

ITI UK & Ireland Section

Chairman's Annual Report 2023

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Introduction

The start of the term of office for the new leadership team commenced in October 2022. I'd like to thank Colin Burns for his endeavours over the past 4 years and ensuring a smooth transition across to us back in October 2022.

As you will be aware we are now returning to a world of hybrid hosting where meetings and events are now face to face and online or a mix of both in the changing world, we now operate in.

This has presented its own challenges as we step out of the pandemic as members and potential new audiences think differently in how they wish to consume education in 2023. The start of office has been extremely busy with my team of Andrew, Tim and Matt being kept busy with the usual challenges of a change in office together with the commitment in their respective roles to help the fellowship and membership at large.

Membership

We continue to try to grow the auxiliary groups of Hygiene/Therapists, Nurses and Technicians within the ITI as initial commenced in 2020, but with cost-of-living crisis and the effects of the pandemic on the profession in 2023, this has seen a number of nurses leave the profession and so we must focus our efforts on our current members including our valued dentist members to encourage them to ensure their team members are included within our pathways. I am strongly in support of the belief that the T in ITI stands for Team so we should continue to promote these groups with the added ethos of the key values of community, friendship, and inclusion.

Renewal at the end of 2022, in the allocated renewal window, continues to be challenging given the wide choice available to clinicians in how to consume education furthermore, the reduction in live or face-to-face events may have been perceived to devalue membership. The Leadership Team are very aware of this and are working hard, in conjunction with Study Clubs, Young ITI, and WIN ITI to offer a full return to face-to-face events and hybrid efforts where necessary.

The renewal rate at this current time continues to improve and hopefully should increase with our planned membership efforts in due course.

Membership as of 28th February 2023:

- 680 Members, made up of
- 576 Dentists
- 76 Nurses / Hygienists
- 26 Technicians

Achievements

We have run our usual events of the Speaker development day which had a much larger participation compared to previous years and was thoroughly enjoyed by those attending. Andrew continues to aim to improve the speaker development day to those who are wishing to speak locally, nationally, and internationally. I hope we will find some future stars of tomorrow from within the section but also improve our current crop of speakers with educational activities around presentation and delivery.

We were delighted to hold an Implant complication educational week at UCLAN with the help of Fadi Barrak in the autumn of 2022.

We were delighted to run our first educational masterclass of 2023 with Massimo Frosecchi joining us from Italy. The aim of these masterclasses is to augment our current educational offerings within the section. These are aimed at topics around the Advanced to Complex pathways within the SAC framework. We welcome suggestions of speakers and topics which members would like to see over the coming few years.

There have been some changes amongst the composition of the nurses and hygienist groups. My sincere thanks to our previous Nurses Ambassadors: Ruth Burgoyne and Preetee Hylton who have stepped down from their positions. My sincere thanks also go to our previous Hygiene Ambassadors: Karen Walker, Rachel Buckley, Jo Vaughan, and Clare McIlwaine who have stepped down from their positions.

I would like to welcome the following to the Nurses Ambassadors group:

Rachel Rankin and Nichola Crocket who continue to be assisted by Kirsty Herridge and Gemma Sheridan; and to our Hygiene Ambassadors: Lizzie Nguyen and Victoria Griffiths who continue to be assisted by Louise Warden and Jolene Pinder.

Each group are ably supported by fellow Pratik Patel for the nurses and member Estela Baz for the hygienists. The technicians group continues to be headed by Steve Campbell and there are plans to help facilitate further educational meetings for technicians by his team.

The WIN ITI UKI Group – Adela Laverick, Emilie Abraham, Safa Somi, Victoria Harper, Angela Cowell, and Samantha Smith - will continue to run online events with national and international speakers. They also aim to be put into place some new initiatives which will launch in the coming few weeks together with the help of Straumann Group. Unlike other Sections, the Women's group in the UK and Ireland receive some funding through the Section Budget and work alongside the Leadership Team to ensure that the Principles and Ethos of the ITI are upheld.

The Young ITI Group: Rupert Monkhouse, Dipesh Kothari and Emilie Abraham have issued their own report which I will defer to. I would like to congratulate them on the recent ITI Spotlight competition which was extremely well attended and showcased numerous presentations and aspiring speakers. Ioannis Papadopoulos, Azim Malik and Josh Sharpling will go forward to represent the section as part of the World symposium competition in Singapore 2024. Please pencil this date in in the dairy as it would be great to see our section well represented in Singapore.

In terms of achievements in ITI Education I defer to the report of our Education Delegate, Andrew Legg.

In terms of achievements in ITI Study Clubs I defer to the report of our Study Club Officer, Tim Harris.

In terms of achievements with Section Communications I defer to the report of our Communications Officer, Matt Brennand Roper.

Goals

Our primary goal for 2023 is to continue to run face to face events. That aside, we are engaging with a blended programme, accepting that the Section should be prepared for whatever society's rules demand.

Of note:

- A potential UK and Ireland banking entity to facilitate sectional financials.
- Implementation of a new FID programme for 2024
- Implementation of Dental Nurses' Courses to be commenced this year.
- Deliver a Hygienists Course on maintenance of implants in 2023.
- Continue to deliver Masterclasses like the recent Massimo Frossechi event.
- Run the ASM, Young ITI Event and Women's ITI Event in Spring of 2023 at the ASM.
- To drive the renewals of ITI members – of all categories. This can only be successful if we provide quality education, appropriate to our membership needs.
- To drive the Section P&L, to encourage entrepreneurship, to lead events that generate revenue.
- To continue to work, in a productive and synergistic manner, with our commercial partner, Straumann.
- To develop a Study Club network that best satisfies the needs of our membership.
- Introduction of new Fellows at the ASM 2023.
- To help deliver an ITI Education Week with HQ (in one or two sites) in 2023.

Budget

2023 budget proposal has had an uplift of 10% from the financial budget of 2022. The section is now responsible for running its own Profit and Loss statement; effectively this means we are running a small company if you like with the leadership team controlling both income and expenditure on behalf of the fellows and members.

This has been largely proposed by HQ diluting its powers in how each section spends their money- meaning a more holistic approach has been encouraged to see where needs must be met in each individual section.

It should be noted that in 2020 the UKI Section account returned an EBIT profit of 26%.

The primary source of income, not surprisingly, is membership. In 2023 the fees are frozen.

I should highlight that, at the time of writing, the 2023 Budget has yet to be formally signed off. As a guide to the proposal, In Swiss Francs (CHF)

Fees - Income

○ Member	368
○ Fellow	527
○ PG	184

Expenditure

In terms of budget expenditure, unlike other years where the budget was reasonably prescriptive in terms of categories and allowances, we now have an overall pot which we manage and facilitate where necessary in terms of communications marketing, educational events, speaker support events.

A brief summary is available below:

- Study Clubs: £15,7361
- Fellows Meeting: £29,685

- ASM: £33,300
- SCD Meeting: £20,250
- WINITI: £18,600
- YITI: £32,300
- Marketing: £13,900

In service to the Section, and with the support of the Leadership Team, I am indebted to many people: committee members, ambassadors, members, and fellows who give up their valuable time. If I may can, I acknowledge the support of Steve Booth who has now handed administrative duties to Guy Bellamy (Section Manager), Lisa McDonald (Lead Team Support) and Donna Hobbs (Section Support) I would also like to thank Sarah Gardiner and Alex Styles (Straumann UK) for their dedication and support.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Raj Patel'.

Rajan Patel
Chair UK & Ireland ITI Section