

**ASSOCIATION OF BASIC SCIENCE  
TEACHERS IN DENTISTRY**

***Newsletter December 2010***

***Next Meeting:***

***Plymouth***  
**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2011**  
**New Approaches to  
Teaching Basic Sciences**

The next meeting of the Association will be held in the University of Plymouth on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2011 and is kindly being organised by Jon Bennett (j.bennett@pdc.ac.uk). The meeting will address New Approaches to Teaching Basic Sciences. The meeting will give members the opportunity to learn about the new Peninsula Dental School and give us ideas about ways we might improve our own teaching of basic dental sciences.

This will be a one day meeting and will commence late in the morning and finish in time for most delegates to get trains and flights back home the same day.

Further information will be available in the New Year – but in the meantime please put this date in your diary and tell your head of school about it.

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***European Meeting:***

***ABSTD /AEE Symposium***  
***Antalya, Turkey,***  
***Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2011***  
***BASIC SCIENCES: THE NEW  
FRONTIER IN ORAL DISEASE***

In September, we are organising a one day European Meeting which will focus on 'Basic Sciences: The New Frontier in Oral Disease'. We will attempt to identify what we should be teaching in the dental curriculum rather than being an update on the latest research!

There will be invited speakers, some free communications and also posters.

Registration and a conference get-together dinner will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September, and the meeting will finish on Wednesday afternoon in time for delegates to register for the AEE meeting which commences on the same day.



We hope that ABSTD delegates will also attend the AEE meeting, and that AEE delegates will come a day early to attend the ABSTD meeting. Further information will be available shortly - but in the meantime - do plan to spend a few days with us in the Turkish holiday resort of Antalya where we know a very warm welcome awaits us. (Further information: [josie.beeley@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:josie.beeley@glasgow.ac.uk))

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**5<sup>th</sup> European Meeting:**  
**Bucharest, 15<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> April 2010**  
**New Developments in Oral Biology:  
Underpinning the Clinical Curriculum**

Our 5<sup>th</sup> European Meeting was held at the Carol Davila University, Bucharest, Romania earlier this year and was kindly organised by Dr. Andrea Didilescu and Dr Maria Greabu. Whilst the main theme of the meeting was the role of Oral Biology in Underpinning the Clinical Curriculum, it also highlighted the revised version of Profile and Competences for the Graduating European Dentist – 2009 (Eur J Dent Educ, 14, 2010, 193-202) and focussed on the importance of basic sciences in Continuing Professional Development.

The meeting attracted over 70 delegates from all over the world, many of whom had to extend their stay in Bucharest because of the volcanic ash! Further information about the meeting will appear on the ABSTD website shortly. We thank the local organisers for all of their hard work in organising this outstanding event.

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