



## **ABSTD Spring Meeting - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2012**

### **Basic and Applied Science**

#### **What is the place for this in vocational, speciality and continuing education?**

The spring meeting of the Association will take place at the British Orthodontic Society, Bridewell Street, London, EC4V 6AP. This central London venue is small, friendly and easily accessible to transport links from all parts of the country. We are extremely grateful to our Orthodontic colleagues for giving us access to this facility.

The meeting will explore some of the issues first raised in Plymouth last April and look at current approaches to vocational training and continuing professional development. A particular objective will be to explore how we, as a group, can contribute to these processes either on our own or in combination with our clinical colleagues. In addition we are hoping to arrange an update in an area of Basic Science relevant to our teaching. Bearing in mind the venue, this will have an 'Orthodontic' theme.

Although the final schedule has still to be worked out, it will be timetabled to run from late morning to mid-afternoon to allow participants from further afield to travel to the meeting and return in a day. A committee meeting will proceed the main session.

**The final programme and booking forms will be circulated shortly.**

The **2012 AGM** will also be held at this meeting, as this will be our only UK meeting this year.

***So please make a note of this in your diary now and make a special effort to attend.***

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## **Preparing for Practice (GDC - 2011)**

### **'Dental team learning outcomes for registration'**

In December 2011, the General Dental Council published its new learning outcomes for dental education with the aim of increasing patient protection and meeting current and

future oral health care needs. This document replaces The First Five Years and it is planned that these outcomes will be incorporated into training programmes and assessments in the academic year 2012 - 2013. This document includes the training of dental therapists, dental hygienists dental nurses, orthodontic therapists, clinical dental technicians and dental technicians, as well as dentists. The challenges which we as basic scientists face as a result of this are substantial. However, we must remember that the primary role of the GDC is to protect patients. And if the GDC does not ensure that the science base with which the graduating dentists is equipped is sound and properly prepares them for their future careers, then the GDC will be failing in this role.

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## **Register of External Examiners**

Our Hon Secretary, Roger Shore, has been working on the development of a Register of External Examiners which would allow members to list the subject areas in which they would be willing to act as external examiners, as well as their current and past examiner experience, and current appointments. Access to this register would be granted to Deans / Heads of schools so that they could highlight individuals who might be approached for specific appointments. For further information, or if you wish to be included in this list (and have lost the previously circulated password), contact Roger Shore (R.C.Shore@leeds.ac.uk).

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## **6<sup>th</sup> European Meeting - Madrid**

**- 19 - 21<sup>st</sup> October 2012 (provisional)**

Plans are in hand for our next European meeting which will be held in Madrid and will focus on the integration of Basic Sciences with Oral Medicine. More information shortly - but please put these dates in your diary now too.

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**Membership:** subscriptions for the year 2011 - 2012 (£5.00 or €10.00) were due on 1<sup>st</sup> October (unless your subscription is paid by Standing Order). Membership is open to all those interested in dental education. Application / renewal forms can be downloaded from the website [www.abstd.org](http://www.abstd.org). Further information from: Dr. Roger Shore (Hon Sec, Treasurer), Oral Biology, Leeds Dental Institute, Leeds, LS2 9LU.  
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