

**ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE 2025**  
**26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025**  
**Cloth Hall Court and The University of Leeds**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November:**  
**Helix@University of Leeds**, E C Stoner Building, Woodhouse, Leeds LS2 3AR,  
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Agenda	Time	
<b>Trainees Study Day (see separate programme available on website)</b> Hands on practical's / case-based discussion/lectures. Refreshments included	08:30	17:00
<b>Trainee Committee Meeting. Chair: Dr Sophina Mahmood</b> Helix@ University of Leeds	12:00	12:30
<b>Education Committee Meeting. Chair: Dr Hanya Mahmood</b> Room 7.04 Faculty of Medicine and Health Boardroom, Worsley Building Level 7	14:00	16:00
<b>Executive Committee Meeting. Chair: Dr Josiah Eyeson</b> Room 7.04 Faculty of Medicine and Health Boardroom, Worsley Building Level 7	16:00	17:00
<b>Speakers' dinner- by invitation</b>	18:30	20:00

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**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November:**  
**Herringbone Suite, Cloth Hall Court, Quebec St, Leeds LS1 2HA**

<b>Agenda</b>		<b>Time</b>	
<b>Registration and refreshments - Posters and open paper set up (Herringbone)</b>		08:15	08:55
<b>Welcome &amp; Conference Opening:</b> Dr Josiah Eyeson, ABAOMS President-elect		09:05	09:10
Session chair: Dr Richard Moore			
<b>From Pan to Plan: Navigating the Maxillofacial Radiology Revolution</b> <b>Dr Ed Walker</b> Consultant Dental and Maxillofacial Radiologist, Honorary Senior Lecturer University of Leeds		09:10	09:50
<b>Contemporary diagnostic and prognostic modelling in third molar surgery</b> <b>Dr Balazs Feher</b> Associate Professor OMFS Faculty Harvard School of Dental Medicine, Senior Lecturer in Oral Surgery, Medical University of Vienna.		09:50	11:00
<b>Refreshment break- poster and sponsor exhibits</b>		11:00	11:30
<b>Open paper session: Education &amp; Research flash presentations</b> (6x 6minute-presentations followed by 4 min questions)		11:30	12:30
<b>Beyond the needle- education at the interface of aesthetics</b> <b>Dr James Olding</b> OMFS STR London		12:30	13:15
<b>Lunch- Poster and Sponsor exhibits</b>		13:15	14:00
Session chair: Dr Hanya Mahmood			
<b>Endocarditis Prevention- Another NICE Mess!</b> <b>Professor Martin Thornhill</b> Professor of Translational Research in Dentistry at the University of Sheffield.		14:00	14:50
<b>Open paper session: Clinical flash presentations</b> (4x 6-minute presentations followed by 4 min questions)		14:50	15:30
<b>Refreshment break- poster and sponsor exhibits</b>		15:30	16:00
Session chair : Mr Alasdair McKechnie			
<b>Managing oral dysplasia- 18 years' experience of a dedicated dysplasia clinic</b>		16:00	16:45

<b>Professor Michaelina Macluskey</b> Chair of Oral Surgery, University of Dundee		
<b>Annual General Meeting- open to all members</b>	16:45	17:15
<b>Drinks reception &amp; nibbles at Shears Yard.</b>  11-15 Wharf Street, Leeds, LS2 7EH <a href="https://www.shearsyard.com/">https://www.shearsyard.com/</a>  Please do join us for a relaxed gathering at Shear's Yard for a few light snacks and a drink at the end of day 1.	18:30	20:00

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Herringbone Suite, Cloth Hall Court, Quebec St, Leeds LS1 2HA 3EN**

<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Time</b>	
<b>Registration and refreshments</b>	08:40	09:10
Session chair: Dr Helen Clark		
<b>Educational aspects of surgical videography</b> <b>Mr Tim Zoltie</b> Head of Medical & Dental Illustration Dpt. University of Leeds	09:15	10:00
<b>Building an MSc programme</b>  <b>Mr Alasdair McKechnie &amp; Dr Paula Lancaster</b>  Associate Professor, Head of Academic Dept. of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery University of Leeds.  Clinical Associate Professor in Restorative Dentistry and the Taught Postgraduate Lead at the School of Dentistry, University of Leeds.	10:00	10:45
<b>Prize Giving</b>	10:45	11:00
<b>Refreshment break- poster and sponsor exhibits</b>	11:00	11:30

