

## HONOURS, AWARDS, APPOINTMENTS

### Patron's prize

The Special Smiles Dental Project, a collaboration between NHS Lanarkshire and Action for Sick Children Scotland (ASCS), won the National Oral Health Promotion Group (NOHPG) Patron's Prize at the NOHPG conference in Manchester and was one of four finalists at the Bright Smiles-Bright Futures Award, at the International Association of Paediatric Dentistry's 25th Congress in Glasgow.

The project's specially developed resource dental playbox is used in schools which teach children with additional and complex support needs. NHS Lanarkshire consultant in dental public health, Dr Albert Yeung, has promoted the work and is a member of the Special Smiles Project Advisory Group. He collected the national award on behalf of NHS Lanarkshire and ASCS.

### The first UK Ambassador

Dr Peter Sanders has been named the first UK Ambassador of the Intraoral Welding concept, a ground breaking new method of implant placement based on a resistance spot welding principle.

Dr Sanders was awarded the title of 'UK Ambassador' following intense scrutiny from Dr Marco Degidi, who has researched and developed the intraoral welding method over the last 15-20 years.

Dr Degidi (of Bologna, Italy) reviewed several of Dr Sanders' cases before approving and commending his use of the advanced technique. Following his approval, Dr Degidi declared Dr Sanders the first UK Ambassador of intraoral welding. This title follows Dr Sanders' achievement of being the first dentist in the UK to practice the technique in 2013.

### SUMMER LECTURE

## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE AT THE ANNIVERSARY LECTURE

'Oral health, epidemiology and the British way of life' was the topic of discussion at the inaugural BDA/BDJ Anniversary Lecture held on Tuesday 2 July. The lecture, which was presented by Professor Jimmy Steele and celebrated the 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the Association, looked at where oral health is now, where it is heading and, importantly, what this means for the dental profession.

Professor Steele, who is currently Head of Newcastle University's School of Dental Sciences and was recently interviewed in the *BDJ* (2015; 218: 664-665), used the lecture to highlight the growing inequalities in Britain's oral health. Epidemiological data were presented to demonstrate that, while overall oral health has vastly improved in the last fifty years, this has not benefited all demographics equally;



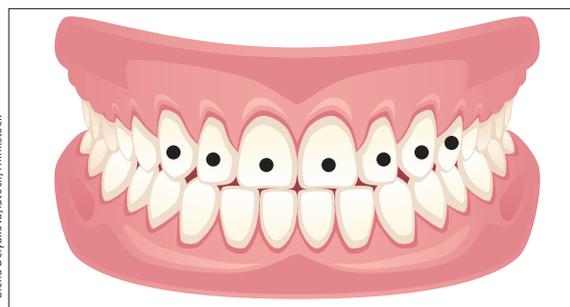
today children do not have cavities – while smaller in number overall – will have fewer healthy teeth than they did ten years ago. The lecture concluded by looking at the role and purpose of the dental profession in the face of these challenges. Despite the serious nature of the topics discussed Professor Steele kept the packed lecture theatre amused and was rewarded with more than a few laughs from the BDA member ballot winners and VIP guests in attendance. BDA members who were not able to attend can watch the lecture online at [www.bda.org/anniversarylecture](http://www.bda.org/anniversarylecture) which will account for 1 hour of verifiable CPD. The event was sponsored by Henry Schein Dental.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

Thames Valley Police have launched a murder investigation following the discovery of the remains of a man being found in a rural area near Bracknell. The investigation team is seeking help from people in the dental community who may be able to assist in identifying this Caucasian male.

He had distinctive dental work which we understand is quite unusual:

- The male has had 7 veneers – this work was completed for cosmetic reasons as the teeth are in good order. The veneers are on the front upper teeth. There is no sign that an 8th veneer was ever applied



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- One of the veneers has been damaged (chipped) and subsequently repaired
- It is believed that original application of the veneers and the subsequent repair work was carried out by different dentists
- In general his teeth are in good condition with moderate wear with several fillings.

Left is an illustrative diagram of the teeth that have been veneered.

If you recall undertaking this work on *any* individual who may fit this description, please contact Detective Sergeant 306 Paul Quinton via the Non Emergency Police number 101 quoting reference Op Neuron/URN 916 24/07/2015 or by email [paul.quinton@thamesvalley.police.pnn.uk](mailto:paul.quinton@thamesvalley.police.pnn.uk) quoting the same reference.