

THE BRITISH SOCIETY OF PERIODONTOLOGY AND IMPLANT DENTISTRY

Minutes of the 75th Annual General Meeting
held online on Tuesday 16th July 2024, via Zoom.

Present: Professor Philip Preshaw
Professor Wendy Turner
Dr Ian Dunn

President
Honorary Secretary
Honorary Treasurer/Webinar Host

and 58 members registered to attend.

The President welcomed everyone to the Society's 75th Annual General Meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

An apology was received from Dr Trevor Watts.

2. To adopt the Minutes of the 74th Annual General Meeting

There were no amendments to the Minutes of the 74th Annual General Meeting and they were approved.

3. Report of the Honorary Secretary

Review of the Year ending December 2023.

Professor Turner reported as follows:

Good evening. I am honoured to present the **Honorary Secretary's** Annual Report for this AGM, which is based on the year ending 2023.

Taking things in chronological order, Professor Mike Milward served as President of the Society in 2023.

Mike took the Presidency in his stride having already served on Council for two terms as Honorary Treasurer. With Mike at the helm, the Society continued with its charitable work throughout the year, predominantly through the educational programme, dissemination of information to the profession, developing resources for patients and the public, and by sponsoring research and educational prizes to aid the career development of young professionals. I will only have time to touch on some of those projects this evening.

Mike organised a wonderful Conference which took place in his hometown, Birmingham, in October last year.

The three-day event started with a joint meeting with the Periodontal Research Group of the British Society for Oral and Dental Research (BSODR).

The BSODR actively engage and support early career researchers (ECR). The term ECRs relates to any early career academic, whether clinical or non-clinical, who has an interest in the full range of oral and dental research and can range from undergraduates to PhD students, and everything in between.

Professor Milward's aim in organising the joint meeting was to help support ECRs in developing their careers and in delivering future research to benefit our patients. This complimented the annual BSP Conference theme, "**Teams - working together for success,**" as it encompassed the important work done by researchers, as they tackle some of the healthcare challenges we face and help us to achieve better health outcomes for patients across the UK and around the world.

The main BSP Conference was carefully planned by Mike to engage all members of the oral healthcare community, based on his strong belief that we need to work closely together with a common goal to deliver the best treatment outcomes for our patients.

The Conference lectures developed the teamwork theme, from patients views and opinions, contemporary patient management, working with other dental specialties, through to the future of periodontal care. The event provided a wonderful opportunity for the whole dental team to enjoy an exciting mix of presentations, workshops, networking and socialising. The sell-out event was a great success and the feedback from delegates was excellent.

It was a pleasure to work with Mike last year. On behalf of BSP Council, I would like to thank Mike for his long service and dedication to the Society.

In January, the Society's programme of educational webinars commenced. Organised by the Chairs of the Education Advisory Committee, Dr Shazad Saleem and Prof Luigi Nibali, the webinars continued to be extremely popular, allowing members to view live on the night or access the recording.

The webinars in 2023 offered a wide range of relevant and interesting topics and were well received by our members.

Date	Title	Speaker
9 th January 2023	How periodontitis affects the body. The <u>perio</u> -systemic link	Dr Praveen Sharma
27 th April 2023	Prognosis of periodontally involved teeth - how good are we?	Prof Francis Hughes
8 th June 2023	The Periodontitis-Diabetes Interface: A Sweet Encounter in General Dental Practice	Dr Devan Raindi
25 th July 2023	Behaviour Change in Dentistry – How to support <u>perio</u> patients to change their behaviour	Dr Koula Asimakopoulou
3 rd October 2023	EFP – WONCA (World Organisation of National Colleges & Associations of Family Doctors) Workshop – Impact of Periodontal Health on Overall Health	Prof Iain Chapple
14 th November 2023	Peri-implantitis – the host bacterial communication	Dr Purnima Kumar
6 th December 2023	Monitoring and Maintaining Dental Implants in General Practice	Mrs Kathryn Mayo & Mrs Jenny Walker

In May, the Society participated in the pan European campaign, Gum Health Day, to raise awareness of the importance of gum health. The 2023 campaign slogan, **“Healthy gums look good on you! Protect them!”** was intended to reflect that healthy gums are part of our wellbeing and beauty. It also conveyed a powerful message encouraging everybody to prioritise prevention and maintenance of their gum health, which contributes to enhancing people's overall facial aesthetics and therefore their self-confidence in everyday social activities.

The Society worked with BSP Undergraduate Representatives, students and staff at Dental and Hygiene/Therapy Schools in Aberdeen, Cardiff, Liverpool, Kings/Guys Hospital London and Manchester to set up fantastic events to promote Gum health Day to patients and the public.

