

West of Scotland Branch 2023-24 Programme of events

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Welcome from the Branch President

I am very honoured to be the West of Scotland BDA Branch President for 2023/2024.

As the trade union and professional association for dentists, the BDA represents all fields of dentistry. It works to support the interest and well-being of dentists and their teams, advancing the art, science and ethics of dentistry and helping improve oral health for all. The Branches and Sections of the BDA, of which the West of Scotland Branch is one of the largest, play a major part in helping the BDA achieve its' mission by bringing dentists together, providing education and learning locally, as well as the opportunity to socialise and network with other dental professionals'.

I am delighted to present my lecture programme for 2023/2024 in this new e-brochure format to help with your diary planning. Inside you will find the speakers and lecture dates for the 2023/2024 session, along with details of the content of each lecture, learning aims and objectives and GDC learning outcomes. The programme for 2023/2024 provides a variety of clinical and more general topics relevant to you and your team members, whatever your sphere of dental practice. I hope you find something that will be of interest to you and fit nicely into your professional development plan! Each meeting comes with 1.5 hours of CPD and will be delivered in the convenient, comfortable and prestigious surroundings of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow. Refreshments are provided before the lecture begins so you can re-energise after a busy day. Please make a note in your diary to attend as many events as you wish. It would be great to see you there.



A highlight for the West of Scotland Branch is the Annual Dinner and this year will be no exception. The dinner will be held on Saturday, 16 March 2024 in Rossdhu House at Loch Lomond Golf Club. I am grateful to Mr Arshad Ali for making it possible to enjoy this fabulous venue once again in 2024. Keep a look out for details of how to book tickets which will be published during the 2023/2024 session.

Finally, a big 'thank you' to our sponsors for their valuable support of Branch Events, our speakers for giving their time to share their expertise and to Branch Council, Patricia de Vries and the BDA Events team for their help and support in making it all happen.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laura Cross'.

Laura Cross



About our events

Our lectures aim to deliver maximum benefit to dental professionals and everyone is welcome. It's not just about CPD - our events provide networking and peer support in a professional setting outside of the practice. It's a great chance to connect with peers and our professional community.

You will hear engaging lectures from some inspiring speakers with questions and answers.

Times

18.30 Registration with tea and coffee
19:00 Lecture with Q&A
20:30 Close

Branch lectures are open to everyone.

Booking

Book online in advance at
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or call 020 7563 4590

Feedback

Please share your experience with us after the events and let us know how we can further improve them.

GDC development outcomes

- A** - Effective communication with patients, the dental team and others across dentistry, including when obtaining consent, dealing with complaints, and raising concerns when patients are at risk.
- B** - Effective management of self and effective management of others or effective work with others in the dental team, in the interests of patients, providing constructive leadership where appropriate.
- C** - Maintenance and development of knowledge and skill within your field(s) of practice.
- D** - Maintenance of skills, behaviours and attitudes which maintain patient confidence in you and the dental profession and put patients' interests first.



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Annual dinner Saturday 16 March 2024

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The branch's Annual Dinner is a social highlight in the dental calendar, bringing you and your colleagues together for an evening of fine dining at Rossdhu House on the banks of Loch Lomond in Luss by Alexandria.

Booking will be through the BDA.org website. Save the date in your calendar! We will let you know when booking opens.



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Inaugural Graham McKirdy memorial lecture

Graham McKirdy

In memoriam

“I tend to go and get things done as best as I can. It’s a bit like a football team, occasionally you’re the captain but you’re a part of a team and everybody works to deliver what’s best for dentists and patients”.

This quote exemplified Graham’s approach to clinical practice, teaching and to dental politics. Born in Clydebank, Graham graduated from GDH&S in 1979 and began a career in general dental practice in Glasgow and Lanarkshire. He also spent over twenty years as a visiting GDP teaching dental students.

Early in his career Graham was elected to Lanarkshire Local Dental Committee and thus began an interest – indeed, a passion – for advocacy and representation of patients and communities, dental professionals and other healthcare workers, which continued throughout the rest of his life. He took part in all manner of representative bodies, committees and working groups within the BDA at Scottish and UK level. His learned knowledge of NHS pensions was so detailed he was later appointed to the NHS Scotland Pension Board as a member representative looking after the superannuation interests of all NHS workers.

Graham was a Past President of our West



of Scotland Branch and he was later awarded the highly prestigious Fellowship of the British Dental Association, an honour bestowed only on those who have given “exceptional and distinguished service to the profession”. He also received a lifetime achievement award from the Conference of Scottish Local Dental Committees.

Those of us who spent time on committees with Graham fondly recall his many idiosyncrasies: the brightly-coloured neck-ties with comic cartoon motifs, the spectacles always perched on the top of his head, and, invariably, the jacket off and shirt sleeves rolled up – the latter a perfect metaphor for his attitude to life and work!

As a lasting tribute to our dear friend and colleague Branch Council has instigated the annual **“Graham McKirdy Memorial Lecture”**.

“BDA - our role: past, present, and future”

The Graham McKirdy memorial lecture

Eddie Crouch

13 September 2023

Aim

This lecture will look at the role of the BDA in supporting dental teams and explore what the future holds for dentistry.

