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Leading the Charge

Health faculties map out a new path in patient care

The University of Manitoba and the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority are taking the lead in inter-professional health education and practice with the focus on collaboration for person-centered care. This summer, faculty members from 12 health professional programs participated in a day-long seminar and workshop on how to introduce inter-professional education into their respective curricula.

“Our goal of the day was to raise awareness around what inter-professional education is and what collaborative practice is and to begin to let them become aware of the challenges of taking this type of thing into the curriculum,” said Dr. Ruby Grymonpre, University of Manitoba IPE Initiative Coordinator and Professor at the Faculty of Pharmacy. Dr. Grymonpre provided background and an overview of the UM IPE activities to-date, one of several informative and interactive sessions of the day.

“So it was a good group, a good turnout and wide representation from various academic units,” she said.

The challenges involved in the process are myriad for the group. Not the least of which is determining how to introduce new concepts and training to already full programs. Creative thinking and planning is currently underway to deal with the challenges that lie ahead for the university as it embraces IPE.

Interestingly, students are appearing as the early adopters of IPE. Dr. Grymonpre noted that in many areas, students are actually leading the charge towards inter-professional education and practice. Students had the opportunity to present to faculty on such student-led initiatives as the Winnipeg Inter-professional Student-run Health (WISH) clinic, Manitoba Health Sciences Student Association (MaHSSA) and the IHI Open School.

“Many students have also been involved in inter-professional clinical placements, a collaborative effort between the IPE Initiative and the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority,” Dr. Grymonpre said, “where inter-professional teams of students learn, with and from each other, in clinical practice environments. Feedback from the students has been overwhelmingly positive; they are asking why we are not doing more of this. To have this dimension—students observing and practicing collaboration in the clinical context—is a very critical piece of the puzzle.”

Dentistry and dental hygiene have been involved in the IPE movement at the U of M since it began. Prof. Laura MacDonald (dental hygiene) and Dr. Doug Brothwell, (dentistry) are on the liaison committee for the UM IPE Initiative, thus promoting oral health and the oral health professions within IPE and inter-professional practice. Numerous hygiene and dental faculty members have stepped up to sit on a variety of committees moving the UM IPE agenda towards action within the curriculum.

One of the six IPE Initiative working groups targets oral health and systemic health with representation from dentistry (Dr. Brothwell, chair) and dental hygiene (Professors MacDonald and Lorraine Glassford). These three, along with colleagues from medicine, pharmacy, and a practicing dietician recently developed an IPE learning module for use throughout the health professional curricula. The module was developed in concert with Casey Hein, of the International Center for Oral-Systemic Health.

The June orientation for faculty welcomed over 70 registrants representative of all the health professional programs and their affiliates. Attending from the Faculty of Dentistry were Drs. Reda Elgazzar (pictured above left), Adnan Shah and Dr. Brothwell. Participants from the School of Dental Hygiene were Lorene Belows (UM IPE initiative clinical placement working group), Sheryl Sloshower (UM IPE health promotion working group), Marica Ruska, and Prof. Laura MacDonald (co-chair, UM IPE faculty development working group and School of Dental Hygiene liaison committee, UM IPE Initiative).

Dr. Grymonpre said the initiative is recruiting a growing number of IPE champions from all participating academic units to ensure that any IP learning opportunity is truly inter-professional.

“Through their involvement in working groups, the champions are the people who are charged with the responsibility of developing, implementing and evaluating one or more IP learning opportunities,” she said.

Another UM IPE orientation session has been slated for January, 2011.
Little Shop of Dentists

Theatrical production first to feature all-doctor cast

Just when you thought you heard it all. Your Manitoba Dentist has announced plans to stage a production of Little Shop of Horrors this spring at Winnipeg’s Prairie Theatre Exchange. It’s the first time the play will feature a cast comprised entirely of dentists. Yes, that’s right, dentists.

“We weren’t sure if we could do it,” said Dr. Tricia Magsino Barnabé, the driving force behind the show. “It was kind of nerve-racking because we thought we might have to approach dental office staff, dental labs and dental supply companies, but we found our 15 dentists and they are all great performers.”

Dr. Magsino Barnabé should know of what she speaks. This veteran of the local theatre scene has been involved in musical stage productions for years. Her most notable credit was for the lead role of Kim in Miss Saigon, produced by Rainbow Stage in 2005.

And while the path of academia led to a career in the health-care field, her love of the theatre remains. But it took chance meetings with past theatrical collaborators Kayla Gordon and Marilyn Redekop, to give rise to this most unique idea.

“We would run into each other and they were asking if I was still performing,” Dr. Magsino Barnabé said. “I was doing a little bit of freelancing and said it would be great to do another musical. They both said we should do one with just dentists.”

From there, the call went out to the oral health community who responded in big numbers.

“It was a wonderful response, more so than we thought. We have a lot of people interested in joining in any way they could possibly do so,” Dr. Magsino Barnabé said. “A lot of people didn’t know whether they were worthy of being on stage but did want to try. So we extended the invitation to auditions.”

Most are familiar with the storyline: A timid florist finds his chance for success and romance with the help of a giant plant. Only problem is the plant has a penchant for eating people. Based on the campy 1960 black comedy by Roger Corman, Little Shop of Horrors was adapted into a musical in 1982 and later brought to the big screen featuring the likes of Rick Moranis and Steve Martin. Among the cast of characters is Dr. Orin Scrivello, a manic dentist who delights himself by indulging his sadistic tendencies at the expense of his patients.

What better script to hand to a team of oral-health thespians?

“We went through a lot of scripts,” said Dr. Magsino Barnabé. “We spent several weeks trying to find a script that would be appropriate for the dentists and their families and colleagues. This happened to be a great one to start with plus the bonus is that there is this crazy dentist in the show. So we’re doing this with a great sense of humour.”

The curtain will rise May 12, 2011 for a four-day run at the Prairie Theatre Exchange main stage.

More Than a Tax Receipt

Friends of the Faculty welcomes supporters

The need to constantly improve and evolve is a fact of life in the Faculty of Dentistry. Often, this involves keeping up with the technological times, as was the case in the late 1980’s and mid-1990’s. It was at that time the Faculty held two fund-raising events in order to provide the clinics with the equipment needed to stay on top of the treatment curve.

Some years later, these Friends of the Faculty would be acknowledged for helping out during this important time at the institution. That was the theme of the day on October 30 when the Friends of the Faculty were welcomed back to the Bannatyne campus for an afternoon entitled “More Than a Tax Receipt.”

“Without your foresight and dedication, the changes that have been apparent in the clinic and pre-clinical laboratories in this building would not have been possible,” said Dr. Frank Hechter, voluntary chair of the Friends of the Faculty committee. “I’d like to take this opportunity to celebrate your commitment, dedication and thoughtfulness and hope that you will accept our sincere level of appreciation for your continued support for the Faculty.”

The event welcomed back contributors to the campaigns for an afternoon of fellowship and tours of the facility led by a number of fourth-year dental students who turned up to assist in the event. The committee would also like to acknowledge Salisbury House for their support of the late fall gathering.
New Faculty Fellow
Dr. Brar inducted to ranks of RCDC

Dr. Jaswinder Brar is the latest Faculty academic to be welcomed into Fellowship of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada. The Assistant Professor in Dental Diagnostic and Surgical Sciences received the fellowship in periodontology at an RCDC convocation event August 28, in St. John.

Dr. Brar (pictured right with RCDC President Rich Emery) graduated in dentistry from the Baba Farid University of Health Sciences (India) in 2001.

After three years of general practice, Dr. Brar enrolled in graduate studies at the University of Manitoba, where he received his specialty training in periodontics and is now a member of the Canadian and American Academies of Periodontists.

New Topics in Ancient City
Athens hosts international ortho conference

Dr. William Wiltshire was a keynote speaker at a meeting of the Greek Orthodontic Society, held in Athens, Greece this past spring.

Dr. Wiltshire delivered the lecture — Evidence against the ‘evidence’: In defense of growth modification and orthopedics despite the opposing evidence presented — at the international event that took place in May in the ancient city.

In the shadows of the Acropolis, Dr. Wiltshire is pictured here at the formal dinner along with fellow keynote speakers Dr. Jung Kook Kim from South Korea, who lectured on Temporary Anchorage Devices, and Dr. Paul-Georg Jost-Brinkmann, professor of orthodontics in Berlin, Germany, who lectured on Invisalign and/or lingual orthodontics.

