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# ADI Newsletter

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## Thoughts from the Chair'...



With the dust now settling on the **2005 Edinburgh International Congress**, it's good to be able to confirm that the large number of appraisal forms we received confirm our impressions of this as the best congress we have ever staged. The overall scores for most of the speakers were very high, and everyone was very supportive of the conference facilities and the outstanding social events. Our trade colleagues also enjoyed the exhibition arrangements and the attention they received from the delegates during the breaks. Inevitably we have now moved on to forthcoming events within the Association, but it's worth taking a few moments to reflect on those 3 days (and nights!) in May.

The planning began over 2 years earlier with decisions about the venue, format and social programme to be made first. Next came the task of putting together the speaker faculty, using a combination of both names we selected from the lists proposed by each of our 8 major sponsors and the suggestions of **Michael Norton** (scientific chairman) and myself. All the invited presenters accepted the ADI invitation to appear so with the **Technician**,

**Nurse** and **Hygienist** programmes taking shape (thanks to **Larry Browne** and **Phil Bennett**) we could eventually begin marketing the event. Needless to say, most of this work was carried out by **Cherry**, **Neelam** and **Julia** in the **ADI** office.

Meetings at the **Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC)** followed, and at these visits Cherry and I would also meet up with the caterers as well as various Museum and Castle 'function coordinators'. The delegate registrations started as a trickle, which soon turned into a torrent, with many clinicians deciding to bring all their staff along to Edinburgh to attend the parallel programmes. The event was sold out with a few weeks to go with the EICC fire regulations controlling our final numbers.

So was it all really that straightforward? Far from it! We seemed to face problem after predicament on an almost monthly basis for 2 years, but Cherry and her staff helped wade through all this, as well as keeping the rest of the business of the Association and its 1300 members running smoothly.



The biggest crisis happened with just a few days to go, when the EICC realised they had somehow managed to 'double book' our first day with a Royal Bank of Scotland staff conference. This was despite reams of letters sent and received confirming every last detail. Compromises were reached, compensation agreed upon and the only real problem came with both sets of delegates trying to get up the escalators at the same time! So we started a little later than planned - that was all.

Other problems included **Professor Markus Huerzeler** leaving his computer in Frankfurt airport on the journey over - courier required. Velcro on the delegate bags! We thought it would be easier than fiddling with clips and catches, but when **Dr Henry Salama** began the scientific sessions and hundreds of bags were all opened at the same time, the realisation of this error struck home - loudly! Another lesson learned for future meetings.

What about the good things - well there were plenty of these; the two pipers opening the Congress in such a spectacular way, hoards of people enjoying the reception at historic **Edinburgh Castle**, the cooperation between the companies to help make the trade exhibition work, **Professor John Davies** 'chomping' around the stage as an osteoclast (you had to be there!), **Professor Daniel Buser** in his kilt at the dinner and 'Auld Lang Syne' sang by hundreds of Members and their guests at the end of that fantastic evening.

As you will realise, the huge amount of work involved in organising this Congress fell to a small but very dedicated team, and rather than single



anyone out (apart from Cherry), I will just say that 'you know who you are' and the Association is very grateful for all your efforts. Lessons have once again been learnt, and I am sure that my successors will be a little better prepared for **Birmingham 2007**. The profits from this Congress will continue to ensure the financial security of the Association, and I am indebted to the ADI Members and their staff who attended **Edinburgh 2005** and who helped to make it the great success it undoubtedly was.

There is a multitude of **Study Club** meetings for the latter half of the year and there is no doubt that these form the backbone of the educational remit of the Association. Please continue to support your local group and consider contributing to your meeting. The **Autumn Masterclass** brings a superb American 'double act' to this country. **Tom Wilson** and **Frank Higginbottom** are a surgeon and prosthodontist team, who have worked together for many years and will be presenting 'Accelerated Implant Dentistry' on **Monday 7 November, 2005**. For further information and registration details, please contact the ADI office or refer to the flyers that have been sent out to Members already. On the morning of the meeting, there will be a limited attendance 'hands-on workshop for **Guided Bone Regeneration** augmentation grafting, aimed at the less experienced implant surgeon. Immediately following the Masterclass itself is the **AGM**, where the results of the elections for the new Committee will be announced and where I will hand over the Presidency to **Phil Bennett**. This is your Association, so make arrangements to stay behind for half an hour to attend the meeting.

With my two year term of office nearly at an end, it will be good to have a little more time back for my family and friends. I have greatly enjoyed the opportunity of representing UK implant dentistry, and feel confident passing the baton to my successor, knowing that the Association is in a very strong position to continue with the aims and objectives it has set itself.

Our role with the **GDC** has been established and we continue to be regarded as the sole representative body for implant dentistry in this country. Once again many thanks go to the staff at the ADI office, as well as much appreciation to the current Committee who have worked so hard on the large number of tasks that have confronted us over the past 23 months.

Finally to you the Members, please carry on your support of the Association as there is little doubt that our large membership gives us a significant voice, and ensures the continuing recognition that we have seen emerge over recent years.

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PRESIDENT