



Past Presidents of the BSDR/BSODR Impacts on Oral & Dental Research

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Formation of BSODR

- London Section of IADR formed in June 1931, met three times a year until 1939.
- included such prominent names as Arthur Bulleid, JF Colyer, EW Fish and Evelyn Sprawson
- first meeting of British Section of IADR (later BSODR) in Guy's Hospital on Saturday March 21st 1953 (J Dent Res 32:729-736; 1953).
- 1983 : BSODR formally created,

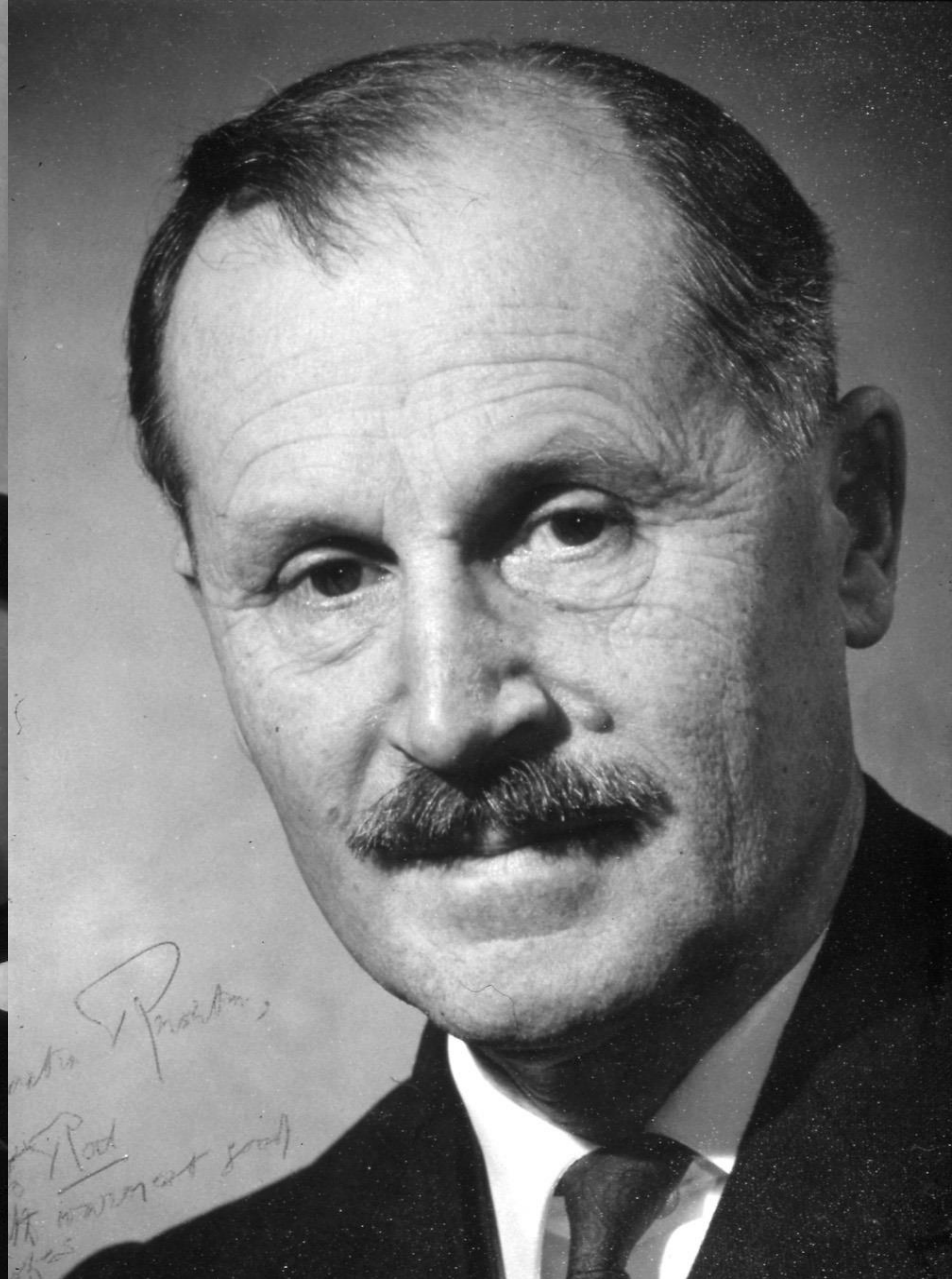
Loma Miles in 1954

- *‘There can be no doubt that this British Section is flourishing and is providing a valuable means for dental research workers to become acquainted personally and with one another’s work’.*
- 1955 third meeting held at The London. British Section (now the British Division) with 32 members attending

