

REPORT OF THE ALPHA OMEGA LONDON CHARITABLE TRUST 2018 - 2019

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 support for new initiatives. The Trustees are pleased to have contributed £20,000 over the last couple of years toward the recently installed 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 Refael Cohen together with a \$500 bursary.

Responding to an urgent need following extensive discussions with Professor Eli Machtei, Head of the Graduate Dental School at the Rambam Medical Centre in Haifa, the Trust agreed to support essential paediatric dental care for refugee children in Israel with a grant of £5,000.

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. Moving forward, the Trust is delighted to confirm that the Zamet family have kindly agreed to sponsor the biennial 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 and was particularly touched to have been recognised by Beit Issie Shapiro as a Diamond Donor recognising many years of support.

Beit Issie Shapiro Clinic	Endodontic equipment, surgical tools, anaesthetic supplies	£4,500
British Friends of Aleh	Radiography equipment, clinical camera, suction equipment	£5,660
Dental Volunteers of Israel	Chair arm, suction machine, computers	£2,500
Norwood	Oral hygiene care for residential special care patients	£5,594

The Trust continues to offer awards to both undergraduate students and postgraduate specialist trainees, the latter being in association with the KCL Dental Institute with the agreement recently being renewed for a further two years. Over the past year, four awards of £250 each were made to Dr Alexandru Gliga, Dr Lilis Iskandar, Dr Rupali Lav and Dr Shima Sharara, all of whom presented papers on their research at international meetings.

The Trustees also made two additional awards of £250 to support conference travel this year. The first was to Dr Tal Evenhaim, an aspiring young Alpha Omega member from Jerusalem, who travelled to the Alpha Omega convention last December. The second was to a newly qualified London Chapter member, Dr Bradley Lander, who recently presented at the IADR in Vancouver and is now applying for specialist training in Periodontology.

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. A new edition is under preparation with a launch planned for 2021.

Following a successful Alpha Omega London Chapter programme under the Chairmanship of Dr Rob Pittack and with the support of our colleagues in the dental trade and with Henry Schein kindly donating £16,442, the Trust has this year received £15,357 in support of its charitable activities.

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. A special thank you must go to Dr Richard Horwitz who has retired as Treasurer and becomes Chairman of the Chapter.

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