



Fellowship made more accessible



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Editor

Welcome to the summer issue of Pathway.

Over the recent months, the Faculty has announced a new structure to attaining Fellowship. The new route recognises the variety and diversity found in general practice and allows candidates flexibility in their approach to the award.

The NW Division recognises that candidates are likely to require guidance and mentoring. We hope to provide local support to Fellowship candidates through study-groups, perhaps initially using member's practices as venues for the meetings.

Fellowship Advisors



Sunil Panchmatia



Ian Hunt

At our recent Board meeting, it was suggested that there should be a "Young Members" representative on the Board. The position would be an Associate Board member and ideally the member should have been qualified for 2-3 years. Candidates for the position should email their interest to Jon Rees (jonnyrees@mac.com). The Board would also like to thank Paul McDonald for his contributions over the past few years. Paul has resigned from the NW Divisional Board to concentrate on his role in the Stockport BDA.

Inside this issue, you'll find further detail on the revised structure of the FFGDP and also information on changes in key personnel at Faculty. Eurovision and the PRS suffer the wrath of G.O.D. (Grumpy Old Dentist) and there is information on the latest intake for the Restorative MSc, run jointly by the FGDP(UK) and Leeds University.

Enjoy the Summer!

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Welcome to this addition of the Faculty of General Dental Practice (UK) Northwest Division newsletter. In response to the rapidly changing financial and regulatory environment there have been a raft of changes at the FGDP(UK) in the past 12 months.

Most of you will be aware that the Faculty is the academic home for general dentistry and aims to improve the standard of care delivered to patients through standard setting, post-graduate training and assessment, education and research. The Faculty was formed in 1992 and during its 20th anniversary year we were privileged that Trevor Ferguson took over the reins as Dean and Naresh Sharma and Lawrence Mudford as Vice Deans. This year, we are pleased to welcome two new Vice Deans, Ario Santini and Shelagh Farrell.

The restructured Fellowship examination

Formally the Fellowship assessment was the final stage after completing stages 1 & 2 of the FGDP(UK) Career Pathway, following the accumulation of the required credits. Though extremely robust, the Career Pathway did not cater for non-practice owners or practitioners with significant non-clinical roles, and only 0.03% of FFGDP(UK) members successfully completed the Fellowship.

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The restructured Fellowship is designed to be accessible for general dental practitioners who are committed to personal development. It will recognise high standards of patient care and accommodate the breadth of membership that currently exists. In particular, the new Fellowship will cater for younger dentists who are increasingly unlikely to become practice owners.

The structure of the examination involves submitting a portfolio of evidence: each candidate will declare a domain of interest such as clinical practice, education, research, or leadership and will then need to present a depth and breadth of documentary evidence commensurate with the award. There is requirement for an up-to-date record of continuing professional development, an up-to-date CV and references from two referees of good standing in the relevant domain. Reflection will be a key part of the portfolio.

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Full members will be able to register for the assessment and once registered Fellowship candidates can start to prepare their portfolio. When ready candidates can apply for assessment. If their portfolio is successful the candidate will then be invited to a peer review discussion with two assessors. Support will be available via our division to assist with portfolio preparation.

The Primary Dental Journal

The new look Primary Dental Journal is now into its fourth issue and has been a resounding success. The journal has a new format that focuses more on clinical dentistry rather than academic research. This new format publication is a significant benefit to members and will help to increase our membership base. Congratulations to Ian Wood, from our division, who is the Clinical Editor.

Future Structure of the FGDP(UK)

Presently there are 29 members and 21 divisional seats and it is felt that this is too large to be effective in decision making.

The ideal size is thought to be 16 to 20 members and reform is under way with expected completion this summer. The new structure will ensure efficiency without losing regional representation. It is also felt that younger members should be involved in the governance of the FGDP(UK), and it is hoped that the changes will encourage their participation.

Securing the Future for the North West Division

In the coming months we will be launching a number of strategies to generate activity within our division with the aim of helping the entire dental team to get the most from their professional life. There will be study groups for MJDF candidates, FFGDP candidates, a study day and social events.

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As ever, we are delighted to receive your views, opinions and ideas for the development of the division.

Best wishes

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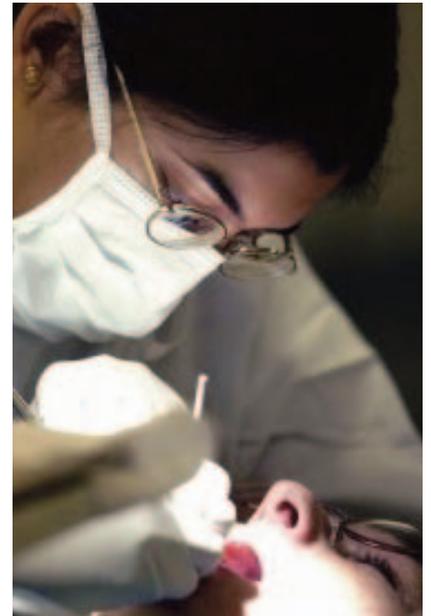
The FGDP's highly regarded Restorative Dentistry course is currently recruiting again to start this September in Manchester and London.

