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# From the Dean





# A message from the Dean



Professor Nigel Hunt

It is often said that success breeds success. In my last newsletter I mentioned several developments and initiatives that the Faculty were embarking upon with respect to our campaign to improve the oral health of children, linking oral health to general health, an expanding research grant portfolio and novel educational initiatives. It is pleasing to report that major advances have been made on all these fronts.

Our national strategy for improving children's oral health has been at the forefront of developments and our reports, comments and views have secured widespread media coverage. Both I and board member Stephen Fayle have been asked to give several TV and radio interviews, and the Faculty has secured over 160 print media quotes on issues ranging from Public Health England's 5-year-old child dental health survey, to the Local Government Association's report on the soaring cost of hospital-based dental extractions.

This provides further evidence that the Faculty is considered by the media as a key commentator for dentistry.

We also joined the chorus of calls for a tax on sugary drinks, which was answered when the Chancellor announced the soft drinks levy in the March budget. Nevertheless we are continuing to urge the government to take the opportunity to address children's oral health as part of its long awaited childhood obesity strategy given high sugar intake is associated with both obesity and dental decay.

Another major success was the joint organisation of an All Party Parliamentary Health Group meeting on dentistry chaired by Lord Hunt at the House of Commons in April. It provided a perfect stage for us to once again convey our key messages on prevention to parliamentarians and stakeholders, including the benefits of fluoride, improving

access to dental care, and education of parents, dental professionals and allied health workers. My presentation was supported by those of Mick Horton, Dean of FGDP (UK), and Eric Rooney, Deputy Chief Dental Officer for England. Our concerns on children's oral health also continue to be raised in the House of Commons and House of Lords through parliamentary questions and debates.

More recently, we have turned our attention to campaigning for sugar-free schools and supporting midwives, health visitors, school and community nurses and pharmacists to provide oral health advice. Following initial discussions we are in the process of developing an e-Den module specifically aimed at providing basic information for these groups. Finally, it has become clear that amidst all the debate on children's oral health, a recurring point is that parents and, dare I say it, some practitioners are left confused as to what is a good diet for optimal oral and general health. We would fail in our objectives if we simply replace enamel loss through

decay with enamel loss through erosion. We are therefore working with colleagues across the profession to produce a simple document on 'kicking out confusion in oral health' which we hope to have completed by the time of the next newsletter.

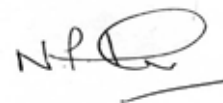
Turning to other spheres of success, we have now completed this year's round of research grant awards. As promised, the number of research fellowships and grants has increased to include several joint funding initiatives with the specialist societies. The list of successful awardees is included in this newsletter. The range of educational courses has increased once again and forthcoming courses are also listed at the end of this publication.

May I take this opportunity to draw your attention to this year's Anniversary Dinner which will be held on Friday 24 June. For those who have never attended before, this is the Faculty's showcase evening and a perfect opportunity to meet with old friends as well as a time to make new ones. This year, the after dinner speech will be given by Professor

Sara Hurley, Chief Dental Officer, England who I am sure will deliver poignant messages and comment tinged with humour.

Finally, 2017 will be the 70th anniversary of the Faculty. Preparations are well in hand for a major celebration on Thursday 22 June 2017 which will include an educational day with speakers of exceptional quality culminating in an anniversary banquet in the evening. Further details will be released in the next newsletter but you can get a flavour of the preparation being undertaken as reported by David Barnard, former Dean, in the pages that follow. Please put this date in the diary as it will certainly be a date not to be missed!

Best wishes to all,



**Nigel Hunt**  
**FDS Dean**

# Celebrating the past

*Boxes and boxes and boxes of photographs; eleven past Board members, including four past Deans, with knowledge of the Faculty extending to almost half a century; a past Assistant Secretary who started working for the Faculty in 1947 and continued for 41 years; an invitation to remember past times and events; some recording equipment; the College photographer; a free lunch and an invitation to dine. All had the makings of a memorable day and perhaps it was just as well that those attending were shepherded like Herdwicks returning home by Jane Donald and Ann Khattab from the Dean's Office.*

Part of the celebrations to mark the 70th Anniversary of the Faculty of Dental Surgery on 22 June 2017 should help us reflect upon the past and record key moments in our history. It is planned to assemble a display of historical material for the day with a summary published in a commemorative booklet. Professor Chris Stephens has kindly agreed to coordinate this with the College archivists and Faculty staff and

produce a timeline of our history. However, the preliminary challenge was to identify and label archival material.

