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New-look Faculty Board announced as FGDP(UK) prepares for independence



FGDP(UK) Board - 30 June 2017

Front Row (L-R): Onkar Dhanoya, Ian Mills (Senior Vice Dean), Michael Horton (Dean), Paul Batchelor (Junior Vice Dean), Nik Pandya
Middle Row (L-R): Jonathan Farmer, Abhi Pal, Reena Wadia, Patricia Thomson **Back Row (L-R):** Pankaj Patel, Susan Nelson, Roshni Karia, Mark Richardson

The Faculty of General Dental Practice (FGDP(UK)) has announced new Board members following elections earlier this year, who were confirmed in post at the new Board's inaugural meeting on Friday 30th June 2017. Consisting of representatives of one or more of the local divisions, the Faculty Board decides the strategic direction of the FGDP(UK) and oversees its implementation. The new Board will now focus its attention on preparing the Faculty for independence from the Royal College of Surgeons, as announced on 30th January 2017 [[see website for announcement](#)].

New Board members include Susan Nelson, a Principle Dentist specialising in restorative dentistry and orthodontics who has been elected to represent Northern Ireland. A Board member and past Divisional Director of the FGDP Northern Ireland division, Susan examines for the MJDF for the FGDP(UK).



Roshni Karia graduated from Kings College London in 2010 and, following completion of the MJDF, is a general dental practitioner that (after post graduate training) has developed a special interest in periodontology. She has been elected to represent SE/SW Thames having previously played a role as Early Career Representative as an Observer to the Board.

The previous Vice Deans for the Board, Ian Mills (SW) and Abhi Pal (W Mids), were both re-elected to their regional seats as well as Ian's post as Vice Dean being renewed at the end of his term.

Paul Batchelor was appointed to a national seat as the second Vice Dean position for the next 12 months. A Fellow of the FGDP(UK), Paul is a consultant in Dental Public Health within the Thames Valley and Honorary Senior Lecturer at UCL.

Trevor Johnson has returned to a role on the Board in a national seat together with Quentin Jones (Wales). Both have a strong background in undergraduate or post graduate education.

Each elected Board member serves a three-year term and forms membership of a number of working committees. Full details of the FGDP(UK) Board are available [here](#).

Mick Horton, Dean of FGDP(UK) said:

“This year we are celebrating a quarter century, in which we have built a secure home for general practice dentistry, with a bold move towards independence. We welcome all of our new and re-elected Board members who support our work in 2017 as we strengthen our membership to build a rich community of shared expertise and experience, work to foster career pathways for all those working in general practice and establish standards in dentistry that are led by the profession.”

Roshni Karia, Board member for SE/SW Thames commented:

“I am looking forward to taking an active role on the Board this year and representing all of the members from our division. The FGDP(UK) has played an important role in my career to date and I am committed to ensure we act now to support the career development of all dental practitioners in the future.”

To find out more about the FGDP(UK) and to become a member, visit <http://www.fgdp.org.uk/members.ashx>

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NOTES TO EDITOR

The FGDP(UK) celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2017 with a special dinner on 13th October. Further information is available at <http://www.fgdp.org.uk/event/fgdp-event/25th-anniversary-dinner.ashx>

Together with Simplyhealth Professionals, FGDP(UK) are hosting a special anniversary conference. Holistic Dentistry – Time to Put the Mouth Back into the Body takes place on 3rd November 17 at the National Motorcycle Museum Solihull. Further information is available at www.holisticdentistry.eventbrite.com

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