They each created a stand of resources and spent time at busy locations, handing out "Periodontal Health for a Better Life" leaflets to members of the public to

get across the important message about the importance of looking after your gum health.

In the same month, the BSP Team attended The British Dental Conference and Dentistry Show in Birmingham.

Prof Mike Milward and Mrs Paula Dunn worked at the BSP stand, promoting membership, distributing resources and answering clinical questions.

Dr Rajan Nansi and Dr Devan Raindi presented lectures in the Specialty Interest Theatre. In addition, Dr Raindi accepted an invitation from the British Association of Dental Nurses to speak in the Dental Nurses' Forum.

During May, Dr Mitul Shah presented an extremely popular hands-on Masterclass course in Birmingham.

The aim of the course was to help delegates improve their knowledge and clinical proficiency when managing patients with an excess gingival display.

During the first part of the day, delegates participated in lectures and case-based discussions which explored the fundamentals of a facially driven aesthetic assessment and the treatment planning of complex cases. Later, they had the opportunity to actively plan surgery for a real-life case using PowerPoint/Keynote, Photoshop and Digital Smile Design software. Dr Shah worked with the group encouraging them to assess the rationale behind different surgical techniques and key surgical decision making. The hands-on element of the course provided the delegates with the opportunity to develop their skills in performing crown lengthening surgery, including flap management, bone removal with rotary/piezoelectric instruments and advanced suturing techniques.

The feedback from the course was excellent and I would like to extend my personal thanks to Mitul and the surgical team who assisted him on the day, Dr Viren Vithlani, Dr Mital Patel and Dr Devan Raindi.

Our ECG continues to develop and offer support to new members of the profession interested in periodontology. ECG Chair, Dr Devan Raindi, will report in more detail about the group's activities later in this meeting but I would like to take this opportunity to thank Devan and his Committee for their hard work and service to the Society during 2023.

In June, BSP was delighted to appoint Dr Devan Raindi as Ambassador for the next EuroPerio Congress. As many of you will know, EuroPerio is the world's leading congress in periodontology and implant dentistry, and will be held in Vienna, Austria, 14-17 May 2025.

Devan has already met with the EFP organising committee in Vienna to discuss strategies for promoting the congress and we are confident that he will do a fantastic job in this role.

Registration and abstract submissions for EuroPerio11 will open on **2nd September 2024**, so please make sure to save the date in your calendar for what promises to be an excellent event.

In June, we celebrated Past President and Honorary Member, Professor Francis Hughes MBE, who was recognised in the King's Birthday Honours List for his outstanding services to Dentistry.

Francis has dedicated a lifetime of service to improving oral health and dental research in the UK and internationally and made a significant impact on improving dental education and patient care. He has worked tirelessly to improve oral health by furthering scientific knowledge and practice through innovative research, education and training.

Throughout his exemplary 40-year NHS career, Francis has undertaken considerable unpaid charitable roles in addition to his work. He is an internationally recognised academic, who has devoted his life to educating and inspiring generations of undergraduates, contributing to postgraduate/specialist level training in Periodontology for students from around the world, providing a substantial part of the workforce delivering complex periodontal care at specialist/consultant level - an incredible achievement.

Despite stepping back from his full-time clinical role as Professor of Periodontology, King's College London, he continues his research studies, teaches research methodologies and contributes to educational Faculty programmes.

On behalf of everyone at BSP, I would like to congratulate Francis on his well-deserved Honour.

In September, the BSP began the task of reviewing the final recommendations of the EFP Peri-Implantitis Treatment Guidelines to ensure they were appropriate to share with UK dental professionals (dentists, hygienists, therapists), patients and the public.

Professor West and Professor Kebschull led four working groups who met online to focus on the systematic reviews in the publication. It is expected that the paper will be published in the Journal of Dentistry in later this Summer, with open access to all.

The BSP is fortunate to be supported by a Patient Forum consisting of a small group of volunteers who regularly meet to share their experiences and ideas. Over the last twelve months, the Forum members have continued to meet online and have participated in many initiatives including the SDCEP updated guideline workshops, BSP Peri-Implantitis Treatment Guidelines workshops, creating a series of patient information videos and a patient symposium for undergraduates.

As members will know, we now have a Patient Forum Council Representative who attends our regular meetings, and we greatly value their input on some of the initiatives we undertake. We are very grateful to Mr Julian Ekiert who kindly took on this role and reached the end of his term in December 2023. Mr Andrew Cundy now holds this position and continues to liaise between the Council and the Forum to help inform and influence Society activity, policy and strategy.

We will share a report from Andrew Cundy later this evening which will detail their most recent activities.