The Advent of Virtual Microscopy
Oral Biology adopts digital archiving and communication system

The march to the digital age continues. The Department of Oral Biology, in step with the Department of Anatomy and Cell Science (Faculty of Medicine), has adopted the ImageScope software and electronic picture archiving and communication system (EPCS from Aperio), in the teaching of histology.

“Students are now able to navigate through our archives of histological slides, in a manner that reproduces the control, magnification steps and resolution of classical microscopy with an amazing accuracy,” says Dr. Catalena Birek (pictured right), coordinator of course ORLB 1090 (Development, Structure and Function of Oral Tissues). “They can even select and save their own fields of view, at their own pace, anytime, anywhere, directly from their laptops.”

“I liked using the digital slides in preparation for the practical exam in this course,” first-year student George Loewen adds. “Not having to go to the lab to study was quite convenient.”

The new technology is part of the Faculty’s move towards digital and electronic technology in all facets of teaching and treatment.
One Hot Night in the Cold
McFarlane Mission stages fund-raiser for outreach effort

The McFarlane Mission turned up the heat on a cold prairie night November 27, all in support of a second outreach mission to a nation in need.

The Plug-In Gallery on McDermot Ave. in Winnipeg was the place to be for what was billed as a most unique and fun event featuring great food and wine, a silent auction, and entertainment by the likes of Chris Burke-Gaffney and Steve McGovern (from the Pumps/Orphan), Big Time and Kristen Harris, among other special guests.

All proceeds from the event are going towards the McFarlane Mission to Haiti in the spring of 2011, organized by Winnipeg orthodontist and Faculty alumnus, Dr. Bruce McFarlane. The mission is a follow-up to one staged in the Dominican Republic last year.

At the time, Dr. McFarlane said they had planned a stop in the neighbouring nation, one that never materialized.

“There are 300,000 who live in Cite Solei, Haiti with no access to dental or medical care,” says Dr. McFarlane. “We’re going to Haiti in March to make a difference to the health of a destitute population.”

Recently, Haiti was hit by Hurricane Tomas that inflicted further damage to a country still reeling from a devastating earthquake last spring.

“Many children and adults go to bed there hungry, sick, and with dental pain and infections,” Dr. McFarlane said. “A recent medical mission into Cite Soleil saw 1,300 patients in two and a half days. We plan to make a difference in the six days that we will be there, and leave behind a legacy of equipment and supplies for future volunteers to provide care.”

Dr. McFarlane said the mission is in serious need of dental supplies and materials.

“Unfortunately we will be doing mostly exodontia down there, so we really need forceps, elevators, needle drivers, scalpel handles and blades, resorbable sutures, needles and local anaesthetic, if it’s close its to expiry date,” he said.

For more information, to volunteer or make a donation to the cause, call (204) 947-1825, send an e-mail to: info@drmcfarlane.com or log-on to www.drmcfarlane.com, Facebook: Dr McFarlane Orthodontist.

New Computers Welcome Students
Constant improvement towards a better experience

It was the ‘Wright’ thing to do. In September, the Wright Lab was outfitted with 12 new desk top computers, complete with new operating systems and enough RAM and hard drive space to more than meet the challenges of dental school.

The units were warmly welcomed by the student body, replacing several machines that had become outdated and inefficient to use. The upgrade is also consistent with the Faculty mandate to improve the educational experience, according to Associate Dean, Dr. Doug Brothwell.

“Many of our initiatives have been student-focused and we will continue on this path,” explained the Associate Dean (academic). “We are targeting improvements to all areas of the Faculty, and that extends right into the classroom.”

Site improvements include upgrades to the various facilities in the building, most recently the labs and office space of Oral Biology. Renovations to the fourth floor are currently underway.

Where the classroom experience is concerned, the Faculty has developed and implemented myriad activities such as regular student-administration meetings and instructor-focused training.

“The ultimate goal is to ensure our students receive quality education with respect,” Dr. Brothwell said.

Future initiatives may range from subtle improvements to more pronounced changes in curriculum and training, based on a combination of professional and student needs.
Alumni Shine and Share

Major class pledge adds excitement to annual awards night

For our award-winning professionals, a major legacy gift and the announcement of a new fund raising drive all shared centre stage at the 2010 Alumni of Distinction banquet for the University of Manitoba’s Faculty of Dentistry held September 24 at the elegant Fort Garry Hotel.

The annual salute to the best in Manitoba oral health paid tribute Dr. Mike Lasko, Dr. Phil Poon, Ms. Harriet Rosenbaum and Mr. Ross McIntyre, this year’s award recipients.

Drs. Lasko and Poon were co-recipients of this year’s Alumni of Distinction honour, with Ms. Rosenberg named for the School of Dental Hygiene. Mr. McIntyre received honorary membership in the University of Manitoba Dental Alumni Association. Each of this year’s honourees has long and distinguished records of community and professional service that earned them the accolades of their peers.

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For many years, Dr. Lasko served as an instructor at the Faculty, something he described as “a very rewarding experience” in addition to working in private practice. For over 25 years, Dr. Lasko also served as registrar for the provincial association where he carried on mentorship and guidance of his young colleagues, some of whom would rise to prominence in the field.

“It was during this time that I had the opportunity to work with many dentists, mostly our dental graduates to enhance and facilitate an optimal, safe working environment for both the public as well as our practitioners,” he said in accepting the award. “I am extremely proud of our accomplishments in this regard. I am especially proud of the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba.”

Dr. Phil Poon’s extensive record of community service and outreach in the province goes back almost as far as his graduation from the Faculty in 1980.

“Phil has always been governed by his ‘let’s get it done’ attitude,” said colleague and classmate, Dr. Murray White. “His great attitude, along with his genuine concern for his colleagues and the public, particularly those less fortunate and those with urgent need, led him on a journey of distinguished service.”

Dr. Poon’s record includes establishing outreach programs for new and disadvantaged Canadians in addition to volunteer service at Siloam Mission and St. Amant Centre. For his efforts, Dr. Poon was acknowledged by the Centre for Community Oral Health during the Faculty’s anniversary year in 2009.

In receiving the award, Dr. Poon acknowledged the efforts of those such as Dr. Lasko and Dr. Ron Peterson, his mentor during dental school, along with many others for setting the standard in terms of social responsibility.

“When you talk about volunteers, I look around this room and I see so many of my colleagues who volunteered their time at the Faculty, at the Winnipeg Dental Society, in the community, providing charitable services overseas - they do this and go unrecognized,” he said. “So to be recognized for the little bit that I do, I am honoured.”

A pillar of the dental hygiene profession in Manitoba, Ms. Harriet Rosenbaum played an active role in the growth and development of the field for close to three decades. As an administrator, Ms. Rosenbaum served three terms as president of the Manitoba Dental Hygienists Association, one term lasting the longest of any in the group’s history.

“Harriet has always believed in giving a voice to dental hygiene,” Prof. Mickey Wener said in her introductory remarks. “She has repeatedly brought the profession into the public eye as only Harriet can — with fun, with passion and a focus on the importance of oral health for all.”

Similar to the evening’s other honourees, Ms. Rosenbaum noted how her involvement in the profession evolved naturally. In fact, she said, leading a professional organization was the last thing on her mind during her time at the School of Dental Hygiene.

“My husband Sid reminded me that my graduation dinner was held in this room 29 years ago, so it’s very fitting that we are here again this evening,” she said. “But if you would have told me 29 years ago that I would be up here accepting this award, I probably would have laughed and said something inappropriate. But that just goes to show you that anything is possible.”

One thing that few in the crowd may also have thought possible was the retirement of Mr. Ross McIntyre. Earlier this year, the long-time executive director of the provincial governing body announced plans to step down, bringing to an end over four decades of dedicated service.

Considered by many as one of Canada’s finest administrators, Mr. McIntyre is also held in high regard for his personable demeanor and genuine good nature. For these, and myriad other reasons, Mr. McIntyre received honorary membership in the UMDAA.
“What is Ross’ greatest strength?” Dr. Craig Fedorowich rhetorically asked. “I would humbly suggest that it is his ability to identify, develop and encourage individuals for the multitude of issues that dentists need to devote attention to. He has a knack for getting the best out of people, repeatedly.”

A long round of applause greeted Mr. McIntyre as he walked to the podium, reflective of the long association he has had with the Faculty of Dentistry and those in its number. In his remarks, Mr. McIntyre reiterated the popular notion that graduates of the University of Manitoba oral health programs are usually quick to make their mark in the field.

