

BDDG Convention 2010

Academic Day Thursday 7th October in Oxford

In 2009 at the Academic Day we had with us colleagues from PHP (www.php.nhs.uk/), NCAS (www.ncas.npsa.nhs.uk/) and DSN (www.dsn.org.uk/). It seemed to us that involving "outsiders" (outside BDDG) had been a good experience and we should boldly explore this further. At the closing discussions on that day it was agreed that we should seek to involve the regulatory bodies for the day in 2010.

This year we have "undertakings" from the GMC (www.gmc-uk.org/) and from OHPA (www.ohpa.org.uk/) that they will participate in the day.

from OHPA website:

"The Office of the Health Professions Adjudicator (OHPA) will be the new, independent body responsible for making decisions on fitness to practise cases brought forward by the [General Medical Council](http://www.gmc-uk.org/) (GMC) and, in time, the [General Optical Council](http://www.goc-uk.org/) (GOC). Responsibility for adjudication of fitness to practise cases will transfer from the GMC to OHPA from April 2011. OHPA's chief executive Stephen Shaw joined the organisation on 10 May 2010."

Programme for the day 7th October 2010:

In the morning of the day we will be addressed by *Niall Dickson* (www.gmc-uk.org/about/chief_executive.asp) and colleagues from the GMC, and also *Stephen Shaw* (<http://ohpa.org.uk/about-us/our-board/stephen-shaw-biography/>) and colleagues from OHPA. So we will have the CEO's and senior colleagues from both these important regulatory bodies talking to and with us. There will be time for questions and discussion with them.

In afternoon we will be addressed by *Dr Lynn Hankes* (Director Washington Physicians Health Program in Seattle, USA), his presentation title is:

"Physician Recovery: The US Experience and Why It's So Successful."

There will be, as in the last three years, a plenary "brainstorming" session.

The Sick Doctors Trust – SDT - (www.sick-doctors-trust.co.uk/) is funding the academic day and will be arranging both the speakers and guest invitations. Along with representatives from GMC and OPHA, we will be inviting a small number of “friends of BDDG/SDT”. No charge will be made to any of those attending the day, though SDT can not cover the cost of overnight hotel rooms or B&B!

All of our guests are invited to remain with us for the entire days proceedings (we are aware that some may have other commitments that preclude this).

There will be no media (press etc.) presence invited. If any of the parties involved wish to report our proceedings in their own publications, we would ask that they respect our anonymity and not report the names/identities of BDDG members present without their specific permission. We treat the Day with the same sort of principles as a clinical conference and would regard any such revelations as a breach of clinical confidentiality. This confidentiality extends both ways - we will ask BDDG members not to publish details of discussions that may take place between parties on the day, except where it is made plain that such information is in the public domain.

BDDG members will be wearing (often first name only) name badges which will indicate BDDG membership. It would help us if guests could provide themselves with badges indicating a (first name, if you like) name and the organisation(s) you represent.

The limited number of invited guests - “friends of BDDG+” - will include DSN, NCAS, PHP, MCA and the medical indemnity organisations as well as some clinicians with a special interest in addicted practitioners.

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venue:

The Barceló Oxford Hotel, Godstow Road, Oxford, Oxfordshire OX2 8AL

www.barcelo-hotels.co.uk/Oxford

The programme is as follows:

from 9.00am coffee & tea will be available.

9.30am Welcome from BDDG/SDT and Introduction to the day and brief historical background.

10.00am to Lunch (1.00pm)

The entire morning (with a tea/coffee break) will be devoted to the GMC and OHPA

with *Niall Dickson* and *Stephen Shaw* and colleagues.

1.00-2.00pm Lunch.

2.00-3.00pm

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3.00-3.15pm coffee/tea break

3.15 - close (time? well, that's up to you, probably around 4.30pm)

Plenary Session - for the last 3 years this has been an important session for wide ranging discussions including "where next?"

BDDG members attending the convention should register in the usual fashion through the convention registrar Roger <bddg@chagford.waitrose.com> or see www.bddg.org/

We would be grateful if all other attendees for the Academic Day could register with Dr Alasdair Young at the contacts below:

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