

## 2010 DENTSPLY / BDA Student Clinician Programme

The DENTSPLY / BDA Student Clinician Programme culminated in an awards ceremony, honouring 15 outstanding dental students from the United Kingdom and Ireland, held at the Balmoral Hotel, Edinburgh.

This splendid venue provided a fitting location to celebrate the cutting edge research conducted by the dental students and their faculty mentors. With a 30 year history, this program represents a continuing investment in the future venders of the dental profession. The gala event was attended by students, faculty and past student clinicians and honoured guests from the fifteen UK and Irish dental schools.

After a traditional 'piping in' of the Head Table, and congratulation speeches from President of the BDA, Dr. John Drummond and head adjudicator, Professor Nairn Wilson, the awards were presented.

The winning entry was from Lisa Durning of the Manchester Dental School, for her research entitled 'Analysis of a novel embryonic stem cell line exhibiting *de novo* promoter methylation of the metastasis suppressor E-cadherin'. Her prize includes an all expenses paid trip to Orlando, FL to attend the American Dental Association's Annual Conference.

Scottish dancing and a Cèilidh entertained the group late into the night as guests danced and mingled.



(From L to R) Dr. Linda Niessen, Vice President and Chief Clinical Officer of DENTSPLY, John Drummond, President of the British Dental Association, Lisa Durning, 2010 BDA Student Clinician Programme Winner, Professor Nairn Wilson, CBE, Adjudicator, Head of School and Dean of Kings College London Dental Institute