It was suggested that a useful starting point might be to invite a group of senior past Board members to the College for a day to look through hundreds of largely unidentified photographs and artefacts in an attempt to put names to faces and events. With the expectation that this would stimulate memories and the swapping of stories, arrangements were made to capture the conversations. Anyway it would be a lot of fun in the process! Thus it was that twelve came to Lincoln's Inn Fields on 17 March 2016.

The group photograph suggests a marked gender imbalance as unfortunately invited female past board members were unable to attend. Eight of the eleven past Board members were oral and maxillofacial surgeons - Professor Sir Paul Bramley; Professors John Frame, Brian Avery and Jonathan Shepherd;

Messrs John Williams, Peter Leopard, Richard Juniper and David Barnard, a predominance of surgeons which reflected earlier days of the Faculty. The change in composition of the Board in more recent years came about as a result of the acceptance of oral and maxillofacial surgery as a surgical specialty and the evolution and formal recognition of specialist lists in dentistry. Or maybe on this occasion it only goes to show that surgeons will do anything for a free lunch! The remaining three board members represented orthodontics and restorative dentistry (prosthodontics and periodontics) – Professors Chris Stephens and Ian Benington and Mr Dermot Strahan.

All those attending recognised faces and remembered events from their own time together with the distinguished early Deans who were well known to everybody including Professor Sir Robert Bradlaw, Sir William Kelsey Fry, Sir Wilfred Fish and Sir Terence Ward. These men were giants of the British professional establishment in their day to whom



Above

Left to right: Paul Bramley, Nigel Hunt, Sandra White, John LI Williams, Ian Benington, and David Barnard

Back row, left to right: Peter Leopard, Brian Avery, Chris Stephens, John Frame

Middle row, left to right: Jonathan Shepherd, Richard Juniper, John LI Williams, David Barnard, Ian Benington

Seated: left to right: Dermot Strahan, Pamela Clarke, Nigel Hunt, Paul Bramley





we all owe so much. The earliest, rather battered, photograph showed Captain Kelsey Fry in a group with Major Gillies at the Queen's Hospital, Sidcup in 1917. There were records of such diverse events of the endowment of the Nuffield Research Professor in Dental Science, the admission of HRH Diana Princess of Wales as an Honorary Fellow in Dental Surgery and colourful gatherings of Board members at themed parties in the basement of the College.

Fortunately when past board members struggled with names and events, help was at hand. Pamela Clarke joined the secretarial staff in 1947, the year that the Faculty was established. She has worked for thirteen Deans and retired in 1988. In recognition of her extraordinary

service she was admitted as an Honorary Fellow in 1988 and awarded the MBE the following year. Pamela's recall of people and events was crystal clear and was of enormous assistance to the purpose of the day.

The group were pleased to have the opportunity to meet members of the current Board over lunch and invited as guests to the Fellows' and Members' Dinner in the Council Room in the evening. This turned out to be a splendid occasion and my welcome to individual guests became a trip through the history of the Faculty.

It was a special pleasure to welcome Professor Sir Paul Bramley, Dean from 1980 to 1983, who had travelled from Derbyshire with his daughter

Shiona. Sir Paul had been elected as a member of the Board in 1968 and to the College Council in 1975. To the delight of all those attending, Sir Paul delivered a spontaneous address. He thanked the Dean, members of the Board and Faculty staff for their warm hospitality throughout the day and spoke of his pride in the growth and evolution of the Faculty over nearly fifty years. He related how he had come to appreciate the heritage and formality of the College and the importance of the Faculty as a family in this modern world of commercial and political pressure.

I would like to thank all those who contributed to the success of a unique day. We all look forward to the celebrations of the 70th Anniversary of the Faculty in 2017.



