



King's College London Dental Alumni Association

AGM

Minutes

Saturday March 3rd 2018

1. Welcome

Eric Whaites, President of the Dental Alumni Association welcomed the Alumni present, approximately 100, and introduced Prof Mike Curtis, Dean of the Dental Institute. The Constitution and Minutes of the AGM on Sat 2/3/17 were distributed.

2. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

3. Minutes of the annual General Meeting held on Saturday 4th March 2017.

There were no amendments and so the Minutes were accepted as a true record.

4. The President's Report

Eric Whaites,

- Explained that there are 5 Alumni elements: the DAA enjoys relations with the Dental Institute, Alumni Office, Dental Circle and KCL Alumni Association (Prof Stephen Challacombe has recently stood down as Chairman from the KCLAA).
- Explained what the Dental Circle is and that he and Prof Mike Curtis are continuing to establish connections with the Alumni.
- Advised that Dr Vincent Barrett is President Elect and welcomed new Ordinary Council members: Prof Avi Banerjee, Prof Nairn Wilson, Prof Mark Woolford (also RDH Rep), Dr Koray Feran, Dr Greg Davies and Dr Jonathan Turner (also Director of Admissions)
- Presented the new Constitution with the re-vamped logo to include the black and pink colours of the KCL degree for approval. The new Constitution was approved and accepted.
- Advised that a new income/expenditure account had been set up and was overseen by Dr Tarik Shembesh, the DAA Treasurer.

- Advised of the need to engage with Alumni members emphasising the use of Social Media/Facebook and the importance of the webpage on the Central Alumni website.
- Updated on the developments of the Floor 31/32 rebuild and referred to his letters sent out to Alumni from the different Dental schools originally that had now merged to form KCLDI. He was optimistic that the information and the request for donations would encourage Alumni to feel generous, especially in the light of the developments in research, which had been presented that morning. He showed pictures of the derelict Floor 31 and the plans for a multi-functional space. The official opening of Floor 31 was in 1985 following the merger with Royal Dental Hospital Dental school; in the late '90's the air conditioning had broken down followed by a pigeon infestation. The outside of the Tower has been re-clad and there are double patio doors opening onto the terrace. If the target for the development is reached the Alumni Suite will be available to hire. He explained the Oral Medicine Dept needs more space as Oral Surgery now has 2000 patients waiting to be seen and Oral Med has 1500 yet their footprint has not changed in size from when they moved into the Tower in 1975. By developing Floors 31/32 space below is vacated for new research labs below.
- Thanked the Alumni office for their help with preparing and promoting the Alumni weekend and mentioned the merchandise available organised by Balraj Singh. He explained about the Mentoring scheme and the Kings Connect platform.
- Thanked the KCLDAA Committee for their hard work and support this year, in particular Charlie Spedding, the new Secretary of KCLDAA.

5. The Executive Dean's Report

Professor Mike Curtis was appointed Executive Dean at the Dental Institute in April 2017. He explained there had been considerable internal change and a number of achievements, most notably:

Faculty / Staff News

- Professor David Bartlett received the 2017 IADR Distinguished Scientist Award in research in Prosthodontics and Implants at the IADR meeting March 2017.
- Post Doc Dylan Herzog, won the Unilever Hatton Senior Clinical Award at the 2017 IADR in San Francisco.
- Three Dental Institute staff members received Teaching Excellence Awards as part of the King's Learning and Teaching strategy. The winners were: Dr Melanie Nasseripour, St Paul's team for Education Excellence, Dr Flora Smyth-Zahra, Conservative Dentistry for Innovation in Teaching, Dr Ellie Heidari, Special Care Dentistry awarded for Inclusive Education.
- The Dental Institute was ranked seventh in the world in the Shanghai Global Rankings and is the only institution outside the United States to have made the top seven in Dental and Oral Sciences.

- Dr Cynthia Andoniadou was presented with Lister Institute Research Prize Fellowship in July 2017.
- Stephen J. Challacombe, Ph.D., Professor Oral Medicine at the King's College London, received the 2017 Mayo Clinic Distinguished Alumni Award late October.
- King's Awards in Research and in Teaching: Professor Paul Sharpe and his team won the King's Award for Research Project of the Year, and Dr Flora Smyth Zahra won the Teaching Excellence Award in November 2017.
- Manual of Clinical Procedures in Dentistry: King's Dental academics collaborate to produce definitive guide on the core procedures in dentistry. Edited by former Dean and Head of King's College London's Dental Institute, Emeritus Professor Nairn Wilson, and King's Specialist in Restorative Dentistry, Professor Stephen Dunne, the publication is a definitive manual covering everything you need to know about the core procedures in dentistry.
- February 2018: Dentistry at King's College London has maintained its standing as the top School for Dentistry in Europe and has also risen to second in the world in the 2018 QS World University Rankings. The latest result is the apex of an upward trend for the Dental Institute since the QS World Rankings were first published in 2011. King's College London can now lay claim to having the world's second-best faculty for dentistry. This is a celebration and a challenge! (Hong Kong is currently number one.)