British Division/BSODR Presidents 1953-84

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| • Martin Rushton | 1953-62 | Oral Med & Path
+orthodontist + periodontist |
| • Arthur Darling* | 1963-65 | Oral Surgery, Med, Caries |
| • Leslie Hardwick | 1966-68 | Biochemist, Cariologist |
| • Howard Tonge | 1969-71 | BMS |
| • Ronnie Hartles | 1972-74 | Biochemist, Cariologist |
| • Ivor Kramer* | 1974-76 | Pathologist |
| • Neil Jenkins | 1977- 80 | Physiologist |
| • Declan Anderson | 1981-84 | Physiologist |

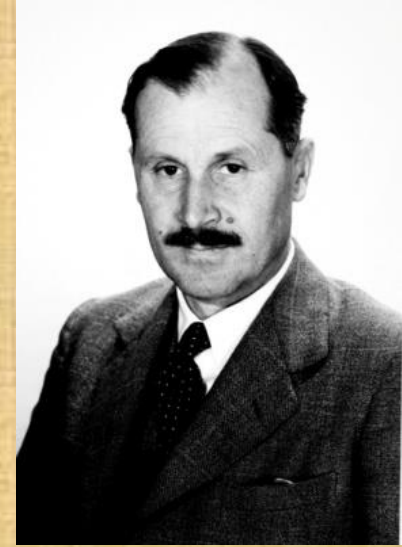
*Deans



Professor Martin Rushton. First President Brit Div/BSODR 1953-1962

Martin Rushton CBE

1903-1970

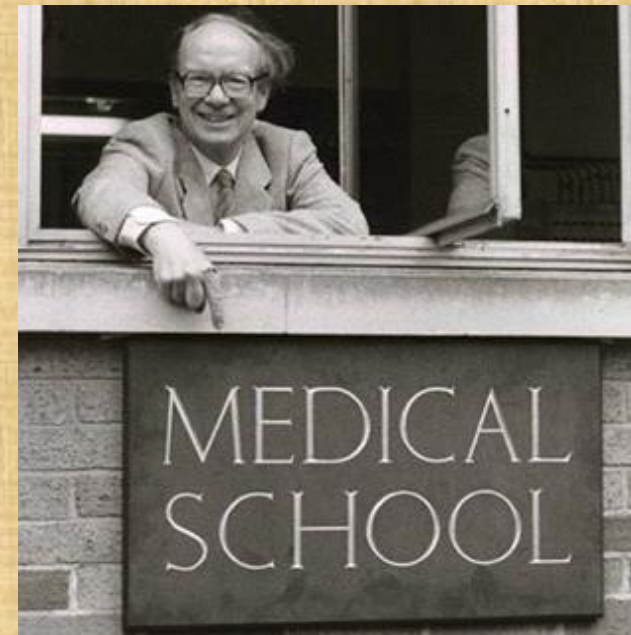


- Greshams & Guys, student research
- Consultant at @ 32, doubly qualified
- East Grinstead Max-fac during war
- Professor of Dental Medicine at Guys (first ever department)
- **Revived British Div IADR, president 1953-62**
- First British President of IADR 1964
- President of BDA 1964
- Polymath (38 papers 1934-1965)
 - President of BS Orthodontics (as was his father)
 - President of BS Periodontology
 - President of RSM Odontological section
 - President of BDSA



Declan Anderson President 1981-84

- Proposed BSDR
- BSDR formed in 1983
- First Poster Sessions
- *Physiology for Dental Students*
- Silversmith
- Mischievous!