# Faculty Regional and Special Advisors' Day, 18 March 2016

Over 50 delegates from England, Wales and Northern Ireland convened at the College on 18 March for the annual FDS Regional and Specialty Advisors' Day. One of the day's main topics, children's oral health, had been given particular topicality by the government's announcement that week of its intention to introduce a sugar tax. Delegates heard how the Faculty had been quoted over 140 times in the UK press in January and February in relation to children's oral health and the various initiatives to reduce the amount of sugar in children's diets.

Board Member Mr Stephen Fayle outlined the issues surrounding children's oral health and illustrated how over 40,000 children per year received a GA for extractions due to caries at a cost of about £36m to the NHS. He went on to show the pattern of disease across the country and highlighted significant regional inequalities.

Dr Alison Tedstone, National Lead on Diet and Obesity for Public Health England, presented the 'shameful' statistics on childhood obesity and dental caries, and outlined the key recommendations of the government's Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition: that sugar should not exceed 5% of a child's dietary energy and that sugary drinks should not form any part of a child's diet. She presented data to show that about 40% of all foods were bought on promotions and that a promotion increased the purchases of those items by 20%: therefore reducing promotions was potentially an effective way of promoting healthier eating.

Patient safety also featured on the day's agenda, with leading proponents from Manchester University's Dental Hospital emphasising the importance of "no blame" culture, careful reporting, audit, surgical checklists and root cause analysis, changing processes rather than behaviour to reduce harmful incidents.

Mr John Milne, the National Dental Adviser for the Care Quality Commission, outlined the CQC's priorities of patient safety and excellent care, and stressed its desire for balance and proportionality in CQC inspections. He outlined the role of the new Regulation of Dental Services Programme Board, a partnership of regulatory bodies including the CQC, GDC and NHSE, which was intended to ensure that the correct agency took responsibility for issues with no duplications. In response Mr Martin Ashley and Mr Mike Pemberton shared their reflections on a recent CQC visit to the University Dental Hospital of Manchester. The CQC had only a few dental inspectors and did not have a "tool" for inspecting Dental Hospitals. Both Mr Ashley and Mr Pemberton called on the CQC to increase its expertise in dentistry for dental visits.

The Chief Dental Officer, Professor Sara Hurley, together with her deputy, Mr Eric Rooney, spoke to

emphasise the importance of the relationship between the Faculty and the CDO's office in helping to develop the evidence needed for policy change and outlined her vision for commissioning and for managed clinical networks.

Other presentations covered how the Care Quality Commission approached dentistry, assessing overseas' registrants clinical communication skills, communication in general and volunteering in Africa.

This was followed by the annual Charles Tomes Lecture which was delivered by Professor Philip Preshaw, Professor of Periodontology, Newcastle University and entitled: *Inflammation: the Common Language between Diabetes and Periodontitis*. We were delighted to welcome a large number of visitors to the College to hear Philip speak and thank all those of you who attended for ensuring the event was a great success.



Top, left to right: Eric Rooney, Sara Hurley, the Dean, Margaret Murphy, Stephen Chadwick and Mark Topley

Below left, back row, left to right: Martin Ashley, John Milne, Alka Saksena, Mike Pemberton, Stephen Fayle. Front row: Paul Speight, the Dean, Stephen Chadwick

Below right: The Dean and Philip Preshaw

# Vice-President Stephen Cannon's speech transcript

## FDS AGM, 18 March 2016

"If you can get to the child young and get good oral hygiene, the lifelong benefits are fairly monumental."

These words underscore the excellent work that the Faculty has been doing to raise awareness of the importance of children's oral health, which Professor Hunt has mentioned.

As Vice President of the College, I am proud to represent the Faculty. People are sitting up and taking notice of the Faculty. In the last couple of years, your work has increasingly been getting the attention it deserves. As the Dean mentioned earlier, since we began our records last July, the Faculty has been mentioned more times in the press than the British Dental Association. This is a remarkable achievement.

Furthermore, this attention is translating into impact, with the government, civil servants, and the opposition Labour Party looking to

the Faculty for advice on tackling poor oral health in the population.

Those significant words I mentioned at the start were the words of your Dean, Nigel Hunt, when giving evidence to Parliament last year, alongside Stephen Fayle.

Since then the Faculty has played a key role in facilitating the government's oral health strategy, and I have no doubt its contribution will be invaluable.

