

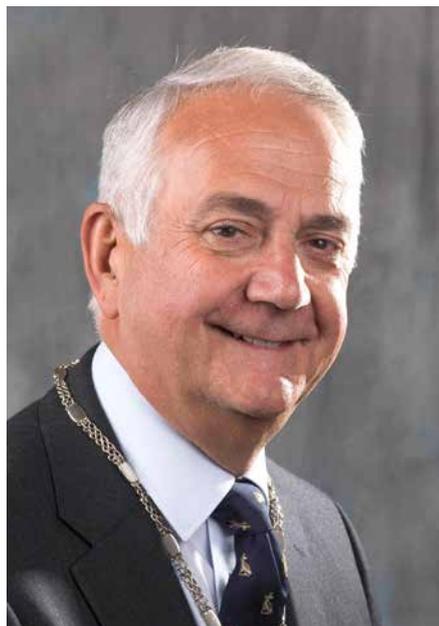
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# From the Dean





# Board of Faculty Election – 2015



**Nigel Hunt**

Friday 8 May was an extremely important day for the Faculty, not only because the outcome of the general election was being announced but also the result of the election for the four vacancies on the Faculty Board emerged. The successful candidates were:



Tara Renton (re-election):  
456 votes



Penelope ('Pepe') Shirlaw:  
393 votes



Vanita Brookes: 386 votes



Matthew Garrett: 365  
votes

Our warmest congratulations to the successful candidates but also our sincere commiserations and thanks to all those who were not elected on this occasion. It is reassuring to know that we have such a strong field of fellows and members willing to put their names forward for the good of the Faculty.

Tara Renton, Professor of Oral Surgery at King's College London re-joins the board for her second

term, while we welcome three new faces: 'Pepe' Shirlaw is Consultant in Oral Medicine at Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust; Vanita Brookes is Consultant in Special Care Dentistry at Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust; and Matthew Garrett is Consultant in Restorative Dentistry, University College London NHS Foundation Trust. On behalf of the board, we look forward to our new members joining us and to their active contributions over the coming years.

It is always sad to say goodbye to our demitting board members who have worked so tirelessly on the Faculty's behalf. Paul King was elected in 2005 and steered the Postgraduate Education Committee for many years. Other specific roles have included Chair of the Bi-collegiate Specialty Memberships Examinations Executive and the Faculty's representative on the Specialist Advisory Committee in Restorative Dentistry. However, it will be Paul's enormous contribution

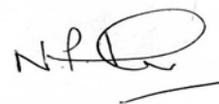
to board discussion and debate and his incredible dry wit which will be especially missed.

Eddy Odell has also completed his two terms on the board, having also being elected in 2005. Eddy has always been Mr Dependable, never shirking whatever tasks were asked of him. He has led the Faculty's Fellowship and Awards committee for many years but also represented the Faculty on many external committees. The third demitting member was Paul Brunton, who had to leave the board prematurely having been elected in 2012. Paul has made significant contributions to education and has led the Faculty's e-Den project as well as being Chair

of the IT committee. Paul has taken up the role of Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Otago, New Zealand and therefore to him we say 'kia ora'.

The board is also saying goodbye to one of our invited members – Trevor Ferguson, Dean of the Faculty of General Dental Practice (UK). Trevor has contributed enormously to the work of our sister faculty and has ensured that whenever possible, we have been able to work together and be mutually supportive. We wish Trevor well in his 'retirement' from office and look forward to welcoming his successor, Michael (Mick) Horton to our meetings.

To return to where I started, the 'other' election result is now known and the Faculty is looking to work with the new government and MPs to improve oral health and standards of care throughout the country. We have published a briefing document on the key dental priorities that we would like the government to focus on, which can be found on the Faculty's website. We will of course keep fellows and members updated on our progress.



**Nigel Hunt**  
FDS Dean

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## Faculty Regional and Specialty Advisors' Day – Friday 27 March 2015

The Faculty's annual Regional and Specialty Advisors' Day was held on 27 March at the Royal College of Surgeons. The event was very informative and encouraged dialogue between Faculty and the advisors on issues of common concern that will

help the advisors with their work in the regions. In the morning session, *The NHS into the future*, speakers covered topics on commissioning, job planning, the role of Faculty advisors and e-learning for dentistry. In the afternoon session, *Developments in*

*recruitment and training*, speakers covered value-based recruitment and the situational judgement test, national dental recruitment and use of social media.