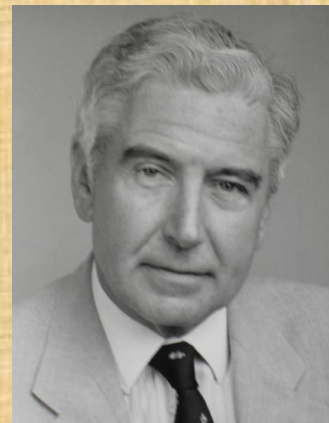


Presidents of BSODR 1985-2000

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| • David Mason* | 1985-86 | Oral Medicine |
| • David Poole | 1987-88 | BMS |
| • John Eastoe | 1989-90 | BMS |
| • Tony Naylor | 1991-92 | Periodontology |
| • David Adams | 1993-94 | BMS |
| • Graham Embery* | 1995-96 | BMS |
| • Colin Robinson | 1997-98 | BMS |
| • Mike Edgar | 1999-2000 | Physiology |

Sir David Mason FRSE

- Wrote (jointly) *Salivary glands in health and disease* (1975) and *Oral manifestations of systemic disease* (1980, 2nd ed 1990).
- He and Dean Millard co-founded the *World Workshops in oral medicine* and edited the *Transactions* in 1988, 1993 and 1998.
- The Royal College of Surgeons of England awarded him the Tomes prize for salivary gland research (1979) and the Colyer Gold Medal (1993).
- Elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 1999.
- Whilst President of the GDC, wrote important articles to try to bring the professions closer together in education and clinical practice.”
 - *D Mason, Future relationships of dentistry and medicine in education and practice, Br Dent J 1992; 173: 2-4.*
 - *D Mason, The changing role of the dentist, Br Dent J 1994; 176: 5-9.*
 - *D Mason, General dental practice – challenges and opportunities: a personal view, Br Dent J 1995; 179: 350-354.*



Graham Embery

President of BSDR 1995

President IADR 2001 (first UK since Martin Rushton)

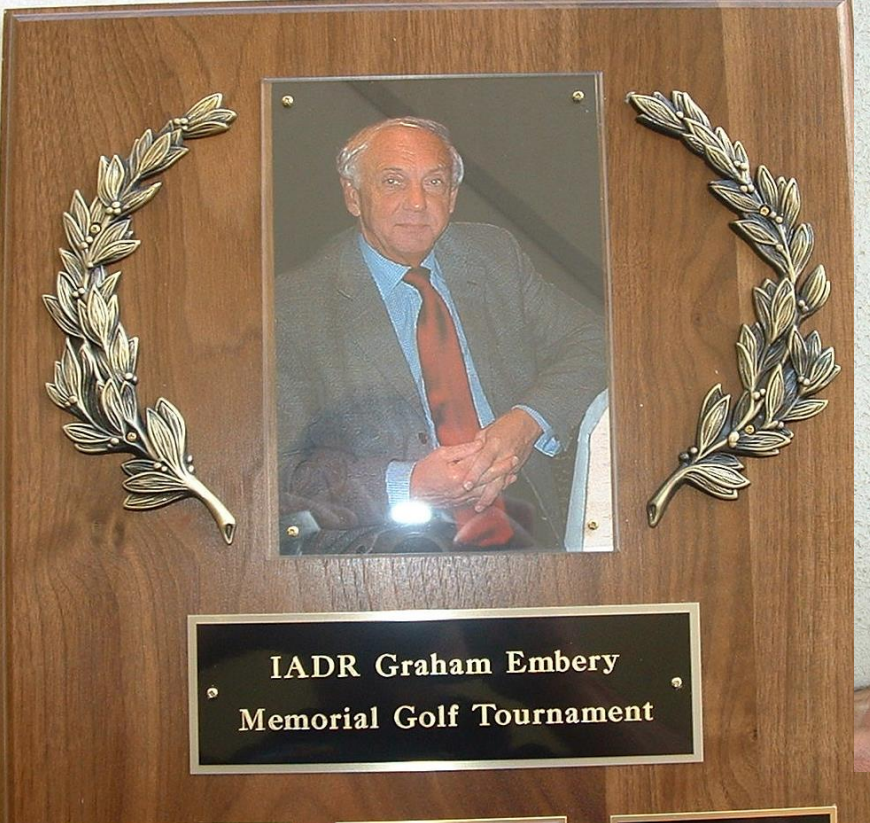
Royal Dental	1970	Lecturer in Dental Biochemistry
Liverpool	1973	Senior Lecturer in Dental Sciences
Cardiff	1987	Chair Basic Dental Sciences
Liverpool	2001	Prof Dental Sciences and Dean

