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From the Dean



Words from the Dean



Nigel Hunt

The end of 2014 and the start of the New Year has been an extremely busy time for the Faculty on many fronts. The Board have been especially engaged in producing responses to the plethora of consultations that have been put

out by the General Dental Council (GDC), NHS England and the Care Quality Commission (CQC). The importance of our input into these consultations has been recognised and has truly cemented our influential position with government and healthcare bodies. As detailed in this issue, we published our report *The state of children's oral health in England* in January, which prompted national media coverage. I don't believe it is a coincidence that I was called to give evidence on this issue to the Health Committee at the House of Commons, together with Board member Stephen Fayle, who also represented the British Society for Paediatric Dentistry.

2015 will be an interesting and exciting year as we look forward to the appointment of a new Chief Dental Officer and a general election. We have already engaged with the main political parties to put forward our 'wish lists' and to ascertain their priorities for health. I am particularly keen to engage with government, NHS England and Public Health

England to stress the relationships between oral health and general health at a time when the NHS is likely to be a key feature in election manifestoes.

Our educational role has also expanded and, in accordance with my desire to bring the College closer to the membership, we are running an orthodontic course in Leeds and Malta for the first time. Similarly, plans are developing for taking some of our educational courses to Malaysia and India, which will complement an examination presence in these countries.

We fully supported the Department of Health's proposals to impose language controls on dentists from the European Economic Area so that those who do not have the necessary knowledge of English are not able to practise in the UK. The measures will also strengthen the GDC's powers to take fitness to practise action where there are concerns about the English language skills of professionals who are already in practice. The

importance of communication is vital in healthcare, and I am pleased to report that we have taken the initiative to develop an educational programme covering many different aspects of communication, which we hope will be of interest to doctors as well as dentists. I will keep you updated on these

important developments in future newsletters.

Finally, I hope to see as many of you as possible at the 68th Anniversary Dinner in June. This is one of the most important events in the Faculty's calendar and an ideal opportunity to re-establish your

connection with the College and renew old acquaintances.



Nigel Hunt
FDS Dean

FDS publications

In accordance with the wider College, the Faculty has been reviewing its publications and, in particular, whether the Faculty should move more towards digital publication rather than print. While we believe that some Fellows and Members look forward to printed copies of the *FDJ* and the *Dean's Newsletter* dropping through their letterboxes, we are also aware that more and more people rely on electronic media as their favoured form of communication.

To assess the relative demand for the printed and digital issues, the *Dean's Newsletter* will be produced for a trial period in both print and digital versions. The print version will be mailed out to all Members together with the *FDJ* in January, July and October. We welcome the views of the membership as to whether or not we should move towards a purely digital format. We invite you to submit your comments to Ann Khattab in the Dean's office either electronically through akhattab@rcseng.ac.uk or by phone (020 7869 6819) or letter.

Production of the *FDJ* will remain unchanged, and we will continue with our monthly review of news items with links to the College website through the popular e-newsletter. Fellows and Members will also be aware of the revamped College *Bulletin*, which includes FDS news in the *Bites* section at the front of each issue. FDS Members are, of course, also welcome to submit full articles or proposals for articles in the *Annals* and *Bulletin*, and details on how to submit can be found here: www.rcseng.ac.uk/publications/submissions.

Diplomates' ceremony

On Friday 31 October there was an atmosphere of euphoria and jubilation in Lincoln's Inn Fields as the Faculty welcomed 95 Diplomates and over 330 guests, relatives and friends to the 67th annual Diplomates' Day.

The event began with an eloquent presentation by Professor Jonathan Shepherd (below left) of the Bradlaw Triennial Oration. This oration was instituted in 1972 to commemorate the Faculty's 25th anniversary and to mark the contribution of its

first Dean, Sir Robert Bradlaw. Professor Shepherd holds the Chair in Maxillofacial Surgery at Cardiff University. Jon's presentation was entitled *Tackling violence: Evidence-based alternatives to "a tooth for a tooth"* and described his monumental achievements in reducing violence and especially alcohol-related trauma following his extensive research through the Violence and Society Research Group in Wales. Professor Shepherd was subsequently presented with the Colyer Gold

Medal during the afternoon ceremony.

The Ceremony of Presentation of Diplomates began with the award of two honorary fellowships in dental surgery. The first was to recognise the achievements on behalf of the Faculty of Professor Sir Norman Williams, immediate Past-President of the College and recipient of a knighthood (Knight Bachelor) in the 2015 Queen's New Year honours. Sir Norman (below right) made



Professor Jonathan Shepherd presenting the Bradlaw Triennial Oration and, inset, receiving the Colyer Gold Medal

Professor Sir Norman Williams receiving an honorary fellowship



Professor Jonathan Cowpe and family

an enormous effort to successfully involve the Faculty of Dental Surgery in the wider College activities throughout his tenure as President, and the Faculty has benefited greatly from his leadership, not only within the College, but across a wide spectrum of healthcare bodies.