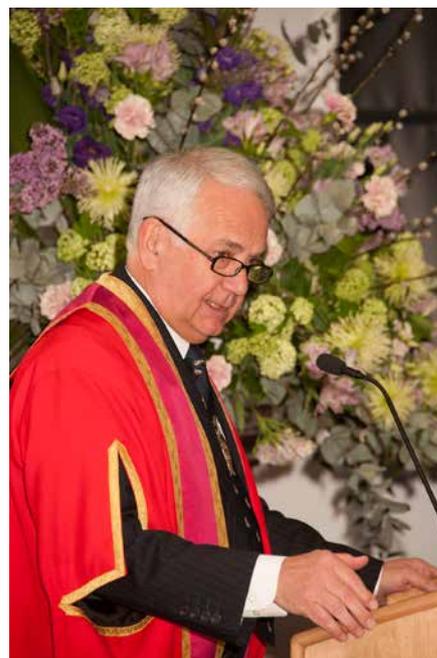
Among the highlights of the event was the presentation on commissioning by Eric Rooney, board member and Consultant in Dental Public Health. Mr Rooney stated that although dentistry is commissioned centrally by NHS England, local managed clinical networks of primary and secondary care specialists will support the new patient care pathways. This means making sure patients receive the right treatment in the right place. Guides for the commissioning of specialist dentistry have been developed to support this process.

The presentation on e-learning for dentistry given by Neha Baj, Senior Project Manager at *e-Learning for Healthcare*, was also particularly interesting. The *e-Den* project, the largest in the NHS's *e-learning for Healthcare* programme, is an interactive online learning initiative developed and run by the Faculty of Dental Surgery. It provides foundation and update training for the whole dental team. *e-Den* is free of charge to all members who are operating within an NHS contract and offers verifiable CPD activity with certificates on completion. The

package is available at [www.e-den.org.uk](http://www.e-den.org.uk) and all delegates had the web address printed on their pens as an *aide-mémoire*.

The day finished with a presentation by Dr Bernadette John from Kings College London entitled *Protecting your image in a digital age*. This was a very entertaining and informative presentation that had a resonance with every member of the audience. The ease with which data can be recorded, recycled and broadcast through social media was described, along with many stories of the unforeseen consequences. Dr John had excellent advice about the new concepts of what is private and what is public – in reality our patients and their relatives or friends are likely to Google anyone they are seeing, and it is in our interest to keep our private life out of the social media. She also suggested how to make best use of social media to enhance patient care.

We are grateful to the Senior Vice-Dean, Dr Michael Escudier, for organising such an excellent event and to all the speakers for giving up their time.



Above: Eric Rooney, and top: Nigel Hunt, FDS Dean, at the Regional and Specialty Advisors' Day.

# Sir Charles Tomes Lecture – Friday 27 March 2015

The Faculty held a 'Tomes family commemorative event' on 27 March to celebrate the bicentenary of the birth of Sir John Tomes, who turned dentistry from a trade requiring no qualifications or training, into the profession we recognise today.

*Sir John Tomes – His scientific legacy* was a short presentation by Dr Barry Berkovitz, who described the contribution of Sir John Tomes and his son Sir Charles Tomes, who built on the work of his father, to the dental profession. The quality

of histological drawings and the fascinating history of both of these great men were described with warmth and reverence.

This was followed by the annual Sir Charles Tomes Lecture which was delivered by Professor Martyn Cobourne, Professor of Orthodontics/Honorary Consultant, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust and entitled *Regulating tooth number in the developing dentition: why can it go so wrong?*. Dr Cobourne gave

a fascinating lecture on dental development and the work that has gone into identifying the genes controlling this process. He enhanced our understanding of this complex subject, explaining through a coherent and easy to follow approach why congenitally missing teeth occur, before identifying the potential for growing teeth to act as replacements for absent teeth.

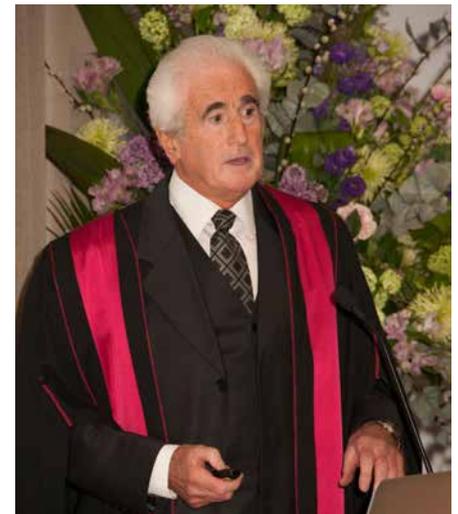
We are confident Sir John and Sir Charles Tomes would have been delighted with the two lectures.