The Faculty is becoming truly integrated into the College, and this has been key to both its success and that of the College. Increasingly the College and Faculty are working together to raise awareness of issues affecting both surgery and dental surgery.

In the College and Faculty's recent joint submission to the Health Committee on the impact of the

Spending Review, we highlighted the increasing instances of rationing of surgery and specialist dental treatment. In the wake of cuts to the public health budget, we recommended to the Committee that the impact of savings on preventive oral health services are closely monitored to ensure that they do not have serious, long-term impacts on public health.

On the issue of a sugar tax, the College has supported the Faculty as it has promoted such a tax. Indeed it has really taken the Faculty's messages on board here – we will be implementing our own sugar tax at the College, by removing sugary items from our vending machines.

On behalf of the College, I can say that we look forward to continuing to work with you in the future, and to advancing surgical standards together.

# Emma Jones, the Faculty marathon runner

## By Emma Jones

"I run with Orpington Road Runners on a Tuesday night and from here my determination to run a marathon started. It was my ultimate challenge to run one and on my bucket list. For my first marathon, I wanted to run the London Marathon.

I started my training in January and slowly built up my mileage. The training sessions were tiring as I had to put the extra hours in over the weekend, and in the evenings. The furthest I ran on a training run was 20 miles. I felt exhausted for weeks leading up to the Marathon and my body hurt.

Two weeks before the big day, I started tapering and ran very little.

The day finally arrived and I felt quite nervous waiting to start among thousands of other runners at

Greenwich Park. The thrill of the day started once I went over the start line, the spectators were amazing, cheering and clapping. I saw my family at 6 and 17 miles.

Running over Tower Bridge, with the sound of the crowds was very uplifting. It was an emotional moment for me. I kept a steady pace all the way, sipping water occasionally. At 20 miles I was hungry, tired and I had calf pain but there was no way I was going to stop. My mental strength and the crowds carried me to the end. My fondest memory is running down the Mall with the finish line in sight. The crowds were cheering and clapping. I felt so happy to have finished, a very personal feeling of achievement that I will never forget."



## Karl Bishop, FDS Board member recently completed the London Marathon in support of Prostate Cancer UK

This was Karl's first marathon, having only started running distance eighteen months ago. Karl admitted that this was a huge challenge and did not find the 26 miles a particularly joyful experience, particularly after 16 miles when he was passed by a rhino, Elvis and Great Uncle Bulgaria! However, his Just Giving page ([www.justgiving.com/Karl-Bishop](http://www.justgiving.com/Karl-Bishop)) has already raised nearly £3000 in donations and highlights the

importance of these events to charities. Through running on the day Karl is also now aware of the emotional drivers many runners have to complete this event owing to their personal experiences of the charities they support.

Although swearing not to do another, Karl has already applied to do next year's even on the basis there is 'unfinished business!'.



## Celebrating 25 years at the College

Ann Khattab, Administrative Secretary to the Dean, celebrated her 25 years' service to the College in March and received the Long Service Award, the McNeill-Love Medal, at the March Board meeting. Many congratulations to Ann on her achievement.

# 2016 FDS Research Awards

Applicant	Host Institution	Amount	Research Title
<b>FDS Small Grants</b>			
Mr Navin Vig	QMUL	£7,740.00	Investigating the role of the amoeboid cancer stem phenotype in oral cancer
Mr John Perry	Cardiff University Dental School	£5,791.30	Development of an evidence-based model for risk communication and consent in orthodontics
Miss Rupal Shah	UCL Dental Institute and Eastman Dental Hospital	£1,340.00	A qualitative study investigating outcomes of orthodontic treatment from the perspective of patients and parents
Mr Vinod Patel	Guys Dental Hospital	£9,932.00	Application of primary cell cultures and bone immunohistochemistry techniques to evaluate, quantify and classify jaw bone's quality upon radiotherapy. – A Pilot Study
<b>FDS-BASCD Small Grants</b>			
Miss Emma Pacey	University College London	£3,026.24 (50% cost to FDS: £1,513.12)	A qualitative study to investigate the acceptability of providing family-centered advice and support to reduce young children's sugar intake in children's centres in deprived communities in Southend-on-Sea.
Mrs Heather Raison	Department of Health Services, L69 3GL	£5,889.00 (50% cost to FDS: £2,944.50)	Cross sectional survey to investigate automaticity of oral health behaviours, including tooth brushing, interdental cleaning and preventive dental attendance.
<b>FDS Fellowship</b>			
Miss Ambika Chadha	Kings College London, South Thames Cleft Centre, St. Thomas' Hospital	£66,661.17	3D Assessment of Phenotype in Cleft Lip & Association with Underlying Genotype
<b>FDS-Wellcome Trust Fellowship</b>			
*Miss Helen Rogers	School of Clinical Dentistry, Sheffield	£48,752.00	Development of a paediatric caries-specific utility measure