“From my vantage point, I see that graduates of the Faculty of Dentistry have a huge advantage when they attend events because their experience has given them clinical skills, experiential learning and the professional education and training that they received at the Faculty,” he said. “It’s my hope that when these new grads see the benefits that have been bestowed upon them by the Faculty of Dentistry they too will turn out to be leaders of the profession and, when their time comes, they too will be supportive and generous to the Faculty where they graduated.”

“I want to you know how appreciative I am to receive this distinct honour. I will cherish it for as long as I live.”

On the heels of the awards ceremony, Dr. Ernest Cholakis stepped forward to officially announce the launch of a fund-raising campaign for the Ross McIntyre Digital Imaging Centre. The drive will raise funds to move the Faculty into the digital age, complete with 3-D cone beam technology and electronic patient records.

“This will be the most advanced dental imaging centre of any Canadian dental school, one that embodies Ross’ character and impact on the dental community,” said Dr. Cholakis, chair of the Dean’s Advisory Board and co-chair of the campaign along with Dr. Frank Hechter. “This state of the art facility will provide exceptional expertise for undergrad and graduate students and researchers including Manitoba practitioners as well as our patients.” (See accompanying article on page 24 for more.)

As if all this was not enough, Dr. Blake Sinclair then came forward with yet another amazing announcement: The senior stick of the Class of 1995 presented a gift to the Faculty of Dentistry totaling no less than $123,000.

“We decided that we wanted to say ‘thank you’ for the opportunities that the school has afforded us, for the excellent foundation of education and support,” Dr. Sinclair said to the sold-out crowd of over 200 who gathered for the event. “We wanted to show our thanks and our support for the positive changes and the direction the school has taken.”

Dean Iacopino thanked the class, many of whom were in attendance as part of a class reunion specifically planned to coincide with the banquet.

“This is a first-of-its-kind legacy gift; a gift that I consider transformational with regards to its intent and the example it sets for future classes,” Dr. Iacopino said. “What leadership, what an example, what a profound statement from the Class of 1995.”

For more on the Class of 1995 and their gift to the Faculty, see additional articles on pages 10 and 25.
The Class of 1995 thought it only fitting that we hold our fifteenth class reunion during Homecoming weekend at the University of Manitoba this past fall. In all, 18 from our number of 23 were able to make the trek back to Manitoba, an impressive number given that only seven of us are actually practicing in the Keystone province. So it’s great to see our group is still very much a close one.

We began our weekend on Friday night, at the Alumni of Distinction awards banquet where 17 from our group attended. We watched with pride as our senior stick, Dr. Blake Sinclair formally presented Dean Iacopino with a donation of $123,000 on behalf of our class. Congratulations to all for stepping up with this outstanding show of support for the dental school.

On Saturday, many of us attended the Homecoming Reception at the school and enjoyed a tour of the place we spent so much time at back in the day. The feedback from those who attended was that an impressive number of changes have taken place since we graduated.

Dr. Bert Thacker, who now practices in Grand Cayman, gave a presentation about his charity work in Peru. It was interesting and gratifying to see the good work being done for the people in this remote part of the world.

Drs. Cory Sul and Steve Chown played in the Alumni-Student Challenge hockey game on Saturday afternoon. On a bit of a funny note, Steve and Cory had a bit of a run-in toward the end of the game, which resulted in Steve getting seven stitches on his chin courtesy of another classmate of ours, Dr. Tony Canosa. Talk about oral surgery!

On Saturday evening, we got together at Hermano’s restaurant in Winnipeg and had a great time reminiscing about old times. Sincere thanks to all in the class who made it out and helped make this milestone event truly one to remember.
The Age of Enlightenment
Embracing new approaches a proven method for success

We have all heard the term ‘evidence-based practice’ (EBP) and are likely familiar with what it implies from a professional point of view. The idea of EBP—incorporating advances in the development of treatment supported by research—is gaining traction throughout the healthcare profession and is translating through to academic institutions as well.

On the surface, it makes sense. Simply put, the concept encourages practitioners to provide evidence to support a particular treatment, intervention or methodology. This is important because, as practitioners, we must always be sure that what we are doing is best practice and in the best interest of the patient. It underscores the principle that practice should never be governed by tradition or habit.

Yet if you dig down a little deeper, you may find that this idea resonates equally well when applied beyond the parameters of practice; that embracing new approaches over traditional methods can evoke remarkable things.

Back in the 18th century, many prominent minds of the day began to engage in a new way of thought—one based purely on logic and reason. It was the Age of Enlightenment. And it was as significant an event in the course of human history as any of the more dramatic events before or since.

It was those such as American Thomas Paine, Voltaire and Victor Hugo of France and the Englishman John Locke who championed this new way of thinking; who challenged the status quo and believed in the voice of reason and thought. Putting those ideas into practice would yield astonishing results.

Catherine the Great, one of the last of the Russian Czars, was such a proponent. And, spurred in part by the ideals of the enlightenment, she led her country into the modern age and, in the process, became one of the most celebrated leaders in that nation’s history.

The historical lesson is that there is much that may be gained by finding a new path, a better way. And this is the essence of our Drive for Top Five—the commitment to seeing our Faculty ascend to becoming a leader and innovator in our profession. By mapping and heading out on this bold new direction, I believe our time has come and that our lofty goals have allowed us to proactively determine our future.

I also believe that the root of our early success has been our total commitment to improving the student experience and learning environment, as well as redefining the landscape of alumni relations.

We must never lose sight of the fact that the students of today are our colleagues and alumni of tomorrow. They are our future associates, our future business partners, our future caretakers of the profession—the stewards of what we value and hold dear.

These are students who have earned the right to be where they are today. They met exacting standards, passed rigorous training programs and displayed the quality of character necessary to earn a place in this amazing profession. It is incumbent on us to do everything within our power to ensure this process is maintained and, where possible, improved. And that is exactly what we will continue to do.

From the first day of dental school, students will continue to be treated as colleagues. Clinical instruction will get underway as early as first or second year. Appropriate services will be in place to provide support to our cohorts, be it financial, social or otherwise. Student meetings, infrastructure improvements and instructor-focused training will also continue on.

Our students will continue to benefit from the latest in technology, whether it is new computers for the Wright Lab or the latest in digital radiography and record keeping that will soon be part of the Ross McIntyre Digital Imaging Centre.

Further, our new Associate Dean (Academic), Dr. Doug Brothwell has spearheaded a new communications and awareness program based on the recommendations of the Task Force on Better Relations. At its core is the tenet that quality education with respectful treatment will be achieved and will have a positive impact on the student experience.

A strong alumni family can only come from a unified student body. We cannot hope to progress into the future without adequately addressing the needs of the present, many spurred by events of the past.

This, like so many of the hurdles now behind us, can only succeed through the collective efforts of all of our stakeholders. All of you—faculty, staff, alumni, government and allied professional groups—have made a positive impact. Many faculty have inspired students in new directions in research and academia; staff have consistently been supportive and proactive; alumni, in a word, outstanding. Support from government and our industry partners has also been exceptional. I invite and encourage you all to keep up the good work in this, perhaps our most important initiative yet.

At our recent Alumni of Distinction awards dinner, I cited a quote from Hugo that I believe still holds true today. “No army can withstand the strength of an idea whose time has come.”

I believe a new day has dawned at our Faculty of Dentistry; that our traditional approaches are being supplemented with exciting and innovative methods, giving way to a new era, our own Age of Enlightenment. It’s an idea whose time has finally arrived.

Grazie.
Talented Administrators Join Faculty Team

Drs. Sawyer and Kim bring extensive experience in clinic management

The Dean of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba has announced a pair of appointments to the administrative team regarding the position of Associate Dean for Clinical Operations and Patient Services.

Pending approval of the Board of Governors, Dr. Mel Sawyer from the University of British Columbia will be joining the administrative team in an orientation capacity as he works with Dr. Lawrence Stockton to assist with implementation of the electronic health record and digital imaging conversion of our clinic areas. Dr. Sawyer will assume the Associate Dean position formally on January 1, 2011 when Dr. Stockton begins his administrative leave.

Also on December 1, Dr. Aaron Kim will assume additional administrative duties and responsibilities as Director of Clinics. He will be working closely with Drs. Stockton and Sawyer to fully define this role and establish priorities that will fully support the continued improvements and enhancements of all operations, patient services, and student training experiences in our clinical areas.

“It is my pleasure to confirm what we believe is a comprehensive and innovative conclusion to our search process,” Dr. Anthony Iacopino added in making the announcement.

