

Association of Basic Science Teachers in Dentistry (ABSTD)
Annual General Meeting – Candidates for Election to the Committee - 1st May 2018

<u>Post</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Secunder</u>
President Elect	Mark Hector (Dundee)	Jon Bennett	Paul Anderson

Secretary /Treasurer	Paul Anderson (QMUL)	Marcello Riggio	Louise Belfield
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Membership Secretary	Marcello Riggio (Glasgow)	Paul Anderson	Jon Bennett
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Councillor	Alastair Sloane (Cardiff)	Rachel Waddington	Chris Nile
Councillor	Ben Scheven	Jon Bennett	Josie Beeley
Councillor	Chris Nile* (Glasgow)	Marcello Riggio	Jon Bennett
Councillor	Elena Martinez*(Madrid)	Concha Martinez	Josie Beeley
Councillor	Henk Brand (Amsterdam)	Louise Belfield	Sveta Zaric
Councillor	Jaya Jayasinghe (Aberdeen)	Josie Beeley	Peter Holbrook
Councillor	Jeff O'Sullivan (Dublin)	Louise Belfield	Jon Bennett
Councillor	Louise Belfield (Plymouth)	Jon Bennett	Vehid Salih
Councillor	Zaid Al-Ani (Glasgow)	Chris Nile	Jon Bennett

Personal statement and biography in support of Nomination for President of ABSTD

Professor Mark Hector

I have been a longstanding member of ABSTD and contributed to many of its meetings. I have had a long-standing research interest in Oral Biology and have had a career which has straddled the basic sciences and clinical dentistry. I am a passionate advocate of the need to integrate science into BDS courses and to resist the tendency of curriculum planners to dilute the sciences.

I was appointed as Dean of Dentistry at the University of Dundee and is Professor of Oral Health of Children and Hon Consultant in Oral Health of Children with Tayside Health Board in 2011. In 2016 I was given the eponymous title of Boyd Professor of Dental Surgery by the University.

I was born in Nairobi, Kenya, and first graduated in Physiology, then in Dentistry in 1981 from Guys Hospital, London. There followed three years at the University of Bristol and Kings College, London, after which I received my PhD. In 1987, following three years in Oral Medicine and Pathology at Guys Hospital Dental School, I was recruited to The London Hospital Medical College as a lecturer in Child Dental Health; promoted to a Readership in 2001 and in 2002 Professor of Oral Health of Children at Bart's and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry, QMUL. (The Institution had changed its name by then)

Between 2009 and 2011 I was President of the International Association of Paediatric Dentistry representing over 10,000 paediatric dentists in almost 60 countries.

In my spare time I am a silversmith and, having settled in Fife, have recently set up a new workshop at home.

Personal statement and biography in support of Nomination for Membership Secretary ABSTD

Dr Marcello Riggio

I have been a longstanding supporter of ABSTD and have served in the following capacities at committee level:

- Councillor (2012-2015)
- Membership Secretary (2015 onwards)

As Membership Secretary, I have been responsible for updating the membership lists and for promoting new members to join the association. Furthermore, together with the President and Secretary/Treasurer I have recently contributed enormously and made many suggestions with regard to the overhaul of ABSTD in order that it can have a more proactive role within the dental teaching community. Many of the changes that will be proposed at the 2018 AGM have been suggested by me and these will ensure that the association becomes a forward thinking, progressive modern and more inclusive entity.

As Honorary Secretary of the British Society for Oral and Dental Research (BSODR) since 2014 I have been responsible for the day to day running of the society and have implemented many progressive and novel initiatives to support its members, especially early career researchers. As Membership Secretary of a revamped ABSTD I will use this valuable and relevant experience to do the same for the new association, especially ensuring engagement and support of junior teachers in dental sciences who are the future of the Association.

Jon Bennett

Sunday 29th April 17.00

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