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Society News

Happy New Year to it is almost a year since the Society met up in Leeds at the end of March for the Annual Scientific Meeting which was held at the Leeds City Museum and included a SEDENTEXCT workshop on dental cone beam CT which attracted many non members and a host of international speakers. Several delegates were spotted in the Spice World exhibition also being held at the museum.

Day two included the annual general meeting at the end of which, Liz Connor handed the baton of President over to Fiona Carmichael. A big thank you to Liz for all your work in leading the society over the last 2 years. There followed a very interesting talk by Bob Bury Consultant Radiologist (retired) entitled ' Stop worrying-radiation is good for you' a video link to his lecture can be found on www.rsm.videos.com . The afternoon was rounded off the radiologists peer review session facilitated by John Rout, who did an admirable job in diffusing the usual heated discussion, by introducing electronic voting for the correct answer using turning point.

All dental hospitals and schools are being pressed to make cost savings as the NHS and Universities try and reduce their costs. At present there are no planned cuts in undergraduate dental student places but there are currently issues over graduate entry courses as it appears there is an EU clause which states that all dental courses must be of 5 years duration in the same institution.

At every interview I have attended over the last 12 months someone has asked the candidates how we could do more clinical work for less money whilst improving quality of care. There is no doubt that improved efficiencies may save money and improve quality but we must ensure that the latter is foremost in our minds.

Due to the current economy and the dreaded Cash Releasing Efficiency Savings (CRES) the society is mindful of keeping costs to meetings as low as possible and this is one of the reasons we

have moved to an annual scientific meeting over two days which will be a Wednesday and Thursday to try and avoid the higher travel expenses incurred on Fridays. This year's scientific meeting will be held in Betty's tea Rooms, Harrogate, on the 18th and 19th of April.



And finally.....

Congratulations to our trainees Anita Sengupta, David Andrew and Bethan Thomas who passed DDR part A in March 2011 and Andrew Carr who gained his FRCR part 1. Andrew has decided that academia is for him and has recently changed from DMFR SpR to Academic Clinical Fellow at Newcastle. We wish all our trainees good luck in their coming exams

And to Brenda Murray and husband Stuart on the birth of Adam Stuart Boomer born on the 18th April 2011 weighing 10lb 1oz.

Jane Luker President Elect

IADMFR Hiroshima 25th -29th May 2011

Just 3 months earlier Japan had been hit by a severe earthquake which triggered a massive tsunami that had devastated the north east of Honshu including the nuclear plant at Fukushima.

Although the south of Honshu and Hiroshima was not affected by disruption, the course organizers are to be congratulated with running an international conference following such a major national catastrophe.

The congress was organized by Keiji Tanimoto, President of

IADMFR. The venue of Hiroshima was a particularly poignant because of the atomic bomb dropped on 6th August 1945. The conference took place at the International conference Center just a stone's throw away from the Hiroshima Prefectural Commercial Exhibition built in 1915, now called the atomic bomb dome, located in the Peace Memorial park. The bomb was detonated almost immediately above this building (see picture).

In true Japanese fashion, the whole of the congress was extremely well organized and efficiently run. Everyone was most friendly, helpful and so polite, not only at the congress but wherever one went in Japan. The conference centre was compact with the lecture halls, poster stands, trade stands and restaurants all within a minute or so of each other. The lecture theatres were well appointed with good audio-visual facilities and the food was excellent. One must not forget to mention Japanese sit down toilets, which are an experience in themselves, and leave a lasting impression.

In the past there have been times when one might have had difficulty in understanding lectures or talks delivered by Japanese presenters, however there were no such problems at the conference where the standard of English delivery was exemplary. Delegates were arguably in the best place to learn about the late effects of radiation from the detonation of the atomic bombs and there were extremely good and instructive lectures on this theme.

Research was presented on a wide variety of topics using ultrasound MRI, CT and cone beam CT, including a particularly interesting talk on incidental findings on CBCT.