Learning objectives

- BDA pre-pandemic
- How the BDA will support colleagues and dental teams coming out of the pandemic
- How the BDA will need to change for the new challenges
- How the BDA will seek to influence others
- What is the BDA's Scottish Dental Practice Committee (SDPC) and who does it represent?
- What is the role and work of the SDPC?
- Update colleagues on the current UK contract developments

Learning content

A lecture with the chance to ask the speaker questions at the end.



Open: 18:30 for Tea and coffee

Lecture: 19:00

Venue: The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow,
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Development outcomes: B and D

BDA members: Free

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Eddie Crouch

Chair BDA PEC

Eddie was elected as Chair of the Board in September 2020. Before that, he served as Deputy Chair between 2014 and 2020.

He was Secretary of Birmingham Local Dental Committee for over ten years and was also Chair.

He qualified in 1984 from Kings and now provides Orthodontic Care for patients in South Birmingham in two locations, having previously been a Clinical Assistant in Orthodontics.

He has previously Chaired the Annual Conference of LDCs and the West Midlands Association of LDCs, held the post of President of the Central Counties Branch and served on the GDPC Committee for over ten years.

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“Monitoring, measuring and understanding sustainability in a dental practice”

Brett Duane

25 October 2023

Aims

- To understand how dental practice impacts the planet in different ways
- Understand the urgent need to transform current practice in dentistry
- Identify opportunities within their working environment to make dentistry more sustainable.

Learning objectives

- Be able to plan sustainable quality improvement project or audit applicable to their setting
- Apply environmental principles to place of work
- Analyse (measure) sustainability of current practice / place of work.

Learning content

On completion of this course participants will have increased their understanding of the impact of dentistry on the climate and ecological crises. They will have some tools to transform their own working practices to become more sustainable, and to encourage the staff and patients around them to adopt meaningful change.



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Brett Duane

Associate Professor in Dental Public Health,
Trinity College, Dublin

Brett Duane graduated from the University of Otago, New Zealand with a degree in dentistry. He has a Masters in Management in health management, a Masters in Public Health and a PhD in Dentistry. From 2001-2005 he worked as Senior Dental Officer in an Aboriginal health service. In 2006-2010 he was Assistant Clinical Director (Oral Health Improvement), Scotland. After training as a Specialist in Dental Public Health he worked briefly for Public Health England and since 2015 has been Associate Professor in Dental Public

Health, at Trinity College, Dublin.

His main interests and research are the delivery of cost-effective high quality oral health services, inequities in oral health, and ensuring that the delivery of oral health services are environmentally sustainable. He collaborates with the Centre for Sustainable Health Care, has published 38 papers on sustainable healthcare, and eight book chapters. He has presented at around 12 international/UK conferences and collaborates/works with researchers across Ireland, Bogota, the UK, Denmark, Sweden, Canada, Australia, Spain and Turkey. He is joint lead for the Sustainability Special interest group at ADEE.

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“Water fluoridation in Scotland”

Colwyn Jones

15 November 2023

Aims

- What is water fluoridation (an update)
- The discovery of fluoride; a brief history of the therapeutic use of water fluoridation
- An even shorter history of water fluoridation in Scotland
- Water fluoridation, the future?

Learning objectives

- An update on the effectiveness and evidence base of water fluoridation to share with colleagues and patients
- To cover the therapeutic use of fluorides and fluoridation and introduce a concept entitled fluoride hesitancy
- To show how Scotland had previously benefitted from water fluoridation
- Interpret what water fluoridation holds for dentistry and how you (the audience) can influence the future?

Learning content

Overview on the effectiveness and evidence base of water fluoridation and interpretation of what water fluoridation holds for dentistry.



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Dr. Colwyn M Jones

B.D.S. (Edin), F.D.S.,R.C.P.S., F.D.S. ,R.C.S. Eng, D.D.P.H., R.C.S. Eng, M.Sc. (V.U. Manc), Cert. H.S.M.(OU), D.M.(UHIP), FFPH

Dr Colwyn M Jones is the immediate past president of the European Association of Dental Public Health. He is an Honorary Senior Lecturer at the College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine, University of Edinburgh and recently retired from his NHS role as Consultant in Dental Public Health with NHS Health Scotland.

Graduated from the University of Edinburgh Dental School in 1981 and worked as a dentist across the United Kingdom and in Denmark before

undertaking a Public Health training in Manchester.

He was President of the British Association for the Study of Community Dentistry (BASCD) in 2007-2008. From 2010 to 2016 he was Associate Editor of the Community Dental Health Journal. From 2002-2004 he was North of Scotland Branch President and in 2008-2010 East of Scotland Branch President. He was awarded a BDA Fellowship in May 2017 for outstanding and distinguished service to the BDA and the dental profession.



