



Sheffield Meeting – Monday 11th September 2011

The Future of Basic Science Teaching in Dentistry

Keynote Speaker: Professor Colin Robinson

3.30 pm in the Middleton Room (BSODR Meeting)

The Edge Conference Centre, University of Sheffield.

(This will be an open meeting and will end in time for delegates to attend the BSODR Welcome Reception – so when booking your travel to Sheffield, plan to arrive by mid-afternoon. The meeting is open to members and non-members, everyone is welcome. Tea / Coffee will be served.)

Abstract. Basic science teaching remains a requirement by the General Dental Council. This teaching is carried out by both clinical and non-clinical teachers, often originating from service departments. Many BDS curricula have changed from classical basic science in the first one or two years to more vertically integrated courses with oral science interspersed with clinical work. This has changed the requirements for basic science teaching. Other new developments beginning to impact on course design include the introduction of 4 year graduate entry programs (in which many of the students are science graduates) and Master's level teaching for both clinically and non-clinically qualified graduates. And the importance of basic science in CPD is now being recognised. At a European level, core curricula and competences on graduation are being defined, all of which must be underpinned by sound basic science. Such changes place new demands on the teaching of basic sciences in Dental Schools. This symposium will report current findings on these issues and address their resolution.

- Objectives:**
1. To understand the requirements for basic science teaching in dentistry in the BDS curricula and develop the best methods for its delivery.
 2. To design optimal basic science teaching in graduate entry BDS curricula.
 3. To develop basic science curricula for MSc programs taught within Dental Schools.
 4. To consider basic science teaching in a European and global context.

Programme: Chair – Dr Paul Anderson

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With contributions from:

Dr Josie Beeley (Glasgow) on CPD and European / global aspects

Dr Paul Anderson (The Institute of Dentistry, QMUL) on European Core Curricula.

Annual General Meeting: Tuesday 13th September 2011

The **Annual General Meeting** will be held at the BSODR meeting at the University of Sheffield on **Tuesday 13th September at 1.00 pm** in The Edge Conference Centre. The Agenda has been circulated to all members of the Association. Whilst all members and potential members are welcome, only members in good standing (i.e. who have paid their subscription for the current year) are eligible for election to office and to vote. So if you do not have a Standing Order to pay your sub, or you have not paid for the current year, just come along and pay £10 to Roger Shore – then your 2011- 2012 sub will be paid as well!

Membership: subscriptions for next year 2011 - 2012 (£5.00 or €10.00) are due on 1st October. Membership is open to all those interested in dental education. Application / renewal forms can be downloaded from the website www.abstd.org. Further information from:

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