There were a few British at the conference but what the contingent lacked in quantity it made up for in quality. There were presentations from Neil Hamilton, Rose Ngu, Fiona Carmichael and Laetitia Brocklebank.

It was not all work and the social events included a visit to

Miyajima with its iconic Itsukushima Shinto Shrine, the Welcome Dinner at the Grand Prince Hotel with the amazing views over the water, and the banquet where the food was top class and the entertainment consisted of a traditional Japanese story of how Saki became the national drink, acted out in song and dance. Oh nearly forgot, there was also an impromptu karaoke session which made the X Factor look like a side show.

It was one of the best congresses I have been to, so was there a downside? Well yes – it was unfortunate that there were so few people from Europe and the USA. And, well it rained quite a bit in Hiroshima, although ‘see through’ umbrellas were distributed, which were needed as on the last conference day there was a typhoon, but aren’t we Brits used to a bit of inclement weather!



A brace of lady presidents enjoying a Japanese snack (but no chop sticks!)



Rose Ngu with a 'guest' at the banquet



The iconic atomic dome



A group of Society itinerants at Miyajima

From our roving reporter John Rout

EADMFR

The European Congress of Dentomaxillofacial Radiology meeting will be held in Leipzig, Germany this year from 13th June- 16th June. Details are on the EADMFR website (<http://www.eadmfr.info/>). If you are wishing to present at the meeting, the closing date for abstracts is approaching fast!





Dental Radiology Congresses (UK) is putting in a bid to host the EADMFR 2016 in Cardiff. Nicholas Drage would welcome support from BSDMFR colleagues attending the Leipzig meeting to help promote Cardiff. He has found an excellent venue for the meeting in the newly refurbished Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, which is close to the city centre. A link to the venue can be found at <http://www.rwcmd.ac.uk/>. Photographs of venue are on the left. It is proposed that the Gala dinner is held at National Museum (picture lower left). The museum has a superb art collection including paintings by Monet and van Gogh.

BSDMFR Audit

Thank you to everyone who submitted data for the BDSMFR audit on sialography the results of the audit have been sent to each participating dental hospital. The aim of the audit was to review the clinical information on the referral forms with reference to the selection criteria for this procedure.

1. To correlate the clinical information with the sialographic findings.
2. To identify any factors in the clinical history that are predictive of normal or abnormal findings.
3. To identify any variations in these figures between different referrers and to determine why this may be occurring.
4. To consider whether any changes could be made to the referral criteria for this examination to reduce the incidence of normal findings.

The Recommendations were

1. To consider restricting sialography requests to clinicians with more experience of salivary gland problems.
2. To consider sialography as a first line investigation only where there is intermittent swelling +/- pain. Other referrals should be redirected for ultrasound, with sialography as a possible secondary investigation if indicated.
3. To only consider sialography for dry mouth if other tests for this condition are equivocal or if there are obstructive symptoms in addition to xerostomia

Thank you to Paul Nixon for all his hard work in co-ordinating the data collection and the production of the report with the help of an enthusiastic SHO

The BSDMFR are currently auditing the panoramic radiography in young children

FUTURE BSDMFR & INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

British Society for the History of Radiology's Annual Lecture which is to be held at the British Institute of Radiology, Portland Street, London on the 20th February 2012 at 7.00pm.

**BSDMFR Annual Scientific Meeting
18th-19th April 2012, Betty's Tea Rooms
Harrogate**

June 13-16, 2012



**Leipzig, Germany
13th European Congress of Dentomaxillofacial
Radiology of the European Academy of DMFR**

**British Society of Head and Neck Imaging
Meeting at the Royal Society of Medicine 5th-6th
July 2012**

USEFUL INTERNET ADDRESSES

BSDMFR

<http://www.bsdmfr.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>

European Guidelines

http://europa.eu.int/comm/energy/nuclear/radioprotection/publication/136_en.htm

Newsgroup:

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