

## News and views

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### BSPD Teachers' Branch

The BSPD Teachers' Branch is open to all those involved in teaching Paediatric Dentistry. It meets annually, usually for a study day ending with the AGM, on the Wednesday immediately preceding the Annual Conference.

All those involved in teaching paediatric dentistry are welcome to join the Branch and attend the meeting – it's certainly not restricted to academics, so anyone who teaches children's dentistry in any way, i.e. NHS consultants, other hospital staff, those in the CDS/GDS/PDS involved in outreach teaching and PCD's, even if only involved on a very part-time basis, would be most welcome at the meetings.

This year's meeting is in Belfast on 15 September 2004 (see below). You don't have to be attending the annual conference to be able to join us – although the Annual Conference is certainly well worth attending – but those restricted by time and/or financial restraints must not be put off by assuming they need to attend the whole event. Belfast is much more accessible than many people think – particularly by 'low cost' airline.

Further details of the Teachers' branch are available from the Honorary Secretary, Clare Ketley, e-mail: [c.e.ketley@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:c.e.ketley@liverpool.ac.uk)

### Meeting of the Teachers in Paediatric Dentistry

*Wednesday 15 September 2004*

*Child Protection*

*'Putting Old Heads On Young Shoulders'*

This one-day meeting precedes the Annual Scientific Meeting of the BSPD and will be held at the Ramada Hotel, Belfast on Wednesday 15th September. The meeting is open to all teachers of Paediatric Dentistry. We are particularly keen to welcome those colleagues involved with 'Outreach' teaching programmes, GDP's, CDS staff and PCD's.

The meeting aims to update participants in:

- The dentist's role in child protection
- Inter-agency working within the field
- To provide participants with a model for undergraduate teaching in child protection

### Programme

- 10:00 Registration
- 10:30 The dentist's role in child protection
- 11:20 Child protection – a model for teaching (part 1)
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Child protection – a model for teaching (part 2)
- 15:30 Plenary session
- 15:45 Teachers' Branch AGM
- 16:45 Close of meeting

Speakers will include:

- Professor Richard Welbury, Professor in Paediatric Dentistry, Glasgow Dental Hospital and School
- Dr Peter Sidebotham, Consultant Paediatrician and Lead Clinician in Child Protection, Avon PCT

The cost of the meeting is £40.00 and includes lunch. Bookings should be made on the Conference booking form and posted to Norman Campbell, Dental Department, Belfast City Hospital, Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 7AB. For booking form visit <http://www.bda.org/bspd>

### 'Babe's Big Appeal'

*Children's Hospice South-west*

Members of the BSPD generously contributed £830 towards 'Babe's Big Appeal' – a fund-raising campaign aiming to raise £15 million for a new children's hospice in the South-west of England. The money was collected at the BSPD's Annual Scientific Meeting in Bristol last year. A new hospice is to be built at Charlton Farm near Bristol and the first turf was cut on 2 May by children of families connected with the existing hospice at Little Bridge House in Barnstaple, N. Devon. The target for opening this new hospice is Spring 2006 and the fundraisers are very grateful for the support received from BSPD members and have asked for their thanks to be passed on to all concerned.

Further details of the work of Children's Hospice South-west may be found at: [www.chsw.org.uk](http://www.chsw.org.uk)

### Dentaid ... helping the children of the Ukraine

The specialist charity, Dentaid, refurbishes donated equipment from UK dentists into complete dental surgeries for charitable clinics in the developing world. Since 1996, the charity has sent surgeries to 40 countries on five continents. Back in 1998, Dentaid, in partnership with Hope Now (a Christian humanitarian charity working in the Ukraine and South Africa), took a team of plumbers, engineers, electricians, dentists and decorators to install seven dental surgeries in three hospitals in the area around Cherkassy.