The Society has also continued to foster close relations with the European Federation of Periodontology, with many of Council involved in various committees. In addition, we continue to enjoy good working relationships with many other dental agencies, including Public Health England, the Department of Health, NHS England, the Office of the Chief Dental Officer and the British Society of Restorative Dentistry. We have worked with these agencies in an advisory capacity and the voice of the BSP is being heard at the highest level. Again, this demonstrates the commitment the Society and its members have to engaging with all stakeholders as part of its Strategic Plan. I would like to thank all those members of Council who have given their time and expertise to support these important links.

We have seen a small dip in our membership figures, particularly in the undergraduate category. Retaining our members is of paramount importance to us. We have frozen our subscription fees for the last five years and remain committed to working hard for our members. We hope that you will continue to support the Society and enjoy the many benefits that membership brings.

The slide shows the Society membership status at the end of 2023:

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Honorary	14	18	19	13	20	19	18
Emeritus	2	3	3	3	3	3	3
Full Members	768	784	805	766	795	818	780
Full Members DH/DT	218	257	307	314	377	399	417
Postgraduate/ StR	72	80	67	91	94	86	47
First 3 Years	20	24	6	5	5	14	21
Undergraduates	74	115	338	305	445	380	288
Associates Overseas/ Retired	31	11	11	34	34	58	46
TOTAL	1199	1292	1555	1530	1773	1777	1620

Prizes Awarded in 2023

PRIZE	Award
<p><u>Sir Wilfred Fish Research Prize</u> Niamh Coffey <i>"Periodontal Disease prevalence and Oral Hygiene in Adults with Cystic Fibrosis."</i></p>	£1,000
<p><u>BSP Clinical Fellowship award</u> Patrick Fee Jasmine Loke Giuseppe Mainas</p>	Up to £4,000 per award
<p><u>Systematic Review Prize</u> Nor Shafina Binti Mohamed Nazari <i>"Assessment Methods of Gingival Tissue Volume: A Systematic Review."</i></p>	£1,000
<p><u>Poster Prize</u> Clinical: Ursala Jogezeai Research: Vanaja Krishna Naik</p>	£500
<p><u>BSP Research Grant</u> Kitty Guo</p>	Up to £5,000 per award
<p><u>Frank Ashley Undergraduate Prize</u> Robson Chiremba</p>	£500
<p><u>Audit award</u> Beant Thandi</p>	£500

I would like to praise all applicants for their contribution to the Society and congratulate the individuals nominated for the awards. I also wish to thank the panel of judges who have assisted with determining the winners.

Entry criteria and deadlines for all prizes are available on the BSP website and there is still time to apply for one of the awards that will be judged at this year's Conference in Newcastle.

In addition to the BSP Awards, the Society contributed £5,000 to the Faculty of Dental Surgery at The Royal College of Surgeons of England Pump-Priming Grant. The recipient of the 2023 FDS-BSP Pump-Priming Grant of £10,000 was Zehra Yonel, from the University of Birmingham to support her research project entitled, "*Does inflammatory bowel disease alter the detection of gum disease in saliva?*"

BSP Council is made up of volunteers who give their time freely to help the Society. Their work is varied and can include undertaking initiatives, providing representation at external meetings, reviewing policies and working on important internal projects. During 2023, we held 4 Council meetings and I am proud of how much we collectively achieved. I would like to thank the whole of Council for their hard work and support this year.

As a Society, we regularly reflect and evaluate our achievements and identify key objectives for the following 12 months. These objectives reflect elements of our strategic plan and keep the BSP focused on delivering the best service to our members, the wider dental community, the public and patients.

We recognise the need to maintain this momentum and keep our work under constant review to ensure that we go from strength to strength and safeguard the future of the Society. Professor Preshaw is leading the review of our current Strategic Plan to ensure that BSP meet the needs of our membership and stays at the forefront of research and education in the area of periodontology and dental implantology.

As a charity, we rely on funding from organisations to enable us to succeed in our aim to advance all aspects of periodontology and implant dentistry and promote the importance of gum health to dental and medical professionals, undergraduate students, patients and the public.

Without the support of our 2023 Partner Sponsors, we would not have been able to fully support our members and the wider dental profession in the many successful initiatives we have undertaken.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to our 2023 Partner Sponsors: Acteon, Corsodyl, Johnson & Johnson, NSK, Oral-B and Philips. The BSP is extremely grateful for their support and the successful working relationship that we enjoyed last year.

Lastly, I would like to thank Paula and Joanne for the amazing job they do in managing the day to day running of the busy Society. Together, they are the central point of contact for all BSP matters and are always happy to assist you with any membership or event queries you may have.

This brings me to the end of my report.

Dr Devan Raindi proposed, and Dr Rajan Nansi seconded the adoption of Professor Turner's report.

