

BSSPD 2010 Stirling Annual Conference.

A meeting of leading figures both national and international was held at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow on Friday 26th March 2010. This consensus meeting was organised by the President of BSSPD, Dr Craig Barclay and chaired by Prof Fraser McCord. The delegates were presented with the recent updated Cochrane review papers dealing with peri-implantitis and implant maintenance. The consensus group (Table A) experts in this field were asked consider the evidence base and several major issues were identified before the meeting and the members asked to review the literature that had been made available previously to help formulate opinions that could be collated into a final consensus statement.

- To develop a definition of peri-implant mucositis
- A new classification of mucositis- like diseases is needed. Is mucositis really one specific disease entity?
- To develop a definition of peri-implantitis
- From the review paper on peri-implantitis – develop a consensus definition of what implant failure is, so this can be applied in future studies as a consistent definition.
- Is peri-implantitis really one specific disease entity?
- What evidence is there for the management of these conditions?

The Cochrane team started the meeting by presenting the data from the recently updated Cochrane review articles which have just gone to press. Following this, several hours of fruitful discussion and debate ensued and views were expressed and evidence gathered so that a small consensus document was agreed which will be published in the near future.

The Dean of the Dental Faculty, Prof MAO Lewis then convened a formal dinner hosted by the Glasgow College for the consensus members (Picture A).



Picture A: Consensus Group in the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow.

Table A: Consensus Group Members

Prof Fraser McCord (CHAIR)	Professor of Restorative Dentistry and Honorary Consultant in Restorative Dentistry Glasgow Dental Hospital and School
Dr C W Barclay (BSSPD President)	Consultant/ Hon Senior Lecturer in Restorative Dentistry, Associate Postgraduate Dental Dean, Director of Education (Mandec), Manchester Dental Hospital, Manchester
Dr Marco Esposito (COCHRANE LEAD)	Senior Lecturer in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, School of Dentistry, University of Manchester, UK Associate Professor in Biomaterials with the Sahlgrenska Academy of Göteborg University, Sweden.
Dr Maria Grusovin (COCHRANE co-LEAD)	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, School of Dentistry, University of Manchester.
Prof Tomas Albrektsson	Department of Biomaterials/Handicap Research, Göteborg University, Göteborg, Sweden
Dr Stefan Ellner	Head, Clinic for Prosthodontics, Specialist Dental Care Centre, Kalmar, Sweden
Dr Patrick Palacci	Private Practice, Marseille, France
Prof Stefan Renvert	Professor of Oral Health Sciences and Research Director Kristianstad University, Sweden
Dr Frank Schwarz	Department of Oral Surgery, Westdeutsche Kieferklinik, University of Düsseldorf, Germany
Mr Chris Butterworth	Consultant in Restorative Dentistry, Oral Rehabilitation Regional maxillofacial unit at Aintree Liverpool University Dental Hospital.
Mr Peter Briggs	Consultant in Restorative and Implant Dentistry, St George's Hospital, London
Dr Crawford Bain	Private Practice 14 Somerset Place, Glasgow G3 7JT
Prof Iain L C Chapple	Professor of Periodontology, Periodontal Research Group The University of Birmingham
Prof Michael R Fenlon	Prof/Head of Postgraduate Prosthodontics, King's College London Dental Institute, London
Prof Richard Palmer	Professor of Restorative Dentistry/Implant Dentistry and Periodontology Kings and St Thomas' Hospitals, London, UK
Dr Nigel Saynor	Private Practice Bramcote Dental Practice & Dental Implant Centre Stockport
Dr Lloyd Searson	Eastman Dental Hospital, 256 Gray's Inn Road, London WC15 8LD.
Prof. J Mark Thomason	Professor of Prosthodontics & Oral Rehabilitation School of Dental Sciences, Newcastle University



The annual BSSPD conference was officially opened on Saturday 27th March 2010 in Stirling Management Centre, Stirling, Scotland by Margie Taylor, Scotland's Chief Dental Officer.

Unfortunately Prof T Albrektsson had taken unwell the night before and was unable to travel from Glasgow to Stirling. However Patrick Palacci stepped into the breach, as only he can, and presented for two hours and the various factors that affect implant survival. His beautifully illustrated presentation made the audience realise the importance of precision when implant planning and placement is carried out. After lunch Prof Renvert comprehensively covered the management of peri-implantitis and it was clear from the audience response how a world expert in this field clearly summarised the issues and management of this problem. He was followed by Frank Schwarz who eloquently presented the peer reviewed published evidence from his unit and others on the management of this problem including the possible use of lasers in this field. The final presentation of the day was given by Stefan Ellner who effortlessly summarised the various factors clinicians need to consider to ensure success as well as other issues related to maintenance. The delegates were indeed fortunate to have heard such comprehensive presentations by leading experts in this field (Picture B).



Picture B: International Speakers on the opening day of the conference.

On the Saturday evening the formal dinner was held at Stirling Castle and the Scottish weather held for a glorious evening, when the delegates were treated to bagpipe music, a tour of the castle, opera singing, fine dining and the evening completed by several hours of ceilidh dancing (Picture C).



Picture C: Stirling castle on the evening of the formal dinner.

The Sunday morning of the conference was opened by Paul Stone (President of EAO) who outlined the importance of dental implant education and summarised the various avenues that clinicians can pursue to achieve continuing professional development in this field. He was followed by Nigel Saynor, a prominent private practitioner from Cheshire, who presented expertly illustrated clinical examples of how to manage dental aesthetics with two adjacent dental implants. John Cameron then completed the morning line up and he discussed, illustrated with numerous frightening clinical examples, the medico-legal problems that some clinicians experience in the field of dental implantology.

Mr Karl Bishop, Restorative Consultant from Morriston introduced the afternoon session outlining the role for dental implants in the management of cleft lip and plate and he comprehensively covered such issues as the timing and the

role of alveolar grafting in this condition. The remaining part of the afternoon was presented by up and coming stars of the society who competed for the prestigious Schottlander award. All the presentations were of a very high standard but there could only be one winner and Stephen Brindley from Manchester was successful with his presentation on the topic of Mini Dental Implants: Do They Have A Role In Modern Implant Dentistry?

After a quieter and somewhat more sedate conference dinner on the Sunday evening, the final day of the meeting was opened by a brief presentation by the research award winner, followed by Peter Briggs expertly dealing with the topic of the role of dental implants in management of hypodontia. The final speaker needed no introduction to the society as Chris Butterworth (President Elect for 2012) summarised his nationally renowned clinical expertise on the topic of dental implants in oral rehabilitation of head and neck cancer patients.

This memorable meeting was closed with the induction of the new president Prof Damien Walmsley, who outlined the conference to be held in Birmingham on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th April 2011.



Picture D: Dr C Barclay and Prof AD Walmsley