Applicant	Host Institution	Amount	Research Title
<b>FDS-BOS Fellowship</b>			
Miss Alik Tsihlaki	Barts and the London School of Medicine and Dentistry	£60,057.00	Core outcome set development reflecting patient values for orthodontic treatment
<b>FDS-BSPD Fellowship</b>			
*Miss Helen Rogers	School of Clinical Dentistry, Sheffield	£48,752.00	Development of a paediatric caries-specific utility measure

\* Miss Helen Rogers has been nominated for the Wellcome Trust Fellowship and interviews will be held at the end of June 2016.

## Honorary Lectureships

It was also with great pleasure to present the 2016 Honorary Faculty Lectureships at the March Board meeting to: Aya Abbas, Shiva Emami, Nowsheen Khan, Roopa Kukadia and Jodi Levy.

Deep gratitude goes to these key individuals who devote so much of their time towards the life and work of the Faculty and the future of the dental profession.

Left to right: Stephen Chadwick, Nowsheen Khan, Aya Abbas, the Dean, Jodi Levy, Roopa Kukadia and Paul Speight



# Winnie and the Hunterian Museum

The Hunterian Museum has recently put on display the skull of an American black bear (*Ursus americanus*) with a rather interesting history. The skull comes from a bear called Winnipeg, or Winnie for short, who was the inspiration behind AA Milne's fictional anthropomorphic teddy bear Winnie-the-Pooh.

Winnie was born in Canada and bought as a cub from a hunter by Canadian veterinarian, Harry Colebourn. Colebourn was about to join the Canadian troops heading to Europe at the beginning of WWI, and Winnie became a mascot for Colebourn's regiment. When the regiment was deployed to France in 1914, Colebourn left her in the care of London Zoo. Winnie became so popular with visitors that in 1918 Colebourn decided to officially donate her to the zoo. During her time at London Zoo Winnie was visited by AA Milne and his son Christopher, who named his teddy bear after her. It was after this teddy bear that AA Milne named his creation Winnie-the-Pooh.

Winnie lived at London Zoo until she died aged over 20 years old in May 1934. After her death her skull was donated to the former curator of the Odontological Museum at the Royal College of Surgeons of England, Sir James Frank Colyer (1866–1954). Colyer, a dental surgeon, was interested in variations and diseases in the dentition of animals. Winnie's skull shows ante-mortem tooth loss and thickening and filling of the alveolar process which was thought to be associated with her old age and her food habits. Her skull was one of many donated by the Zoological Society to the Odontological Museum and it was from studying these that Colyer compiled his comprehensive book on dental disease in animals.

Winnie's skull was highlighted during a review of the museum, library and archives collections funded by Arts Council England: [www.rcseng.ac.uk/library/about-the-library/projects/rcs-collections-review](http://www.rcseng.ac.uk/library/about-the-library/projects/rcs-collections-review)

Colyer, J.F. 1936. Variations and diseases of the teeth of animals. John Bale, Sons & Danielsson, London



Skull of 'Winnie', an American bear skull (*Ursus americanus*) RCSOM/G 143.33  
©Museums at the Royal College of Surgeons



Harry Colebourn and Winnie, 1914.  
Source: Manitoba Provincial Archives

# The Faculty welcomes the Australasian College of Dental Surgeons

It was a great personal pleasure to welcome Dr David Sykes, President of the Australasian College of Dental Surgeons, to the College on Wednesday 4 May. I hadn't seen David for over 40 years since we both qualified from Guy's Dental Hospital in the 1970s. Following initial training in maxillofacial surgery, David subsequently moved to Sydney where he followed a postgraduate specialist training programme in prosthodontics prior to establishing himself in specialist practice, also in Sydney.