4. Report of the Honorary Treasurer

Dr Ian Dunn reported on the accounts for the year ending 2023, covering the period 1st January -31st December 2023, as follows:

a). Presentation of Accounts

As always, I would like to thank our accountants, Alison Whalley and her team, at Azets (formerly Naylor Wintersgill Ltd), for the excellent job they do on behalf of the Society.

Thanks must also go to the BSP Team who manage the smooth running of the accounts on a day-to-day basis.

I intend, this evening, to provide a short summary of the accounts for 2023, highlighting the main points worth noting and will then finish with our proposals for 2025.

If we look first at the income received in 2023, you will note that overall it was slightly greater than in 2022.

The main differences in the figures listed worth noting are:

- There was a small decrease in membership subscriptions last year.
- We were supported by two less sponsor companies to achieve our charitable objectives.

Despite this, we saw some significant increases:

- We received a greater return on our investments due to increased interest rates.
- The donations in 2023 included a sizeable EFP Legacy payment following EP10 of £30,467. In addition, two Conference speakers kindly waived their fee.

Next, we will examine the expenses incurred in 2023. Although the expenses show an increase, they can also be easily explained:

In terms of charitable activity expenses:

- Conference costs were much higher in 2023, however, it was a longer event and, as you may have seen on the previous slide, brought in increased income compared to the previous year. The 2023 event was a great success run over three days to include a Joint Meeting with BSODR. Overall, the event organised by Professor Mike Milward produced a pleasing surplus of **£6,190**.
- An increase in Awards & Prizes was another larger item of expenditure. This was a conscious decision made by Council to award multiple recipients BSP prizes and to also support the RCS Pump-Priming Grant. (The Pump-Priming grants for 2022 and 2023 were paid out in 2023 and reflected in the accounts.)

In terms of the Support & Governance costs:

- The majority of costs remained the same and the decrease was mostly a result of our accountants being able to recover more VAT on our charitable expenses.

Looking at the overall picture since 2018, the Society has consistently performed well, and I am delighted to report that the Society had a successful year in 2023.

The Society's total income was **£465,859**

Related costs were **£386,613**

This provided a net surplus of **£79,246**

Council intends to use some of the funds to achieve charitable objectives and undertake educational initiatives over the coming period and will be guided by the terms of the new Strategic Plan. As always, caution will be exercised to ensure that all projects are cost-effective and beneficial to our members, the wider dental community the public and patients. Safeguarding the long-term future of the Society remains of paramount importance to us. We shall keep you updated via our monthly newsletters regarding future activities.

Maintaining our members and encouraging new members to join is crucial to the long-term future of the Society. We are extremely proud that our membership figures have consistently stayed above 1,000 since 2015.

It was disappointing to note a drop in the membership at the end of last year and this is certainly something we are monitoring. We recognise that we live in difficult financial times and for many the last few years have been extremely challenging. However, we are working hard for our members and hope that you are enjoying the many benefits that membership brings.

Overall:

- There were continuing financial challenges during 2023 due to the aftermath of COVID-19 and the ongoing financial crisis
- Despite a dip in membership, BSP continues to attract new members and continues to deliver high levels of educational activity via initiatives and through Annual Conference & Webinar based events
- We have generated a pleasing annual surplus of £79,246
- Our current financial situation fits well with our core principles to deliver education and our status as a charity
- We need to continue to ensure that we attract the financial support of our Partners as well as engaging with new Partners
- 2024 is still a challenging year, BSP is working hard to support its members and I would encourage members to support BSP and Conference in October
- Overall, our Society remains in good financial shape

b). Proposals for 2025:

We therefore make the proposals:

1. That for 2025 we increase subscriptions by £3. Subscriptions have been frozen for the last five years. However, this small increase reflects the rise in expenses in all areas of life. This will continue to be reviewed in future years.
2. To retain the services of our accountant Alison Whalley at Azets
3. That our Executive General Manager, Paula Dunn, continues to work closely with our accountant to be able provide the Trustees with an ongoing assessment of the Society's financial situation.

The membership voted in favour of adopting Dr Dunn's proposals.

Prof Giles McCracken proposed and Prof Ian Needleman seconded the adoption of Dr Dunn's report.

5. Report of the Honorary Editor

Prof Wendy Turner shared a report, on behalf of Dr Alex Pollard, as follows:

The BSP Editorial Team work incredibly hard to ensure that our members, the wider dental community, the public and patients are kept up to date with the latest news and developments. The continued engagement and growth of our membership and social media followers is testament to this.

Facebook – 17,050 (134 increase in last ten months)

Twitter – 2,517 (73 increase)

Instagram – 5,079 (578 increase)

Please follow us on social media and interact with us on there.

We use several communication channels so that we can engage with as many members as possible, attract new members and hopefully collaborate with other health professionals and organisations. In addition to our social media platforms and website, we share news through regular emails containing event updates and a monthly newsletter, as well as a physical copy of our annual magazine the 'Periodical'.