This support was followed in 2002 by a large mobile dental surgery, driven overland to provide medical and dental services to the orphans and deprived villagers in the rural areas of Cherkassy Province. This vehicle has been manned by volunteer dentists and was recently taken on a visit to two rural Youth Camps where, working from the mobile dental unit, children, as well as staff and villagers, were examined and treated. As this was the first season of active service for the mobile, many aspects were an unknown quantity, and disposables had to be taken by air in personal baggage. The scant information gleaned from the literature and previous volunteers indicated that caries levels would be high, as dental services in Ukraine had declined since the country's independence in 1991. As expected the dentists were inundated with work from the first moment. They had excellent young interpreters from Hope Now, and throughput was



Interior of mobile surgery.



Children from the Hope Now orphanage.



Dr Jenny Wordley, Dentaid's Dental Executive, with the donation of toothbrushes from IDH.

greatly facilitated by simple medical history forms, previously translated into Ukrainian, which doubled as consent forms for unaccompanied children. Of 181 children examined 12% were caries-free. 82% of 5–10-year-olds had caries in the primary dentition and 100% of 15-year-olds had caries in their permanent teeth. The cavities were large and many teeth unsalvageable. With limited time and resources, treatment options were few. Patients in pain were the first priority, moving on to those for whom simple conservation or fissure sealants would be of long-term benefit. There were many requests for restoration of fractured central incisors. Adult patients proved even more challenging with many having gold or stainless steel restorations from the Soviet era with advanced secondary caries. Regrettably, many had to be turned away. Although the volunteers recognized that their contribution was

'a tiny drop in the immense ocean of disease in Ukraine' another visit is planned for August 2004 when it is hoped to employ a Ukrainian dentist to work in the mobile surgery in various locations. An Oral Health education programme is also to be introduced into the orphanages.

In February 2004, Integrated Dental Holdings, the largest owner of dental practices in the UK, made a donation of over 17 000 toothbrushes to Dentaïd. These will be put to use in Dentaïd's prevention programmes and the first consignment will be to the Hope Now orphanages in Ukraine.

If you would like to be involved in supporting Dentaïd in its work and to receive the free quarterly newsletter *Extractions*, please contact: Dentaïd, Giles Lane, Landford, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP5 2BG. Tel. 01794 324249; E-mail: [info@dentaïd.org](mailto:info@dentaïd.org)

You will find full details of current and completed projects; how to donate equipment; volunteering opportunities at home and abroad and much more at: [www.dentaïd.org](http://www.dentaïd.org)

### **Forthcoming meetings**

#### *German Association of Paediatric Dentistry*

The 11th conference of the German Association of Paediatric Dentistry will be held on 8 and 9 October in Mainz, Germany. The theme for the meeting will be 'Nutrition for children and the influence of general diseases on oral health among children'.

### **Dr Ramón Castillo – Mercado**

#### *Paediatric Dentist Elected President of the International College of Dentists*

On 1 January 2004, Dr Ramón Castillo took over the World Presidency of the International College of Dentists. Dr Castillo was elected by unanimous vote at the International College of Dentists' Annual



Dr Ramón Castillo.

World Council meeting which took place in Sydney, Australia, on 16 and 17 September 2003. Dr Castillo serves as a university professor in Lima, Peru.

The International College of Dentists is a prestigious, non-profit making international honorary dental institution. Membership, by invitation only, is currently held by 9980 members in 89 countries.

The International College of Dentists was set up in 1920, in Tokyo, Japan by Dr Tsurukich Okumura (Japan) and Louis Ottofy (USA) and the organization was formally founded in 1927. Dr Ramón Castillo's presidency is the first for a South American dentist, it is an honor and a significant challenge for the South American Section of the College.

Dr Castillo qualified from Universidad de San Marcos, Lima, Peru and holds a Master of Science degree in Paediatric Dentistry from the University of Rochester, USA. He is a certified Specialist in Paediatric Dentistry and is one of the founding professors of the *Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia* College of Dentistry and its past Dean.

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