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SPRING 2008 NEWSLETTER

# Association of Dental Anaesthetists

## ADA

### Annual Scientific Meeting/AGM

9-10th May 2008 Manchester

**BOOK NOW**

In 2007 ADA Council decided that it would organise one scientific meeting annually for the members, which would incorporate the Annual General meeting. Delegate numbers to the meetings have been falling, despite the best efforts of the organising groups to engage interesting speakers. Other changes in NHS practice, pressure on study leave budgets and economic forces have made changes

in the running of Specialist Societies inevitable.

We have canvassed the membership, most recently in 2007, but failed to get a clear mandate from the membership about how we can best fulfil their educational and professional needs. Your committee has therefore got together with DSTG and we do hope that you will make this meeting a success and

help us develop the ADA of the future.



Manchester Conference Centre

### Joint meeting with the Dental Sedation Teachers Group DSTG in Manchester, May 9 -10 2008

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place on Saturday 10th May. All members are invited to attend even if not attending the full scientific programme.

*A copy of the programme is included with this newsletter. Book Now!*

Further details on the DSTG website: <http://www.dstg.co.uk/>

The AGM of the ADA will take

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# POLITICAL NEWS

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Dr Arnold has been very busy working with the Department of Health on a very important document on Dentists with a Special Interest in Sedation. This sets out all the processes, standards and issues that are required for the commissioning of Sedation for Dentistry in England, and is well worth while reading for anyone involved in organising Sedation for Dentistry whatever the context.

The document can be found on the websites of

SAAD: <http://www.saad.org.uk>

Department of health: [www.doh.gov.uk](http://www.doh.gov.uk)

and DSTG <http://www.dstg.co.uk/>

ADA will be contributing to the Royal College of Anaesthetists e-learning package. This is being led by President Ken Ruiz. This innovation will help guide training in the UK at a time of great change for the Specialist registrars. We will give you further news as this project develops.



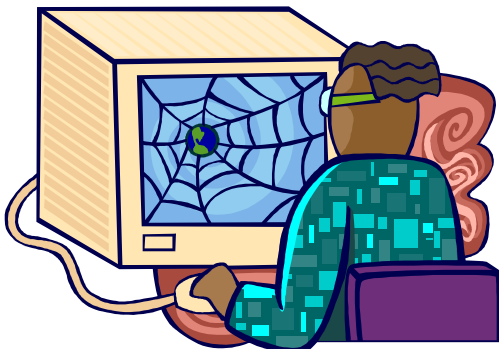
*Department of Health/Faculty of General Dental Practice (UK)*

Guidelines for the Appointment of Dentists with a Special Interest (DwSI) in Conscious Sedation



# CALL FOR WEBMASTER.

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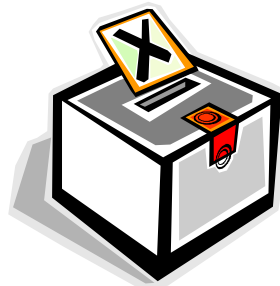
The Committee needs to identify a member who is prepared to work on the ADA website. We previously organised this through the AAGBI but the e-communication needs updating and the attention of someone with the skills and talents to make this an effective tool for ADA .

# Elections to Council .

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There are no current vacancies on Council for 2008.

On behalf of the membership I would like to thank all the current and recent members of Council who have given their time and organisational skills to work for ADA on behalf of the Members.



Nominations for President elect should be sent to the Hon Secretary [diana.terry@ubht.nhs.uk](mailto:diana.terry@ubht.nhs.uk) with a Proposer, seconder and a declaration from the nominee that they are prepared to stand as President. All persons must be current members of the Society of good standing. Closing date for such nominations is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

## **Subscriptions.**

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Please note that ADA wishes to collect subscriptions by Direct debit. Please remember to inform the Membership Secretary, Dr Christine Arnold, of any change of address postal and e-mail address via [busola@aagbi.org](mailto:busola@aagbi.org) where the membership database is kept.



## **Proceedings of ADA**



You will have noticed that we have been unable to print Proceedings of ADA for the last few meetings. Dr Harry Ashurst has planned to retrieve the abstracts from the missing years and these will be made available to members. In the long term, the British Library will be provided with a hard copy and members will be able to access the work via the web. The cost of printing a journal is increasingly unaffordable for Specialist Societies such as ADA, and commercial sponsorship in today's hard economic climate has proved increasingly difficult to find.

## **Archive of ADA**

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I am currently investigating how to conserve and make accessible documents relating to the history of ADA. Dr Stuart Hargrave, a Past President and other Council members have some hidden treasures. Your Committee think it is important to mark the work done by our predecessors and have ADA archives available to students of Medical history. I have asked the AAGBI Heritage Department Archivist Iris Millis for assistance and advice and will keep you advised of progress.

If you have any items that relate to ADA which may be suitable for inclusion, please

send them to the Hon Secretary ADA Dr Diana Terry, Dept of Anaesthesia UBHT Marlborough Street Bristol BS2 8HW.

### **Useful items include:**

Programmes and correspondence.

Minutes of Council meetings and AGM; I have most of these already.

Booklets and Proceedings.

Correspondence in relation to events of social and historical importance.

Once we have an idea of how much material should be preserved we will be looking at

how to best organise and store the collection. Although much material is now scanned for electronic storage, we are advised that as technology moves on rapidly, preservation of paper archives is recommended.