Over the last year we have worked closely with the Patient Forum and some of our dental experts to put together a series of educational videos called, "Ask the Expert." The patients had the opportunity to chat to our dental experts, discuss queries they had about gum disease and discover how best to look after their gum health. We have added these videos to a new page on our website which also contains the answers to frequently asked questions we receive from the public about gum disease. We encourage you to direct your patients to these informative resources.

We also used this opportunity to record a few top clinical tips for our members. More information about this initiative will be included in our July newsletter.

You will recall that last year's Periodical magazine focused on some of our amazing members, who dedicate time to charitable work on top of their other commitments. The articles were truly inspiring and uplifting, with many other amazing stories we could have shared if we had space. This year, we are focusing on the 75th Anniversary of the BSP. There will be historical pieces, thoughts for the future and some fun interactive sections. The member articles are always fascinating to read and I am always amazed by how generous our members are with their time to write for the magazine.

Members should receive their copy of the magazine by post in November. We hope you enjoy reading this edition of the Periodical and, as ever, we are always grateful for your feedback.

The Society advertise job vacancies, which is a service that we provide for our members. There is certainly a lot of work out there for those of us interested in the field of periodontology. The advertisements can be found on the Professional page of our website.

Finally, I would like to encourage members to consider submitting a case study to the BSP or entering one of our Awards, such as the new Primary Care Early Career Case Reports Award. Information about the criteria for entering for a BSP Awards can be found on our website. If you have any questions about our awards, please contact the admin team, who will be happy to advise you. Each submission is carefully considered, and supportive feedback is always given, so if you're tempted to enter just go for it!

This brings me to the end of my report.

Prof Iain Chapple proposed and Dr Devan Raindi seconded the adoption of Dr Pollard's report.

6. Report of the Chairman of the Education Advisory Committee

Prof Turner had already covered the work of the Education Advisory Committee in her report and detailed the webinars that took place last year. There was nothing further to report.

7. Report of the Early Career Group

Prof Philip Preshaw shared a report, on behalf of ECG Chair, Dr Devan Raindi, as follows:

The Early Career Group has been very active over the past year and I would like to personally thank every member of the Committee for their contributions: Chandni Shah (Secretary), Kitty Guo (Academic Representative), Stephanie Turner (Dental Hygiene and Therapy Representative), Angeline Keh (NHS Representative), Payvand Menhadji (Mono-Specialty Representative) and Melissa Shemie (Social Media Representative).

In May 2024, the BSP/Dental Update Special Perio Edition Issue was released. This is a collection of 11 articles based on the S3 Level Guidelines with contributions from all members of the ECG as well as specialists and senior academics from across the UK. Informal feedback on the issue has been positive and I am grateful to all authors for collaborating and meeting tight deadlines.

At the Dentistry Show in Birmingham in May 2024, it was a great pleasure to represent the Society and provide a lecture on the Treatment of Stage IV Periodontitis in the Specialty Interest Theatre, as well as Professor Preshaw providing a lecture on the Diabetes/Periodontitis interface. This was also a great opportunity to meet new members and answers clinical questions, on behalf of the Society.

This year has also been a first with respect to the ECG Masterclass organising two events – one in the North and one in the South. The Masterclass was a hands-on

workshop on Minimally Invasive Non-Surgical Therapy delivered by Dr Claire McCarthy and Professor Luigi Nibali. The first event took place in May in London. The second event is in Manchester in November 2024, with both events being fully booked out within days and booked by dentists, hygienists and therapists.

The ECG is also expanding its Committee with the introduction of the General Dental Practitioner Role. We will be inviting applications in the coming months for when roles are renewed at the end of this year. The role of Secretary, leading onto Chair was previously reserved for those on specialist training pathways, however, to promote inclusivity across the membership this requirement has now been removed.

As briefly mentioned in the Honorary Editor's report, we have recently launched the Primary Care Early Career Group Case Report Awards, which provide an opportunity to showcase and promote excellence in clinical periodontology. There are two awards (one for dentists and one for dental hygienist/dental therapists) with details on eligibility available online.

Finally, I am very much looking forward to the BSP Conference in Newcastle later this year, where ECG Secretary, Chandni Shah, has arranged a fun social event on the evening of Wednesday 9th October. We shall be enjoying a get together with food and drink at Pitcher and Piano. There are still a few spaces available, so do book online if you would like to join us. I hope to see many of you there – the last social in Birmingham was very well attended with all having a great time.

Thank you. This brings me to the end of my report.

Prof Mark Ide proposed and Dr Anousheh Alavi seconded Dr Raindi's report.

