

# DIARY

## NOVEMBER

### Triennial Conference of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow

Date: November 6-7 2008

Venue: SECC, Glasgow

Details: [www.rcpsg.ac.uk](http://www.rcpsg.ac.uk)

### Annual meeting of the Society of Craniofacial Genetics

Date: November 11 2008

Venue: Convention Centre, Philadelphia, USA

Details: [www.craniofacialgenetics.org](http://www.craniofacialgenetics.org)

### British Association for the Study of Cosmetic Dentistry Scientific Meeting

Date: November 12-13 2008

Venue: Royal Institute of British Architects, London

Details: [www.bascd.org.uk](http://www.bascd.org.uk)

### British Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry Annual Conference

Date: November 13-15 2008

Venue: Hilton Metropole, Birmingham

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### National Association of Dental Advisers conference

Date: November 13-14 2008

Venue: Park Inn, York

Details: [www.nada-uk.org](http://www.nada-uk.org)

### Infection control in dental practice – national conference

Date: November 21 2008

Venue: SECC, Glasgow

Tel: 0141 201 9353

### Decontamination for the dental team

Date: November 26 2008

Venue: Redwood Hotel and Country Club, Bristol

Tel: 01722 432622

### Essential CPD for the dental team: dental radiology and radiation protection

Date: November 29 2008

Venue: Royal Society of Medicine, London.

Tel: 020 7290 3946

## DECEMBER

### BDA seminar: setting up in practice

Date: December 12 2008

Venue: BDA, London

Tel: 0207 563 4590

## SCOTTISH HEALTH MINISTER OPENS NEW DENTAL SCHOOL IN ABERDEEN

Aberdeen Dental School has been officially opened by Scottish public health minister Shona Robison.

The school, which is graduate-only entry, offers a four-year course and will eventually train 20 dentists a year. But the first year's cohort is limited to 15 students.

Students at the school are eligible for a bursary of £4,000 a year from the NHS, on condition that they carry out five years' (or part-time equivalent) of NHS dental work in Scotland, beginning within one year of graduation.

Opening the new building, which is due for completion in October next year, Ms Robison, pictured with Dr Jim Newton, acting lead of the new dental school, said: 'Today's opening proves how serious we are in the Scottish government about reversing the long-term decline in NHS dentistry in Scotland. Young dentists who train at the dental school will provide a significant boost to the numbers of trained practitioners in our country, helping to bring NHS dentistry within reach of more and more people.'



Daria McDowall, project co-ordinator at Aberdeen Dental School, said offers had gone out on the posts of lecturer in oral biology, clinical teaching fellow in restorative dentistry and senior clinical lecturer in restorative dentistry. Meanwhile teaching is being done by staff from Aberdeen and Dundee universities, guest lecturers from other dental schools and GDPs.

Andrew Lamb, BDA director for Scotland, said the opening of the new school was good news and increased the number and geographical spread of students training across Scotland. 'We must be careful though that resources are not taken away from existing dental schools at Dundee and Glasgow. It is important that all three training institutions in Scotland are adequately resourced and staffed,' he said.

## PROFESSOR ANDREW EDER APPOINTED TO NEW EASTMAN CHAIR OF RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY AND DENTAL EDUCATION

Professor Andrew Eder has been appointed to the newly established Chair of Restorative Dentistry and Dental Education at the UCL Eastman Dental Institute.

Professor Eder, a member of the *BDJ* board of advisors, has a history of 20 years of service to the Eastman. The appointment builds on his involvement in postgraduate dental education as Director of CPD since 2002, including the *BDJ*'s own CPD programme, Director of Education Strategy since 2006 and Chair of the Division of Clinical Education since 2007.

This appointment coincides with the Eastman's launch of collaborative educational studies looking into the effects of educational outcomes on clinical



practice, the social science aspects of graduate dental education, and the development of innovative technology. Professor Eder has recently been appointed Associate Dean of the UCL School of Life and Medical Sciences, where he is leading a team developing continuing education opportunities within medicine and allied professional areas.