<b>Consent and Capacity in Complex patients: Mental Health and Addiction in the dental setting.</b> <b>Dr Lauren Firth</b> Consultant in Special Care Dentistry, Chair of the Special Care Dentistry Managed Clinical Network Yorkshire & Humber Region	11:30	12:15
<b>Sustainability and Legislation- what we need to know</b> <b>Dr Adam Jones &amp; Dr Gavin Wilson</b> Clinical Lecturer, Oral Surgery, University of Leeds. Consultant Oral Surgeon, Forth Valley.	12:15	13:00
<b>Lunch</b>	13:00	14:00
Session chairs: Dr Mariana Bosov		
<b>Coronectomy= Controversy</b> <b>Dr Chris Sproat</b> Professor Oral Surgery, Kings College London Consultant and Clinical Lead in Oral Surgery, Guy's & St Thomas'	14:00	14:50
<b>Facing up to Orofacial pain: Can we do better for our patients using AI?</b> <b>Professor Tara Renton</b>	14:50	15:45
<b>Close</b>	15:45	16:00

**GDC CPD domains: A,B,C,D**

**CPD hours: 11.00**



## **Speaker Biographies:**

### **Dr Ed Walker**



Ed is a Consultant Dental and Maxillofacial Radiologist in Yorkshire, with a clinical practice which spans both head and neck radiology in a busy DGH and specialist dental hospital settings. He is an Honorary Senior Lecturer at Leeds Dental Institute and has an active role in teaching both undergraduate and postgraduate students, as well as a number of research interests. His main clinical and research interests are centred around innovation in Dental and Maxillofacial Radiology, with a focus on the role of radiology in three-dimensional and patient pathway planning.

### **Dr Balazs Feher**



Balazs Feher is an Associate Professor in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine, and a Senior Lecturer in Oral Surgery at the Medical University of Vienna. His primary research focus is the application of data science and artificial intelligence for diagnostic, prognostic, and generative modelling in dental medicine. He further conducts preclinical research on oral tissue regeneration.

Dr Feher is a Contributor to the ITU/WHO/WIPO Global Initiative on Artificial Intelligence for Health, Chair-Designate of the European Association for Osseointegration's Junior Committee, and a former Osteology Research Scholar. He holds a D.M.D. and a Ph.D. from the Medical University of Vienna, where he also earned the *venia docendi* in dental medicine. He completed postdoctoral training in Oral Medicine, Infection, and Immunity at the Giannobile and Feres Labs at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine.

### **Dr James Olding**



**MBCHB (Hons), BDS (Hons), BSC (Hons), MRCS (Eng)**

James is a Senior Specialist Registrar in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery in London, holding Honours degrees in Medicine & Surgery (University of Bristol) and Dentistry (King's College London). A Member of the Royal College of Surgeons since 2015, he combines extensive surgical training with a special interest in facial aesthetics. James founded Interface Aesthetics in 2019 to raise standards in the aesthetics industry through high quality education and training.

His work has been recognised with the 2025 Medical Aesthetics Practitioner of the Year award and Interface Aesthetics was named Independent Training Provider of the Year 2024 at the Aesthetics Awards. A respected educator and Faculty member for the Allergan Medical Institute, James lectures internationally and is actively involved in research and campaigning for improved safety and regulation in injectables. He continues NHS practice alongside his private work, leading clinical research as a Principal Investigator in a Phase 3 trial for botulinum toxin in the lower face.

### **Professor Martin H. Thornhill**



**MBBS, BDS, FDSRCS (Edin), FDSRCSI, FDSRCS (Eng), MSc, PhD.**

**Professor of Translational Research in Dentistry, University of Sheffield**

Professor Thornhill qualified in medicine (MBBS) and dentistry (BDS) from King's, London in 1978 and 1982 respectively. He received an MSc with honours from Barts & The London in 1986 and was awarded a Medical Research Council (MRC) Training Fellowship to study for a PhD (awarded 1990) at the MRC Clinical Research Centre, Harrow.