8. Report of the Patient Forum

Prof Wendy Turner shared a report about the Patient Forum on behalf of Mr Andrew Cundy:

I am delighted to write my first report as BSP Patient Forum Council Representative for 2024-2027.

Membership

We are very grateful to our loyal Forum members for the time and energy that they continue to give to the Forum. There are five Forum members who have shown great dedication in attending all meetings over the year. We are targeting an increase to eight members as the stable number for the Forum and are in the process of recruiting additional members.

Meetings

As planned, we have held four meetings over the year which are timed to take place just in advance of Council meetings. We were particularly delighted to reinstate an in-person meeting in June for the first time since the pandemic. We would like to thank Council for their support for this. The meetings are helpful in discussing Forum input and support for Council and BSP initiatives.

We welcomed Dr Divyash (Ash) Patel from the Office of the Chief Dental Officer to the March meeting. He presented an update on the Diabetes-Oral Health

Commissioning Standard and in particular the London pilot that tested the pathway. BSP Patient Forum members provided crucial input in 2019 which shaped the original development of the policy. The meeting provided an excellent opportunity for the Forum members to promote patients' priorities. We are very grateful to Ash for his time in sharing the learning from the pilot and future plans.

Activities

Forum members contributed throughout the year to the SDCEP (Scottish Dental Clinical Effectiveness Programme) guidance, *Prevention and Treatment of Periodontal Diseases in Primary Care* which was published in February 2024 (www.periodontalcare.sdcep.org.uk/) Our thanks go to Julian Ekiert for all his work on this excellent new guideline.

We were delighted to contribute to the BSP implementation process for the new European S3 Peri-Implantitis guidelines. Members participated in working groups and plenary sessions and provided important insights for this new guideline. It is now published in the *Journal of Dentistry* (www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0300571224001507) and we are grateful to the leadership of Professor Nicola West and Moritz Kebschull.

As mentioned in last year's report, patients took part in the creation of patient videos. This work took place in April 2023 and involved experts and patients talking about a range of periodontal issues and patients' experiences. We are pleased that these videos are now available on the BSP website and are proud to have been involved in their production. Many thanks to Alex Pollard for all his work in seeing this project through to fruition.

Three Forum members participated in a first Patient Forum session at the Society's annual conference in Birmingham. Julian Ekiert, Neil Almond and I answered questions from moderator Ian Needleman and from the conference delegates. We were delighted by the interest and warmth of welcome from the delegates. Professor Shauna Culshaw also presented on the ground-breaking undergraduate patient symposia that she runs at the University of Glasgow. We would like to thank Professor Mike Milward for inviting us to participate in his conference.

Future work

We are delighted that the current BSP President, Professor Philip Preshaw, has invited the Forum to run a session at his annual conference in October 2024 in Newcastle. No spoilers at the moment, but we are working on an interactive session with delegates that should have some interesting surprises.

As we reported last year, patient involvement will be a key element of EuroPerio11 in Vienna May 2025. Plans are well advanced for a symposium which will involve members of the Forum as well as patients from across Europe.

The Patient Forum is very keen to help with spreading information about periodontal disease and willing to help educate and lobby wherever possible. However, we would like to target any such activities so that they align with the BSP's efforts. At the last council meeting I asked that awareness and communication was included in the new strategy that will be developed and that the Forum is consulted for their views once the outline strategy has been developed.

On behalf of the Patient Forum, I would like to thank Paula Dunn and Jo Brown for all their wonderful support and guidance without which it would be impossible to run the Patient Forum.

Finally, I would like to extend my huge thanks to Julian Ekiert who completed his three years as Forum Council Representative at the end of 2023. Julian took on this role as the first ever representative and quickly made his mark in working with Council and liaising and informing the Forum on developments. We are extremely grateful for all the time and energy that he gave to the role. Personally, I am also thankful for his advice and guidance in following his role. I would also like to remind members that Julian is one of the ever-presents having been a founder member of the Forum in 2017.

Prof Iain Chapple proposed and Dr Anousheh Alavi seconded Mr Cundy's report.

9. Election of Officers 2025

As no other nominations have been received, the following are proposed by Professor Philip Preshaw and seconded by Prof Wendy Turner on behalf of the Council:

President 2025	Professor Nicola West
Senior Vice-President	Dr William McLaughlin
Vice-President (Immediate-Past President)	Professor Philip Preshaw
Vice-President (President-Elect 2026)	Dr Paul Baker
Vice-President (President-Elect 2027)	Professor Shauna Culshaw
Honorary Secretary	Professor Luigi Nibali
Honorary Treasurer	Dr Ian Dunn
Honorary Editor	Dr Alexander Pollard
Commercial Liaison Officer	Dr Viren Vithlani

Prof Turner expressed her thanks to the other members and representatives on BSP Council, who work on a voluntary basis to support the Society. Their work is varied and can include undertaking initiatives, providing representation at external meetings, reviewing policies and working on important internal projects.