The Dean and Martyn Cobourne



The Dean, Barry Berkovitz and Martyn Cobourne



Barry Berkovitz

# Master-Class in Orthodontic Wire-bending

In April 2015, the Postgraduate Education Department of the Faculty of Dental Surgery organised its first overseas course when the two-day *Masterclass in Orthodontic Wire-bending* was presented in Malta. This course is designed to add another skill option that can help resolve treatment management problems. The course was held in a hotel overlooking the sea. The course was something of an experiment for the Faculty. The end-of-course feedback from the participants was extremely positive. The whole experience was very much enjoyed by both the participants and the course instructors.

The Dental School in Malta invited Kathryn Harley to accompany the course teachers and to give a series of lectures to the undergraduates on Paediatric Dentistry.

Thanks must go to David Barnett, Fraser McDonald and Simon Camilleri for teaching on the masterclass and to the FDS Education team for organising the whole event flawlessly.

It is hoped that this will be one of many postgraduate courses that will be taken abroad.



Participants on the wire-bending course in Malta

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## BDA Conference

More than 6,050 visitors were present at the 2015 British Dental Association flagship event which took place at the Manchester Central Convention Complex between 7–9 May 2015. The Faculty of Dental Surgery was among 300 exhibitors present at the conference. Delegates were enjoying the buzz of the event

and keenly visited the FDS stand for course and examination information. On offer were free copies of the April 2015 FDJ, future FDS course flyers including details on our examination preparatory courses. We were also promoting the new *Dental Standards for Conscious Sedation in the Provision*



BDA Conference



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of Dental Care which were eagerly picked up by the dental team.

Faculty staff encouraged students preparing for MJDF Part 2 to attend one of their two taster sessions that

they were running on the Friday afternoon. This proved a great opportunity for students to familiarise and gain key knowledge and experience on what to expect from the practical component contained within the MJDF Part 2 examination. The sessions both kicked off with eager delegates queuing for a place as they poured through the doors in hope of a chance to have a go at some 'hands-on practice' and role play with patients.

Professor St John Crean worked closely with Dr Michael Escudier along with other dental professional volunteers to deliver expert advice on the six practical stations, which included medical emergencies, avulsion, complaints, periodontology and critical appraisal. The session received excellent feedback, reinforced by the fact that many visited the stand to thank us for the session.

## First Fellowship by Assessment Awarded

Fellowship is the pinnacle of membership of the Faculty of Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. We are therefore delighted to announce the award of the first Fellowship by Assessment to Professor Nick Grey who is currently Associate Dean for Teaching and Learning in the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Manchester.

This award recognises the breadth and depth of Professor Grey's achievements in dental surgery and denotes the esteem in which he is held by his peers. We hope you will join with us in congratulating Nick on this well-deserved award.

It may interest readers to know that dental surgeons are eligible to apply for this award if they hold a membership diploma recognised by

the Faculty of Dental Surgery, have more than ten years in continuous good standing in dentistry and have demonstrated a commitment to upholding the highest clinical standards and excellence in all aspects of their work.

# Our day out at the Royal Garden Party

## by Paul Speight

It was truly a privilege to be offered the opportunity to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party. We were nervous as we got ready – especially Paula, not used to wearing a hat and aware that it was a quite windy day! But on arrival, despite all the uniforms, Yeomanry and security, it was welcoming and relaxed. We arrived a little late because of the traffic, but this turned out to be quite fortunate, since there were no queues and as we entered the garden the Yeoman of the Guard were preparing the lanes for the Royal party and we found ourselves being ushered along between the crowds like royalty itself.

After the royal party had departed, the crowd began to disperse, and we

were easily swallowed up into the vast gardens and allowed to wander freely among the trees, lakes and flowerbeds. Surprisingly, the gardens are very informal, like parkland with plantings of wild flowers and meadow-like areas. It was very quiet and peaceful, with just occasional glimpses of the high-rise world outside.