The meeting in Lincoln's Inn Fields enabled us to advance previous discussions on several fronts, including access through licence to the e-Den e-learning for health modules and distribution of the Faculty Dental Journal as a subscription benefit to

the Australasian College's members and fellows. The meeting was also an opportunity to discuss the respective College's initiatives and ventures on the international scene. Finally, the meeting provided an opportunity to exchange views on specialist curriculum development, examination governance and psychometrics.

Both David and I hope the meeting provided a strong basis for further collaboration between our respective Colleges.



David Sykes and Nigel Hunt

# New access to thousands of resources through ClinicalKey

Since January, the College has offered access to Elsevier's ClinicalKey resource. Available to FDS members, ClinicalKey significantly increases the College's electronic offer, providing access to over 600 full-text e-journals. The subscription also means that, for the first time, we can offer access to over 1,000 e-textbooks and reference manuals, and to large image and multimedia collections. With new material added and indexed daily, ClinicalKey's content is current and up-to-date.

The huge number of resources now on offer also allows both greatly enhanced cross-specialty searching and deeper research. Users can access relevant chapters and articles from books and journals across a wide range of specialties, as well as major journals such as the *British Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*. Guidelines from national and international bodies are also available, and members are able to use over 2 million images and videos

from ClinicalKey for non-commercial teaching or presentations without needing any further permission.

Designed as a 'clinical insight engine' to help answer clinical questions, ClinicalKey offers an initial intuitive, 'Google-like' search, with further options to refine results using facets such as date, source or study type. Users can also exploit ClinicalKey's advanced features, which include downloading articles and book chapters in PDF format, saving search results or content to return to later, and assigning tags to saved content to sort it according to your own categories. These require you complete a brief, one-off personalisation form on the site.

Members at all levels can access ClinicalKey using their College Login details. More information and illustrated help is available on the Library's blog and web pages: <https://www.rcseng.ac.uk/library/blog/elsevier-clinicalkey>

We see ClinicalKey as a valuable new resource, and the feedback from last year's trial period was very positive. We welcome further comments as you start to use it: please contact us at [library.athens@rcseng.ac.uk](mailto:library.athens@rcseng.ac.uk) to let us know what you think.

The logo for ClinicalKey, featuring the word "ClinicalKey" in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. A registered trademark symbol (®) is located at the top right of the word "Key".

# Malta Course

Following on from David Barnett's highly successful wirebending course in April 2015 Kathryn Harley was invited to deliver some teaching to the dental students at the University of Malta Dental Faculty in April of this year. She delivered a hands-on course in "composite build-ups" for fractured and diminutive incisors and lectures on enamel defects and tooth wear. The visit provided her with an opportunity to catch up with one of "Bert's boys" and a Fellow of the Dental Faculty RCSEngland, Professor George Camilleri. George was a past employee and researcher at the College working for the Nuffield Professor of Dental Sciences, Prof Bert Cohen, hence the description one of "Bert's boys". He has many wonderful stories about his time in Lincoln's Inn Fields and remembers with affection the monkeys who lived on the top floor of the College whom he was tasked with feeding over the Christmas period one year, including Christmas day. George has enjoyed an illustrious career including the role of Dean of the Dental



Kathryn Harley teaching

Faculty at the University of Malta twice. Today he remains one of the their most popular teachers and still provides weekly teaching sessions for

the third year dental students. Bert took great delight in the path taken by this particular student!

# Advisory Appointments Committees

The Faculty supports maintaining the standards of dental surgical training and service across the UK through a number of avenues and in particular through the Advisory Appointments Committee (AAC).

The Advisory Appointments Committee (AAC) is a legally constituted committee established by an employing body when appointing consultants

Over the last year, the Faculty has provided an Assessor to over 100 AAC panels across the UK. These Assessors provide externality to the committee and ensure that the interview process is fair and open, within current legislation on employment practice and that the candidate is fully trained or meets the requirements in the person specification for the post. Ultimately, the Faculty will support the trust to ensure that the best candidate for the job is appointed.

The Faculty will ensure that every AAC for a substantive consultant appointment in dentistry in England,

Northern Ireland and Wales will include a Faculty assessor.