10. Election of Other Members of Council

Prof Turner advised that there were no appointments to report at this present time but any future appointments will be announced via the member e-newsletter and website.

11. Honorary Membership

It is proposed that Professor Robin Seymour be made an Honorary Member in recognition of his contribution to periodontology and to the Society. Prof Philip Preshaw shared the following words in support of the award:

Professor Robin Seymour is a Past President of the BSP, having held this role in 1997-1998. Prof Seymour has been hugely influential in the development of academic periodontology over the last 40 years, working primarily at Newcastle Dental School, but having qualified in The London. His research particularly focused on gingival overgrowth and oral pharmacology. Indeed, he is the UK's foremost authority on dental pharmacology with a special interest in the interactions of drugs with the oral tissues.

He built up the Periodontology Department at Newcastle University as Head of Department, and his influence was such that he attracted other high-quality researchers, as well as being a sympathetic and encouraging teacher. He was then appointed as Dean of Newcastle Dental School and has around 150 significant publications in the research literature.

He was Chair of the UK Dental Schools Council and is the recipient of a highly prestigious IADR Distinguished Scientist Award (The Pharmacology/ Therapeutics/ Toxicology Research Award). He has had a significant impact on the training of clinical academics nationally, including in Periodontology, and has made significant contributions to the BSP, including the development of the Education Committee.

I therefore strongly support the nomination that Professor Robin Seymour be made an Honorary Member of the Society.

The proposal was supported by Prof Ian Needleman and many other members in attendance at the AGM.

12. Emeritus Membership

Professor Turner advised that there are no awards of Emeritus Membership this year.

13. Notification of Awards and Prizes

Professor Turner was delighted to announce the Award winners for 2024, as judged so far:

- **BSP Clinical Fellowship Award** – Pasquale Santamaria and Kiran Amin
 - **BSP Research Grant** – Sara Sharaf and Giuseppe Mainas
 - **Frank Ashley Undergraduate Prize** – Laura Irving
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14. Any Other Business

There was no other business to report.

Professor Turner advised that a vote of thanks to the immediate Past President, Prof Mike Milward will be made at the Conference Dinner in October.

15. Report of the President

Professor Philip Preshaw gave the following Presidential address:

It is my privilege and honour to be appointed as BSP President for 2024, and I humbly extend my sincere thanks to the BSP Council and entire membership for their support as I serve the Society in this role.

Our membership is diverse and varied, comprising dentists, dental hygienists, dental therapists, researchers, academics, specialists and generalists, as well as the future of the profession – the undergraduates. This diversity is our major strength and is underpinned by something we all have in common – a passion for perio. Thank you to everyone for this.

Tonight, we have heard presentations from some of the members of BSP Council. I wish to thank my fellow Council members and our BSP Representatives for the valuable time they dedicate to supporting the Society.

I am continually impressed by the dedication and sheer hard work from members of BSP Council, who deliver on a huge range of projects in addition to the extensive day-to-day work that is needed to keep the Society running. Despite us all having busy day-jobs and other personal commitments too, we accomplish a great deal each year, and this year has been no different.

BSP Council is supported in this by the brilliant work of our Executive General Manager, Paula Dunn. Paula, whose name will be familiar to all of you, is a fantastic support to me. Paula has been doing the management role, as well as supporting me with plans for my conference in Newcastle later this year. Thank you Paula for everything you have done. I am also pleased to report that our new Assistant Manager, Jo Brown, who joined us in August last year to work closely with Paula, is doing an excellent job and has very quickly established herself as an indispensable part of the team. Together they make a great team.

There are a few more people that I would like to thank.

I wish to express my gratitude to our Partner Sponsors: Acteon, Haleon, Kenvue, NSK, Oral-B and Philips. They have provided the Society with funding to support many of our planned activities this year. Their help and support enable us to achieve our strategic aims and objectives which benefit and support our members, the wider dental profession, patients and the public. More information about our Partner Sponsors can be found on our website.

I would like to thank Professor Mike Milward for his exceptional Presidency last year. We will remember his excellent conference in Birmingham for many years to come.

I would also like to thank the Management Team of the BSP for all their support and commitment – Professor Wendy Turner, Honorary Secretary and Dr Ian Dunn, Honorary Treasurer. We are a highly active group, closely involved in all aspects of running the Society, working with external partners and stakeholders, and responding to clinical enquiries from both members and non-members of the BSP. Thank you, Wendy and Ian, for your support.

