**Improve your associate skills**

The BDA’s ‘Introduction to Being an Associate’ series continues in London and Liverpool

If you’ve recently started out as an associate, the BDA’s ‘Introduction to Being an Associate’ seminar series will be of benefit to you, covering a range of topics with presentations given by renowned and important speakers. The objective of each day will be to answer the many questions you will be facing as a new dentist, from the philosophical to some of the more practical and technical issues.

**What to expect**

The seminar will cover a range of topics, including contract law and associate agreements covering essential aspects, six key points in associate contracts and negotiations; working in the NHS – rules and regulations covering an introduction to the NHS for non practice owners, understanding your rights and responsibilities, the regulations, statement of financial entitlements and tendering; finding the right job – the pros and cons of corporate bodies and family practices, preparing your CV and covering letter, interview preparation – what are practice owners looking for.

In the afternoon there will be guidance on financial planning for the self employed – basic financial planning, the NHS pension scheme, ceasing NHS work – what will you miss out on; advice for the newly self-employed – what you need to know about tax, registering as self-employed, understanding and calculating the payments you need to make, tax returns and liabilities. In addition, there will be details on identifying opportunities – career planning and investing in yourself and your future, determining where you want to be, selecting the right practice for you. It will be followed by a talk on advice for successful dispute resolution – raising a dispute, considering all the options open to you – conciliation, mediation, arbitration, and making arrangements on termination.

There are also two interactive panel sessions, where delegates will have the chance to ask speakers questions relating to their needs and experiences. The conference meets the educational criteria set by the GDC for verifiable CPD (6 hours 30 minutes in total) and is certified by the British Dental Association.

**Seminar dates**

The next two courses take place on Friday 25 June 2010 at the British Dental Association in London; and on Friday 17 September 2010 at the Holiday Inn Liverpool City Centre, Liverpool.

**What it costs?**

Entry to the seminar costs £100 for BDA members, and £130 for non-members. The fee includes refreshments, a buffet lunch and all course documentation.

**Further information**

For further information on the programme and arrangements for the seminar please contact Rebecca Hancock, Events Executive, British Dental Association, 64 Wimpole Street, London W1G 8YS, or call 020 7563 4590, fax 020 7563 4591, email events@bda.org. A full programme of BDA Events can be seen at www.bda.org/seminars.