

## **REPORT OF THE ALPHA OMEGA LONDON CHARITABLE TRUST 2024 - 2025**

We wish friends, family and colleagues in Israel well under the most challenging of circumstances. Our thoughts are with them all and sincerely hope that we shall hear more positive news the with release of all hostages and an end to the conflict soonest.

The Trustees meet regularly and continue to support dental students on campus as well as challenges of anti-semitism against colleagues. In this regard, a further position statement prepared jointly by Alpha Omega London Council and Trust will be released shortly and will be sent to the Jewish press as well as professional organisations and dental societies. The current situation has strengthened the resolve of the International Alliance of Alpha Omega Charitable Organisations. Over the past year, funds have been directed toward the delivery of emergency patient care, the purchase of an ambulance for Magen David Adom dedicated in January 2025 and also the 'Renewing Minds and Restoring Hope' programme supporting the mental well-being of the Israeli dental community. In all, the Trust has supported these projects with donations approaching £10,000 and we thank all for their valuable contributions.

As a priority, we continue to support the dental schools in Israel. We were delighted to host Professor Rachel Sarig, Dean of the Tel Aviv University School of Dental Medicine, in London in June 2025. The Trustees have this year purchased radiography sensors for the newly established surgical unit enabling exceptional patient care and advancing the training of the next generation of dental professionals in the fields of endodontics, periodontics and implant dentistry. After many years of collaboration with the Hadassah School of Dental Medicine, the Trust is also delighted to be working with the Dean, Professor Avi Zini and we look forward to exploring new projects over tis coming year. Following the Trust's support of centres of excellence in Israel, the Trustees look forward to receiving impact reports from (1) Tel Aviv following part-purchase of a CBCT scanner and an oral pathology laboratory incubator, (2) Hadassah following the establishment of a Digital Laboratory and Student Study Centre and (3) Rambam following part-purchase of an endodontic microscope to support postgraduate training and specialist care in endodontics,

The Alpha Omega London Charitable Trust has also supported the following projects over the past year:

Beit Issie	Intra-oral scanner	£2,035
Norwood	Oral health for residential patients with special needs	£6,740
Pour Sourire	Dental care mission to Laos	£450
TAU Dental School	Dental radiography sensors	£7,750

Whilst the Trust continues to offer awards to support the education and research of undergraduate students and postgraduate specialist trainees, there have unfortunately been no applications over the past year. The Trustees are keen to continue to promote these awards to raise awareness of Alpha Omega and support our younger colleagues.

Royalties from the latest edition of the '*Tooth Wear*' book, edited by Professor Andrew Eder and Dr Maurice Faigenblum and published by the BDJ and Springer Nature, continue to be split between the BDA Benevolent Fund and the Alpha Omega Charitable Trust. Since publication of this latest edition in 2022, the Trust has received £340.

The Trustees are progressing a review of the Trust deeds and related documentation to ensure that the Trust remains compliant with regard to latest guidance and legislation. This governance review should be complete later this year. In accordance with the Trustees' proposal to increase the number of Trustees, we are delighted to welcome longstanding members Veronica Morris and Diana Spencer, both former Chairs of Council, as two additional trustees.

A moment of reflection. The Trustees heard with deep sadness of the passing of Dr Emil Landes who was a founder of the Alpha Omega London Chapter and Trust. He introduced so many to Alpha Omega and embodied all that is good in Alpha Omega. Emil's passing is a real loss to the global Alpha Omega family and he will be sorely missed.

Following a superb programme delivered by the Alpha Omega London Dental Society and with the support of Henry Schein and other colleagues in the dental trade, the Trust has received £35,000 in support of its charitable activities. Special thanks are extended to Dr Kevin Silver as Chair of Council, together with all the Council members, for yet another excellent clinical programme this year and for all their efforts on behalf of our members despite the challenges above. Finally, I wish to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of our Trustees and the many friends and colleagues who give so freely of their time on behalf of the Alpha Omega London Dental Society and Charitable Trust.

**Professor Andrew Eder (Chair of Trustees)**  
**Dr Kevin Silver (Chair, AO London)**  
**Dr Mervyn Druian (Trustee & Past AO President)**  
**Dr Stephen Handelsman (Trustee & Secretary)**

**Dr Aron Marcus (Trustee)**  
**Dr Eddie Scher (Trustee)**  
**Dr David Selouk (Treasurer)**  
**Dr John Wolffe (Trustee & Past AO President)**