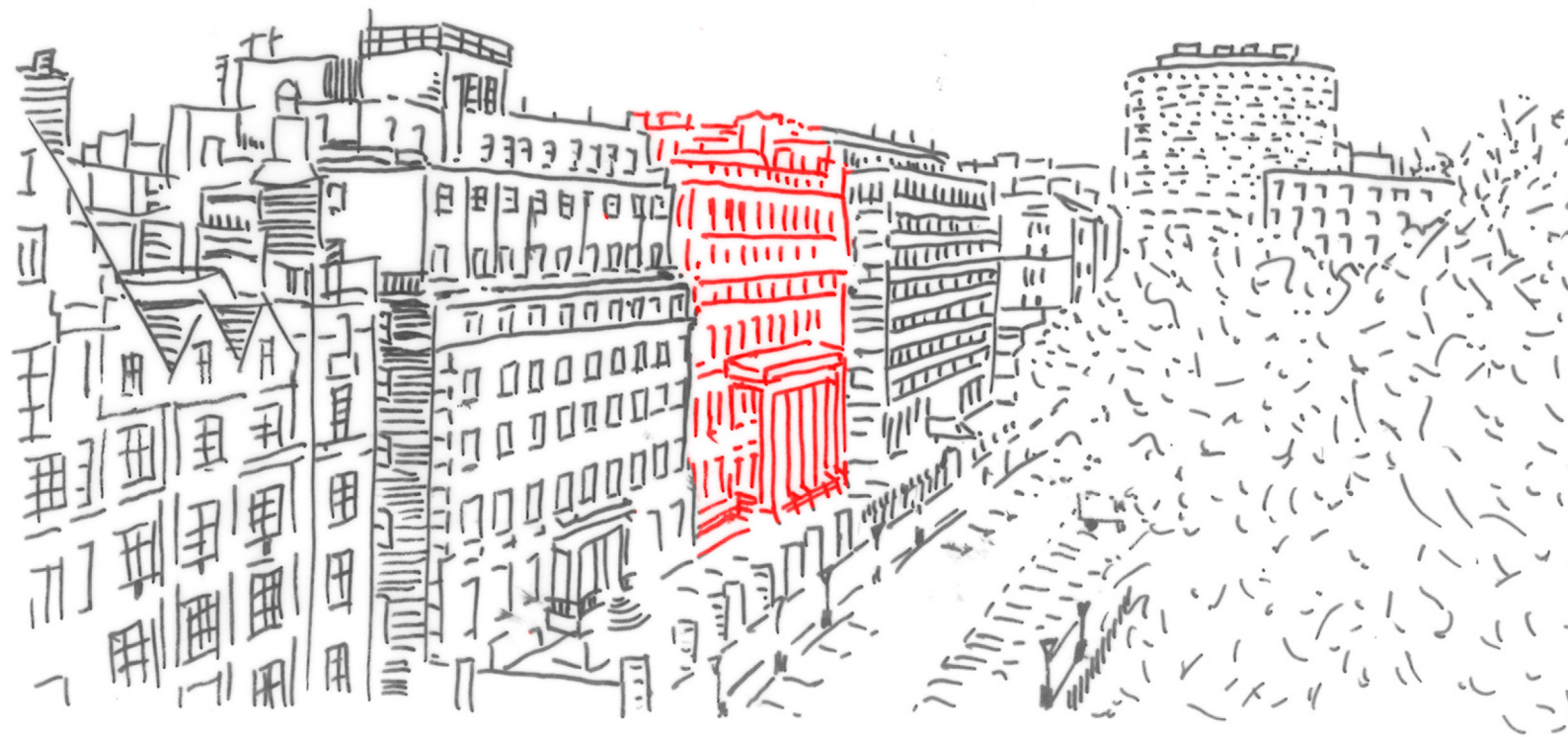


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From the Dean



A message from the Dean



Professor Nigel Hunt

It seems incredible that my term of office as Dean is coming to an end in June and that this will be my last newsletter. As I sign off I would like to first of all congratulate Professor Michael Escudier on his election as the 25th Dean of the Faculty. Michael has worked tirelessly during his time on the Board and as the Faculty's second representative on College Council and it is reassuring that he is already fully up to speed with Faculty affairs. The Faculty quite simply could not be in safer hands at a time of considerable turbulence both within the College and elsewhere.

