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Spring Scientific Meeting Bristol April 2014

I was unable to attend the Spring Scientific Meeting held at the Bristol Hotel, but Andrew Carr kindly agreed to provide a short report on the meeting. Dr Mark Callaway was the first speaker, delivering a talk on the RCR Standards committee and it was certainly interesting to hear about the challenges of delivering and maintaining a high standard of radiology training. Kristian Davies, the BSDMFR Undergraduate Award winner gave a superb talk about adherence to NICE guidelines on recall intervals and the FGDP (UK) Selection Criteria for Dental Radiography. An entertaining speaker, Kristian explored the results, giving background and also supplying some factors that might influence the decision of the general dental practitioner to comply with the selection criteria and NICE guidance.

Jane Luker giving a certificate of thanks to Mark Callaway

The meeting also incorporated the peer review organised by Dr Rebecca Davies. This proved to be an excellent learning experience and the ‘consensus’ was that Rebecca Davies did an excellent job at putting together an eclectic set of interesting cases for discussion.

The Society Dinner was held within the hotel, during which entertainment was provided by Dr James Puryer who by day is a lecturer in Restorative Dentistry at the Dental School, yet by night provides mystery and magic which was certainly enjoyed by all.
Day 2 of the scientific programme started with Nikki Atack, who discussed how imaging aids orthodontic management of patients. Nikki gave an excellent talk, emphasising how digital imaging increases the speed of treatment planning. Emphasis was also placed on the cautious use of Cone Beam CT for orthodontic treatment planning.

Paul King then gave an account of the role of imaging within restorative treatment planning including the role of cone beam CT and CAD-CAM within the provision of restorative dental treatment. Then Dr Matthew Beasley and Dr Bushra Ahmed gave hugely informative talks on the Radiology/Oncology interface in thyroid cancer and the physicians’ perspective of thyroid cancer respectively. Useful algorithms, guidelines and detail of the patient journey demonstrated the value of ultrasound pre- and post-treatment.

Dr Robert Marshall focussed on Sjogren’s syndrome and autoimmune disease, followed by Dr Mandy Williams who gave a short talk on the normal variants and disease of the cervical spine.

Members case presentations followed, with interesting cases including buccal space lesions and cystic lesions within osseous dysplasias. The best case presentation was awarded to Niall O’Neill.

**BSDMFR study Day held on 11th October 2014 at Mancode, Manchester**

This meeting was organised by Stephen Goss and took place on a Saturday to maximise attendance by the radiographers. The morning concentrated on quality assurance in dental radiography, and Ian Honey gave an overview of quality assurance before Angela Carson, Stephen Briggs, Elizabeth Weldon and Stuart Grange summarised how QA was performed at their dental hospitals. There followed a useful discussion of QA before breaking for lunch. The afternoon session on paediatric radiography included useful talks by Dr Vidya Srinivasan and Alejandro Hidalgo. The day was brought to an end by Amanda Medlin who presented how ‘Rhubarb the Rabbit’ (a short cartoon strip) can help young children have radiographs taken, and Jackie Brown who gave an interactive talk on the anatomy that can be seen on paediatric radiographs. There was a poster session at lunchtime and the prize for best poster was awarded to Sofia Torre, Liz Burley, Arthur New and Umi Khamis. The day was a great success and feedback from the day has been very positive. Well done to Stephen in organising this really useful day.
Stephen Goss, Stephen Briggs, Angela Carson, Ian Honey, Elizabeth Weldon and Stuart Grange who all spoke during the morning session.

**Society matters**

Jane Luker has written to the deputy Chief Dental Officer regarding the development of commissioning guidance for dentistry to be used local area teams in England. It is very likely that guidance for the commissioning of Dental and Maxillofacial Radiology will be developed from April 2015. This will be very important for the speciality. It is vital therefore that as a specialty we have up to date information on work force numbers and workload.

A small working group has also started on an updated curriculum for undergraduate dental students and DCPs. This is required in light of the new GDC standards document and learning outcomes for the dental team. Changes to the DCP curriculum are particularly required since therapists and hygienists may act as referrer, operator and practitioner.

