Get CPD and some Christmas shopping!

The BADN discusses the 2012 National Dental Nursing Conference

The 2012 National Dental Nursing Conference, which will be held at the Blackpool Hilton on Saturday 24 November, will be the last conference before the end of the first five-year CPD cycle in July 2013*. Dental nurses who still require CPD can take advantage of the fact that this year it is a one day Conference, which keeps costs down, and held on a Saturday, which allows more dental nurses to attend.

We’ve done away with the Presidential Dinner (something else most survey respondents wanted!), but anyone arriving on the Friday can join us at Harry Ramsden’s for an informal fish and chip supper. Because dental nurses are used to multi-tasking, we’ve arranged for delegates to start their Christmas shopping and have the car valeted during conference - as well as keep fit with a Zumba session, and those staying over on Saturday night can complete their Christmas shopping with a visit to the local Hounds Hill Centre and/or Fleetwood’s Freeport on the Sunday morning.

The Keynote Speaker will be new GDC Chairman Kevin O’Brien, who will be followed by the GDC’s Clare Herbert speaking on how to manage the end of the first CPD cycle. Barbara Lamb will then give a presentation on a subject much requested by respondents to our recent conference survey - Radiography.

After lunch we have presentations on Oral Cancer, Special Care and a return visit from Sharon Waxkirsh, whose hypnotherapy in dentistry proved so popular two years ago. We are also in the process of organising a second presentation stream for after lunch, so delegates will have a choice for each of the afternoon presentation sessions. The £50 Conference fee (that’s for current BADN® members - £120 for non-members) includes lunch and refreshments.

We have negotiated a special B&B rate at the Hilton, or there are hotels in all price ranges nearby. Conference registration will be on line (payment must be made at the time of registration by credit or debit card) and delegates to previous Conferences will get their priority invitation emails around the end of May. General registration will open at the beginning of June - if you are not yet, on our e mail list, send your name and e mail address to conference@badn.org.uk and we’ll add you to it. There will also be a link, from the Conference page of the BADN® website www.badn.org.uk/conference.

If you are not yet a BADN® member but are interested in attending Conference, its worth becoming a member first, as it will save you £70 on the Conference fee! go to www.badn.org.uk/join-up to join online.

* If you registered with the GDC before 31 July 2008, your CPD cycle ends on 31 July 2013. If you registered after 31 July 2008, your CPD cycle started on 1 August after you registered, and ends five years later. For example, if you registered in August 2008, your CPD cycle started on 1 August 2008, and finished on 31 July 2014. For more information on CPD, visit http://www.gdc-uk.org/Dentalprofessionals/CPD/Pages/default.aspx