louis McArdle was unfortunate in not getting elected. Mike Hahn has put himself forward for election to the GDC and we would all wish him well with this, also in Scotland Sarinder Singh is standing for the Board of Faculty of Dentistry at RCS Edinburgh.

Some of you will have noticed that we now have a new look website, this has required a large input from Yvonne and I would like to extend all of our thanks for her work on this. It will require updating and change over the coming weeks and months and I would encourage you to send any ideas you may have to Yvonne. The site can be accessed at www.baos.rcsed.ac.uk

alternatively the old web address is www.oral surgery.org

More on the subject of membership categories. This subject was as promised discussed at the last council meeting and it was decided to leave the present situation unchanged until more is known about the future of the specialty with particular reference to flexibility of entry to specialist lists influence that PMETB or a similar dental body might have on it. It was however decided that in the meantime we would have an associate member on council and an election was duly arranged with all the associate members being contacted for expressions of interest, unfortunately the closing date has now passed and we have no one who has shown any interest. If on reflection there is any associate member who would like to have a say on council please let either Yvonne or myself know.

Journal. Progress with this has been slow but the publishers have now sent out the market research questionnaire, and hopefully we will know if this will become a reality quite soon. Provided this continues in a positive vain we should be looking for a first publication in around March of next year.

Conference Preparation for the conference in Portsmouth on 22nd 23rd 24th Sept continues and the

organising committee are drawing together a splendid program. It is hoped that you will receive your conference packs in mid June prior to the event being advertised in the British Dental Journal later in the month.

I hope as many of you as possible will support the event as it promises to be every bit as good as the Edinburgh conference last year.



James Parker
President BAOS.