

Honorary Secretary Report for 2007-2008

The main feature of this year has been the ACCEA process and the evolution of BARS. It started with the new web site which I think most would agree is a huge improvement on the previous one. I am grateful to Sachin and Callum in helping getting that up and running. The eventual cost was reasonable and I believe cost effective. Browsing through the website is much smoother and has the advantage that ACSR and the SRRDG have a joint site. I hope you all use the site for information which is regularly posted.

I have responded to a number of GDC and SAC documents which are reconfirming our society as a political force in restorative dentistry.

I continue to represent the society on the SAC. The focus of this committee has been redefined towards curriculum development, monitoring training and assessment of experience in determining length of training. The training role of many in our society and emphasis placed on this by the SAC fits well. There will be challenges ahead particularly with maintenance of sufficient numbers on the prosthodontics, periodontics and endodontics lists. There may well need to be flexibility in determination of whom will be a specialist. But I am sure standards and patient safety will be maintained.

Professor Paul Brunton as secretary of BSRD has organised a joint restorative group called BARS. Partly based around the success of last year's joint restorative meeting in Birmingham it is aimed at giving restorative dentistry a national voice. The balance this group has within restorative dentistry is hugely important and we look to our sister societies to find a common path.

This year marks the first official joint meeting between the SpRs and the ACSR and although the numbers were kept low because of accommodation I hope that next year we will have the capacity for a bigger turn out.

Kind regards

David