Members will be aware that the RCS has entered a period of intense change across many areas. These include a potential rebuild of the physical structure, funded through the sale of the lease of the Nuffield building, the implementation of efficiency savings arising as part of the 'Doing Things Differently' initiative and a further review of the College's governance arrangements. The structure and functions of the dental faculties have not been immune to these changes which present a mixture of opportunities but also threats to our identity and autonomy which formed a fundamental tenet of the establishment of the Faculty in 1947.

While it is true that the Faculty has benefitted in several areas from greater integration with the College, the Communications team being an excellent example, there are others, for example education, where our ethos, organisation, management and delivery of our courses and other activities vary significantly from those of the College. We have had to defend our position over the past



Professor Michael Escudier

few months and while our arguments have been heard, we must continue to secure our position and standing as a Faculty.

Already 2017 has been a busy year for the Faculty and we have had considerable success in our campaign to improve the state of children's oral health in England.

We have successfully generated considerable interest among the media and politicians. In addition to presenting evidence to the All Party Parliamentary Group on a Fit and

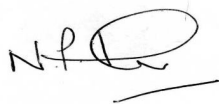
Healthy Childhood, alongside the Chief Dental Officer and the Vice-President of the British Society of Paediatric Dentistry, we have since been mentioned in a number of parliamentary debates. The past few months have seen us step up our efforts to engage the wider health team in providing oral health advice to children and families culminating in very constructive discussions with the nursing and pharmacy sectors about taking this forward. The New Year and the making of resolutions provided an ideal opportunity to rekindle our concerns over the dangers of constant snacking of sugary foods and drinks in offices, etc – the so-called ‘cake culture’. Again media interest has been phenomenal over many continents with coverage as far afield as New Zealand and Canada.

In addition to myself, Senior Vice-Dean Professor Paul Speight and Board Member Kathy Postlethwaite will also be standing down in June, while Judith Jones has come to the end of her first term and will be applying for re-election to the Board. I thank them for all their contributions to the many committees and for being fully involved in Faculty affairs.

As a consequence of these changes, we will be holding an election for members and fellows to the Board on Friday 12th May 2017.

2017, of course, is the Faculty's 70th Anniversary with celebrations planned on the 22nd June. I draw your attention to the article by Simon Littlewood in this newsletter. Bookings for the educational day as well as the 70th Anniversary Banquet are now open. Don't delay, as I am certain these will be very popular events.

Finally, it has been a great honour to serve and represent the membership of the Faculty over the past three years. I chose children's oral health to be the main theme for my tenure, and we have had real impact in galvanising government and policy makers to take action. I am sure these efforts will continue beyond my tenure, and in Michael I know we have someone with the energy and enthusiasm to drive the Faculty forward to further success. I wish him and all of you the very best for the future.



Nigel Hunt
FDS Dean



At this time of celebration, as members will have read in the press, I am especially pleased to confirm that Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal has accepted the Honorary Fellowship of the Faculty of Dental Surgery in recognition of her strong commitment to Children's Health both in the UK and overseas, and we certainly look forward to presenting her Royal Highness with her diploma in due course.

Celebrating 70 years by looking to the future



It was 70 years ago, in 1947, that the very first Board meeting of the Faculty of Dental Surgery took place. Just a few months later the NHS was established. To mark the 70th anniversary of the Faculty of Dental Surgery we are planning a special day of celebration with an educational conference. There will also be a separate black tie banquet to be held the same evening in the college. Booking details are included on pages 16 and 17.

It's a time of great change in dentistry and it is entirely appropriate that we will be marking this special anniversary of 70 years of history

with a day about 'Innovations and the Future of Dentistry'. This unique educational day has been specially put together for all dental professionals, ensuring that it is relevant to everyone, no matter what specialty, no matter what age or experience. We have a superb line-up of speakers who will give us a glimpse into the future, helping us all to prepare for the inevitable changes, innovations and advances in dentistry over the next few decades. Our speakers will explore new technologies and future approaches to communication; help us understand our patients' motivations and aspirations; predict changes in dental politics and education; and look at cutting-edge research, which will change the way we treat our patients.

