The British Orthodontic Society is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this September and delegates who attend its conference this year can expect a sterling programme in Harrogate between 25-27th September 2011.

The annual conference is organised by the British Orthodontic Society, the largest specialist dental society in the UK and will include national and international dental delegates, predominantly drawn from more than 1,800 members as well as its associated groups of orthodontic nurses, therapists and technicians. Since the first joint meeting of the BOS founding societies, the BAO and BSSO, held in Bournemouth in 1986, the conference has become the largest and most prestigious specialist meeting in the UK dental calendar.

Moving forward together
Apart from lectures delivered by established orthodontic researchers, invited international speakers and presentations from younger rising stars, two particularly prestigious events make the BOS conference a real draw; the Northcroft lecture delivered as the climax of the event and the political session held on the first day which in the past has been addressed by Health Secretary Andrew Lansley and Barry Cockcroft, the Chief Dental Officer.

This year the keynote address will be given by the Deputy Chief Dental Officer Sue Gregory who will be giving an update on the DoH perspective. Also presenting at this session will be Dr Richard Jones who will give the BOS perspective with Halil Holis de la Fuente who is a Senior Business Advisor at the BDA who will be speaking on contract tendering.

The 2011 conference agenda will feature keynote speakers Professors Junji Sugawara, who will present the much anticipated Northcroft Lecture in which he will be expected to reveal details of his innovative approach to the Sendai Surgery First (Sendai SF), a treatment which provides an alternative to surgical orthodontic treatment.

One of the rising stars from last year’s conference Dr Badri Thiruvengadachari, who sparked debate with findings from his innovative research into the effectiveness of Dynamax and twin block appliances, will present the prestigious Chapman Award.

Jonathan Sandly, Professor in Orthodontics and Head of the School of Oral and Dental Sciences University before completing her orthodontics training in Newcastle.

Facing forward
For general dentists and dental care professionals the conference will provide an opportunity to gain insight and guidance into patient referral and recommended clinical procedures, so that they will be able to consider how to best address their patients' interests. The conference also provides an opportunity for general dentists with an interest in orthodontics to obtain advice on finding a niche in a growing and competitive market.

For the first time in 2011 the conference will include a programme specifically for orthodontic therapists in recognition of their growing importance to the profession. Alongside this will feature an educational programme for orthodontic nurses and another for technicians organised by their associated professional bodies.

If these were not enough to stimulate interest in attending, other highlights of conference programme include:

• A core CPD pre-conference full day course on cross infection from Dr Mike Martin

• Young researchers’ presentations alongside the parallel political session

• 15 hours CPD plus 1.5 extra for attendance at the cross infection from 2011’s conference

• A conference banquet with dancing as well as a drinks reception with a jazz band

• A keenly contested post conference golf tournament

As you can see the conference covers a broad spectrum of the latest subjects in the field of orthodontics and offers an opportunity for people working in the profession to gather and share diverse views, reflecting BOS standing as a leading provider of education and training in the field of orthodontics.

For more information, visit www.bos.org.uk