The president has also written to the GDC regarding CPD as the RCR which often accredited courses awards ‘points’ and not ‘hours’ of CPD. The two are not necessarily equivalent and for the purposes of the GDC it is the ‘hours’ that are deemed important.

**Douglas Lovelock awarded Honorary Membership of EADMFR**

During EADMFR at Cluj Napoca, Douglas Lovelock was awarded Honorary Membership of EADMFR. John Rout gave a short citation recounting his contributions to EADMFR over the years before Douglas received his award. Douglas who is a former President of the Society is extremely deserving of this prestigious award.

Douglas Lovelock (left wearing blue jacket) joining in the dancing at ECDMFR held in Romania in 2002.
Presentation of 'Thames Cormorant' to the RCR
In May 2014 several members of the Society attended the official presentation of the painting commissioned by the Society in memory of Professor David Smith to the Royal College of Radiologists. David’s widow Mary and several other family members attended the presentation. Peter Hirschman spoke about David as well as the history of the painting. The painting ‘Thames Cormorant’ by Mark Hearld now hangs in the president’s office at the RCR.

Members of BSDMFR and David Smith’s family at the presentation of the painting ‘Thames Cormorant’ at the Royal College of Radiologists (left). 'Thames Cormorant' by Mark Hearld (right).

Retirements from the Society
John Bunn
Averin Cox
Kim Bullock

Congratulations to
Niall O’Neill and Simon Harvey for their StR appointments at Guy’s and St Thomas’ NHS Foundation Trust.

Chris Greenall on the birth of his second son Byron Morys born on 20th Sept 2014 weighing in at 8lb 10oz.

Report from EADMFR, Cluj-Napoca, Romania
Several BSDMFR members attended the 14th European Congress of DentoMaxillofacial Radiology that was held in Cluj-Napoca, Romania from 25-28th June 2014. Cluj-Napoca is in the heart of Transylvania although no vampires were spotted at any point.

Dormition of the Theotokos Cathedral, Cluj-Napoca Romanian orthodox church
The pre-congress course comprised a hands on ultrasound course. Rose Ngu and Jackie Brown provided much of the teaching for the day. The delegates thoroughly enjoyed the day particularly the practical needle biopsy session using chickens (dead) stuffed with olives!

Delegates waiting for the practical ultrasound session to begin

The main congress included 4 plenary sessions with talks given by Ralf Schulze (Germany), Horatiu Rotaru (Romania), Nadine Martin-Duverneuil (France) and Sarah Baatout (Belgium). My favourite was the talk by Dr Rotaru who gave an excellent overview of current rapid prototyping systems (3D printing systems), their uses and their likely futures uses including the 3D printing of living organs such as kidneys!

Jane Luker on the ‘Cardiff 2016 stand’ during one of the poster sessions

Chris Greenall delivered his two oral presentations for which he received the BSDMFR travel Bursary. Other UK contributors were Suzanna Loh and Andrew Macinnes who presented the posters ‘A grading of the intra-operator reproducibility in the grading of dental radiographs and ‘A survey of staff education on cone beam computed tomography’ respectively. This work had been carried out whilst working at Dundee Dental Hospital.

Traditional Romanian dancing at the Buena Restaurant
The social program included a welcome reception at the where they was food and wine a plenty and we were entertained by a close harmony all-girl group. The following night’s entertainment at the Buena restaurant included cocktails and traditional Romanian dancing. The gala dinner, held at the ‘DaVinci’ restaurant included a wine tasting event as well as further cocktails and a superb meal and dancing.

BSDMFR members enjoying the Gala dinner

Dr Mihaela Hedesiu, the chair of the local organising committee should be congratulated on putting on such a great event and certainly it will be a challenge for Cardiff to match the standard set in Romania.

