

# Mr David Kramer

**Past president: 2010-2011**



Having graduated in 1980 and spent a short time on the staff at the London under the supervision of the late Harry Allred and John Richards, I tried and failed to get a scholarship that would have enabled me to take a masters at Chicago Northwestern. I then tried and failed to get onto the restorative MSc program under the late Bernard Smith at the Royal. Needing some purpose in life, I went into general practice and realised that, in fact, providing good quality dentistry for a reasonable number of patients on a daily basis was what I had been trained to do. And so there I have stayed for over thirty six years as well as having been a part time teacher in restorative at Barts and the London and an expert witness in matters dento-legal for over fifteen years now.

I joined the BSRD very early on in my career because it was the society that offers inclusivity, catering for GDPs, specialists and academics alike. It provides CPD, a certain amount of political awareness together with the opportunity for networking and socializing. Having been elected onto the committee I went on to become honorary treasurer and in 2010 became the president of the society. I remember my presidential meeting well, in particular the dinner at Hampton Court. Also during the year we managed to arrange for Dental Update to become a benefit of BSRD membership.

Being elected president of the BSRD is a considerable honour and I was especially pleased for two reasons. The first is that I am one of the very few practitioners not on a specialist register to be given the role, an achievement for the common man, and the second is that my father, Louis, is also a past president of the Society and we remain unique in being the only father and son pairing to have achieved this.