The 2016 British Academy of Restorative Dentistry (BARD) Conference was held at the Forest of Arden Marriott Hotel and Country Club in Meriden on 3 and 4 June. The event kicked off with an address from the president, Prof. Paul Tipton, and conference chairperson Adam Toft. This was followed by a day of lectures on various topics by speakers from all over the world, culminating with a live patient demonstration.

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