The upcoming 2009 National Dental Nursing Conference will be held at the Cheltenham Chase Hotel, near Cheltenham, on October 23 and 24, 2009. Although the programme is still to be finalised, we can tell you that it will include talks on forensics, chiropractics, cross infection, professional indemnity, dental technology, change management and possibly implants. If you attend, each delegate will be eligible for up to eight hours verifiable CPD.

What it costs
The conference fee of £120 for current BADN members (£190 for non-members) includes full lecture programme (including attendance at both opening and closing ceremonies), conference handbook, verifiable CPD certificate, online registration, lunch on both days, a place at the presidential reception and dinner, breakfast canapés, refreshments (tea/coffee, biscuits, Danish pastries and cake), a business folder, as well as cheese samples courtesy of the English Cheese Board. Other sponsors include the British Dental Trade Association, Colgate and Schulke.

Beautiful surroundings
Situated in 15 acres of grounds at the foot of the Cotswold hills, the Cheltenham Chase Hotel has 122 spacious bedrooms and free parking for more than 200 cars and is situated just a mile from Junction 11A of the M5, under five miles from Cheltenham and Gloucester and under an hour (approximately 55 miles) from both Birmingham and Bristol. All bedrooms have air-conditioning, in-house movies, tea and coffee-making facilities and wireless high-speed internet technology. BADN has negotiated a special rate of £90 per night for a double or twin room (£45 per person per night) or £80 per night for a single room. However, there are also a number of other hotels in the immediate area.

Feeling fit?
For those who want to arrive the day before Conference, the hotel’s health, fitness and spa Reflections has a 14-metre swimming pool, sauna, steam room, Jacuzzi, gym, aerobics studio and beauty treatment rooms. Use of the leisure facilities is included in your stay, but BADN have negotiated special rates for delegates arriving early – just £20 for an express back, neck and shoulder massage and £15 for an express facial, bronze manicure or bronze pedicure. (These rates are only valid for pre-booked treatments on October 22, 2009.)

How to register
Conference registration will be available online through the conference page of the BADN website – www.badn.org.uk. Or you can send your email details to conference@badn.org.uk with “2009 Conference” in the subject line. Delegates to the 2008 conference will receive an invitation by email shortly.

Don’t worry if you’re coming to the conference on your own – we’ll look after you. If you would like to share a twin room with another delegate, just email us to let us know (conference@badn.org.uk) and we’ll try to match you up with another delegate. If you would like to travel to Cheltenham with other delegates, email your details and let us know if you are offering or seeking a lift, or travelling by train. We’ll put your details on the conference page of the website so other delegates from your area can contact you.