



Faculty of Dental Surgery – AGM Report

Dental Examinations' Board

I would like to present my report as the Director of Dental Examinations for our AGM. I would firstly like to acknowledge the support and endeavours of the Examination Team headed by Valerie Hogg. We have a new Dental Examination Manager Ioana Raileanu who we welcome to the team. Our examinations are delivered with the highest standards and governance and this reflects the hard work put in by the Exam Team.

MFDS PART I

The MFDS is a Bi-Collegiate exam run in conjunction with RCS Edinburgh. We are the Lead College for the Part1 component of the examination.

Our Conveners, Nicola Cross and Vicki Greig, deliver this exam twice yearly with great vigour and enthusiasm. We have refined the way this exam is administered so that the input of our clinicians is not as onerous given the constraints in releasing our examiners for such duties. I thank Nicki and Vicki, who has been on a period of Maternity leave, for their efforts in providing the papers for this examination.

Nationally we have 8 UK and increased our International centres to 15 which continue to show increased numbers year on year.

Internationally we have buoyed by our success in delivery of the Part 1 examination in Hong Kong and the number of candidates has been rising consistently since it was introduced in 2017.

MFDS PART 2

We deliver the Part2 examination nationally and internationally.

Our two UK centres in Glasgow and Manchester are led by Siobhan Kyle and Jo Birdsall, our Conveners in these two venues with respective deputies Alan Donaldson and Sarah Pollington. Jo was also a Convener on Maternity leave during this exam year. Thanks to Sarah for her help indeed to Jo who returned early to support our sittings in March and May.

The March diet in Manchester was hit by, as was most of the UK, by the "Beast from the East". A decision was taken, given the high level of alert in the UK, to postpone the sitting of this exam – the correct decision. This was unheralded in my time as Director and as an examiner. I must thank immensely The College staff and Exam Conveners who worked under significant pressure and challenging circumstances to deal with the logistics around contacting candidates to inform them of this. We managed to re-accommodate all candidates in the May sitting in Manchester. This did put additional work on our Team for May but, as usual, they rose to the challenge and delivered a high quality sitting of the examination. We had the largest ever sitting of the MFDS part2 exam with a 109 candidates sitting

Internationally we had a sitting of the Examination again in January 2018 in Saveetha College, Chennai India. Numbers were slightly down on last year but of a high standard.

A success is the sitting of the exam in Hong Kong in March 2018. We had a sitting held at the Academy of Medical Sciences in Hong Kong where we had 25 candidates sit for the exam. Again standards were high. Given the demand for this and as I write this report we will be delivering another diet this year in September to be held at The Prince Phillip Dental Hospital and School at the University of Hong Kong. It is hoped we will have two diets a year in Hong Kong now.

Spurred on by developments in Hong Kong we are looking further to mainland China with interest shown here and the possibility of extending further into South East Asia is an aspiration at present.

SPECIALITY MEMBERSHIP EXAMINATIONS

SMEE

The Bi-collegiate Speciality Membership Examinations in both Orthodontics and Restorative Dentistry are run with our partner Royal College of Surgeons of England. The Chairmanship of this exam board is under our Vice Dean, Professor Jeremy Bagg, at present. Both Colleges are striving to streamline these exams in areas of commonality. As a development plans are well down the line to deliver the Bi Collegiate Membership Examination in Orthodontics exam by RCPSG overseas in India. We are hopeful to have the first sitting of this exam in June 2019 in Chennai, India. Again, another big step forward for our College in delivering exams internationally.

ISFE

Intercollegiate Speciality Fellowship Examinations – our Fellows and Members continue to provide support on the Intercollegiate examiner panels on behalf of the Dental faculties in Great Britain and Ireland. Again our secretariat role has been very much commended in respect of delivering these examinations, which is testament to the hard work and diligence of our examinations unit.

It has been a very busy and productive year, with the delivery of a number of examinations going on both within the UK and now internationally.

Again, a big thank you to all our clinicians who devote their time to examining with us, I very much appreciate the contribution they make and without them we cannot deliver these exams.

The next year I suspect will be also challenging but, as is expected, we will continue to rise to these and deliver our examinations in the manner that our College is renowned for.

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