The course is aimed at the General Dental Practitioner who is keen to develop their skills but wants to maintain a full time commitment to practice.

The programme is based on a blended learning model, combining face to face study days at MANDEC and workplace based training with distance learning and written assignments. There is a breakout point after two years when successful candidates are awarded a Diploma in Restorative Dentistry from the Royal College of Surgeons of England and this can then be accredited towards the MSc in Restorative Dentistry from Leeds University.

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For more details on the course go to the FGDP website or contact Cherie Collins in the Education Department of the FGDP at the Royal College of Surgeons on **020 7869 6765,**
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Diary Dates 2013

FGDP(UK) Diploma in Restorative Dentistry September, Manchester and London

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What has Europe ever done for us?

Well for one thing it has ruined the Eurovision Song Contest.

Now that we have lots of little former Eastern block European states they all vote for themselves and one of them wins every year. The shame of it is that this led to us losing Terry Wogan. Terry had had enough. It's such a shame. The Eurovision song contest was his finest moment. He'd sit in his broadcasting booth every year, descending slowly into inebriation, scoffing and sneering at foreigners as he went. It wasn't very politically correct but it was classic television. We've also had the European Union telling us what is and what isn't a sausage, and what is and isn't chocolate. We've had European butter mountains, wine lakes and the obscenity of trawlermen throwing dead fish back into the sea because of EU quotas. All this, by the way, costs us an absolute packet. We pay about €13bn per year to the EU.

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On the dental front it was the EU that started the entire tooth whitening nonsense. Dental whitening gel became a cosmetic rather than a medicine and didn't meet the EU rules for cosmetics. It suddenly had too much peroxide.

Tooth whitening therefore became, strictly according to the law, a matter of cutting away tooth substance for crowns and veneers. That was okay, apparently. There was nothing illegal about tooth preparation according to EU law, despite the fact that the patient would never get their tooth substance back and would begin a downward spiral towards tooth loss. Tooth preparation was legal and minimal intervention tooth whitening was not. Congratulations EU.

Anyway the whole point of this rant is that it looked, for a while at least, as if the EU had finally done something which we could all support. There appeared to be a little island of good sense in the sea of unfathomable incompetence. What happened was this. We all have to pay a licence fee to a body called the Performing Right Society for the privilege of having the radio or telly on in our waiting rooms. In other words, we have to pay royalties. That's unreasonable, declared one of our Italian colleagues and he took the case to the European Court of Justice. Astonishingly, the European Court of Justice said, "We agree!" "Fantastic!" we all said. We all know from many, many years of dealing with stuff like this that European law takes precedence over National law so job done. Brilliant, we didn't have to pay the irritating PRS licence anymore. It wasn't a big thing, but an irritant amongst the cascade of other pieces of legislation with which we have to comply.

It was a little victory and we could actually say that the Europe had done something useful. Unfortunately, our time basking in the afterglow of our triumph was short lived. The Performing Right Society fought back. "No no no!" they said, "this does not automatically apply in the UK". "I'm sorry", came the reply, "but EU law takes precedence". "Not this time it doesn't!" retorted the PRS and the BDA got involved.

**What have the
BDA ever done
for us?**

That was never going to end well. I could probably do a grumpy old dentist article called, "What have the BDA ever done for us?" Anyway, they, 'weighed up', the likelihood of success and considered, 'the costs of challenging UK copyright law'. Guess what? The British Dental Association's advice is that UK dentists all have to carry on paying out for the irritating PRS licence if they want the telly on.

As they would say in the Eurovision world, "British Dental Association, nil points".

Grumpy Old Dentist

Have you made a significant contribution to Primary Care Dentistry?

Put modesty aside for a few seconds and think if that statement applies to you.

Maybe you have demonstrated leadership skills by taking an active role in your Local Dental Committee, or through your service to the FGDP(UK) or BDA. Perhaps you have high clinical standards and a passion for providing quality dental care – you might have spent time and money developing your clinical skills and your patient care has developed as a result. This could be in any kind of setting, Private, NHS, in your own practice or working for a corporate or as an associate. You might have contributed to education – showing a commitment to Foundation Training, or played a part in assessment for the Faculty or assessing Dental Care Professionals. You could be a part time advisor for a Protection Society or maybe do some work for the GDC.

If any of these scenarios apply to you, or there are similar roles or activities you have undertaken, then the New Fellowship of the Faculty of General Dental Practice (UK) has been designed with you in mind.

