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The Pan Dental Society Meeting

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Inspired by the title of an Elvis Costello song “Accidents will Happen” the programme for the 2nd Pan Dental Society conference covers many different topics with the theme of trauma in mind. The last time that the four restorative societies met it was an exciting and energetic conference which was well received and at the end of which the words on everyone’s lips were “We must do this again sometime”. Four years later it is happening again in Liverpool and anyone in the dental team who is interested in the latest developments in restorative dentistry is invited to attend.

There is no doubt about it that this is a major conference which is being hosted by the four UK specialist societies;

- British Endodontic Society;
- British Society of Periodontology;
- British Society for Study of Prosthetic Dentistry;
- British Restorative Society of Dentistry.

On the Friday each of the four societies has its’ own programme which features a glittering array of speakers. There are so many good speakers and I wish to highlight just a few: Prof Ken Hargreaves (Texas, USA) who is Editor of the Journal of Endodontics and at the forefront of the latest research in this area. Prof Anton Sculean is Professor and head of the Periodontal Department at Bern University. His research interests are on periodontal wound healing and regeneration and clinical trials on reconstructive periodontal therapy. Dr Cecilia Bourguignon from France has a particular interest in Traumatology and is a well known and respected speaker on this topic. This should not overshadow all the other speakers that are lined up and each programme will be highly interactive encouraging exchange of clinical topics with the participants.

On Saturday the four societies come together and we are privileged to have Professor Sir Keith Porter talking on “From Bastion to Birmingham – the care of military casualties”. This will be a review of his work in co-ordinating the care of injured military personnel returning from Afghanistan. This is followed by “No more Trauma - Cancer patients get their face and life back.” a talk by Dr Craig Barclay from Manchester who will take us on a patient journey with Dr Mary Wells, a MacMillan nurse, together with a patient who has travelled such a path.

To finish off the conference we have a combined three speaker line up. Burke, Kelleher and Ibbetson. They will debate the topic “It can all be done with Composite!”. This will take the form of a discussion on the merits/demerits of posterior composites including the use of composite to treat tooth wear. There will be case studies placed on the web prior to the conference and I am sure that there will be lively exchange of views on the topic as these three well known speakers argue the merits between themselves and the audience.



All this is going to take place in the magnificent new conference centre at Liverpool with the Conference Dinner at the Crown Plaza Hotel on Albert Dock. We are expecting well over 700 delegates not only from the UK but around Europe and the World who will gather in Liverpool for the two days. It promises to be an exciting meeting which will allow an exchange of ideas and lead to new contacts. Practitioners will be able to update themselves of the latest techniques especially when they visit the trade show that will be held during the conference. The lunch and refreshments will be held around the Trade show enabling you to meet colleagues, look around at new devices and techniques at the trade show and also take the opportunity to update your dentistry.

So back to the Elvis Costello song “Accidents will happen” and a paraphrase from his lyrics includes the sentiment that there will be so many people to see and so many people to check upon.

That is what the Pan Dental 2011 conference will be all about!

