Jane Goodman

A tribute to a paediatric dentist whose contribution to BSPD and to the Specialty leaves an enduring legacy

Jane Goodman, who sadly passed away on 1st June 2019 at the age of 70, is remembered with affection and gratitude by the British Society of Paediatric Dentistry. Jane served at both branch and national level over several decades and helped develop the Society. She was made a Life Member in 2009 in recognition of her commitment to the Specialty and the Society.

A Consultant in Paediatric Dentistry, she worked at the Eastman Dental Hospital (EDH) for most of her career. Amongst her achievements at EDH she contributed significantly to the management of children affected by hypodontia.

Her work as part of a multidisciplinary Eastman-based team ensures an enduring legacy. She helped establish the first clinic of its kind specialising in the dental treatment of children with hypodontia. The prolific output of the team included a book which Jane co-authored. Today there are 20 such clinics, many with staff members trained by Jane.

She joined the South East Branch of BSPD, becoming a Committee member, Secretary, acting Treasurer and finally Chairman in 1987. At national level she was BSPD Secretary (1984-1990) and President (1995-1996). Jane represented BSPD on the Specialist Advisory Committee (SAC) when the advent of specialist lists dominated the agenda (1994-1999).
She was noted for her meticulous organisation in her roles for BSPD, as a colleague noted – ‘no record or discussion out of place and all accurately recorded, and importantly a perfect role model of how it should be done.’

Jane worked with the International Association of Paediatric Dentistry (IAPD) as Membership Secretary 1987-89 and as a member of the Organising Committee for the IAPD London meeting in 1999.

A member of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, she was instrumental in furthering the development of the Specialty through a variety of roles. She
- chaired the Paediatric Dentistry Advisory Board for 10 years until 2005 and was a representative on the Intercollegiate Specialty Fellowship Board (ISFB) for a total of 11 years
- was Vice Dean of the RCS Edinburgh Dental Faculty 2001-2004.
- was a leading member of the TriCollegiate working party for the Membership in Paediatric Dentistry Diploma.
- examined for the MPaed Dent in the UK and Hong Kong

Liz Roebuck, President of BSPD, commented: “Jane inspired awe and affection in equal measure. She was instrumental in the development of the Specialty we are familiar with today and we owe her a great debt of gratitude.”