The eighth annual Premier Symposium was attended by a capacity crowd on Saturday 29 November at King’s College London. With over 400 delegates registering for the event the audience had significantly increased from 50 the previous year. This event has become something of a landmark in the dental calendar. With many delegates returning year on year, it is not surprising that the attendance figures continue to grow.

This year there was an increase in the number of DCPs in the audience.

A team effort
The Premier Symposium is jointly organised by Dental Protection and Schülke, and is recognised as a leading forum for dental risk management, cross infection control and health and safety issues. In addition to providing six hours CPD, the event also provides an opportunity to present the Premier Awards to dentists and DCPs in recognition and support of research and projects into these topics during the previous twelve months.

An expert selection
The premier symposium 2008 featured the following speakers:

- Angus Walls Handle with Care – Treating the Older Patient.
- Stephen Flint Bisphosphonates and their impact upon dental care.
- Caroline Pankhurst Barriers – Facts and Myths in infection control.
- Tony Hoskinson Managing Risks and Complications in Endodontics
- Guy Hirst and Trevor Dale Lessons from the Flight Deck (Accident causation, safety and human factors)

The day was chaired by Dr Kevin Lewis, Dental Director of Dental Protection who said: ‘The success of the Premier Symposium is based on two essential components; the calibre of speakers and relevance of the topics to our audience. With the popularity of the event increasing and with so many familiar faces in the audience the Premier Symposium is tangible evidence of Dental Protection’s core value of being at the heart of the profession that we serve. We look forward to welcoming even more delegates next year.’

Plans for the 2009 event are already in hand, so early booking is advisable. For more information on Dental Protection, visit www.dentalprotection.org.