Dr. Sawyer returns to the University of Manitoba as a dedicated alumnus who brings considerable experience in a related role at the Faculty of Dentistry at UBC. There, he was involved in infection control, digital imaging, the axiUm patient management system, student scheduling, quality assurance, and overall clinic management.

Dr. Kim, a dedicated advocate for the ‘Drive for Top Five’ and a strong supporter of the Faculty, has been involved in clinical teaching for many years and brings valuable background and institutional memory to the team.

“Dr. Kim’s previous experience in our clinics, as well as his concepts and ideas for design and implementation of improvements and enhancements add a critical practical element to our administrative team,” Dean Iacopino said. “Drs. Sawyer and Kim will be working closely together to provide the leadership and support required by our clinical managers, staff, faculty, and students to accomplish the many ambitious tasks that lie ahead.”

The Dean added that both administrators will benefit from the positive environment and culture of cooperation in the Faculty of Dentistry.

“Please welcome Drs. Sawyer and Kim with your usual enthusiasm and cooperation,” the Dean said. “I am confident they will work effectively with the rest of our administrative team and with the entire Faculty family as we continue to be one of the best dental schools in North America.”

New Staff Confirmed

Drs. Schroth, Boucher welcomed to the Faculty

The Department of Oral Biology has officially welcomed Dr. Robert Schroth as Assistant Professor. Dr. Schroth (DMD, MSc) also serves with the Department of Pediatrics and Child Health (Faculty of Medicine) at the University of Manitoba. He is also a member of the Manitoba Institute of Child Health. Dr. Schroth (right) recently completed his PhD in Community Health Sciences and completed his MSc in the same department in 2003. He obtained his DMD in 1996 from the University of Manitoba. From 2003-2007 he was a CIHR Strategic Training Fellow in the Child Health Clinician Scientist Program (CCHCSP). His research focuses on the epidemiology of early childhood caries (tooth decay) in at-risk populations.

Also, Dr. William Wiltshire, Head, Preventive Dental Science has confirmed the appointment of Dr. Caroline Boucher to the PDS department. Dr. Boucher (right) is working in the Division of Pediatric Dentistry in the position of Coordinator of the Undergraduate Pediatric Dentistry Clinic. Dr. Boucher comes to Manitoba with her DMD and MSc (Pediatrics) from the University of Montreal.
Dean Anthony M. Iacopino’s Office Visit Series

Dr. Richard Parrott (Class of 1978), and staff that includes (front, from left) Nicolette Pelletier, Pattie Shaw (DH 1974) and Amanda Radcliffe offered Dean Iacopino a warm welcome and a tour of their Kenora practice office.

The latest installment of the Dean’s Office Visit Series takes Dr. Iacopino on a tour of glorious ‘Sunset Country’ in North Ontario. The Dean’s tour included stops in Dryden to visit the office of Dr. Keith Eichel, and a visit to Dr. Richard Parrott’s office in Kenora.

Plus, the Dean met with Drs. David Riediger and David McDermid, current holders of the Mantario Cup golf challenge. The annual contest pits the North Ontario twosome against their Manitoba counterparts Drs. Lorne Acheson and Gavin Steidl, all from the Class of 1983.

The team at Lakeside Dental in Kenora rolled out the welcome mat for the Dean. Team members include (back, from left) Janice Wai, Dr. Liz McKenzie (Class of 1983), Dr. Dean Kozak (Class of 2000), (front) Bobbi Klassen, Laraine Hagger, Mantario Cup co-winner Dr. Dave McDermid (Class of 1983) and Dean Iacopino.

Add your practice to the Dean’s Office Visit Series! It’s easy to do. Call Kyla Denisuiik at 204-789-3537. Or send an e-mail to office_visits@umanitoba.ca. Dean Iacopino wants to visit you!

Dr. Keith Eichel welcomed Dean Iacopino to his Dryden practice office. On hand for the visit were (back, from left) Nancy Eichel, Liz Meyer, the Dean, Dani Richard, Dr. Eichel (Class of 1974), (front) Tracey Kitt, Nadine Frechette and Lynn LaRoche.

Pictured below is Dr. Dave Riediger (current co-holder of the Mantario Cup), who welcomed the Dean to his practice office that includes: (from left) Karen Mackey, Amanda Wilwand, the Dean, Dr. Riediger (Class of 1983) and Kimi Wirtz.
Grads Through the Years

By Bill Christie (64)

Robert Schroth (96) has won the prestigious joint MMIS/MHRC Clinical Research Professorship in Population Medicine for a period of three years starting July 1, 2010. Bob also has volunteered as Acting Director of the Centre for Community Oral Health, effective July 1, 2010 until a search for a full-time director can be done. In September, Bob also defended his final oral PhD thesis entitled “Influence of Maternal Prenatal Vitamin D Status on Infant Oral Health.”

Phil Poon (80) continues to be very active in the national dental organization in Ottawa, where the Canadian Dental Association attempts to communicate directly with the federal government on key oral health issues. Phil is the chair of the CDA Advocacy Committee.

Lorne Acheson (83) celebrated his 50th birthday in June, 2010 in real style, at The Pony Corral Pier 7, with a back-up band called “The Carpet Frogs” and a drop-in appearance from singer, Burton Cummings. Lorne and Burton were caught on film in a column by Gordon Sinclair Jr. in the Winnipeg Free Press a couple days later.

Paresh Shah (91) has been listed as a contributing consultant in Esthetics on the editorial board of “Oral Health”, among his other consulting editor and speaking duties.

Kevin Liang Li (2004) has received substantial funding for his graduate research project in endodontics at the University of Maryland for a project entitled “Metagenomic Analysis of Bacterial Diversity During the Development of an Acute Apical Abscess” in spring of 2009.

W. C. (Fred) Weinstein (62) of Richmond BC, an International College of Dentists Fellow since 1994, has been granted Life Fellowship in the ICD because he retired in 2010. He is also a Life Member in the Canadian Academy of Endodontics. Fred is recuperating from a serious illness last spring and is hopefully on the mend. The Faculty of Dentistry offers best wishes for a full and complete recovery.

Peter Kowal (84) started up the seven-year stepladder as Secretary of the Winnipeg Dental Society last April. He follows the rest of the executive, who are all alumni, namely; Roberta Krawat (94) as sports chair, Jeff Hein (94) as assistant clinic chair, Cory Sul (95) as clinic chair, David Stackiw (91) as VP / United Way chair, Bill Cooke (93) as President, and Andrew Chuchman (85) sliding off as past President. With the 2010 — 2011 membership dues at only $250, the WDS is still the best continuing education deal in town!

Tom Breneman (69) as the new Trustee for region six (Canada) of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, presided over the Annual Awards and Induction Dinner in Montreal on May 30. The PFA Canada meeting was held in conjunction with the joint CDA-ODQ meeting, where as well as the induction of new Fellows, close to $100,000 in grants and scholarships were distributed.

Brad McNiven (2007) of Brandon MB had the rare and special privilege of organizing the annual Clear Lake Golf Weekend for the Western Manitoba Dental Society on September 10 - 11, and no doubt was hoping for clear, sunny weather with no thunderstorms!

Matt Danchuck (2001) was visiting Grand Beach this summer and is still practicing in Edmonton with his father. He is concentrating his practice on the diagnosis and treatment of Sleep Apnea in Dentistry. Matt is competing with two other classmates for being the last man standing for ‘most eligible-bachelor’ award.

Mel Drosdowech (64), and Richard (Dick) Konzelman (65) have reached the “retired” category on the Manitoba Dental Association Directory.

Mike Lasko (67) was honoured with an Alumnus of Distinction award at the second gala award evening held at the Fort Garry Hotel on September 24. Mike has been the long-standing registrar of the Manitoba Dental Association.

Phil Poon (80) was honoured similarly with an Alumnus of Distinction award on the same evening. As well as work on MDA committees, Phil continues to be involved nationally with the Canadian Dental Association (see article elsewhere in the Bulletin on all the award recipients).

Simona Pesun (97) in the Department of Restorative Dentistry Division of Endodontics successfully completed the American Board of Endodontics Fellowship in periodontology at an RCDC convocation event. Dr. Brar received his specialty training in Periodontics at the University of Manitoba. The RCDC 2011 convocation and annual Dinner will take place in Winnipeg, September 24.
A Tale of Courage and Trust

Alumnus realizes goal of publishing first novel

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n alumnus from the Faculty of Dentistry has tossed his hat into the literary ring with the release of his first novel this autumn.