The advent of digital technology is already making its mark in the world of CAD/CAM in dentistry. Dr Andrew Dawood, a pioneer in this field, will take us on a journey explaining where this technology will lead. In recent years, technology has completely revolutionised the way

we communicate. The biggest change is arguably the mass uptake of social media. Digital professionalism blogger Bernadette John will explain how to harness the social media safely and appropriately for the benefit of our patients and our colleagues.

Professor Martyn Cobourne runs a laboratory-based research group in the Department of Craniofacial Development and Stem Cell Biology at King's College London, and he will explain how his research into stem cell biology may change our approach to dental treatment in the future, in particular in relation to replacement of missing teeth. Professor Chris Deery will report on one of the largest high quality research projects currently being undertaken in paediatric dentistry, the FiCTION Project, which will help provide us with a more evidence-based approach to the treatment of caries in children.

Our current approach to medical and dental care is predominantly based on providing treatment that

achieves the best results for the 'average patient'. However, this is changing, as we understand more about our patients' genetics. Dr Alan Mighell will explain how this will allow us to tailor oral care according to our patients' genetic background, including allowing us to predict how individual patients will respond to different therapeutic approaches.

Managing our patients' expectations is one of the keys to treatment success. Patients' expectations and motivations differ significantly

between different generations, and Dr Paul Redmond is one of the most sought-after speakers on this fascinating subject. His media work includes numerous BBC and independent news programmes and bulletins. In 2010, in recognition of his writing and research, Paul was awarded a Fellowship of the Royal Society of Arts.

Dr Stephen Hancocks is Editor of the *British Dental Journal* and well-known speaker, and is in the perfect position to talk about how the relevance

of dentistry within healthcare will change in the future, and how politics will impact on all our careers in the future.

Don't miss out, as places are limited. The future's here, on Thursday 22 June 2017, so book your place now:

www.rcseng.ac.uk/fds70years

Simon Littlewood
Chair of 70th Anniversary Working Party

SPEAKERS



Dr Bernadette John



Professor Chris Deery



Dr Alan Mighell



Professor Martyn Cobourne



Dr Andrew Dawood



Mr Stephen Hancocks



Dr Paul Redmond

How to book

www.rcseng.ac.uk/fds70years

Or call our team on: 0207 869 6813/6814

Rates:

FDS members:	£150
Non-members:	£170
Retired members/foundation trainees:	£120

Diplomates Ceremony 2016

The Ceremony of Presentation of Diplomates is a rare moment for dental surgeons to pause and savour their success and achievements. Dentistry can be a highly rewarding career, but there is no doubt that there are many hurdles and formal assessments to overcome, particularly early on in dental surgeons' careers. The ceremony held on Friday 28 October 2016 was a moment for 111 diplomates to enjoy formal recognition of their success in the wonderful setting of the Royal College of Surgeons in Lincoln's Inn Fields.

There was an excited buzz about the College on 28 October, as the Diplomates and over 300 guests arrived for the formal ceremony. Suddenly, the endless hours of study, the stress, the sacrifices, setbacks and hard work that helped them pass their exams all seemed worthwhile. The ceremony is also very much about the guests – the friends and families who have supported the diplomates along the way – as they see exactly how special it is to be

part of this ceremony. The guests were struck by the grand formality of the event, respecting old traditions that reflect the fact that the Faculty of Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of England is the oldest of all the dental faculties in the UK. The Faculty was set up to advance the highest standards of oral health for patients and to promote professional excellence in all aspects of dentistry. Those receiving their fellowships, memberships and diplomas are the future of the Faculty, so this ceremony also marks the beginning of the next stage of their career, as well as a celebrating their fine achievements.

The ceremony began with a presentation of Fellowship in Dental Surgery-by-Election to the Chief Dental Officer, Sara Hurley.

This award was presented for distinction in dental surgery recognising her impressive dental career in the military that has led her to her current position as national professional lead for dental care in England.