New members
There have been a large number of applications to the Society again this year with a total 12 applications made at the Spring and Autumn meetings. The names of the new members are:

Laura Murray – Dental Radiographer – Edinburgh Dental Institute
Stuart Boyd – Dental Radiographer – Leeds Dental Institute
Susan Joan Ferguson – Dental Radiographer – Leeds Dental Institute
Grant Isherwood – SHO in OMFS – Glasgow
Tunde Bambose – Senior Lecturer & Consultant on OMFR and Surgery Nigeria
Mohamed El-Belihy – SHO OMFS London
Stephen Briggs – Dental Radiography
Steven Rice - Dental Associate
Anusha Ashok – Dental Core Trainee 1 at GSTT
Fahad Jamil - Dentist working in OMFS

Current Council members:
Dr Jane Luker (President)
Dr Bethan Thomas (Secretary)
Dr Rose Ngu (Treasurer)
Mr Nicholas Drage (President Elect)
Ms Fiona Carmichael (Immediate Past President)
Dr Linda Parrott
Dr Donald Thomson
Mr Eric Whaites
Mr Paul Nixon
Dr Jimmy Makdissi
Mr Stephen Goss
Mr Andrew Carr (StR representative)

**BSDMFR awards**
1. The 2014 BSDMFR Undergraduate award was won by Supeshala Weerasinghe, School of Dentistry, Bristol University. Supeshala will present at the Spring Scientific Meeting in Edinburgh 2015. Second prize was awarded to Toyin Aiyegbusi from Manchester.
2. BSDMFR Travel bursary awarded to Chris Greenall. Again Chris will present his work at the meeting in Edinburgh
3. BSDMFR 50th Anniversary Educational Awarded to Chris Greenall.

**DDMFR Examination Results**
Congratulations to Bhagy Bhatchu for obtaining the Diploma in Dental and Maxillofacial Radiology in September 2014.

**Future Meetings:**
BSDMFR Spring Scientific Meeting 23-24 April 2015, Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh.

**Other Meetings**
20th International Congress of Dento-Maxillo-Facial Radiology, Santiago, Chile, 2015
15th European Congress of DentoMaxilloFacial Radiology, June 15-18, 2016, Cardiff, Wales
21st International Congress of Dento-Maxillo-Facial Radiology, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, 2017

**Late News**
The Society has also had a letter from Tunde Bamgbose, one of our new overseas members. Tunde is a professor at the Faculty of Dentistry, Bayero University, Kano, Nigeria and he has recently received a report from the West African College of Surgeons, stating that the oral and maxillofacial radiology specialty has been given full accreditation, which means the centre is now accredited to take applications and train residents in oral and maxillofacial radiology.
This is great news and wish Tunde well in training up his residents.

**Useful Websites**
BSDMFR
http://wwwbsdmar.org.uk
IADMFR
http://www.iadmfr.org/
EADMFR
http://www.eadmfr.org

Dental School radiology links:
ACTA Amsterdam
http://www.radiology.acta.nl/
Aarhus University
http://www.odont.au.dk/rad/default.html

Web-based education:
http://www.orad.org
http://www.dent.ucla.edu/sod/depts/oral_rad/courses/DS451c/
http://www.dent.ucla.edu/sod/depts/oral_rad/courses/DS422b/
http://www.gwc.maricopa.edu/class/bio201/skull/skulltt.htm
http://bpass.dentistry.dal.ca/casestudies.html

Links to Guidelines
1. Radiation Protection. European guidelines on radiation protection in
dental radiology The safe use of radiographs in dental practice:
2. Protection Radiation No 172. Cone beam CT for dental and maxillofacial
radiology(Evidence-based guidelines):
3. Guidance on the Safe Use of Dental Cone Beam CT. HPA:
http://www.hpa.org.uk/webc/HPAwebFile/HPAweb_C/1287143862981
4. Guidance Notes for Dental Practitioners on the Safe Use of X-Ray
Equipment. HPA:
http://www.hpa.org.uk/webc/hpawebfile/hpaweb_c/1194947310610

Newsgroup
ORADLIST is a world-wide conference mailing list in which the subscribers
have a particular interest in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology. To subscribe or
unsubscribe to ORADLIST check the following web address:
http://lists.ucla.edu/cgi-bin/mailman/listinfo/oradlist

If you are aware of other internet based resources that should be listed here,
let the society know by e-mailing the Secretary, Bethan Thomas at
bethan.thomas@kcl.ac.uk

As you know Cardiff is hosting ECDMFR June 15th-18th 2016. The logo for the
congress is shown below. Could I ask that if you are giving lectures in the UK
or abroad you show the logo to promote the conference.

Many thanks

Nicholas Drage