To register for the award, you will need to be registered with the GDC or equivalent in your country of practice, be a full member of FGDP(UK) and be in good standing with the GDC and with the FGDP(UK), as well as providing two referees who know you well and have a good understanding of the domain(s) in which you are applying. Details of how to become a full member are available on the Faculty website (www.fgdp.org.uk)

The Faculty is developing a network of advisors, facilitators and study groups to help you through the next stages of the Fellowship assessment process. The forward thinking North West Deanery is acting as one of the pilots for the new route to Fellowship. Ian Hunt from the NW Division attended a training day on 10 May, providing information on the new pathway and guidance on reflective writing and providing feedback to candidates, led by Dr Connie Wiskin, Senior Lecturer and Co-Director of the Interactive Studies Unit at the University of Birmingham's College of Medical and Dental Sciences.

account so that you can demonstrate how your skills, knowledge, professionalism and achievements have been gained and developed through your work and experience.

There are many changes on the horizon for dentistry; it is possible that 'Dentist with Enhanced Skills' (DES) status may require production of a portfolio of evidence, and GDC revalidation is also just around the corner. Joining with your peers and building a portfolio to demonstrate your contribution should stand you in good stead to meet these challenges.

THE NEW ROUTE TO FELLOWSHIP OF THE FGDP(UK)

The North West Study Group will hold a Fellowship information event on 9 October with the hopes of providing study groups in the near future. You are warmly welcomed to attend the event if you would like to find out more about how the new route will work. Yorkshire and the West Midlands Divisions are also taking part in the pilots. There has been strong interest, with more than 30 people joining the West Midlands study group. The groups will provide peer support and advice on how to put together your portfolio of evidence, as well as outlining the kind of evidence required for the award. The concept of reflective writing and the reflective practitioner will be explored, with guidance on writing your

There are many committed dentists who have made a significant contribution to dentistry. I suspect that by reading this far, you are probably one of them! Why not encourage your like-minded colleagues to join the study group?

I look forward to meeting you on 9 October.

Peter Thornley FFGDP Lead Tutor

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"There will be a question and answer session and Peter will discuss other FGDP(UK) courses available e.g. MJDF and the Restorative and Implant Diplomas"

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In addition to the changes to the central Faculty team, we are pleased to welcome a new FGDP(UK) Board Member, Paul Batchelor, two new Vice Deans, Shelagh Farrell and Ario Santini, and a new Fellowship Lead Tutor, Peter Thornley. Paul will be taking a National Seat on the Board, while Shelagh Farrell and Ario Santini step up to replace our excellent outgoing Vice Deans, Lawrence Mudford and Naresh Sharma. We would like to thank them both for their contribution to the Faculty.



Fellowship Lead Tutor.

Peter Thornley

Previously the Chief Examiner for the popular MJDF examination, Peter Thornley will be taking the key post of Fellowship Lead Tutor for the FGDP(UK) Fellowship award. The FGDP(UK) would like to thank Dental Directory for sponsoring this essential role.

Peter Thornley qualified BDS from the University of Manchester Dental School in 1982 before spending five years working as Senior Dental Officer for the Church Mission Society in Kisumu, Kenya. On his return to the UK, Peter has worked in general practice and has had various part time posts including clinical lecturer at the Birmingham Dental School and visiting academic at Warwick University. Peter has a long-standing interest in professional development, as evidenced by his involvement in the MJDF examination and the Coventry Foundation Training Scheme, of which he is currently the Programme Director. The Faculty is delighted to have Peter on board to develop this exciting new route to Fellowship, working together with our West Midlands, North West and Yorkshire divisions to pilot the scheme.

CHANGING FACES OF THE FGDP(UK)



Vice Dean
Shelagh Farrell

Shelagh qualified in Bristol in 1971 and passed her MGDS RCS(Eng) in 1980 before completing her MSc at the Eastman Dental Institute in 1991. She was awarded FDS RCS(Eng) in 2003 and passed the FFGDP(UK) in 2005. She was practice principal in Bristol from 1973-1995 as well as being a part time clinical lecturer at the Maurice Wohl Centre, KCSMD. She then became a partner at Ringley Park Dental Practice in Reigate, Surrey, carrying out general dental practice until 2012.

When asked about her aims in her new role as Vice Dean, she commented:

"I want to help move the Faculty forward towards the Foundation of a College of Dentistry."

FGDP(UK) Divisional Coordinator

Liz Smith has also returned from maternity leave to continue working with the FGDP(UK) divisions. Divisional queries can be sent to divisions@rcseng.ac.uk. or you can contact Liz directly on **020 7869 6780**.



Vice Dean
Ario Santini

Ario was one of the founding members of the FGDP(UK), and qualified BDS from the University of Edinburgh in 1966. In 1981, he was awarded a DDS (by thesis) from Edinburgh University and, in 2000, gained a PhD from the University of Nijmegen. Currently, Ario is director of Biomaterials Research at the Edinburgh Dental Institute, Chair of Research for the FGDP(UK), and a member of the National Institute of Health Research: Oral & Dental Speciality Group.

When discussing the challenges of his new role, he resounded:

"I believe that the position of Vice Dean is vital in developing the aims of the FGDP(UK) and supporting the Dean in his role. The faculty faces challenging time ahead, we must maintain our objectives to be the recognised professional voice of general dental practice."



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