Dr Sara Hurley with FDS Dean Nigel Hunt

The Colyer Medal commemorates the long and distinguished service of Sir Frank Colyer, who was Honorary Curator of the Odontological Museum. The award this year was presented to David Barnett, marking a wonderful career characterised by longevity, integrity and success, with a wide variety of contributions to the College, and always being a wonderful ambassador for the Faculty of Dental Surgery in so many different roles.



Mr David Barnett receiving the 2016 Colyer Gold Medal



Mrs Helen Falcon receiving her Special Service Award



Dr Katherine Wilson receiving the Faculty Anniversary Medal

In a new initiative reflecting collaborative work between the Faculty of Dental Surgery and the British Orthodontic Society, a research fellowship was presented to Miss Aliki Tsihlaki for research related to 'Core outcome set development reflecting patient values for orthodontic treatment'. Katherine Tonge received the JK Williams Memorial medal in recognition of obtaining the highest mark in the Bi-collegiate Membership in Orthodontics examination.

Following this, two special awards were presented to individuals in recognition of their excellent work with the Faculty. Former Chair of COPDEND and Faculty Board Member, Helen Falcon, received the Special Service Award and Katherine Wilson was presented with the Faculty Anniversary Medal.

Diplomates were presented for Fellowship *Ad Eundem*, Membership *Ad Eundem*, Intercollegiate Examinations in Oral Medicine, Paediatric Dentistry, Restorative

Dentistry and Orthodontics and Membership examinations in Oral Surgery, Orthodontics and Restorative Dentistry. There were also presentations for the Diploma in Dental Public Health, Licentiate in Dental Surgery, Membership of the Joint Dental Faculties and Diploma in Orthodontic Therapy.

After the ceremony the Diplomates and guests were able to join the Board of Faculty, examiners, as well as the regional and specialty advisors, for a drinks and buffet reception in

the Council Room, reliving their experiences of their recent exams, and outlining their plans for the future.

Special mention should go to Jane Donald, PA to the Dean, and her team for planning and orchestrating such as successful event.

Finally the last photo in front of the John Hunter statue was taken and the black gowns were reluctantly removed. Proud family members patiently waited while the diplomats said goodbye and congratulations to friends and colleagues, and by late afternoon everyone left Lincoln's Inn after an afternoon of wonderful celebration. It was the end of a memorable day when there was the rare opportunity to pause and savour success and achievements.

Simon Littlewood
Board Member, Faculty of Dental
Surgery

New Year Honours 2017

The Faculty would like to congratulate Professor Elizabeth Kay on the award of an MBE in the 2017 Queen's New Year Honours.



Professor Elizabeth Kay FDSRCS, FGDP (UK)

Professor Kay is Associate Dean for Equality and Inclusion, and Foundation Dean at the Peninsula Dental School. Professor Kay received her award in recognition of her services to education.

The Webb-Johnson Lecture 2016



Professor Jan Clarkson giving the 2016 Webb-Johnson Lecture

Professor Jan Clarkson from the University of Dundee delivered the 2016 Webb-Johnson Lecture entitled *Pride and Prejudice – Promoting Children's Oral Health*.

The title had been taken from an article written by Lord Webb-Johnson himself in 1941, on the subject of *Pride and Prejudice in the Treatment of Cancer*.

The subject of children's oral health was most topical, with the Faculty of Dental Surgery specifically focusing on this key issue during

2016. Interestingly, one of the major themes of Jane Austen's novel was; 'The importance of environment and upbringing on the development of people's character and morality.' The research evidence shows that environment and upbringing are important for children's oral health.

Professor Clarkson highlighted the importance of good quality research which is well designed, reported and published appropriately. She cited many examples of poor research and the subsequent reporting within the media and health magazines. Interesting examples were given related to the use of sugar-free gum, vitamin pills and flossing.

Professor Clarkson moved on to enlighten the audience with information on her role as Director of the international, multi-disciplinary professional and scientific collaboration known as TRiADS: Translation Research in a Dental Setting. The TRiADS collaboration has developed a programme of knowledge translation research

which is embedded within the Scottish Dental Clinical Effectiveness Programme (SDCEP). Translation research is the principle of turning fundamental discoveries into improvements in human health and economic benefit. Within the field of dentistry, this is being used successfully to inform the development and translation of guidance which is clinically evidence-based into practice, and thereby, enabling patients to receive the most appropriate care at the right time.

