



British Lingual Orthodontic Society

Lingual Accreditation launch by BLOS

An accreditation scheme has been launched by the British Lingual Orthodontic Society (BLOS), as a demonstration of an orthodontist's skill and ability and their commitment to specialist post-graduate education. BLOS members can now apply to become BLOS accredited.

The UK is one of the countries where lingual practice is most advanced and the aim of BLOS and its dedicated membership is to achieve equivalence with other leading lingual organisations. Both the World and European Societies of Lingual Orthodontics already run accreditation schemes. The standard of BLOS accreditation is designed to be as high, in order to celebrate the achievements of its members.

In order to apply for accreditation, the orthodontist must be a member of BLOS. Three cases are required for the examination with a treatment need of IOTN 4 or 5. At least one must be an extraction case, to demonstrate complex, sliding mechanics and arch-form control. Cases will be submitted electronically using a template designed in conjunction with the European and World Lingual Orthodontic Societies

There will be two independent judges and a Chief Examiner, all internationally recognised lingual orthodontists. The examination documents and models will be presented for viewing at the BLOS annual meeting. The deadline for application is October 14th 2011 and cases will be on display at the BLOS study group meeting on November 5th. The Chief Examiner for 2011 will be Dr Dirk Wiechmann.

Several orthodontists have already expressed an interest in applying for accredited status. Paul Ward, BLOS chairman, said: "We are designing the accreditation process so that it is an achievable and worthy challenge; a clear demonstration of the clinician's commitment to excellence in lingual orthodontics. The case submission templates have been designed in conjunction with the other International Societies of Lingual Orthodontics and the examination standards are of an equally high level to ensure parity between the groups."

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Notes to editors

To apply for BLOS accreditation, members should complete the application form on the website (www.blos.co.uk), before the deadline of October 14th:

For more information, go to the blos website www.blos.co.uk or for press information, contact Caroline Holland on 020 8679 9595 or 07974 731396.

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