BADN conference hits Blackpool
This year’s new and improved BADN conference hits the seaside and tickets are selling fast, says Pam Swain

The annual Dental Nursing Conference will be held at the Blackpool Hilton on Friday October 31 and Saturday November 1, and this year sees some changes in the conference format. Mostly notably, we’ve decided to hold an informal Halloween Dinner (fancy dress optional), instead of the black tie Presidential Dinner held in previous years. The menu will also be slightly different, too, serving such delicacies as Witches’ Broth, Creepy Chocolate... and Creepy Chicken and Frankenstein.

The conference doesn’t only take place at Halloween. It’s also the last weekend of the Blackpool Illuminations, so for those interested, we’ve arranged: a tram ride through the city to see the lights after dinner, which will either drop delegates off at the Pleasure Beach, or in the centre of town if they want to go clubbing (Conference delegates will get free VIP entry to both Walkabout and Sanuk in Blackpool) or back to the hotel for a quieter night catching up with old friends.

Pre-book presentations
Our second innovation is the new conference registration site, provided through EVENT and sponsored by Schulke, where delegates can choose which presentations they want to attend in advance. The conference programme itself covers a wide variety of subjects, which cover the subject of CPD itself:

• Professional Portfolio Development by BADN
• CPD for Dental Nurses by P&G Oral Healthcare
• Professional Indemnity by WR Berkley

Core CPD subjects:
• Decontamination, sponsored by Kemdent
• Cross Infection by Dentsply

Advice on how to rise to the challenge of being a registered professional.

• Keynote speaker Duncan Rudkin of the GDC on professionalism in practice
• Professional indemnity by WR Berkley
• Professional governance (whistleblowing) by the NCAS
• Safeguarding (child protection) by Blackpool PCT’s named nurse for child protection

A look at possible future rules for dental nurses with:
• Dental nursing in the British Army by the BADC
• Dental public health
• Sleep apnoea screening – a role for dental nurses, sponsored by Healthcare Marketing

There will also be presentations, which focus on looking after yourself:

• How to use nutrition to keep yourself healthy by renowned author Dr Marilyn Glenville, sponsored by Molar Ltd
• Occupational dermatitis by the Health and Safety Executive and employment law by Peninsula
Don’t forget the two perennial nurses’ role, both sponsored by Philips Oral Healthcare.

Delegates have a choice of two presentations in each time slot and full attendance at conference will give eight hours verifiable CPD.

The exam revision day is facilitated by DN Training Solutions! and is open to all student dental nurses sitting the National in November this year or next May. Due to Dentsply’s sponsorship, the price has been reduced to £40 and there are still a few places left, so if you would like to attend, contact me at conference@badn.org.uk as soon as possible.

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