The second honorary fellowship was awarded to Professor Jonathan Cowpe (above, with family). Jon is a former head of school in Bristol and Dean of the Dental Faculty of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. He currently has many roles, including Director of Postgraduate Dental Education in Wales and Chairman of the Joint Committee for Postgraduate Training in Dentistry. On behalf of the Faculty, we welcome both these worthy recipients of these awards.

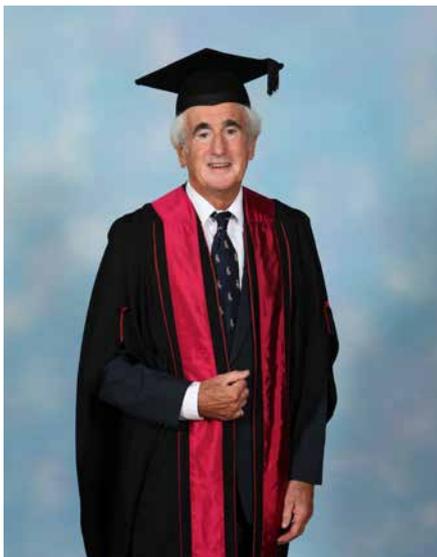
The Colyer Gold Medal was first struck in 1951 and commemorates the long and distinguished service of Sir Frank Colyer, especially as Honorary Curator of the Odontological Museum, a position he held for 51 years. According to the College Ordinances, the medal is awarded 'for liberal acts or distinguished labours, researches and discoveries eminently conducive to the improvement of natural knowledge and to dental surgery'. The medal this year was awarded to Professor Jonathan Shepherd. Jon's extensive research in oral and maxillofacial surgery, public health, mental health and emergency medicine has focused on violence, trauma, mental health problems of trauma patients and victim support. The Shepherd Injury Severity Scale (SISS) has become a standard instrument for measuring the severity of violence and injury.

The John Tomes Prize Medal is awarded in memory of Sir John Tomes, the first registered dentist and first President of the British Dental Association. John Tomes was a pioneer – a dental surgeon, researcher, lecturer, inventor,



Professor Nigel Pitts receiving the John Tomes Prize Medal

reformer and the first dental surgeon to be elected a Fellow of the Royal Society on the basis of his outstanding contribution to clinical dental research. The Tomes Medal is awarded triennially for original or other scientific work undertaken wholly or partially within the triennial period. This year, the medal was awarded to Professor Nigel Pitts, Director of Innovation and Implementation at King's College London. Nigel is one of the world's leading researchers in cariology, health services research and, particularly, the translation of research into clinical practice.



Dr Barry Berkovitz, recipient of the Faculty Anniversary Medal

Two further individuals were honoured as part of the Faculty awards. The Faculty Anniversary Medal was founded to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Faculty of Dental Surgery in 1997. It is awarded to members of College staff who have given outstanding service to the Faculty. This year's recipient was Dr Barry Berkovitz, an outstanding servant of the Faculty over many years and especially as the Honorary Curator of the Odontological Collection. Barry was also instrumental in raising funds for the restoration of Sir John Tomes' grave in Caterham, Sussex.



Miss Niamh O'Rourke, recipient of the JK Williams Memorial Medal

Finally, Miss Niamh O'Rourke was presented with the JK Williams Memorial Medal for her attainment of the highest mark in the 2014 diet of the Bi-collegiate Membership in Orthodontics examination.

Following the presentations to the diplomates of the various fellowships, memberships and diplomas, the members of the Board of Faculty, examiners, and regional and specialty advisors joined the diplomates and their guests for a buffet reception which was enjoyed by all. The day of celebration was complete.

Faculty fellows and members recognised in Queen's New Year's Honours

The Faculty offers its warmest congratulations to those fellows and members who were recognised in the 2015 Queen's New Year's Honours:



Professor Norman Williams, immediate Past-President of the College, who was awarded an

Honorary Fellowship by the Faculty in 2014, became a Knight Bachelor in recognition of his services to surgery.



Mrs Elizabeth Jones, Postgraduate Dental Dean for London became an Officer of the Order of the

British Empire for her services to postgraduate education.



Professor Jennifer Gallagher, Professor of Oral Health Strategy at King's College London,

became a Member of the Order of the British Empire for her services to oral health.