Academic Promotions:

- He offered congratulations to the following members of the Dental Institute who were awarded academic promotions during the 2016-2017 season.

Professor

Dr Sanjukta Deb

Reader

Dr Eduardo Bernabe Ortiz

Ms Penelope Shirlaw

Dr Ian Thompson

Senior Lecturer

Dr Robert Knight

Dr Selvam Thavaraj

Student News:

- King's Dentistry won the University of London Gold Medal Viva for the fifth year in a row with Sana Sadiq taking the prize in July 2017.
- Dental student Matthew Billingham took part in the King's Sanctuary Programme, working with Syrian refugees in Lebanon.

- Final year dental students Karolyn John and Jack McSweeney spent three weeks of their summer break volunteering in the villages surrounding Cape Town in South Africa as part of the dental elective programme offered by King's College London.
- 4th year dental student Parnyan Ashtari and Dental Institute staff member Claire McCarthy recently helped organise an event for the homeless. As well as providing warm food and other essentials, Parnyan and Claire ran a dental workshop providing information and advice on oral hygiene.
- As part of Health Week, King's dental students helped organise a pop-up stall at Guy's Hospital, giving staff free oral healthcare advice and explaining how they can "self-refer" to become a patient at the Dental Hospital at Guy's.
- Inaugural NSK handpiece prize presented: MClin Dent Prosthodontics student Josh Sharpling was presented with the first NSK handpiece prize in January 2018. Josh excelled in an assessment where the students performed an exercise to cut an anterior and posterior crown preparation on a phantom head plastic model of teeth.
- The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh's Faculty of Dental Surgery, in partnership with Dentsply Sirona, held their heats at King's, with winner Rosalyn Thomas selected to compete in the fourth Dental Clinical Skills Competition on March 8, 2018.

6. Treasurer's Financial and Mentor report

Tarik Shembesh,

- Presented various financial accounts in tabulated form (attached-Appendix 1).
- Reported on King's Connect stats for dental alumni and students – 99 in total, made up of 70 alumni and 29 students. This is a marked increase from the start of his involvement in King's Connect mentoring when it was only 6 in dentistry.
- Thanked the committee for giving him this opportunity and advised he endeavours to continue to try and promote the platform to grow further over the coming years with the help and support of colleagues.
- Explained how privileged and honoured he feels to have been given the first ever King's Alumni Mentor Award (Highly Commended) in recognition of his impact on mentoring for dental students and alumni.

7. Secretary's Report

Charlotte Spedding,

- Thanked the committee for welcoming her as Secretary to the KCLDAA and for their help, especially Eric Whaites and Stephen Challacombe for their help with the Minutes. She thanked Clare Grant for an efficient handover last year and explained how much she was enjoying her first year as Secretary.

- Explained that as a proud Alumna of UMDS and KCL she was enjoying helping with the MMI's and encouraged other Alumni to consider entering the wealth of opportunities available to them; she asked Alumni to attend the stands of Jonathan Turner and Balraj Singh in order to find out about the MMI's, the Mentoring process and the Merchandise incorporating the 4 shields, available.
- Reminded the Alumni that all great Institutions need their Alumni and to encourage them to inform friends and colleagues about how they can help and become involved.
- Thanked the Alumni Office, particularly Megan Bruns and Lily Flaherty for their organisation of the Alumni Weekend and reminded everyone of the importance of donating to the Alumni Suite etc.

8. Alumnus of the Year and Distinguished Service Awards 2018

Eric Whaites announced that these Awards had been presented the evening before at the Alumni dinner:

- Prof Francis Hughes was announced as Alumnus of the Year
- Dr David Craig received the Distinguished Service award.

9. AOB

Prof Jenny Gallagher (International Dean),

- Thanked those who had supported the Sierra Leone work last year with their donations
- Advised she had just completed the Oral Health Survey and would report on it next year.

10. Date of next meeting

The next AGM will be held on Saturday 2nd March 2019.