BSDHT Oral Health Conference and Exhibition 2009

Don’t miss a galaxy of learned speakers and the largest ever trade exhibition hosted by the society with more than 50 stands

The UK’s major event for dental hygienists and dental hygienist-therapists takes place on 16 and 17 October at Bournemouth International Conference Centre, and offers something of interest to all members of the dental team.

Diamond Jubilee
In 1949, 12 dental hygienists established the British Dental Hygienists’ Association, which evolved into the British Society of Dental Hygiene & Therapy. With the society celebrating its 60th anniversary in 2009, this year’s Oral Health Conference & Exhibition will be a special event, complemented by a Diamonds are Forever themed Diamond Jubilee Dinner on Friday 16 October, taking place in the Victorian splendour of the Royal Bath Hotel on the Bournemouth seafront.

Eminent speakers
Marina Harris, President of the BSDHT, will open the conference itself on the Friday morning.

Martijn Rosema, a widely respected researcher and co-author of many books, is the first speaker of the conference and will discuss Prevention of gingivitis: fact, future or fantasy?

Edwina Kidd follows, with an important session on caries – what it is and how it can be treated. Entitled: The role of the dental hygienist/therapist in the treatment of caries, this one-hour session is not to be missed.

Annual award
At midday the AGM takes place – an event all BSDHT members are encouraged to attend. After lunch, the Dr Gerald Leatherman Award will be presented.

Friday afternoon belongs to Phil Ower as he runs two sessions in which he asks: Periodontal therapy at the crossroads – infection or inflammation? This session has been named The Graham Smart Memorial Lecture in honour of a great man who died recently, an ardent supporter of the dental team, and who was scheduled to co-present with Phil.

Day two
Saturday’s lectures commence with Martin Fulford and: Infection control - an update.

The provocatively titled session, Evidence based dentistry – do we care?, comes next with Dr Keith Milsom speaking.

Professor Stephen Flint takes delegates to the lunch break as he discusses drugs and osteonecrosis of the jaw in Bisphosphonates and dentistry – what you need to know.

Saturday afternoon begins with Making sense of dentine sensitivity by David Gillam with Joanne Rodriguez talking after refreshments on: What is soft tissue management? Why do we need it in dental practices?

The final session has Ewan MacLeod presenting: Current developments at the GDC – moving towards revalidation of dental professionals.

Two workshops sessions will take place on the Friday and repeated on the Saturday. Restoration Materials – are they ready for the 21st Century? is being hosted by Bob McLelland and Hot Topics – what’s hot & what’s not a Core CPD workshop to be facilitated by Andrew Collier.

More information and a booking form can be found at wwwbsdht.org.uk. Reduced rate registration fees are available for booking made by 23 September.