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## **Association of Dental Groups Inaugural Bursary winners announced**

The Association for Dental Groups (ADG) has announced the winners of their inaugural Bursary Awards at an event in Manchester.

Chair of the ADG, David Worskett, presented prizes to the 2014 winners of the professionalism and management categories, Chloe Richardson (University of Sheffield) and Eliska Dvorakova (University of Dundee) respectively. The winner of the post-graduate award, Hassaan Nasir (University of Sheffield), was presented with his award by the Chief Dental Officer, Dr Barry Cockcroft, who was also one of the judges.

Speaking at the event, Mr Worskett said that all of the entries had been of high quality; however the three winning entries particularly stood out.

Mr Worskett said, "In the undergraduate categories, Chloe, and Eliska demonstrated an excellent understanding of dental practice management and professionalism, which is exactly what we were looking for."

"Dental students rightly focus on the clinical understanding of dentistry, which is obviously key to patient outcomes and quality of care. However not enough students leave university with a thorough understanding of how to run and manage a dental practice, which is vital in today's system and this is something the ADG is keen to work with the dental schools to address."

"In the post-graduate category, Hassaan's proposed project to improve oral health and awareness among children was well-planned, innovative and addresses what remains a major issue in many parts of the country."

Mr Nasir, said he was thrilled to have won the prize, adding: "I'm very honoured to have been chosen as the post-graduate winner. I look forward to using the prize to develop my project."

"I think it is very important that dental students are able to develop projects such as this and I would implore students to get involved in work that helps prevent disease in the first place."

Guests at the event in Manchester were also given a presentation by Mark Topley, CEO of Bridge 2 Aid, a charity supported by the ADG which aims to improve oral health in Tanzania, by giving people access to quality dental care, and also training more dental health professionals.

The 2014 bursary programme will open in the coming weeks.

The full list of bursary winners were:

### **Undergraduate**

Professionalism category:

Gold – Chloe Richardson (University of Sheffield)

Silver – Eliska Dvorakova (University of Dundee)

Bronze – Saul Konviser (King's College London)

Management category

Gold – Eliska Dvorakova (University of Dundee)

Silver – Raghav Munjal (University of Sheffield)  
Bronze – Sumeya Ibrahim (University of Manchester)

**Post-Graduate**

Hassaan Nasir (University of Sheffield)

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**About the Association of Dental Groups**

The Association of Dental Groups (ADG) is a professional association whose members are corporate dentistry providers and dentistry groups serving both private and NHS patients across the UK. Representing companies with multiple practices, the ADG and its members are committed to consistently high quality care by investing in their patients and people.

ADG's objectives are:

- To ensure delivery of quality outcomes for patients in a sustainable, high quality manner
- To support the Government's aim to improve high quality access to dental care
- To work with the NHS to promote prevention of dental health problems

To support dental practitioners and their teams by offering professional guidance and development opportunities