300 papers, 3 textbooks, 25 PhDs



The title of his address when inaugurated as IADR president was 'Dental Research- *Our Unique Contribution to Medical Science*'

He developed the field of glyco-proteins and will be best known for his work on their role in oral tissues and fluids; major scientific contributions to the field which have helped understand the function of tissues.



Mike Edgar President 1999-2000

- 'Short history of the BSODR'
- Vice Chair of steering committee in establishing PEF (now PER) 1999
- Salivary biology



Presidents of BSODR 2001-15

- Stephen Challacombe 2001-2 Oral Medicine etc
- David Williams* 2003-04 Oral Pathology
- Newell Johnson* 2005 Periodontology + Oral Pathology + etc
- Angus Walls* 2006-07 Geriodontologist etc
- Mike Curtis* 2008-09 Microbiology, etc
- Paul Speight* 2009-11 Oral Pathology
- Tim Watson 2011-13 Cariology
- Mike Lewis* 2013-15 Oral Medicine

* Dean



Newell Johnson FMedSci*

- **Epidemiology of head and neck cancers** - led to policy recommendations from WHO, FDI World Dental Federation and several national dental associations.
- **Risk factors for oral cancer** which in several countries led to advisories on screening policies/practices and directly to government policy documents in Sri Lanka.
- **Host factors in the aetiopathogenesis of destructive periodontal diseases** led to revised guidelines for diagnosis, prognosis & treatment approaches from professional bodies in UK and Australia.

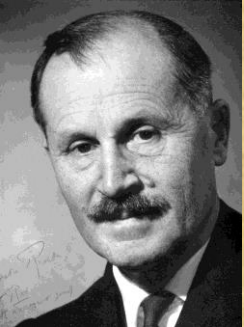
* **one of two PP of BSODR to be elected FMedSci (so far)**



Presidents of BSODR 20015-23

- David Bartlett 2015-17
- Peter Robinson 2017-19
- Marcello Riggio 2019-21
- Rachel Waddington 2021-23
- Simon Whawell 2023-





BSODR Presidents of the IADR



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| • Martin Rushton | 1964-5 | 41st |
| • Graham Embery | 2001-2 | 78th |
| • Stephen Challacombe | 2003-4 | 80th |
| • David Williams | 2009-10 | 86 th |
| • Angus Walls | 2017-18 | 94th |



Previous members of BSODR who became IADR presidents include:

Richard Ten Cate (1984), Bill Bowen (1990), John Greenspan (1996), Deborah Greenspan (2007), Diane Rekow (2011),



Impact of Presidents of BSODR

- Leadership of the profession nationally and internationally.
- Advocates for translation and application of evidence based Science and Research into clinical practice.
- Constitutional changes of IADR
 - Establishment of representatives of world regions on IADR Council
 - Establishment of sliding scale of dues related to national income status (LOMIC)

BSODR Secretaries and Treasurers

- Until 1969, the offices of Secretary and Treasurer were combined, and occupied by Maurice Stack (1953-1957), Howard Tonge (1957-1965) and Stuart Crabb (1965-1969).
- From 1969, however, the two positions were separated, and the job of Treasurer was continued by Stuart Crabb from 1969-1975, followed by Tony Naylor (1975-1990), John Cardwell (1990-1992), Stephen Challacombe (1992-2000), Ron Wilson (2000-2003), Tim Watson (2003-2005), and David Bartlett (2005-12).

BSODR Treasurers

- Stuart Crabb 1969-1975
- Tony Naylor 1975-1990
- John Cardwell 1990-1992
- Stephen Challacombe 1992-2000
- Ron Wilson 2000-2003
- Tim Watson 2003-2005
- David Bartlett 2005-2012