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**History of The British Society of Gerodontology (BSG)**

BSG was formed in the late 1980s as The Gerodontic Study Group (GSG) by Professor Emeritus Robin Heath. In these early stages, Robin formed a steering group of Bob Yemm, Tony Newton, Janice Fiske and Denise Mattin and it started from there. Other leading dentists dedicated to older people’s dentistry soon became involved. The aim was to forward learning, teaching and research in the field of Gerodontology

Robin was Head of Prosthetic Dentistry at The Royal London Hospital Medical College, and had established an innovative MSc in Gerodontics, which attracted many postgraduate students from every branch of dentistry, both within the UK and oversees. Publication of the research undertaken as part of this Masters degree course, contributed significantly to the development of Gerodontology. Robin became inaugural President of the society in 1990, and the first editor of Gerodontology, ‘the international journal of dental geriatrics’. The society flourished and developed as a specialist society

At the AGM on 6th December 1996, a name change was agreed and the GSG became The British Society of Gerodontology (BSG)

In 2001, with an aim to increase DCP membership and involvement, BSG welcomed its first DCP, Hilary Maynard, to the Executive Committee

In April 2007, charitable status was awarded

In 2014, a new website was launched along with a new logo

In 2016, our President Elect is Rosalyn Davies, a registered DCP and Service Manager

So what will the future look like as we progress over the next twenty-five years? Having been a BSG member since its beginning, I am truly delighted and honoured to be the 26th President. My view for the future would be to develop closer collaboration with our UK sibling society, The British Society of Disability and Oral Health (BSDH): for BSG and BSDH to work towards synergyfor the advancement of Special Care Dentistry for Older People, would be a worthy silver anniversary celebration

Heather Lloyd

26th President of The British Society of Gerodontology

June 2016

**PAST PRESIDENTS**

1990-1991 Professor Robin Heath

1991-1992 Professor Alan Harrison

1992-1993 Arnold Franks

1993-1994 Professor Frazer McCord

1994-1995 Jean Kinsey

1995-1996 Professor Angus Walls

1996-1997 Janice Fiske

1997-1998 Peter Frost

1998-1999 Professor Robin Basker

1999-2000 Jim Newton

2000-2001 John Collis

2001-2002 Denise Mattin

2002-2003 Heather Frenkel

2003-2004 David Davis

2004-2005 Francis Burke

2005-2006 Janet Griffiths

2006-2007 Debbie Lewis

2007-2008 Professor Paul Wright

2008-2009 Nicola Pearson

2009-2010 David Russell

2010-2011 Vicki Jones

2011-2012 Tim Friel

2012-2013 Barbara Hylton

2013-2014 Mark Taylor

2014-2015 Geraldine Russell

2015-2016 Heather Lloyd