The NHS National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) is committed to adding value and maximising the potential impact of research for patients and the public. As the focus was on promoting children's oral health, Professor Clarkson moved on to share the background to the FICTION trial which has been funded by the NIHR Health Technology Assessment Programme. This is a primary care based, multi-centre, randomised control trial.

There is a lack of evidence for effective management of dental caries in deciduous teeth, with current guidance recommending that caries are removed from primary teeth and that the teeth are subsequently restored. The evidence base is limited from the aspects of both quality and volume. The main aim of the FICTION study is to explore the clinical and cost effectiveness of restorations when compared to no treatment. The study compares the traditional conventional approach of restorations, with what is known as an intermediate treatment strategy that involves sealing in the caries (biological management). The third

treatment approach is one of best practice prevention alone. The main phase of the trial commenced in January 2012 and we look forward to seeing the results of this in due course.

Charlotte Bronte's review of the novel *Pride and Prejudice* noted that the book 'was a disappointment! It was like a carefully fenced, highly cultivated garden with neat borders and delicate flowers, but no open country, no fresh air; no blue hill, and no bonny beck'!

In total contrast, the 2016 Webb-Johnson Lecture was in no way

a disappointment and the Board, Diplomates and their families were all most fortunate to witness this excellent presentation.

Dr Selina Master
Board Member, Faculty of Dental Surgery

A tribute to Bernard Smith

Bernard was elected to the Faculty of Dental Surgery in 1991. He was admitted as Vice-Dean in June 1998 and served for one year in this role. He served the Board in many capacities and was always thoughtful and considered in his views. He served at a time when the specialty of restorative dentistry was created and defined. It was his vision and drive that helped bring it about.

When the Board were considering stopping the LDS exam, it was he who recommended that it be mothballed rather than removed. That proved to be wise words as the Faculty has quite recently reinstated the LDS exam in a modern format with great success. Bernard was one of the last Board members to serve for 14 years (the maximum now is 10 years). Bernard left the Board in 2005.

He was always a very perceptive and wise Board member. He understood the politics and was the go-to guy when newly arrived Board members were trying to understand the



history of a complex agenda item. He was great company and fun to be with. He had an acerbic wit and that mischievous twinkle in his eye. In 2011 the Faculty awarded Bernard the prestigious Sir Frank Colyer Gold Medal, the highest award the Faculty of Dental Surgery can confer.

Mr David Barnett,
Past FDS Board Member



Above: Professor Bernard Smith receiving the Colyer Gold Medal in 2011
Inset: Professor Bernard Smith

The RCS Library is here to help

Along with providing members with access to hundreds of online journals and books, the Library at RCS also offers other services that support a variety of CPD and research needs.

The Library offers a free literature search service to support clinical practice and professional activities. It can help members find the evidence they need to support patient care and plan services, to support their continuing professional development or to assist with presentations or publications.

The searches are carried out on the Medline and Embase databases by a team of information specialists. Their results include links to full-text articles, where covered by the College's e-journal subscriptions, allowing recipients to access content with their RCS login. If the College does not have online access to an article of interest, the Library can usually arrange to send a copy, for a small fee, via its document delivery service.

Recent searches by the team include trauma to periodontally involved

anterior teeth, surgical and non-surgical methods of accelerating tooth movement, and antimicrobials in the management of periodontitis.

More information on the literature search and document delivery services, and the simple form for requesting a search, are available on the Library's web pages. There are also extensive help pages online to guide users through accessing e-resources. They include step-by-step, illustrated guides to all of the platforms through which the Library offers journals, books and databases.

The Library can help with any College Login queries or other enquiries over the telephone or via email, too. Please call 020 7869 6556, email library.athens@rcseng.ac.uk with login in queries, or library@rcseng.ac.uk with general enquiries. We're always happy to help our members make the most of our resources!