Blue Saltwater, a historical drama set in British Columbia in the late seventies, is the first foray into the land of literature for Dr. Dan Green, a member of the Class of 1969 at the University of Manitoba.

“It’s a story about courage, reconciliation, and trust,” Dr. Green said in a recent interview following the official release of the work.

The novel traces the lives of two men—Blue Saltwater, a teenager from the Queen Charlotte Islands (Haida Gwaii), and Father Joe Murphy, a youthful priest from Ontario — against the backdrop of the Indian Residential School System and the world of crime and addictions in Vancouver’s notorious downtown east-side district.

Dr. Green, who began practicing in West Vancouver soon after graduation, applied his knowledge of the region along with personal experiences in the Catholic School system to create a detailed and often harrowing account of what life may have been like for those mired in one of the most dysfunctional social experiments in Canadian history.

“Most books and film documentaries about the residential school system show groups of anonymous students staring out from a picture,” he explains. “You look into the eyes of those kids and you wonder what they must have been experiencing. My idea was to reveal the courage and determination behind those stoic expressions and portray an individual who would stand up and fight back and go through whatever it took to get back to where he was taken from.”

The loss of Blue’s family is the inciting event that catapults the young man into a hellish journey that begins at the St. Ignatius Residential School and leads to a drug-addled world occupied by denizens of one of Canada’s toughest neighbourhoods.

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“I kind of flew by the seat of my pants at the start,” Dr. Green said, with a laugh.

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Raising the Bar on Patient Care
Faculty alumnus redefines the parameters of practice

There is little doubt that in practice, every practitioner wants to provide the best possible care for their patient. It’s a commitment that most take very seriously, including Dr. Ken Neuman.

In fact, the alumnus of the Faculty of Dentistry’s Class of 1964 has made a career of searching out the latest and greatest advances in oral health-care and sharing his discoveries with colleagues in the field.

And his latest discovery could well turn out to be a bit of a paradigm shift for practice offices across Canada. For the past number of years, Dr. Neuman has been operating the VELscope, an adjunctive mucosal examination system for the early detection of oral cancer, among other conditions.

“You definitely have to be using this,” Dr. Neuman said about the unit that helped him catch three cases of pre-cancerous lesions during otherwise routine exams. “The three that we caught, honestly, I wouldn’t have given a second look.”

The VELscope handpiece (pictured above in the hands of Dr. Neuman) emits a blue light into the oral cavity, which excites natural fluorophores from the surface of the epithelium through to the basement membrane (where premalignant changes typically begin) and into the stroma beneath, causing it to fluoresce. A filter makes fluorescence visualization possible by enhancing the contrast between normal and abnormal tissue.

The procedure is quick, non-invasive, and safe and, according to Dr. Neuman, should be a standard part of the practice office, if only because of the ever-changing dynamic of oral health disease.

“The profile for oral cancer used to be male, over 40, heavy smoker, heavy drinker,” Dr. Neuman explained. “That profile no longer exists. In the time we had (the VELscope), none of the cases we found fit the profile.”

Its makers point out that while the VELscope is not a standalone diagnostic test, it can provide visual information that could lead to the early detection of myriad mucosal abnormalities including bacterial infection and salivary gland tumours.

“The wavelength causes an excitation in the surface and below the surface where you can’t see it,” Dr. Neuman said. “It’s kind of ridiculous that it’s not in every dental office.”

The dynamic of the oral health practice office demands an efficient business model. And while this can sometimes be a barrier to incorporating new technology, Dr. Neuman said that shouldn’t be the case for something that is fairly affordable and offers a huge upside.

introduction of CAD/CAM technology for restorative dentistry about five years ago where he shared his findings on the use of the CEREC (CERamic REConstruction) dental restoration system.

At the time, Dr. Neuman advocated for the technology pointing to the many advantages inherent in CAD/CAM systems when it comes to producing crowns, veneers, onlays and inlays with astonishing speed and accuracy.

“You can take an entire quadrant in a number of seconds,” he said. “It puts the cusps all into contact with each other and the computer brings the pictures together perfectly – better than an articulator.”

Dr. Neuman also points out that while the technology is new to undergraduates in Manitoba, it has existed in one form or another for 25 years.

The first CEREC unit actually debuted for undergraduate training in 1995 at the University of Michigan and has since spread to close to 40 schools in the United States.

Manitoba is the first in Canada using CAD/CAM in the curriculum and is also the first in North America to use both CEREC and E4D technology. And while the technology itself has been around for over two decades, Dr. Neuman notes that its most recent incarnations have redefined the standard.

“On the latest one, they changed the camera and milling unit,” he said. “They are now using the software to the maximum and it’s amazing what it can do.”

The technology is spreading quickly to practice offices throughout North America. The long-time lecturer, author and general practitioner said the system’s advantages can’t be overlooked.

“Although it is a bit high on cost, it doesn’t take long to pay for,” he said. “Once it’s paid for you wonder how you ever did without it. As excited as I am about it, the patients are even more. It’s added a whole new dimension to practice.”
Alumni Side Slips On Ice

Students come from behind to take game one in Challenge Series

Submitted by Dr. Chris Cottick

This past September’s weekend of homecoming was eventful and joyous for the Alumni of the Faculty of Dentistry, except for a slight slip up in the first game of the Alumni-Student Hockey Challenge. The student team captured game one of the best of three games with an 8-6 victory in the afternoon romp at River Heights Arena on September 25.

After last year’s big talkin’ student flop, this year’s series started out well with the Alumni jumping out to a 2-0 lead early in the contest. Unfortunately, an undermanned Alumni side tried yet could not keep up to the well-oiled student team who quickly closed the gap and went on to take the lead.

The two hour game length was a bit too much for the veteran Alumni team. After repeatedly fighting to tie the score with a spirited although not entirely effective attack, a leaky alumni defense, in particular Chris “traffic cone” Cottick, ensured that the students pulled ahead to stay. Actually, traffic cones don’t repeatedly pass the puck up the middle of the ice, directly onto a streaking student player’s stick, but that’s another matter!

The Alumni fought hard but eventually succumbed and lost a close game.

A post game get-together at Earl’s on Main soothed some of the Alumni’s crushed spirits and stoked the competitive fires of both teams.

A rematch is tentatively scheduled in the New Year and, as always, the journal sports reporter will be there to chronicle what will be — without doubt — a huge Alumni win to even the series. The Alumni management team has been working non-stop, brainstorming personnel and tactical changes that will ensure this highly anticipated outcome. Time will tell.

Watch the Faculty web-site for word on when game two of the series will take place with the results to appear in this space thereafter.

For the Love of the Game

Dedication creates global career path

As the technology has quickly gained acceptance and adding technology to practice, he says, is only logical.

A passion for the profession has been the driving force behind the career of Dr. Ken Neuman. And that passion has translated into a long and distinguished career as a speaker and champion of new treatment modalities in oral health.

“I left Manitoba on February 28, 1966 and landed in B.C. to an almost 100 degree (Fahrenheit) difference,” he joked from his practice office in Vancouver, his home for over 40 years. “I was delighted and proud of my alma-mater when they finally adopted CAD/CAM programs for the undergraduate students as I thought perhaps I had a little part to play in that when I lectured at the university many years ago.”

As it turns out, Dr. Neuman was somewhat prophetic as the technology has quickly gained acceptance and credibility in the oral health profession.

“I’ve been using it in my practice for 11 years now,” he said. “Probably the highest number of users are in Quebec. They adopted it very early and have historically had the highest number of users. It was pretty crude back then.”

The graduate of the Class of 1964 is well schooled on the topic, having spent years lecturing internationally on cosmetic dentistry, cosmetic imaging, and intra-oral cameras. He is on the editorial board of Signature Magazine and has contributed to numerous journals on those topics, all in addition to running a private practice in Vancouver.

Adding technology to practice, he says, is only logical. Continued on page 27 - See Practice.

Hot Off the Press

Alumnus releases latest work

It would not be much of a stretch to say that Dr. Abraham Kryger is one busy fellow.

The alumnus of the Class of 1969 recently announced the publication of his third book: The Monterey Diet - Seven Steps Worth Taking. As the title might imply, this latest work by the dentist turned medical doctor is a self-help guide for those looking to lose weight. Like the South Beach Diet or the Atkins Diet, Dr. Kryger’s Monterey Diet uses a step-by-step approach designed to help folks shed extra weight and keep it off.

And while there have literally been thousands of books written on this particular topic, Dr. Kryger maintains that “this is not your typical diet book.”

