

REPORT OF THE ALPHA OMEGA LONDON CHARITABLE TRUST 2017 - 2018

The Trustees have met regularly and are pleased to report yet another extremely active year.

The Trustees are delighted to be in regular contact with the Dean, Professor Ervin Weiss, of the Tel Aviv Dental School regarding potential projects. Following the recent co-sponsorship of a surgery in honour of Emil and Suzy Landes in the new '*Special Care Dentistry Centre*', the Trustees are delighted to have contributed £20,000 toward the purchase of a cone beam scanner for patients at the School and those referred from further afield.

After many years of excellent collaboration with the Hadassah School of Dental Medicine, the Trust is delighted to be working closely with the Dean, Professor Aaron Palmon. We are thrilled to have supported the purchase of essential sterilisation cassettes and also the establishment of a '*Digital Laboratory*' to support dental education and patient care. The Trust has already sent \$15,000 and a further \$10,000 will follow. Also at Hadassah, the Ino Sciaky Prize for Oral Medicine was awarded to Dr Andra Retman together with a \$500 bursary.

Further to extensive discussions with Professor Eli Machtei, Head of the Graduate Dental School at the Rambam Medical Centre in Haifa, the Trust agreed to sponsor a new '*Maxillo-Facial Reconstruction Department*'. Unfortunately, planning permission has not been granted since our initial transfer of £12,500 in 2012. As this project will no longer be proceeding, £7,500 of these funds were returned to the Trust during 2017. The remaining £5,000 is being used to support essential paediatric dental care for refugee children in Israel.

In association with Mrs Susan Zamet, the Trust continues to offer the '*Dr John Zamet Memorial Prize in Periodontal Research*' in recognition of John's significant contribution to clinical periodontology. Strict criteria have been established for award of the prize and two senior academics assess the submissions. The biennial prize was awarded jointly to Aaron Lopez-Lago Garcia and Stefan Serban in 2017. An additional four highly commended submissions were received from Amardip Kalsi, Hiten Halai, Zahab Shaikh and Simon Stern. Moving forward, the Trust is delighted to confirm that the Zamet family have kindly agreed to sponsor the award once again in 2019 with a prize fund of £2,000.

In addition to the above, the Trust has supported the following projects over the past year:

Beit Issie Shapiro Clinic	Papoose wraps and anaesthetic equipment	£4,145
British Friends of Aleh	Analgesia equipment for special care patients	£3,540
Dental Volunteers of Israel	Dental treatment for Holocaust survivors	£2,500
Emunah	Orthodontic treatment for children at Afula home	£5,000
Natan International	Portable radiography and digital sensors	£4,600
Norwood	Oral hygiene care for residential special care patients	£5,447

The Trust continues to offer awards to both undergraduate students and postgraduate specialist trainees, the latter being in association with the KCL Dental Institute. Over the past eighteen months, four awards of £500 each were made to Dr Hiba Asrar, Dr Ellie Heidari, Dr Thaarani Vijayakumar and Dr Brooke Zaidman, all of whom presented papers on their research at international meetings.

Royalties from the BDJ book "*Tooth Surface Loss*" by Andrew Eder and Richard Ibbetson have once again been generously divided between the BDA Benevolent Fund and the Alpha Omega Charitable Trust.

Following a very successful and innovative Alpha Omega London Chapter programme under the Chairmanship of Dr Jonathan Lack, and with the support of our colleagues in the Dental Trade and individual donations, the Trust has this year received £25,099 in support of its charitable activities. Henry Schein additionally kindly donated £11,000.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of our many friends and colleagues who give so freely of their time on behalf of the Alpha Omega London Chapter and Trust. I also take this opportunity to offer sincere thanks to all my fellow Trustees for their continued and devoted service to Alpha Omega.

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