Dorothy Fouracre,
Collections Librarian

Quotes from some users of the search service:

"I would highly recommend this service to my colleagues"

"The results are very helpful, it is exactly what I was looking for."

"Very timely, fantastic service which helped produce a case report and help inform the team on similar cases."

"Wonderful!"

Course dates

April

3 April 2017: Stress in dentistry

May

11–12 May 2017: Forward thinking in restorative dentistry: BSRD/FDS joint study day

June

2 June 2017: Core CPD course

10 June: Health service management revision course [ISFE]

22 June 2017: Innovations and the future of dentistry: FDS 70th anniversary conference

July

6–7 July 2017: Masterclass in the management of craniofacial deformity and cleft lip and palate

September

16 September 2017: Dental CBCT course for referrers

22 September 2017: Basics of dento-alveolar CBCT interpretation

October

12–13 October 2017: Teaching and assessment in dentistry [TAD]

20 October 2017: Orofacial anatomy masterclass
November

1–4 November 2017: ORE part 2 course

15–18 November 2017: ORE part 2 course

Dates for your diary

70th Anniversary Symposium

Thursday 22 June 2017

Join us to celebrate our 70th anniversary at our educational conference. This is an opportunity to learn about how dentistry will evolve in the future including clinical and research innovations and the use of genetics in healthcare.

70th Anniversary Banquet

Thursday 22 June 2017

Board members, fellows, honorary fellows and members are welcome to apply for this dinner and are encouraged to bring guests. Email: jdonald@rcseng.ac.uk or return the enclosed reply slip by Monday 5 June 2017.

Deaths of fellows and members

The Faculty has been notified of the deaths of the following fellows and members

Surname	First names	Date of death	Latest address	Qualification
CHAVES	Mario	01.02.2015	Rio De Janeiro, Brazil	FDS (Examination) 1966
BOULTON	Thomas Babington	10.06.2016	Reading, UK	FDS (Examination) 1954
BOWEN	William Henry	15.11.2016	New York, USA	FDS (Examination) 1974
DINSDALE	Reginald Christopher Walter	01.02.2016	Sheffield, UK	FDS (Examination) 1955
GORMAN	John Montgomery	18.11.2014	Northern Ireland, UK	FDS (Examination) 1955
HARRILD	Joy	05.01.2017	Hertfordshire, UK	MJDF (Examination) 2015
KRAMER	Ivor Robert Horton	17.12.2016	Beaconsfield, UK	FDS (Election) 1960
MARKWELL	Bryan Drury	24.10.2016	Suffolk, UK	FDS (Examination) 1961
PRASAD	Jogendra	14.09.2016	Bristol, UK	FDS (Examination) 1966
SMITH	Bernard Geoffrey Norman	02.11.2016	Oxford, UK	FDS (Examination) 1970
STIRRUPS	David Robert	14.09.2016	Cambridge, UK	FDS (Examination) 1974
STORER	Roy	11.11.2016	Newcastle upon Tyne, UK	FDS (Examination) 1954

Faculty of Dental Surgery 70th Anniversary Banquet

Dear Colleague,

The Dean and the Board of the Faculty of Dental Surgery have great pleasure in inviting you and your guests to attend the 70th Anniversary Banquet of the Faculty of Dental Surgery of The Royal College of Surgeons of England, to be held on Thursday 22 June 2017.

There will be a reception at 7pm in the Council Room after which we will move into the Edward Lumley Hall for dinner at 8pm.

Tickets are **£75 per person**.

Dress will be **Black Tie with Decorations**.

Do try to join us for this important event in the Faculty's calendar and which will be the last to be held in the College as we know it today.

I very much look forward to seeing you there.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

Nigel Hunt
Dean



Application form – 70th Anniversary Dinner
Thursday 22 June 2017

Number of tickets required (at £75 each)

I enclose a cheque for a total of £.....

payable to: **The Royal College of Surgeons of England**

Name.....

Address

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I wish to bring as my guests
(please include title, first name & surname)

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Dietary requirements (please indicate individual)

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Please complete and return this form no later than
Wednesday 7 June 2017 to:

Mrs Jane Donald, PA to the Dean
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