The Society under the presidency of Dr Alison Qualtrough has, once again, had a busy year. The Spring Scientific Meeting held here at the Royal College of Physicians attracted over 200 delegates.

Following the inauguration of the new President, Dr Jens Andreason associate professor at the University Hospital in Copenhagen, discussed with his usual flair and enthusiasm the optimisation of the pulp and periodontal healing after trauma, and in his second lecture, problems associated with treatment of root fractures.

After lunch which gave time for delegates to view the poster displays, the BES prizes were presented. Mark Hepworth and Samina Younis were joint winners of the Elective Prize. The Harty Prize was awarded to John Williams and the Research Prize went to Anthony Roberts.

The lectures continued with Professor Keith Horner’s enlightening presentation on the current status and future trends in endodontic imaging. Finally, Dr Andreasson gave the Society an insight into the options available when treating failing traumatised teeth.

The BES held its two day regional meeting in Manchester at the Lowry Hotel. Despite the cold weather, the staff at this modern vibrant venue extended a very warm welcome to over 180 delegates. The first day commenced with a meeting of Teachers of Endodontology and a table clinic session which was well attended and as popular as ever, covering a wide range of topics including irrigation techniques, ultrasonic cavity preparation, photo activated disinfection, obturation and removal of root filling materials.

The keynote speaker, Professor Harold Messer from the University of Melbourne, gave a very engaging and informative series of lectures on the subject of the Endodontic-Restorative interface. In addition, Dr Richard Ibbetson, director of Post-Graduate Dental Institute University of Edinburgh, discussed some contemporary approaches to restoring endodontically treated teeth. After lunch, Dr Francesco Mannocci gave an insight into the latest developments in post retained restorations.

Behind the scenes, Council members continued to work hard. The Society is widely represented on a range of committees and bodies, including the European Society for Endontology, the International Federation of Endodontic Associations, the Joint Committee for Continuing Professional Education, the Specialist Advisory Committee and the Senate of Dental Specialists.

Professor Paul Dummer continues his activity as Editor of the International Endodontic Journal maintaining its position at the forefront of scientific publications.
Our Honorary Treasurer, Mr Bill Seddon, has worked hard to maintain the Society accounts in good order.

The website is now a well established source of information about the Society and we are indebted to Mrs Glynis Evans for all her hard work involved with promoting and maintaining the site. Prizes and awards are regularly offered by the Society and members are encouraged to enter them, details can be found on the website.

Council work is enjoyable but requires the support of many key individuals. We give special thanks to Dr Alison Qualtrough for all her hard work and the time spent making this another successful year for the Society.

The Society thanks Mr Simon Cunnington for all his hard work and tenacious lobbying on our behalf as our ESE representative. His term of office ended last year.

We also thank Mrs Annabel Thomas, our administrator, who continues to maintain the smooth running of the Society with her usual organisational flair and good humour.

The minutes book continues to highlight the activities and proposals made by Council during the meetings, copies of which are available from the administrator.