War, Art and Surgery

War, Art and Surgery: The work of Henry Tonks and Julia Midgley, edited by Samuel JMM Alberti.

War, Art and Surgery is a powerful testament to the expertise of clinicians and the heroism of those who survived life-changing injuries, a century ago and now.

It reproduces for the first time all the pastel portraits of soldiers wounded in the First World War painted by surgeon-turned-artist Henry Tonks. Photographs, notes and diagrams from soldiers' case files reveal the traumatic and poignant stories that emerged from Britain's first dedicated plastic surgery unit.

Almost a century later, documentary artist Julia Midgley gained unprecedented access to military facilities to sketch surgeons in training and service personnel working to recover from injuries sustained in recent conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq.

War, Art and Surgery is published by The Royal College of Surgeons of England and generously supported by Mr Frank Cockett FRCS and Mrs Dorothea Cockett MBE.



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Edited by Samuel JMM Alberti



McLean Symposium

Enamel, Dentine, Pulp: Save or Salvage?

John McLean Symposium, 6 February 2015

The Dean was pleased to welcome delegates to the McLean Symposium, held on 6 February 2015.

John McLean OBE was a well-respected and renowned dental scientist in the field of glass ionomer cements and dental ceramics. In his honour, the Faculty of Dental Surgery and King's College London held a symposium in his memory. New concepts, materials and techniques were the focus of this symposium that set out to help delegates

understand how to manage these correctly to achieve success in their dental practice.

John Burgess, our John McLean keynote speaker from Birmingham, Alabama, started the symposium with a wide-ranging and insightful review of how to achieve successful posterior resin composite restorations. Of particular note were John's views on the promising 'universal' adhesives and bulk-fill composites, and their simplified handling properties.

Van Thompson examined modern dental CAD/CAM materials, posing intriguing comparisons between enamel structure and modern ceramics. Vincent Fehmer from Zurich took us through the pitfalls of poor material choice in the ceramics armamentarium, illustrated with some excellent cases.

After lunch, Avi Banerjee advocated minimum intervention dentistry, followed by Tim Watson discussing developments in bioactive materials for caries management: two complimentary approaches to the same problem. Finally, Francesco Mannocci closed the day with cone beam CT imaging to help us better understand how endodontic success or failure may be measured.

We were pleased that John McLean's daughter Dee was able to attend the event.



left to right: Tim Watson, Vincent Fehmer, Francesco Mannocci, Dee McLean, John Burgess, The Dean, Dianne Rekow, Avi Banerjee, Van Thompson, David Winkler



The Dean and John Burgess

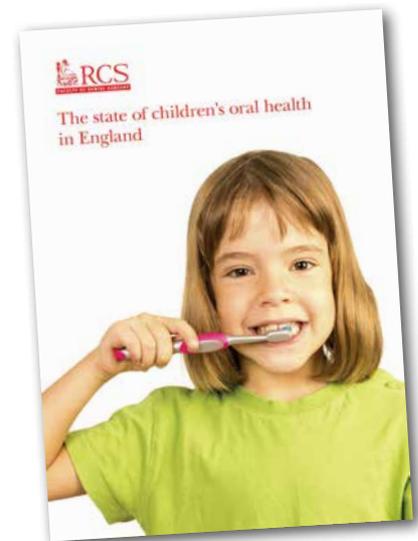
Children's oral health: nothing to smile about?

The Faculty's *The state of children's oral health* report was published in January and received national media coverage, most notably in the *The Guardian* newspaper.

The report highlights the increasing number of children being admitted to hospital with tooth decay. Data for 2013–14 suggest over 25,000 5- to 9-year-olds visit hospital to have teeth removed, making it the leading cause of admission in this age group. More than a third of children are also failing to visit the dentist every two years and the Faculty has asked for this statistic to be measured yearly,

given NICE recommend check-ups for children at least every 12 months.

Following the report, the House of Commons Health Select Committee announced they would hold an inquiry into children's oral health – their first inquiry on dentistry for eight years. Professor Nigel Hunt and Mr Stephen Fayle gave evidence on behalf of the Faculty on 24 February, before MPs fired questions at the outgoing Chief Dental Officer Barry Cockcroft. We look forward to the committee publishing its findings and we will continue to push the government to make children's oral



health, and dentistry more broadly, a much higher priority.

Course Dates

Orthodontic Wirebending and Fabrication Course

14–15 APRIL 2015

Core CPD Course

15 MAY 2015

Maxillofacial Ward Round Course

12–13 JUNE

Masterclass in Acute Pain

26 JUNE 2015

Diploma in Dental Implantology

9 SEPTEMBER 2015



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