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“Restorative dentistry - Improving patient outcomes”

Sachin Jauhar
17 January 2024

Aims

- Update on current practice
- Provide understanding of the role of the Restorative Specialist in diagnosis and treatment planning
- When to refer patients for Specialist level Restorative Care

Learning objectives

- Help dentists enhance patient care
- Awareness of challenges and solutions for patients
- Knowledge of methods to help treat these patients

Learning content

Sachin will endeavour to update the audience on the breadth of Restorative Dentistry and the techniques we can adopt to help our patients. This will range from Maxillofacial Prosthodontics to Periodontics. It will include information on Digital Dentistry and advanced surgical techniques.



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Dr. Sachin Jauhar

Dentist Qualifications: BDS(Glas) MSc(Med Sci) FDS RestDent RCPS(Glas) MFDS RCS(Edin) RCS (Eng) FCG Dent

A graduate of the University of Glasgow 2002, Sachin is one of the leading Restorative Specialists in Scotland, he has a wealth of knowledge and experience.

In his role as a Consultant and Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer in Restorative Dentistry at Glasgow Dental Hospital and School his role involves providing advice and treatment upon referral from dentists. Most of his case load in the hospital involves complex implant dentistry.

His specialist training culminated in him successfully achieving the highest restorative qualification possible - the Intercollegiate Speciality Fellowship in Restorative Dentistry in 2009.

Sachin is a registered specialist with General Dental Council (80722) in Restorative Dentistry, Periodontics, Prosthodontics, and Endodontics. He offers specialist treatment at the Scottish Centre for Excellence in Dentistry, Lansdowne Dental Care and One Dental. Outside of work he can be found on the golf course currently playing off 4, and spending time with his wife Ingrid, and their three children Rachel, Michael and Emma.

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Branch AGM and Presidential address “Equality, diversity and inclusion in the BDA and it’s relevance to dentistry”

Laura Cross

21 February 2024

Aims

- To raise awareness of past and present discrimination in Dentistry and the steps taken to address Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) within the BDA and other organisations
- To explain the importance of education and training in EDI to help create an inclusive workplace, free of prejudice and discrimination
- To raise awareness of dentally relevant EDI learning resources.

Learning objectives

- To have knowledge of the BDA Governance Structure and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Workplan and Strategy
- To have knowledge of EDI work in the BDA and in other organisations relevant to dentists
- To understand the importance for the dental team of education and training in EDI issues to recognise bias, correct poor judgement and tackle discrimination in dentistry.

Learning content

The lecture will explain why having a good level of awareness and understanding of EDI issues is relevant to all dentists in tackling discrimination in dentistry and creating a fairer workplace. The work of the BDA Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Committee will be outlined and some dentally relevant learning resources highlighted.



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Dr. Laura Cross

PhD, BDS, FDS RCPS Glas, FDS RCS Edin,
FDS (Rest Dent) RCPS Glas, FHEA

Laura is BDA Branch President for 2023/24 and BDA Board Member for Scotland. As Chair of the Education, Ethics and the Dental Team Working Group, she is one of three Senior Officers of the BDA Principal Executive Committee, working closely with the BDA Chair, Vice-Chair and Senior Management Team. Laura is also a BDA Trustee and Co-Chaired the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee since it was first established in 2021. She has represented hospital dental consultants on UK-wide and Scottish BDA Committees and the BMA Scottish Consultant Committee.

Laura qualified from Edinburgh University in 1990 with Distinction in Conservative Dentistry and Prosthodontics. After gaining FDS in 1993, she was awarded her PhD at the University of Glasgow in 1998 and completed specialist training in Restorative Dentistry in 2003. In 2004 she was appointed as a Consultant in Restorative Dentistry at Glasgow Dental Hospital and School becoming Honorary Clinical Associate Professor and Head of Clinical Dentistry in 2012, retiring from that role in 2022. She has multiple publications in peer-reviewed journals and has received several undergraduate and postgraduate prizes and awards.

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“Expertise and excellence in restorative dentistry”

Arshad Ali

20 March 2024

Aim

Arshad will give a broad overview of challenges both in hospital and specialist practice settings in restorative dentistry.

Learning objectives

- To learn how your team can help support you during restorative work
- To learn what benefit is there of experience/ understanding of the challenges in a lifelong career and lessons learnt
- To understand when to refer
- To understand how to form an excellent team and the ways to get the best results from your team.

Learning content

Arshad will update delegates on the speciality of restorative dentistry in hospital and the high street. He will illustrate this with interesting clinical cases. He will also discuss some of the challenges he faced when setting up a referral practice at the time of a recession.



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Dr. Arshad Ali

BDS (Glas, 1978), FDSRCS (Eng & Edin, 1981), DRD (Edin, 1987), MRD RCS (Edin, 1993), FDSRCPS (Glas, 1998)

Specialist in Restorative Dentistry and Prosthodontics

Arshad (Ashy) Ali qualified with commendation at the University of Glasgow in 1978 and carried out 10 years of postgraduate training. He was appointed to the first NHS Consultant in Restorative Dentistry in Wales in 1988.

He returned to Glasgow Dental Hospital in 1997 to take up an NHS Consultant post until March 2011 after which he focussed fully on Scottish Centre for Excellence in Dentistry and post-graduate teaching.

Ashy has delivered lectures and courses nationally and internationally. Most of his dental friends have retired but Ashy still enjoys his chosen career and knows that learning never ends!



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