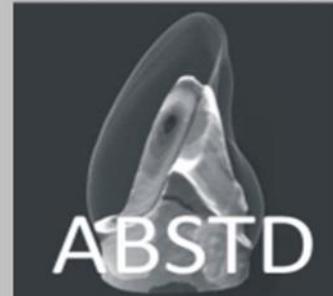


# Association of Basic Science Teachers in Dentistry

## Newsletter

March 2018



### President's Message

As you know, our Spring and Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on Tuesday 1st of May and will be hosted by the University of Dundee. Mark Hector and his team have put together an exciting programme covering a range of topics from *'Tooth Carving'* and *'Use of Thiel Cadavers in Dental Teaching'* to *'Student Engagement in Research'*, *'Forensic Odontology in the Dental Curriculum'* and *'Postgraduate Programmes in the Oral Bioscience Disciplines'*. Already we have had interest from home and overseas and we would like to encourage as many people as possible to attend. More details of the meeting are available from our website.

On this occasion the AGM will be of particular importance as there are key issues to be discussed. These are aimed at ensuring that as many members of the Association have a chance to actively participate in our activities and to stand for office. Some of the key issues are listed below.

1. Our constitution, drawn up in 2004, is now outdated and needs revision. A revised draft has been prepared and will be tabled for discussion and acceptance at the AGM. This includes updates in several core areas, notably, a move towards an 'on-line' voting system, clarification of the status of members co-opted onto the committee for specific purposes (e.g. when acting as a local organiser for an ABSTD meeting), and definition of what constitutes a voting member following our move away from the requirement for an annual membership subscription. The revised constitution will

shortly be posted in our website and if you would like to comment, your views would be most welcome. Because we will need time to consider your comments and, if appropriate, incorporate them into the documentation, this need to be received by Monday 23rd of April.

2. As we re-examine our mission in relation to Dental Education in the UK and Europe, it has been proposed that we should change our name to something which more accurately reflects both modern day teaching in dental curricula and our future remit. The *'International Association of Teachers in Dental Science'* has been suggested. Once again, if you have any views on this or would like to make a suggestion please let me know by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April.

3. Our current committee has now been in post for 3 years and needs re-election. So, nominations are invited for the following posts....

- President (x1)
- Secretary/Treasurer (x1)
- Membership Secretary (x1)
- Councillors (x4)

If you would like to become more involved with the Association please consider standing for one of these posts. Because we will not yet have a revised constitution in place, voting will have to be on the basis of the old constitution and will require a straightforward majority of those present at the AGM.

## Nominations for Committee Positions

To participate in the forthcoming Committee elections you must indicate a willingness to stand, to be nominated by a member in good standing and seconded by another. You do not have to be attending the meeting to stand for a committee position. Completed nominations for a Committee position stating clearly for which position you are seeking election must be submitted electronically or in person.

Applications submitted electronically must be received by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to allow time for processing, or by 11.00 on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> of April if submitted in hard copy. Electronic applications should be forwarded to [jon.bennett@plymouth.ac.uk](mailto:jon.bennett@plymouth.ac.uk). Depending on the number of applicants for each post it may, exceptionally, be possible to accept nominations up to the start of the AGM.

## Forthcoming Meetings

### **ABSTD Spring Meeting and AGM -Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> of May: University of Dundee**

*'Integrating and Interfacing of Sciences in Dentistry and the Wider Academic Community'*

### **IADR/PER General Session & Exhibition London, England - July 25-28, 2018**

In partnership with the Oral Medicine and Pathology Group of the British Society for Oral and Dental Research (BSODR), the Association will be sponsoring a seminar related to the emerging discipline of Salivary Diagnostics. This represents an exciting new venture for the Association, giving us an opportunity to interface with other groups with parallel interests to our own and to generate wider awareness of our goals. We hope that as many members as possible attending the IADR meeting will also be able to attend this symposium.

### **ADEE 44th Annual Meeting: Oslo, Norway (22nd-24th August 2018)**

*Details to follow*