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To: Secretaries of Local Dental Committee
General Dental Practice Committee Members

Dear Colleague

**2010 Annual Conference of Local Dental Committees
17th and 18th June – Harrogate International Centre**

I have great pleasure, as the Chair of Conference for 2010, in inviting representatives to attend the 59th Annual LDC Conference, which after two spells in London, is returning to the provinces, namely Harrogate, North Yorkshire

I am extremely honoured to have the opportunity to Chair your Conference in the year that will see a general election and a possible change of government, and to that end I have invited the incoming Minister of Health with responsibility for Dentistry to address Conference. I hope they feel that they will be able to attend what is likely to be one of the first post-election opportunities to engage with the profession.

We have experienced massive changes to our profession and our working lives over the last few years, and whatever the colour of the incoming administration, I can guarantee that there will be more changes to come. That is why it is important to have a strong LDC Conference to enable the profession to articulate their feelings as to the state of NHS dentistry as we enter the second decade of the 21st century. I hope you will be able to come and represent your constituents and their practices with strong and robust motions which call for action and will engender debate.

To enable the final mailing to be distributed in early May, motions must be received by Friday 9th April. Guidance on the structure and wording of motions is included with this first mailing.

As in previous years there will be a dinner preceding conference, and this will be held on the evening of 17th June in the spectacular Royal Hall which adjoins the HIC, when our after dinner speaker will be Dr Phil Hammond.

Why not extend your stay in Harrogate and take advantage of the reduced rates we have negotiated at the Holiday Inn for Friday and Saturday nights?

I look forward welcoming you all to the Conference of 2010. In the meantime if you have a policy query please contact Will Newport at the BDA on 020 7563 4158, w.newport@bda.org or, if you have queries about the organisation of the event, please contact Katherine Fort on 01243 780615 or katherine.fort@btinternet.com

Regards

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