

BDA Christmas Lecture now available to all members

The BDA Christmas lecture *Regenerative dentistry and stem cells: current thoughts and research* is now available for all members to [view](#) on the BDA website. The lecture, which took place on 13 December 2012 at BDA London headquarters, was given by Professor Alastair Sloan, Head of Tissue Engineering & Reparative Dentistry at Cardiff University School of Dentistry. In his presentation Professor Sloan discussed current thinking regarding regeneration of the dentine/pulp complex. He focused on the role of the dental pulp stem cells and how they may be harnessed to enhance tissue repair.

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Private plans Code of Practice published

A new [Code of Practice](#) that guides the sale of private dental plans and aims to enhance patient-practitioner communication is now available on the BDA website. Developed by the BDA in conjunction with leading plan providers Denplan, DPAS and Practice Plan, the Code sets out the behaviour and approach patients can expect from dental practices when opting to join payment plans. The Code of Practice has been produced following the publication in July of the Office of Fair Trading's report into the UK dental market.

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Peter Ward interviews Kevin Lewis from Dental Protection

Kevin Lewis, Director of Dental Protection, speaks to BDA Chief Executive Peter Ward in [the sixth](#) of our [In the Chair series](#). Kevin and Peter discuss the GDC, looking at the direction the organisation has taken over the past few years, and how dental regulation in general has moved away from professional self-regulation. They also talk about issues surrounding CPD, considering how the system might be improved. Teeth whitening questions, including a lack of clarity over what constitutes direct supervision, are explored, along with the legal, financial and regulatory challenges of preventing non-dental outlets carrying out the procedure.

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Foundation Training places allocated

The Committee of Postgraduate Deans and Directors announced on 18 January that the 953 currently available places have been allocated and 968 candidates have been offered places, leaving 161 candidates on a reserve list to be considered after their final examinations and when further places are expected to become available. COPDEND and the BDA are [encouraging](#) those without a place to date to concentrate on their exams to ensure that they are eligible to be placed in the second round.

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Eighth week of bookings for London 2013

It is now eight weeks since registration opened and there are 13 left until the 2013 British Dental Conference and Exhibition. There are now 1,278 people registered to attend, an increase of 322 compared with this point last year, and 108 exhibition stands have been sold. Further information is available on the conference website at www.bda.org/conference

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Salaried services committee chair looks to the future

Dr Peter Bateman discusses issues affecting the salaried services in our [fourteenth podcast](#) of [the series](#). Peter talks about his hopes for the salaried services pilots and the changes that may have to be made in comparison to the general practice pilots. He also discusses morale in the service arguing a period of stability and strong clinical leadership would help the service maintain a positive outlook.

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Training essentials course on infection control

On Friday 18 January the training course 'Achieving high standards in infection control' took place at The Copthorne Hotel in Sheffield. Brian Edlin, Head of Dental Services at Dental Protection, Caroline Pankhurst, Senior Specialist Clinical Teacher at King's College London Dental Institute, and Paul Jenkins, Decontamination Manager at the North Bristol NHS Trust, talked delegates through recent decontamination requirements and how to achieve best practice when preventing and controlling infections. Daniel McAlonan, the BDA's Head of Health and Safety, chaired the event and led a session on healthcare waste. The event attracted 40 delegates from across the dental team.

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