The Monterey program offers a variation of the original cabbage soup diet whereby followers are allowed to eat as much cabbage soup as they like through a seven day period, along with a few other select items.

Dr. Kryger maintains that his program “corrects the nutritional flaws and unnecessary restrictions” of the cabbage soup plan with quicker and better results.

The Faculty alumnus, who is currently practicing in California, is confident that the market for quick-fix weight loss solutions is growing, figuratively and literally.

By some estimates, 60 per cent of Americans are overweight and the morbidly obese are the fastest growing segment of the population.

The program name has been trademarked.


In addition to publishing, Dr. Kryger is also still in active practice and most recently delivered a poster presentation. He also presented two medical abstracts at ENDO 2005, the annual Endocrine Society conference, held in San Diego this past June.

Dr. Kryger received both his undergraduate, dental and medical degrees at the University of Manitoba, and has been practicing in California for the past several years.
Advocacy in Action

Counsellors, students, RDH’s collaborate to deliver key oral health messages

Still in its early stages, Project: Bringing Along a Smile is on its way to achieving one of its early primary objectives – providing newly arrived refugee immigrants with the resources they need to maintain and improve their oral health.

Michael Alvermere has confirmed that the three C’s - Collaboration, Cooperation and Contributions - apply in the real world.

“I’m really happy so far with the people that I’ve been able to work with” Michael reports. “They are really energetic, knowledgeable and share my views about the positive impact that this work can have.”

Michael has managed to recruit three current dental hygiene students, Sheena Gee, Nicole Leduc and Erin Radford, and 2010 graduate Kyle Conrad to participate in delivering the message.

Marceline Ndayumvire, manager of the life skill training program at Welcome Place, was quite thrilled with having the team visit their new office, which is operated by the Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council, located at 521 Bannatyne Avenue.

“I have worked in this field for many years and I know that many of our new clients come to us with very real oral health challenges” she said. “When Michael came to us as a student and offered his help, I immediately realized the positive difference that could result. I hope he can continue to do this kind of work.”

Janet Steep, a life skills counsellor at Welcome Place was equally impressed.

“The students, Kyle and Michael arrived with displays and models, hosted an excellent presentation that covered a variety of topics including proper brushing technique, why it’s important to floss and how to do it properly and in the end gave our clients bags with toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss,” Ms. Steep stated. “These graduates and students are clearly well trained but even more importantly, were really motivated by someone at the university. They should be proud of what they have done so far.”

All of the volunteer members said they enjoyed participating in the outreach project.

“Prof Laura MacDonald inspired us all to be responsive to the needs of others and be active in our community” Michael said.

Erin, Sheena and Nicole concurred.

Says Erin “when Prof MacDonald allowed Michael to introduce us to this project it seemed like a great way to do some real good within the context of oral systemic health.”

Sheena quipped “the presentation was amazing. There were at least 60 people present and four different language translations happening simultaneously but it was easy to follow and well organized.”

“At the beginning of the presentation, Michael said that Winnipeggers have a strong tradition of reaching out to new people and that reminded me that this was as much about introducing newcomers to something that makes us very proud as it was about giving them the resources they need to take the best possible care of their teeth, mouths and entire bodies.” said Nicole. “In my opinion, this made the presentation even more successful”

Kyle’s contribution came in the form of introducing the attendees to the possibilities of receiving treatment at the Mount Carmel Clinic, the Winnipeg Interprofessional Student-run Health (WISH) clinic, or the other dental offices that cater to this unique population segment.

Michael is very aware of my experience at WISH and invited me to attend and offer some information,” Kyle said.

“The managers at Welcome Place could really benefit from collaborating with us and trying to develop the relationships between the school and our other partners even further.”

When asked about his immediate concerns regarding the project, Michael responded that “Sunstar has been the quiet champion thus far. They’ve been very generous with a supply of toothbrushes and interproximal cleaning aides but finding toothpaste to complete the kits has required more work. Fortunately, Drs. Mark Nepon, Joel Antel, Ron Tough and Tom Swanlund were able to commit some of their resources and that was extremely helpful.”

States Kyle, “my experience at WISH has been a clear demonstration of why it is important to develop relationships and keep the dental community in the loop regarding our goals, objectives, setbacks and eventual successes. It helps them feel more connected to what’s happening and willing to pitch in with contributions and support.”

Michael adds the hope is to carry on and expand the project appropriately.

“Our hope is to make these presentations a routine part of the activities at Welcome Place” he said, “and to begin the process of advocating for changes to the dental portion of the Interim Federal Health Program.”
You Can Do It!

Alumna proves dedication can make a difference

Prof. Joanna Asadoorian offered some unique insight at the 2010 Alumni of Distinction awards this past fall when talking about this year’s recipient for the School of Dental Hygiene, Ms. Harriet Rosenbaum.

“(Harriet) said to me very briefly at the beginning of the evening, ‘I don’t know what I did,’ and I think that’s the key point about the Alumni of Distinction; they do what they do selflessly and they do it over many years and it’s just part of their make-up,” said the acting director of the School of Dental Hygiene, “and I think that’s what makes them so wonderful.”

And it was in fact many years of service that earned Ms. Rosenbaum the honour of being named the 2010 recipient of the Alumni of Distinction award for the School of Dental Hygiene.

“My parents always taught me that I could do whatever I put my mind to,” she said in accepting the honour at the Alumni of Distinction banquet September 24. “They taught me to stand up for everything that I believe in. So I became very passionate about the Manitoba Dental Hygienists Association. I wanted to contribute to the Winnipeg community with outreach programs. I was never satisfied to sit back and have someone else drive the car. I needed to sit in the driver’s seat and become part of my own destiny.”

A member of the School of Dental Hygiene Class of 1981, Ms. Rosenbaum devoted much of her career to building the framework of the profession in Manitoba. Starting small, with only a handful of like-minded volunteers, Ms. Rosenbaum held positions on virtually every committee and working group of the MDHA.

Moving quickly up the chain of command, Ms. Rosenbaum would quickly become president of the association, not just once, but three times. One of those terms is said to be the longest in the history of the organization.

“Part of that began when she was a student and she assumed a leadership role in the class and made sure that dental hygiene had a presence in the Faculty,” Prof. Mickey Wener noted in her introductory remarks to the full house that assembled for the September evening. “Upon graduation, Harriet stepped up to the plate and became a member of the executive of the MDHA.”

Terms as president were soon followed by a stint as executive director and a whole new slate of issues. And while the professional path seemed logical and natural enough, Ms. Rosenbaum noted that it wasn’t anything she had planned in advance.

“I never aspired to be president of the MDHA, let alone be its executive director,” she said. “I don’t know when the point came, but my passion, vision and drive kicked in. So my favorite ideals became self-regulation, outreach programs and association development.”

All three priorities carried with them massive challenges. Industry self-regulation simply wasn’t on any political agenda while outreach and development are always labours of love that require near constant stewardship along with great patience and perseverance.

Self-regulation alone would prove to be a decades-long effort. The profession would see three provincial health ministers come and go before finally realizing success in 2009. And while that would be considered a major victory for any administrator, there was another that was an ever greater source of pride for the school alumna.

“My favorite is the annual general meeting that used to be held in a lecture theatre at the School of Dental Hygiene, with an attendance of eight to 10 people. It has now grown to be held at a hotel or restaurant with an attendance of over 100 hygienists with inspiring guest speakers,” she said. “I feel like a proud mother who has watched her kids grow up.”

Ms. Rosenbaum, who was also a former cheerleader for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers Canadian Football League club, noted it was her educational experience at the School of Dental Hygiene that went a long way to helping her realize her success.

“It was the capable instructors at the University of Manitoba who instilled such important traits such as empathy, compassion, responsibility, accountability and my favorite, advocacy,” she said. “Those traits have molded me into the professional that I am today.”

The essence of the Alumni of Distinction award is to acknowledge those in the field for their efforts and to serve as motivation to those who follow. The acting director of the School of Dental Hygiene said the 2010 recipient embodies those ideals well.

“I would like to draw the attention of the entire dental hygiene community, students in particular who will become our future alumni, that anything is possible as part of their professional career,” Prof. Asadoorian said. “We can look to these stars who have each given in their own unique way. We can see them as models, as inspirations to guide careers. And indeed they guide all of our careers.”
From the Director

Prof. Joanna Asadoorian
AAS (DH), BScD (DH), MSc

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ome days, I feel a little sad. Why? It may sound strange, but it’s because I’m not a U of M School of Dental Hygiene alumna.

