

## Silver anniversary for BSG

This year the British Society of Gerodontology (BSG) is 'Celebrating silver': their 25th anniversary.

In June, the Honorary President, Dr Heather Lloyd, Specialist in Special Care Dentistry and Honorary Senior Lecturer at the University of Kent, welcomed delegates to the Spring Conference in Shrewsbury.

The theme of 'Celebrating silver' included a wide scope of issues relevant to gerodontology for an audience of dentists working in special care dentistry, general dental practitioners and dental care professionals (DCPs). Dr Cathryn Mainwaring discussed pertinent issues in geriatric medicine such as DNACPRs and palliative care through case discussion of aspiration pneumonia; Professor StJohn Crean presented the research links between oral health and dementia; and Julie Procter, a dentist who cared for her mother with dementia, gave an inspiring and emotional account of her story. There was a practical and pragmatic presentation led by Dr Malcolm Edwards discussing options for older patients with a compromised dentition, strategies



Dr Heather Lloyd (left) with Dr Cathryn Mainwaring at the BSG's Spring Conference

for managing tooth wear and methodical approaches with techniques for minimal intervention.

One of BSG's aspirations is to further its work with and in support of DCPs and it is proud to have Rosalyn Davies, Dental Programme Manager, 1,000 Lives Service Improvement for Public Health Wales, as President-elect for 2017. Rosalyn will be the society's first DCP president.

BSG's Winter Conference will be held on 1 December in London with the theme of 'Safeguarding for the future'. For further information and details of the society's work, visit [www.gerodontology.com](http://www.gerodontology.com).

## BDA branch meetings

### East Midland Branch

East Midland Branch will hold their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 5 October from 7.30 pm at the Novotel Nottingham Derby (Long Eaton), Bostock Lane, Long Eaton, NG10 4EP. The meeting will be followed by an educational presentation by Professor Tara Renton, King's College London Dental Institute, on orofacial pain. To offer apologies for this meeting please contact the Branch Secretary, Julie Kirkby on [eastmidsbda@gmail.com](mailto:eastmidsbda@gmail.com). Booking is not necessary to attend the educational meeting.

### Metropolitan Branch

Metropolitan Branch will hold their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 5 October at the BDA, 64 Wimpole Street, London, W1G 8YS at 6.45 pm, and will be followed by an educational presentation by Dr Linda Greenwall and Professor Jean Pierre Attal (Paris) on minimal invasive aesthetic treatments and resin infiltration. Branch are also looking for nominations for President Elect and President Designate, all nominations with CV welcome, to Branch Secretary, Nazli Intiaz at [nazliintiaz@gmail.com](mailto:nazliintiaz@gmail.com); apologies for the AGM can also be sent to Nazli at this same address.

### South Wales Branch

The South Wales Branch Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 4 November at the Vale Resort, Hensol Park, Vale of Glamorgan. The Branch will also be holding their Winter Study meeting on the same day with speakers Nick Drage: *Dental radiology - the latest guidance (CORE CPD)*, Sue Greening: *Special Care Dentistry - working together across Wales*, Meryl Spencer: *Orthodontics - what to refer and when*, David Lauder: *Consent - an update (Recommended CPD)*, Professor Mike Lewis and Anwen Cope: *Antibiotic prescribing: the impact of getting it wrong!*, and Andrew Keeling: *Occlusion - modern practice and future innovation*. You can find more information about the meeting on the BDA events pages of the website. If not attending the meeting, apologies for the AGM can be sent to John Perry, Branch Secretary at [bdasouthwales@gmail.com](mailto:bdasouthwales@gmail.com).

## BDA-BDJ Winter Lecture 2016

This year's BDA-BDJ Winter Lecture will take place slightly earlier than usual on 19 October 2016 and will be delivered by renowned microbiologist Professor Mike Curtis, Dean of Dentistry at Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry.

Professor Curtis' current research is focused in two main areas. First, the role of the oral microbiome in the maintenance of oral health and the development of disease and secondly analysis of the key microbial virulence determinants of oral bacteria.

The Winter Lecture is once again kindly sponsored by Colgate and one hour of verifiable continuing professional development (CPD) is available for those attending.

The evening will commence at 18:15 with a drinks reception and presents an opportunity to network with peers. Tickets are complimentary for BDA members and



are available on a first come first served basis. Demand is expected to be high and places are limited. To request a ticket email [winterlecture@bda.org](mailto:winterlecture@bda.org) confirming your name and BDA membership number. Further details about the event are available at [www.bda.org/winterlecture](http://www.bda.org/winterlecture)

A recording of the lecture will be made available shortly after the event for all members to view online.