



## The BAOS Newsletter

# BAOS President's Report

### European Federation of Oral Surgery Societies (EFOSS)

As you know BAOS is a member of this federation and I had the pleasure of attending a general congress meeting in Lisbon on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Maybe it's because my mother is from the Netherlands that I feel a strong affiliation with our European colleagues! It is honestly a pleasure to be involved with them in this way.

Of general interest will be the way Oral Surgery is developing across Europe. France has officially recognised the speciality as of this year. It can be entered from either dentistry or medicine with appropriate top up training depending on primary degree. Germany is in the process of unifying the first three years of both medicine and dentistry undergraduate courses. Both have four year specialty training programmes. It is of interest that in Germany there have been problems in Maxillofacial Surgery of recruiting people with both dental and medical undergraduate degrees. Although this has not been a problem in the past in the UK many people are voicing the opinion that it will be in the future due to huge financial burden of undertaking dual qualification. This is a point long since pointed out by BAOS.

The next EFOSS congress will be in Milan, October 5-6, 2012. The cost to BAOS members will be €140 which is commendably low. The theme of the meeting will be single tooth therapy.

### BAOS Conference Sept 21-23, 2011. Central Hall Westminster

Please make a date for your diaries! BAOS will be holding its Annual Conference in the prestigious Westminster Hall this year. From the programme you will see that we have been able to put together a diverse and excellent range of speakers and subjects. The broad session themes include Governance in Oral Surgery, Practical Advances in Oral Surgery, Pain and its management and The Future of Our Speciality.

Colette Balmer has once again put together an excellent study day for our nurses on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at an extremely economical rate. Please encourage your nurses to attend.

Socially we hope to maintain the excellent standards for which BAOS

conferences are noted! Wednesday evening will be a Jazz and BBQ event held on HMS President moored at walking distance from the venue. Don't forget your running shoes though! Come and work up an appetite with a run along the river from Westminster to Blackfriars bridges.

Thursday night will be our formal dinner and this year the Audit and BAOS Open paper prize giving will be held in Westminster Hall.

BAOS has striven to avoid any increase in conference fee despite the prestigious location for this year's event. Please attend and encourage as many of your colleagues as possible to attend so that we can ensure another successful conference.

The Conference programme and The nurses Study Day Programme can both be found on the BAOS website [www.baos.org.uk](http://www.baos.org.uk)



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*The newly upgraded BAOS website is now operational. Pay the website a visit and look at the new enlarged members only section.*

*You can register for the members only section on the home page of the website.*

*Please pass on any comments or recommendations using the new contact format on the website.*

For News Updates  
**[www.baos.org.uk](http://www.baos.org.uk)**

- **2011 Conference 21-23 September London**
- **2011 Nurses Study Day 22 September London**
- **"BAOS Open Paper" Deadline for entries is the 31st July 2011**
- **SHO/FD/SpR Audit deadline is the 20th June 2011**
- **Posters deadline 31st July 2011**
- **Go to [www.baos.org.uk](http://www.baos.org.uk) for more information**



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### Dental Nurses Study Day Edinburgh 2010

This was the second study day I have organised for the annual BAOS conference and both have kindly been fully sponsored by Dental Nursing Journal. The topics in Edinburgh were selected from suggestions received from delegates at the previous year's conference. It was very pleasing to have a GDC Council member and two Dental Matrons speaking. Both verbal and written feedback from delegates for the whole event was again excellent. Delegates strongly commended the relevance of the topics covered, the quality of the speakers, and most ranked highly how much they had learnt throughout the day. Over 40 dental care professionals attended. There were suggestions for future topics to be included and I have tried to incorporate them into the programme for this year's study day in London.

A big thank you to all who took part in the day and a particularly big thank you to Dental Nursing for their sponsorship last year, and their continued support this year. The 2011 programme has been formalised and can be seen on the website. I am looking forward to welcoming more nurses on our day this year.

**Colette Balmer**



### FORTHCOMING BAOS COUNCIL ELECTIONS

At the end of 2011, several members of the current BAOS Council will have finished their 3 year term. This means we will be holding an election later in 2011 to fill these spaces, and I would urge all members of BAOS to consider standing. It's a good opportunity to contribute to the spe-

cialty, and enthusiasm and a willingness to participate in the running of the Association are more important qualities than previous experience in the political arena. Roger will circulate all BAOS members further details about the election in the next few months. Candidates may self nominate, and we ask you to submit a short supporting statement together with a photograph, which will be circulated to all voting members of the Association (assuming we have more candidates than seats on Council).

Please consider standing – BAOS and Oral Surgery benefits from active participation from it's members! Please contact Roger if you have a query or would like to speak to a current Council member about the role.

**Karen Bennett**  
*Honorary Secretary*



### BAOS Regional Reps' Update

Following the Birmingham BAOS conference in 2009 we invited BAOS members to apply to be Regional Representatives throughout the UK. The individual regional representatives cover their own geographical area and this has been divided into 10 regions. The name and e-mail contact of your Regional Representative can be found by looking at the appropriate page of the BAOS website. We had our first regional reps workshop in July of last year where the roles and remits of the reps were discussed and a subsequent meeting was held at the Edinburgh Conference. The BAOS members who have taken on these roles have been very proactive in contacting their local membership, liaising with each other and both feeding back local information, news

or discussion points to the BAOS Council and being a conduit for Council to reach its membership at a regional level. Your regional representatives have already arranged a very successful study day in Northern Ireland and further BAOS regional study days are arranged on the 27th May in Cardiff, 15th June in Sheffield, 17th June in Chester, 15th July Southport, 18th November in Durham,. Regional representatives in the rest of the UK are preparing study days to be held later this year, or early next year. Full details of these can be found on the BAOS website. The group of national regional representatives will again meet at the conference this year at the end of September in London and will feed back to Council about their activities over the last year. BAOS Council feel that these regional representatives hold a very important role in acting as your local representative enabling oral surgeons from all fields to meet both socially and in an educational context and provide support for each other in your region. They also are able to liaise directly with Council with any queries and feedback. The regional representatives who currently have the role will hold the role for two years at which point they, or other members of the BAOS, can apply to represent their region. The role, remit and description of the post are also available on the BAOS website. Council are very impressed by the way the current reps have taken on the role and are developing it alongside Council members. If you are thinking about becoming a regional rep in the future please contact your regional reps and / or Pippa or Karen to discuss this further.



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- **2011 Conference**  
*21-23 September*  
*London*
- **2011 Nurses Study Day**  
*22 September London*
- **BAOS Open Paper Prize of £1000 will be sponsored by Astratech Dental**

[www.astratechdental.co.uk](http://www.astratechdental.co.uk)



### **Regional Reps News** [www.baos.org.uk](http://www.baos.org.uk)

*Sheffield Study Day*  
*15th June 2011*

*Southport Study Day*  
*15th July 2011*

*Durham Study Day*  
*18th November 2011*

*London Study Day*  
*20 January 2012*

*South East, South West*

*West Midlands & Scotland to be announced*