



## **BRITISH SOCIETY OF PERIODONTOLOGY BIG SIX-O CELEBRATION YEAR CONTINUES**

This year the British Society of Periodontology is proud to celebrate 60 years since its foundation in 1949 to promote the art and science of Periodontology. The Society has been marking the occasion with events throughout the length and breadth of the United Kingdom alongside its regular Autumn and Spring Scientific meetings. The jewel in the crown of the programme is the upcoming Spring Meeting of the Society to be held on 26th-27th April 2010 in Brighton to consider the topic "20 years of Periodontal Regeneration, Where are we now?"

It is just over 20 years since periodontal regeneration techniques became a reality for our patients. Over this time there have been a number of techniques and products for this therapy yet at times results of these procedures can be disappointing. Recent scientific advances have also identified the possibility of new generations of regenerative therapies with wider application and more predictable outcomes, including the possible use of growth factors, tissue engineering scaffolds, and further down the line of stem cell and even gene therapies.

A stellar cast of internationally renowned experts will gather to discuss the science and practice of this ever relevant and evolving topic, including Pierpaolo Cortellini, Leonardo Trombelli, Chris McCulloch, William Giannobile, Richard Palmer and Dieter Bosshardt. An innovation for BSP will be a parallel session for the whole dental team, and in particular hygienists, focusing on "Practical Periodontal Maintenance" delivered by Phil Ower, Jean Suvan and Peter Heasman. The meeting will be held in the Brighton Dome, a venue very suitable for the Society's diamond jubilee celebrations sponsored by Colgate and P&G.

The Jubilee year kicked off when Professor Francis Hughes was inaugurated at the Society's recent Autumn Scientific Meeting held at the prestigious surroundings of the Royal Institution of Great Britain. He delivered his lively Presidential Address entitled "Wow!!" Over 200 delegates took part in the meeting and had a stimulating day on the topic "Plaque on Trial – Does Plaque Really Cause Periodontal Disease?" As expected from a BSP meeting, there was lively debate on this fundamental issue! The BSP is delighted that demand continues for our Roadshows (Southampton, Dundee, Norwich in 2009) aiming to give dentists confidence in periodontal issues relating to Assessment, Diagnosis and Treatment. The next Roadshow "Core Values in Periodontics" will be held in Rhyl on the 17th March 2010.

These meetings are intended to appeal to a wide range of clinicians whether a specialist periodontist, general dental practitioner, postgraduate, undergraduate student or dental hygienist. CPD is awarded for the scientific sessions. Full information and booking details can be found on the Society's website [www.bsperio.org.uk](http://www.bsperio.org.uk)