Don’t get me wrong; I went to a great school with fantastic faculty and it was an excellent educational experience. But when I graduated in 1990, my relationship with my alma mater, for the most part, ended.

Most professionals think back to their education as being particularly formative, it’s part of our roots, and we want to keep the connection to that experience alive as we go through our careers and lives.

When I think about what’s happening here at the Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene, I can see how great it would be to be a part of what already is — and what I believe will happen in the future.

As I reflect back on the Alumni of Distinction banquet in general, and the School of Dental Hygiene Alumna of Distinction specifically, it brings to mind all of the amazing ways our alumni are keeping that connection to their alma mater alive. I want to ensure that this connection remains strong and I am committed to building on it.

Last spring, the School identified our alumni as being one of our top strategic priorities and, therefore, is a major focus as we move forward.

I’d like to share some of the things our alumni are doing to stay connected to their school. Our alumni are more active than ever with the School in virtually every way imaginable. They have a long history of being important contributors to the educational experience of our students.

Not only do we rely on our alumni to teach in preclinical and clinical courses, but we are also drawing on their expertise in teaching our didactic courses.

Interestingly, sometimes our alumni have to be convinced that this is something they can do. But without exception, they have done it well! Their commitment to developing as educators is remarkable.

We value their broad perspective and ability to provide the students with an enriching educational experience — the students recognize that these are real, grassroots dental hygienists, some with over three decades of clinical experience. They not only talk the talk, but also walk the walk!

At the same time, they maintain exceptionally high standards and expectations of our students.

Further, it may surprise you to know that our dental hygiene alumni are learners again.

Our new BScDH degree completion program currently has enrolled some of our newest graduates along side of alumni from many years ago. Many others have expressed interest in pursuing their degree.

To support our alumni, we strive to improve opportunities for them to continue their formal studies through new educational initiatives and delivery methods.

In the last couple of years, the School of Dental Hygiene began a mentorship program where dental hygienists from the community (many of whom are alumni) volunteer to mentor students as they progress through the program. This continues to grow. It not only involves protégés observing their mentors in practice and taking part in social events, but it also provides a linkage for the student to the oral health community outside of the school.

Both students and mentors report how valuable these relationships have been. It may sound cliché, but it really is one of those situations where the mentor learns as much from the protégée as the other way around!

Additionally, the student-designed and run outreach initiative, the WISH clinic, has also benefitted from alumni engagement. This clinic was developed to provide health-care services to previously under-served clients. Dental hygiene students work alongside various health-care providers in training.

However, dental hygiene students would not be able to participate in this interprofessional educational experience without our community partners who again are largely our alumni.

These practitioners give their Sunday afternoons not only to help our students learn their professional skills and apply their knowledge to practice but also give back to their community.

Finally, our alumni write cheques. Our annual campaign has already been very successful with many of our alumni donating to school initiatives. These funds allow us to do more for our students in many ways.

This year we are focusing on providing opportunities to support our BscDH degree completion students in their outreach and research activities.

When I recently attended the call centre as part of our annual campaign, I recognized the gift-giving history of some of our alumni. What was equally striking was that very new grads were already giving! It made me wonder what compels them all to give? And I thought, maybe it’s maintaining that connection.

So, while I’m sad I’m not a U of M School of Dental Hygiene, Faculty of Dentistry alumna myself, I am fortunate to be part of this fabulous and exciting community of practitioners, scholars, teachers and mentors. My aim is to help ensure that this important connection remains alive and strong.

Over the next few months, the School, along with some of our alumni, will be initiating the School of Dental Hygiene Alumni Association, which will formalize and reinforce the connection from past to present to future!

Best wishes for a joyous Holiday Season and New Year.

 Turning A Frown Upside Down

Hygiene alumni lead by example with powerful show of support for school

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Old Exhibition Park was the site of Sports Day 2010, this past September. Taking part this year included (clockwise, from top right) Dent I student Alanna Junaid, the Dent III class, winners of the Canine Cup challenge (for defeating the Faculty team) and the Plaque Plaque (for best overall class participation) Joseph Thiessen dodging the tag from Jared Rykiss, the Dean throwing out student Phong Luong, Dr. Doug Brothwell catching a fly, Vanessa Hunzinger, Breean Rusen, Anna Moyer (w/puppy), and Chris Bolt who receives the Prophy Trophy for best effort from Dean Iacopino.

The Faculty of Dentistry wishes to commend the University of Manitoba Dental Students Association for organizing another great event.
The Next Generation of CDE

Dentistry joins with medicine to pioneer inter-professional education

The University of Manitoba, Faculty of Dentistry has merged its continuing dental education division with the Faculty of Medicine to create a new inter-professional office for Healthcare Professional Development.

“The future of health professions education and continuing education is moving rapidly toward inter-professional approaches for co-management of patients and primary prevention,” said Faculty of Dentistry Dean Anthony Iacopino. “This merger allows us to continue to integrate oral-systemic medicine at the forefront of health-care reform and public health strategies.”

The new department will be known as the Office of Continuing Professional Development and will feature the expansion of traditional discipline-specific programs to include joint inter-professional programming for audiences from dentistry, medicine, nursing, and pharmacy.

“Joining with our colleagues in medicine will allow us to take advantage of the significant progress we have made on curriculum at the prelicensure level and move forward with similar programming for practicing health professionals,” Dr. Iacopino adds.

The two faculties will combine staff, resources, and infrastructure to allow for more cost effective operations and program delivery. The new office will be based at the Bannatyne Campus, the centre of health-care disciplines at the University of Manitoba.

Tropical Series an Extraordinary Escape

Better rates, compelling speakers, and a one-of-a-kind Caribbean destination

Better rates for world-class speakers at a prestige vacation destination. All this and more awaits at the Faculty of Dentistry Tropical Series, February 19-26, 2011 at St. Lucia in the Caribbean.

Drs. Igor Pesun, Frank Hechter and Anthony Iacopino headline the ninth annual event with a full slate of Continuing Dental Education programming that will be worth a total of six credit hours.

Dr. Pesun will deliver two presentations: Restoration of Endodontically Treated Teeth - the Restorative View and Removable Partial Dentures: Basic Design to New Options.

Dr. Hechter will discuss how practitioners can broaden their practice through his presentation: Getting It Straight: Orthodontics in the General Practice Office.

Dr. Anthony Iacopino will share the latest news and views on the Oral-Systemic Link in a special appearance by the Dean of Dentistry.

“These are topics that can really benefit just about anyone’s practice,” said Dr. Hubert Benitez, coordinator of this year’s event. “Our speakers address topical issues and commonly seen conditions in patients who present to their office.”

This year’s event takes place at the Almond Morgan Bay Beach Resort, an all-inclusive facility that features any and all amenities imaginable.

“Absolutely brilliant - four star hotel with five star treatment,” said one reviewer.

“Great resort and value, excellent time,” said another.

As well, the Faculty has also secured special pricing arrangements with tour provider Carlson Wagonlit, adding further value to the experience. Carlson Wagnolit will arrange for your one-week stay at this four-star resort that features ocean-view suites along with all-inclusive drinks, dining, water sports and activities. Rates for Winnipeg departure are now set at $2,660 pp. However, the flight out of Winnipeg on Feb. 19 is now sold out, so those coming from Winnipeg must overnight in Toronto, at your expense. Rates out of Toronto start at $2,525 (standard room).

“I encourage everyone to make plans and join us at this wonderful destination,” Dean Iacopino added. “This is one place in the world that is certainly worth the trip.”

Log on to the Faculty web site to find out more: www.umanitoba.ca/dentistry/cde.
Hands-On Implant Training

Stay in Carlsbad, California, highlights state-of-the-art, hands-on education program

“The tell me and I’ll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I’ll understand.” — Chinese proverb

The oral health fraternity is no stranger to this axiom, especially when it comes to the realm of dental implants, one of the fastest growing areas of practice today.

To that end, the Faculty of Dentistry is pleased to present Implant Modules for the Oral Health Professional.

Starting January 14, the Faculty of Dentistry will hold a series of continuing dental education courses that will wind up in beautiful Carlsbad, California during the primary school break period (see left for schedule, times, locations).

“Practitioners have told us they want hands-on courses,” said Dr. Igor Pesun. “These courses will go a long way to addressing that need.”

On Friday, January 14, the Faculty of Dentistry will start the program with the Restorative Module that will feature a four hour lecture followed by 12 hours of hands-on in the Brass Lab.

The Surgical Module is slated for Friday, February 4 and Saturday, February 5, again in Schwartz and the Brass Lab.

