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IN DENTISTRY**

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4th European Meeting, London

8th – 10th September 2008

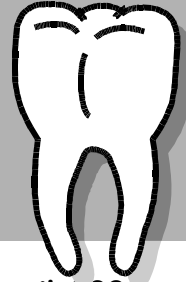
The 4th European Meeting will be held from 8th – 10th September 2008 immediately preceding the PEF meeting of the IADR. The meeting is **kindly being hosted by the British Dental Association** with the support of the BDA Dental Academic Staff Group/Central Committee for Academic Staff in Wimpole Street, London. It will be held in collaboration with the Association of British Academic Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons (ABAOMS). **The Welcome Reception** will be sponsored by **Listerine**. The programme will focus on:

- **Laying the Anatomical Basis for Dentistry & Oral Surgery**
- **Current Highlights in Basic Dental Sciences**
- **A Global Approach to the Future of Basic Science in Dental Education**

There will be a **Gala Dinner** on the evening of **Tuesday 9th September** and we plan to hold this at the Royal Society of Medicine in Wimpole Street. **Members who are unable to attend the scientific meeting are welcome to join us at this event** – which is the evening before the opening of the PEF meeting -

Further information and a registration form are enclosed; these, together with abstract submissions forms, can also be downloaded from our website – www.abstd.org. The closing date for submission of abstracts is **4th July 2008**.

We hope you will be able to attend this meeting – but if not, we still hope to see you at the dinner. (As numbers for the dinner may be limited, if we are oversubscribed, priority will be given to members who are attending the scientific meeting).



Cardiff Meeting: 3 – 4 April 2008
Future Perspectives of Basic Science
Teaching in the BDS Curriculum

Members were welcomed to the meeting by Prof. Elizabeth Treasure, Dean of Cardiff Dental School. **Alistair Sloan** (Cardiff) described his personal experiences of the **challenges facing the basic science teacher in a clinical environment** and **David Dymock** (Bristol) discussed **integration of subjects** and the risks/benefits of outsourcing to non-dental departments. **Ben Scheven** (Birmingham) and **Jane McHarg** (Peninsula) then described their personal experiences of the **challenge of starting dental teaching**. After the coffee break, **Anne Evans** (Johnson & Johnson) described a **Listerine ‘tool kit’** which should be available by September 2008 for use in dental schools which should be of assistance as a teaching resource which could be adapted to the needs of individual schools. The meeting concluded with a report by **Josie Beeley** (Glasgow) on last September’s **Global Congress on Dental Education** held in Dublin. She discussed the relaunch of IFDEA (International Federation of Dental Educators and Associations) and the possible future role of ABSTD at a global level (*E. J. Dent. Edu., 12, 2008, Suppl. 1*). We thank Alistair Sloan for organising the meeting so efficiently and Listerine for kindly sponsoring the conference dinner.



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