The Faculty maintains lists of over 100 Assessors in each specialty and these are primarily made up of the Faculty's Regional Advisors, Specialty Advisors and the OMFS Regional Specialty Professional Advisors.

In addition to our Advisors travelling many miles to attend the AAC panels, they also undertake a great deal of work to approve all dental and OMFS job descriptions submitted to the Faculty, helping to ensure that the posts are at an acceptable standard and issuing the official Royal College stamp of approval.

## The last year in numbers:

Region	Number of Appointments
Anglia	6
Mersey	3
North London	14
North Western	8
Northern	1
Northern Ireland	9
Oxford	1
South London	21
South Western	9
Trent	13
Wales	9
Wessex	1
West Midlands	10
Yorkshire	8
	<b>Total: 113</b>



And divided by specialty this looks like:

Specialty	Number of Appointments
Dental and Maxillofacial Radiology	3
Dental Public Health	4
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	27
Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology	2
Oral Medicine	6
Oral Surgery	8
Orthodontics	23
Paediatric Dentistry	10
Primary Dental Care	1
Restorative Dentistry	21
Special Care Dentistry	8
	<b>Total: 113</b>

If you are interested in becoming an Assessor, you should have a minimum of five years' experience in active practice; be an established consultant or honorary consultant, practising a minimum of six sessions in the NHS; be a recognised trainer; and your unit must be recognised for training in the appropriate specialty. The appointment of Assessors is coordinated by the Faculty Services and Special Projects Manager and any enquiries should be directed to [naro@rcseng.ac.uk](mailto:naro@rcseng.ac.uk).

# Deaths of Fellows and Members

The Faculty has been notified of the deaths of the following Fellows and Members

First Names	Surname	Date of Death	Latest Address	Qualification
Raymond Jack	EDLER	15/02/2015	Twickenham	FDS (Ad Eundem) 1996
Barrie Thomas	EVANS	03/07/2015	Southampton	FRCS (Ad Eundem) 2001, FDS (Examination) 1976
Eric Ian	FRAZER	24/07/2015	Harrogate	FDS (Examination) 1957
Andrew Graham	GILMOUR	08/01/2016	Croydon	FDS (Ad Eundem) 1999
Victoria Eileen	HARRISON	01/06/2015	Luton	FDS (Examination) 1983
Maurice Owen	HINDLE	26/05/2015	Sheffield	FDS (Examination) 1969
Brian	HOLMES	10/04/2015	Grimsby	FDS (Examination) 1965
William Ronald Edwards	LAIRD	09/12/2015	Solihull	FDS (Ad Eundem) 1994
John Dennis Hugh	MCDONALD	22/02/2015	Balwyn, Australia	FDS (Examination) 1965
Martin Richard	PHELAN	28/05/2015	London	FDS (Examination) 1970
David S	PRECIOUS	03/02/2015	Halifax, Canada	FDS (Election) 2005
Norren Edward Awunor	RENNER	14/01/2015	Prenton	FDS (Examination) 1970
John Herbert	SOWRAY	31/12/2015	London	FDS (Examination) 1963
Bruce Frank	STONE	13/02/2015	Fremantle, Australia	FDS (Examination) 1958
Alan John Patrick	SWEETMAN	23/03/2015	Twickenham	FDS (Examination) 1968

# Course dates

4 July

Clinical and translational research symposium

15–16 August [University of Malaya]

- › Orthodontic Wirebending and Archwire Fabrication Masterclass
- › Orofacial Anatomy Masterclass
- › OSCE/SCR Trainer Course
- › OSCE/SCR Revision Course

9 September

Masterclass in dental trauma

18 November

Masterclass in sleep apnoea

19 November

Dental CBCT course for refererrers

1–2 December

Teaching and Assessment in Dentistry

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# Date for your diary

Friday 28 October 2016

**Diplomates' Ceremony and Reception**

The Annual Diplomates' Ceremony is the event at which we recognise the outstanding achievements of our diplomates and honour long-standing fellows and members. This is followed by an informal reception for new diplomates, their families and friends hosted by the Dean and board members.

Fellows and members are welcome to this event. If you require any further information or wish to request a ticket please contact Jane Donald on 020 7869 6819.



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