My Presidential year is passing by incredibly quickly, and I am enjoying every minute of it. At a more serious level, I am proud of how much has been achieved over the last half-year or so. As you will read in our monthly email newsletters, we are involved in many ongoing initiatives, some of which will run into 2025. A major task this year

will be to develop and update our strategic plan for the next 5 years. Our current strategic plan runs from 2019-2024, and has served us well, but of course time moves on and things change, so we need to proceed with developing our new plan. Indeed today, we have held a strategic planning meeting to develop our thoughts for the next 5 years, with the aim to serve patients, maintain momentum around our educational initiatives for the profession, and safeguard the future of Society. Watch this space as we will soon be releasing our new 5-year strategic plan.

A very pleasant task to befall me as President is to oversee the appointment of new BSP Faculty members. These are individuals who support the Society and profession through their exceptional teaching and educational activities in periodontology. I am delighted that this year we have appointed Claire McCarthy, Mitul Shah, Devan Raindi & Jeanie Suvan as our newest BSP Faculty Members. Many congratulations to them and thank you for all your support. Full details of our BSP Faculty can be found on the BSP website.

As mentioned earlier in the meeting tonight, I am very excited to have planned this year's BSP Annual Conference to take place in my hometown of Newcastle upon Tyne. The Conference theme is "Interdisciplinarity" and will focus on how we can work together more effectively across periodontology, dentistry and medicine, to achieve the very best outcomes for our patients.

An exciting group of internationally renowned speakers will share their expertise, including dentists, medics, scientists, clinicians, dental hygienists and dental therapists. There will also be a parallel session focusing on career development possibilities for DCPs, to explore career routes in addition to clinical practice.

The Conference will be held at the stunning Crowne Plaza Hotel in Newcastle. This new hotel has excellent conference facilities and is located in the centre of Newcastle, just a short walk from the train station.

This will be a perfect opportunity to learn from the very best, and will, as always, have that sprinkle of BSP magic that makes our conferences so special. We will be hearing the entries for the prestigious Sir Wilfred Fish Research Prize, as well as the opportunity for colleagues to enter for a range of prizes such as the Case Report and Research poster prizes.

Being a huge music fan, I am delighted that Keith Harris OBE, music industry manager will be presenting the keynote lecture at this year's BSP Conference on the topic of Teamworking in the Music Industry. Keith has enjoyed an extremely successful career in the music industry in the UK and the USA for more than four decades. He has worked as a consultant and promotions manager for major companies including Motown, EMI and Transatlantic Records. He has worked with renowned artists such as Marvin Gaye, Diana Ross, Smokey Robinson, The Commodores, Rick James, The Supremes and Thelma Houston. He has represented soul sensation Stevie Wonder since the 1970s and continues to do so.

The "Black and White Party"-themed Conference Dinner, is being held in the conference hotel, with a fantastic 3 course meal and live music from the sensational Newcastle-based singer-songwriter Sam Dickinson and his fantastic band. Black Tie is optional, and anything Black or White will fit the bill. Remember to bring your best bling too!

Tickets are selling fast for the conference itself and for the Conference Dinner. If you haven't booked yet, there are still a few tickets remaining, so please register via the Events page at the BSP website and join us in Newcastle on the 9th to 11th October 2024.

Whilst on the subject of Conferences, I am very pleased to report that Professor Nicola West, next year's President, is organising her Conference to take place in Edinburgh in November 2025. In a first, this will be a joint conference with the British Society for Dental Hygiene and Therapy. There are also plans to hold a joint meeting session again with BSODR, as Mike Milward did in Birmingham last year. Edinburgh is a great conference destination, and I am sure the conference next year will be a wonderful success.

Some of you may have spotted that BSP is celebrating its 75-year (Diamond) Anniversary this year. Our wonderful Society was founded in 1949, and our first President was Sir Wilfred Fish. Some online research reveals that two Diamond Anniversaries are celebrated: one at 60 and one at 75 years. Apparently, the original Diamond Anniversary is 75 years, but, for the history buffs, the 60-year version was added for the 60th anniversary of Queen Victoria's accession to the throne in 1897. 2024 is therefore the second occasion on which the BSP has celebrated a Diamond Anniversary, the 60-year version having been in 2009 under the Presidency of Professor Francis Hughes MBE.

Our Diamond Anniversary this year gives us the opportunity to develop some special anniversary BSP merchandise – please look out for this when you join us for the Newcastle Conference in October.

Finally, this evening, I wish to thank you, our members, for supporting the Society and joining with us in our mission to promote public and professional awareness of periodontology and implant dentistry to achieve our vision of ***“Periodontal Health for a Better Life”***.

As always, the interests of our members remain at the centre of everything we do, and I hope that you have felt supported through the many initiatives we have undertaken in recent years.

We shall continue to keep you up to date with the latest news, developments and events via our newsletters, website and social media platforms.

Thank you, members, for joining us this evening. I shall now pass you back to
Thank you, members, for listening this evening.

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