We were all treated to a beautifully presented afternoon tea with immaculate cucumber or egg sandwiches and wonderful cakes including strawberry, lemon or raspberry tarts (at least one of each).

A very memorable day, and thank you to the Dean and Faculty for allowing us to attend.



Paula Farthing and Paul Speight

# Our day out at the Royal Garden Party

## by Natalia Ford

As we arrived at the Buckingham Palace gates, the surroundings were teeming with morning suits, floral dresses and elaborate hats, military uniforms, mayoral chains, and national dress. It was a lovely summer day, but a bit breezy, so ladies really had to hold on to their hats. The queue was long but moved really quickly, and soon we were walking around the spectacular grounds of the Palace. The gardens are immaculate and also peaceful and serene; it was hard to believe that we were in the centre of the busy city with 8,000 other guests.

At 3.50pm the Yeomen of the Guard in their bright red uniforms marched through the crowd, and gentlemen ushers wearing top hats and tails and carrying umbrellas, started organising everyone into lanes and placing the guests pre-selected to meet the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh into position. At 4pm the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh, the Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall,

the Earl of Wessex and Countess of Wessex came out of the palace and took their place at the top of the steps for the national anthem, played by one of the two brass bands that were seated at opposite ends of the garden. Then the royals made their way slowly along their designated lane towards the royal tea tent, meeting the guests along the way. We had chosen a good spot at the front of the crowd – we had a great view of the Queen who looked lovely in a lemon summer tweed coat and a matching hat.

Finally, we visited the marquees for some afternoon tea from silver tea urns, cucumber and mint sandwiches with crusts cut off (of course) and little tarts and pastries, perfect! I later read that the guests in the palace grounds that day consumed 20,000 sandwiches and 27,000 cups of tea between them. I must say that the incredible organisation and timing of the event has to be seen to be believed.



Richard and Natalia Ford

It was truly a rare experience to be one of the fortunate few attending the garden party at Buckingham Palace. Thank you to the FDS for allowing us this privilege.

# The Medical Training Initiative in Dentistry February 2015

The Medical Training Initiative (MTI) has been in existence since 2009. Under this scheme it is possible for overseas trained dentists to come to a hospital in the UK for a short period of training (up to a maximum of two years) and then return to their home countries taking with them their newly acquired skills. Under the MTI, the overseas dentist is provided with a Tier 5 visa, and clinical work is carried out under supervision, with temporary registration from the General Dental Council. This form of training is undertaken by experienced overseas-trained dentists who typically have undertaken a postgraduate degree either in the UK or overseas and who have completed or are nearly at the end of their clinical training.

The MTI offers overseas trained dentists the opportunity of training, but as the visa is for a limited period, the overseas countries do not lose their highly skilled professionals. Many of the dentists training under the MTI

scheme, come to the UK for 'niche' training in a very specific clinical area, not available or less well developed in their own countries, and do not follow a full UK-based training programme. An added advantage is the opportunity for dentists who satisfy the training requirements, to enter for College examinations while in the UK.

Placement of an overseas trainee in a hospital unit can only be arranged when the supervising consultant and the postgraduate dental dean both agree that there will be no detriment to any of the existing UK trainees. However, since the introduction of the MTI in dentistry there are documented reports that the presence of an international trainee in a hospital unit has enhanced the overall training experience of both UK and overseas trainees.

To date 33 International Training Fellows have completed training in the UK under the MTI. The



**Muhammad Hassan Almomen receiving his certificate of completion of MTI with Margaret Wilson and John Vandridge Ames,**

countries of origin of these dentists include India, Israel, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Taiwan and Turkey.

Unlike medicine, dentistry has very few unfilled training posts, so that 99% of the ITFs are funded by their overseas governments, employing

universities or hospitals. 2 dentists have been funded by a UK hospital trust and there have been 5 ITFs supported on Commonwealth scholarships.

The hospital units that have hosted ITFs in the UK are in Belfast, Bristol, Cardiff, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Leeds, Liverpool, London, Manchester, Newcastle, Poole and Staffordshire. The subject areas studied included paediatric dentistry, prosthodontics, oral surgery, endodontics, oral pathology, oral medicine, operative dentistry and orthodontics.

Dr Muhammad Hassan Almomen from Kuwait, a recent ITF who underwent training with Mr Peter Ayliffe in Great Ormond Street Hospital, is pictured receiving his certificate of completion of MTI with Margaret Wilson, Director



Holbein painting that hangs in the College. I Aylef is circled

of the National Advice Centre for Postgraduate Training in Dentistry, and John Vandridge Ames, Registrar of the FDS.

