



Dental Membership Services and Global Engagement Board – Report for AGM 2019

Once again, 2018-19 has been another busy year for the renamed Dental Membership and Global Engagement Board (previously Dental Membership Services Board). Routine work of the Board such as the administration of the Dental Awards, assessment of membership applications via the non-examination route, and Faculty presence at various events to raise the profile and promote the Dental Faculty continues.

Following a successful round of recruitment in 2018, we welcomed several new Board members to their first meeting in September 2018, and I thank all existing and new Board members for their contribution over the past year, particularly the leads of our 4 Short Life Working Groups: Mrs Alison Cairns (Dental Awards), Mr Pdraig Ferry (Equivalence of qualifications), Mrs Fiona Hogg (E-forums) and Mr Ken Scouler (Membership Benefits). The groups have provided valuable information to the Board on how best to adapt to the challenges of the future and keep what we do relevant and useful to the profession.

Dental Awards

There was a significant amount of interest in the Dental Awards this year, with over 45 applications. A shortlist of 20 candidates was brought to the meeting on 27th June for final review and discussion. Thanks to Mrs Alison Cairns and the rest of the Dental Awards working group on the significant amount of work carried out to shortlist all of the applications

- TC White Travel Grant – 3 awards of £2,000 were granted to: Mrs Mridula Goswami, Miss Deepshikhar Kumar and Mr Andrew MacInnes
- TC White Observership – 2 awards of £2,000 were granted to: Dr Yashoda Ashok and Dr Dhaval Pandya
- TC White Young Researcher – 1 award of £10,000 was granted to Ms Shalini Kanagasingam
- TC White Lecture Award – 1 award of £1,000 was granted to Mr Amit Dattani
- UK Dental Undergraduate Award – 2 awards of £500 were granted to Miss Mahnur Noor and Miss Richa Rughani

Membership

The Faculty continues to perform well and shows strong growth in the membership category. As of 29th August 2019 our membership is as follows:

- Members – 2240
- Fellows – 776
- Associate members – 20
- Affiliate members – 93
- Student members - 287

Since the last AGM we have received 115 proposals for Membership via the non-examination route. A number of these are classified as straightforward as the applicant has a recognised equivalent qualification. Only the ones deemed as “non-straightforward” come to the Board for review.

Thank you to Mr Pdraig Ferry for his work on reviewing the equivalence of non-UK qualifications. This has made the task of assessing the proposals for membership more straightforward. We continually review this process to ensure it is robust and fair.

Fellowship applications are reviewed by Office Bearers and the Dental Executive Board.

Dental Regional Advisors

There will shortly be 2 forthcoming vacancies for our UK Dental Regional Advisors' Network:

- One for the Scottish Highlands
- One for Argyll Region

Dental School Tutors

We have recently advertised for Dental School Tutors at the following Dental Schools: Barts & The London, Birmingham, Bristol, Leeds, and Queens University Belfast. Six applications were received and at the time of writing, we are in the process of appointing 2 Dental School Tutors: Dr Amanda Willis to represent Queens University Belfast and Mr Roberto Sacco for Barts and the London

Promoting Membership of the Faculty – Events attended 2018-19

TMD/Oral Cancer Symposia, 11 January 2019
Scottish Orthodontic Conference, 18 January 2019
Scottish Dental Show, 26 and 27 April 2019
National Dental Core Trainee Conferences, 14 June 2019
Glasgow Dental Electives' Evening, 15 August 2019
British Orthodontic Society, 19, 20 and 21 September 2019
BDA Scientific Meeting, 20 September 2019
Dundee Dental Hospital Electives' Evening, 23 September 2019

Note from the Director

Finally, I write this report at the end of my term as Director of DMGEB. I have had a hugely enjoyable and educational experience over the past 4 years and would thoroughly recommend Members and Fellows of our Faculty to get involved when the opportunity arises: it really does make a difference.

I particularly wish to thank Lyn Cranwell and Julia Mackenzie, who have kept me organised and provided invaluable administrative support in person at formal meetings, and electronically in-between, as well as Ewan Olivarius and Muir Brown from our Membership Services team for more strategic guidance.

I know the Board will continue to flourish in its endeavours and I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Carol Tait as the new Director.

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Director of Dental Membership Services and Global Engagement Board

Note from the new Director

It gives me great pleasure to accept the position of Director of Dental Membership and Global Engagement Board. I attended the meeting on 27th of June where I observed the proceedings and chaired my first meeting on 25th September 2019.

A brief update from this meeting is as follows:

Dental School Tutors:

An additional tutor has been appointed: Professor Thomas Dietrich from Birmingham Dental School. This leaves two vacancies in Bristol and Leeds and these positions will be re-advertised in due course.

Membership:

The meeting was attended by Mr Muir Brown who presented an updated membership profile:

Honorary Fellow	17
Fellow	761
Member	2099
Associate	12
Affiliate	66
Student	287
Total	3242

Marketing will be focused more on student/affiliate membership to try to achieve a better conversion rate from student to affiliate member.

Working Group for Equivalence:

Dr Pdraig Ferry has continued to work hard to produce guidelines for acceptance criteria for Membership of the Faculty of Dental Surgery. These are now less ambiguous and should help the process especially for those applying through the non-examination route.

Ben Walton Trust:

Ben Walton Scholarship and Development Grant for 2020.

Prof Ogden has asked if this funding could go towards the Global Oral Cancer Forum 2020 in Edinburgh in March. The Board felt that this was an appropriate use of the grant and have given approval subject to authorisation by the accounts department as the conference falls within this financial year. No award would be made in the next financial year if this goes ahead.

Working Group on E-forums:

Dr Fiona Hogg has advised that this should be disbanded as it was felt that there are many online platforms already in existence. The Board accepted this and have disbanded this short life working group.

I would like to thank all Board members for making me feel so welcome and in particular to Lyn Cranwell for her invaluable administrative support. I look forward to working with you all and ensuring that the DMGEB continues to grow and provide a significant contribution to the Dental Faculty.

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