Professor Thornhill became an Oral Medicine Consultant in 1992 and a Fellow of the Royal Colleges of Surgeons of Edinburgh (1988), Ireland (1992) and London (2002). In 1994 he became Chair of Medicine in Dentistry at the University of Manchester before taking up the Chair of Clinical Oral Sciences at Bart's and the London in 1998. In April 2002, he moved to the USA and became Chair of Dental Diagnostic Sciences at the University of Texas Health Sciences Centre in San Antonio. Professor Thornhill returned in August 2005 to take up the Chair of Oral Medicine at the University of Sheffield. In August 2013 he retired from his NHS consultant role to become a full-time researcher and Professor of Translational Research in Dentistry in Sheffield.

Professor Thornhill has more than 200 publications in peer reviewed international journals, including the New England Journal of Medicine, Lancet, JAMA, BMJ etc., and his H-index is 54. I have generated £22m in research grant income. In 2014, he was awarded the prestigious Samuel Charles Miller research prize by the American Academy for Oral Medicine, and he is one of only a handful of individuals to have been awarded two IADR Distinguished Scientist Awards. One for 'Oral Medicine' in 2015 and one for 'Pharmacology and Therapeutics' in 2021.

**Professor Michaelina Macluskey**



### **BDS (Hons), PhD, FDSRCS, FDS OS RCS, FHEA**

Prof Macluskey graduated from Glasgow University in 1990 and spent a few years working in maxillofacial units gaining a FDS from the English College in 1994 before moving to Dundee in 1997 to become a lecturer in Oral Surgery. Prof Macluskey completed a PhD in 2002 and academic training in 2006. In 2007 she became a senior lecturer and honorary consultant and in 2022 was promoted to chair.

Prof Macluskey has two main interests: trying to improve the teaching of oral surgery and research into oral cancer and potentially malignant disorders. Prof Macluskey has published 92 papers primarily in these two areas. She was awarded the ADEE Mature Educators Award in 2022 and the ADEE Inter/Interprofessional Educator Award in 2024.

### **Mr Tim Zoltie**



Tim is the Head of the Medical & Dental Illustration Department, based within the School of Dentistry, in a collaborative role with Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. He is an award-winning professional photographer and videographer, in the speciality area of medicine and dentistry. He qualified with a BA (Hons) degree in 2003, before becoming a qualified medical photographer in 2008 after completing a PGCert in clinical photography from Staffordshire University. Having then spent 10 years at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, he moved to provide operational management of the Medical Illustration Service and the team who support the delivery of illustration and clinical photography for NHS clinical care and academic activities based within the School of Dentistry. The department now offers photography, video, design, illustration, poster printing and 3D facial imaging, and is



one of the busiest dental photography departments in the country.

He is Chief Editor of the [Journal of Visual Communication in Medicine](#), which is an international, peer reviewed medical journal that promotes effective use of communications media to improve healthcare. He has multiple published papers in the area of medical photography and has spoken at national and international conferences. He also provides medico-legal photography UK wide and is an occasional writer for the Law Gazette. His healthcare photography work has led to commissions from NHS England, Health Education England and various national health institutions and NHS trusts.

### **Mr Alasdair McKechnie**



Alasdair is the Head of the Academic Division of Oral Surgery and Medicine. He trained in Edinburgh and Aberdeen before starting specialty training in oral and maxillofacial surgery in the East Midlands. During specialty training he completed his PhD in cancer immunotherapy and on accreditation he took up consultant posts in Lincolnshire and Sheffield. A move to Leeds in 2017 has allowed him to become more immersed in education and he started the Masters programme in Oral Surgery in 2019 and has been the Admissions Lead for the School since 2022. Clinically he is the Lead for Acute Dental Care and has recently been appointed as Chair of the Yorkshire Managed Clinical Network for Oral Surgery.

