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**Dr Rory Boyd appointed President of the Irish Dental Association**

The Irish Dental Association has today (18th April 2024) announced that Dr Rory Boyd has been appointed as its new President.

Dr Boyd takes over from outgoing President Eamon Croke who has completed his one-year term at the helm of the Association.

Dr Boyd graduated from Trinity College Dublin in 2012. After working in general practice in Belfast, he then completed a doctorate of clinical dentistry in prosthodontics at Trinity College Dublin. During this time Dr Boyd completed an externship at the Jerry Weintraub Centre for Reconstructive Biotechnology (UCLA Prosthodontics Department).

Following completion of his specialist training in prosthodontics Dr Boyd had the privilege of taking over the longstanding prosthodontic practice of Dr William Davis and completed his fellowship examinations to the Royal College of Surgeons Ireland.

In 2019 Dr Boyd became the President of the Irish Dental Association Metropolitan branch. Dr Boyd enjoys presenting at both international and domestic conferences and is committed to routinely providing further training for the profession.

Dr Boyd set out his priorities for the year ahead during his inaugural speech to the Irish Dental Association AGM today (18th April 2024), which include building a stronger membership and build better engagement with dentists whilst prioritising our patients.

**Commenting upon his appointment President Rory Boyd said:**

“I am honoured to be embarking on my term as President at a time of great innovation in Irish dentistry driven by investment and education by dentists in their professional skills, new technology and the ever-evolving needs of patients.

“Preventative care and patient centred approaches have never been as important, and this is driving better oral health outcomes and enhancing overall well-being for our patients.

“However, I must also acknowledge the numerous challenges facing the profession of dentistry in Ireland at this time. It is imperative that we now focus especially on the needs of young dentists and dental associates, to continue the work of the Association in shaping major legislative and reforms in improving access to dental care; to promote the many positive ways in which dental care is being delivered in Ireland and, to support the rebuilding of our public dental service for children and special care patients.”

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