For those who are interested in medical and dental history and who have seen the Holbein painting in the College, you will be fascinated to know that Mr Peter Ayliffe is related

to I Aylef in the Holbein painting of Henry VIII giving the charter to the newly formed company of Barber Surgeons in 1540.

Any consultant wishing further information on the MTI should contact Neil Sutcliffe at the FDS on 020 7869 6804.

# Small Grants and Fellowship Awards



**FDS Fellowship:  
Miss Annie Morgan**

## Summary of research

*Development of an electronic patient reported outcome measure for youth dental anxiety*

Youth dental anxiety is common, affecting one in two young people in the UK. Dental anxiety has important long-term implications for oral health, as dentally anxious children have more decayed teeth, require more teeth to be removed and experience greater negative impacts on their daily lives than those without dental anxiety. A team of researchers, led by Dr Zoe Marshman, Senior Clinical Lecturer/Honorary Consultant in Dental Public Health at the University of Sheffield, has developed, with the involvement of young people, a patient-reported outcome measure (PROM) for youth dental anxiety. The measure assesses the related factors (thoughts, feelings, behaviours and physical symptoms)

that act together to maintain dental anxiety. As young people express a strong preference for using electronic devices and social media instead of paper-based questionnaires, Annie Morgan aims during this Faculty of Dental Surgery Research Fellowship to design and evaluate an electronic version of the PROM for youth dental anxiety (ePROM) for use on touch-screen tablet computers. This new ePROM will be the first of its kind in dentistry. Its potential uses will include helping dental professionals to: identify young people with dental anxiety; develop a better understanding of why young patients are dentally anxious; and provide support and interventions tailored to meet the needs of individual patients.

It could also be used in research and commissioning to evaluate treatment approaches for the reduction of dental anxiety. Annie will be supervised by: Dr Marshman; Dr Jenny Porritt, Lecturer in Psychology at Sheffield Hallam University; and Professor Helen Rodd, Professor/Honorary Consultant in Paediatric Dentistry at the University of Sheffield. Additionally, Professor Tim Newton, Professor of Psychology as Applied to Dentistry at King's College London Dental Institute; Dr Katherine Stevens, Senior Research Fellow at the University of Sheffield; and Dr Christopher Stokes, Senior University Teacher at the University of Sheffield, will act as research mentors.

## Small Grants

Applicant	Host Institution	Research Title
Dr Anand Lalli	Centre for Clinical and Diagnostic Oral Sciences, Blizard Institute, Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry	How does HOXA7 induce malignant conversion in oral mucosal lesions?
Mr Daljit Gill	Watford Orthodontics	A randomised prospective controlled clinical trial to compare two techniques for the management of class II malocclusion
Dr Jennifer Jalili	University of Sheffield	To determine whether microRNA are involved in drug-induced gingival overgrowth and fibrosis

# Honorary Faculty Lectureships 2015

The Faculty of Dental Surgery has identified the Honorary Faculty Lectureships for 2015. These awards are given to fellows and members who have contributed in a major way to the educational activities of the Faculty. The enormous amount of work carried out by these colleagues is very much appreciated by the Faculty and by the many students who benefit from their expertise. At the Faculty Board meeting on Thursday 26 March we were pleased to award Honorary Faculty Lectureships to

(left to right): Lakshmi Rasaratnam, Noor Al-Mansouri, Emma Cole, Nancy Girgis, Rachel O'Brien, Atheer Ujam, Neil Patel, Ravi Pawar and Amita Renauta



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## Date for the diary

**Friday 30 October 2015**

DIPLOMATES' CEREMONY AND RECEPTION

The Annual Diplomates' Ceremony is the event at which we recognise the outstanding achievements of our Diplomates and honour long-standing fellows and members. This is followed by an informal reception for

new diplomates, their families and friends hosted by the Dean and board members.

Fellows and members are welcome to this event. If you require any further information or wish to request a ticket please contact either Jane Donald or Ann Khattab on 020 7869 6808/6819.

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## Upcoming course dates

**Diploma in Orthodontic Therapy**

6 JULY 2015

**Diploma in Advanced Dental Implantology**

9 SEPTEMBER 2015

**Teaching and Assessment in Dentistry**

19-20 OCTOBER 2015





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