### **Dr Paula Lancaster**



**BChD, DGDRC RCS(Eng), MDentSci, MFDS RCS(Ed), PGCLTHE, PGCHR, PhD, SFHEA**

Paula graduated with a BChD from the University of Leeds in 1989 and entered general dental practice, completing the Voluntary Dental Foundation Year and then becoming Principal of a high street dental practice in 1992. Continuing professional development led to engagement with the peer review network and completion of the Diploma of General Dental Practice in 1996. After 16 years in general dental practice, she returned to academia part-time and completed a Master of Dental Science at the School of Dentistry, University of Leeds, whilst maintaining an associate position. A full-time clinical academic role followed at both the University of Sheffield and the University of Leeds. Paula is an experienced clinician and teacher and completed a PhD in 2018. Sharing her experience and knowledge with undergraduate and postgraduate students has developed her as an approachable and knowledgeable teacher, which is supported with teaching qualifications and student-feedback. Her particular clinical interest is prosthodontics, and she achieved Specialist in Prosthodontics listing in 2024. She is a Clinical Associate Professor in Restorative Dentistry and the Taught Postgraduate Lead at the School of Dentistry, University of Leeds. She examines undergraduate and postgraduate dental students and has external examiner responsibilities across the UK.

**Dr Lauren Firth**



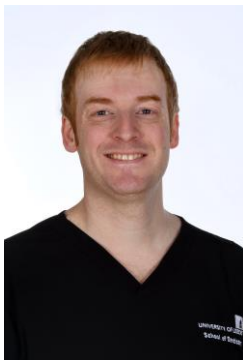
## **BChD (Hons), MFDS (RCS Ed), DSCD (RCS Eng), MSCD (RCS Eng)**

Consultant SCD CDS and Sheffield Teaching Hospitals

Dr Firth qualified in Leeds in 2008 and completed vocational training job in a practice in Sheffield. After treating a few complex patients and enjoying the experience, the Training Programme Director suggested looking into the CDS. She completed a split year in max fax and Special Care Dentistry and realised this was the career for her. Starting initially as a dental officer four days per week to gain further experience and working a day a week in general practice and th out of hours service. In the three years that followed she gained publications and experience in a variety of areas of the specialty.

In 2012 she entered Specialty Training, and she completed her membership exam in late 2015 and was put on the specialist register in 2016. Dr Firth then worked as a specialist in Hull and East Riding until 2018 when she was appointed as Consultant in Special Care Dentistry in Sheffield. Taking on the role of chair of the Yorkshire and Humberside Special Care Dentistry Managed Clinical Network in 2018. Dr Firth's areas of specialist interest include oncology, haematological disorders and learning disabilities.

## **Dr Adam Jones**



Adam is a specialist in Oral Surgery and Lecturer at the University of Leeds, where he contributes to both undergraduate and postgraduate education. He promotes environmental sustainability in dentistry and healthcare with focuses on integrating sustainability into the undergraduate dental curriculum, and a programme of research that aims to mitigate the climate impact of nitrous oxide use in healthcare.

**Dr Gavin Wilson**



Gavin is a Consultant Oral Surgeon working in Scotland. He has an interest in conscious sedation developed following his completion of a Postgraduate Diploma in Conscious Sedation at Newcastle University. He is a specialist advisor at Care Quality Commission where he previously completed a project assessing sedation delivery within primary dental practice across England.

**Dr Chris Sproat**



Dr Sproat is a Consultant in Oral Surgery and Clinical Lead for Oral Surgery at Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust in London, a role he has held since 2007. Dr. Sproat has published extensively on topics including conservative surgical techniques, anticoagulation management in dental procedures, and the vascular implications of oral disease. His research has contributed to shaping clinical best practices and improving patient outcomes in complex oral surgery cases.

**Professor Tara Renton**



**BDS MSc PhD FDS RCS, FRACDS, FRACDS (OMS), FHEA**

Professor Renton is a dental specialist in Oral Surgery with 40 years' experience in complex oral surgery cases. Professor Renton led an Orofacial Pain Multidisciplinary clinic for 20 years working with Headache Neurologists, Neurosurgeons, Psychiatrists, Clinical Psychologists, ENT and all aspects of different dental specialties in assessing and managing patients.

She trained in dentistry, then undertook an oral and maxillofacial surgical programme in Melbourne followed by undertaking a part time PhD in Neuroscience focussing on nerve injuries after dental surgical interventions. This work launched Professor Renton into a career of seeing patients with complex pain conditions and nerve injuries.

Also, because of this work, her interest in patient safety escalated and resulted in developing clinical guidance and strategies to maximise patient safety in dentistry. Several aspects of dental work were modified as a result, third molar surgery, local anaesthetic, implant surgery, endodontics and dental extractions.

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