Program instructors will include Drs. Cecilia Dong, Randy Mazurat and Igor Pesun (restorative) Anastasia Cholakis, Adnan Shah and Reda Elgazzar (surgical).

The scene then shifts to Carlsbad, California for the Advanced Simulation Module at the Zimmer Institute, running Monday, March 28 to Thursday, March 31.

In addition to a first-class educational experience, this program offers a unique and exceptional vacation opportunity for practitioners and their families.

All participants must register with the Office of Professional Development. Participants can register for each program individually, including the Advanced Simulation Module. All inclusive packages are also available. Enrollment is limited to 30 spaces (Wpg.), 26 spaces in Carlsbad.

Destination: Carlsbad

Coastal city offers family-friendly features

For some, Carlsbad, California could be the ultimate destination location. For practitioners, hands-on training at the Zimmer Institute is likely a good place to start. The Advanced Simulation program is slated for March 28-31 (Monday to Thursday). That’s the same week as Spring Break for Manitoba grade school children.

Add it up and you have the potential for an amazing vacation getaway. For the golfer, it offers a rare opportunity to visit a world-class facility. For fun-loving families, opportunities abound.

A scenic coastal community home to more than 100,000 residents, Carlsbad is located 35 miles north of downtown San Diego and features myriad attractions and activities.

World class golf awaits at Torrey Pines, considered by some to be among the most picturesque championship 18-hole courses in the world. Located in La Jolla (La Hoya), California, Torrey Pines hosts the Farmers Insurance Open in February, part of the Pro Golfers Association tour schedule.

Legoland, Disneyland, Sea World and the world-famous San Diego Zoo are also in the vicinity that includes miles of hiking trails and nearly seven miles of coastline.

Late March also means visitors can expect lots of sunshine and warm weather, at least warmer than Canada.

For more information, contact Sina Allegro-Sacco, implant program coordinator at 204.789.3720, e-mail: saccot@cc.umanitoba.ca.
From External Relations
Submitted by Kyla Denisuik
Development Officer

It has been a busy two months since I joined the External Relations team this September. Homecoming 2010, the Ross McIntyre Digital Imaging Centre campaign launch, our annual mailing and telephone campaign, the Class of 1995 donation and taking the Dean’s office visit program to Kenora and Dryden! It is safe to say that the time has flown by and that I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the staff and supporters of the Faculty of Dentistry.

As the fall season winds to a close, our development team shows little sign of slowing down and I am excited to see where the New Year will take us. We are planning the annual reception at the Pacific Dental Conference in Vancouver in early March. It is shaping up to be a great evening.

Plans for Homecoming 2011 are also gearing up, so if you are interested in reuniting with your classmates please contact Tammy Holowachuk, Alumni Affairs Special Events and Reunion Officer to assist you with the details. She can be reached at 204 474-6455.

Having spent some time away from Winnipeg the past few years, I am very happy to be joining the University of Manitoba and look forward to becoming a part of the dental community. I would be happy to hear from our alumni about their ideas for future projects for the Faculty. I can be reached at 1-800-330-8066, directly at 204-789-3537, or by e-mail at Kyla_Denisuik@umanitoba.a.

The Ross McIntyre Digital Imaging Centre
Campaign to modernize Faculty off to a strong start

The Ross McIntyre Digital Imaging Centre will soon become a reality within the Faculty of Dentistry.

By enhancing the learning and teaching facilities with projects such as a state-of-the-art digital imaging centre, the Faculty will ensure that students have the best possible tools for success upon graduation.

To honour the immense contributions of retiring Manitoba Dental Association Executive Director, Ross McIntyre, those who have worked with Ross locally and nationally in his professional capacity are being approached to assist in the campaign to establish the most advanced dental imaging centre at a Canadian Dental School.

For over four decades, Mr. McIntyre has been a guiding force in Manitoba’s dental community.

By acquiring CT Scan technologies and digital radiography equipment such as the Kodak 9500 Cone Beam 3D System, the Faculty will create an imaging centre that will cement his legacy of innovation and excellence.

Establishment of the Ross McIntyre Digital Imaging Centre will require the modernization of all clinics to support all new digital technology along with electronic health record and comprehensive computerized patient management, office integration and third-party reimbursement systems.

Additionally, the Faculty will renovate clinical units to support chair-side computers and obtain the imaging equipment required to train the dentists of tomorrow on this advanced technology that will soon be the norm in Canadian healthcare.

Graduates of the Faculty of Dentistry must be fully prepared to enter a digital practice world based on electronic patient record/management systems.

The Ross McIntyre Digital Imaging Centre will modernize each of clinics to support all new digital technology along with electronic health record and comprehensive computerized patient management, office integration and third-party reimbursement systems.

The campaign for the Ross McIntyre Digital Imaging Centre has already raised close to $270,000 towards its $390,000 goal.

With your support of this important initiative, the Faculty of Dentistry will be another step closer to its ambitious goal to be a top five North American dental school.

Correction

In the Honour Roll of Donors in our previous issue, Assiniboine Dental Group was listed incorrectly.

It should have appeared in the $25,000 - $49,999 category as Assiniboine Dental Group: Dr. Jan Brown, Dr. B. A. Scott Leckie, Dr. Amarjit Rihal, Dr. Kenneth Skinner, Dr. Gene D. Solmundson, Dr. Kardy R. Solmundson, Dr. Allan W. Winchar.

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Class of 95 Sets New Standard

Gift the largest ever received by Faculty of Dentistry

Submitted by Lisa Thomson Szifora

The Dentistry Class of 1995 has laid down a gauntlet for their fellow graduates through the years. In honour of the fifteenth anniversary of their graduation, the Class has collectively pledged and donated $123,000 to establish a legacy fund at the University of Manitoba, Faculty of Dentistry. And they hope more classes will follow their example.

They will, however, be a tough act to follow. The Class of 1995 campaign, headed by Dr. Blake Sinclair, senior stick, Dr. Rob Meloff, class president and classmate Dr. Cory Sul, is the most successful in the Faculty of Dentistry’s history.

“I have to admit I was shocked,” says Dr. Sul of the eagerness of his classmates to participate in the campaign. “No one questioned giving something back to the Faculty that has helped them to succeed professionally.”

In fact, the class was so uniformly on board that by the end of the day that the class leaders’ initial e-mail solicitation letter was sent, the campaign had reached approximately $75,000 in pledges.

“They started flowing in within minutes,” says Dr. Sul.

From that day on the response of the classmates has been overwhelming, with close to 100 per cent participation.”

The funds raised by the campaign are currently building in a legacy endowment fund, which will remain undesignated until the campaign’s conclusion. At that time, the class will collectively select an area for support in consultation with Faculty Dean Dr. Anthony Iacopino that will have the greatest impact upon the Faculty.

Dr. Sul and his classmates hope that they are creating more than the legacy of their gift, but one of class giving that will spur all classes on to give back to the Faculty that gave so much to them.

“Other classes may not immediately see it that way, and that’s fine, but we think that once they’ve given it some serious thought they too will see that it is just the right thing to do,” says Dr. Sul.

Eventually, Dr. Sul hopes that this type of giving will become an ingrained tradition, “so that someday students still in school will already be thinking about what kind of legacy their class will leave for the Faculty once they reach their fifteenth reunion.”
Activities of alumni, faculty, and students of the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba

Invited Presentations:


Odiatu U: Boundless energy for the busy professional (closing keynote). Main campus administration, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, October 29, 2010.

Odiatu U: Seven habits of a healthy practice. Toronto Academy of Dentistry Winter Clinic, Toronto, ON, November 12, 2010.


Ramirez G: Central America Dental Meeting, San Jose, Costa Rica October 1, 2010.


Dissertations:


Awards:


Appointments:

Odlum O: Appointed as external advisor at the Fremantle Cancer Centre, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Western Australia.

Poster Presentations:


William Yeung (Dent III) / Supervisor: Dr. I. Mello: Influence of irrigant volume and irrigation technique on smear layer removal of curved canals. International Association for Dental Research Conference, Barcelona, Spain, July 14 -17, 2010.

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A Passion for Practice
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“It made so much sense as computers got better that one day they would play this type of role in dentistry,” he said “Now we have four very viable digital CAD/CAM systems all with their own advantages. It’s a whole new world.”

For his efforts, Dr. Neuman has been named by Dentistry Today, as one of North Americas 100 most influential lecturers for 12 consecutive years, and has received the Certificate of Merit from the College of Dental Surgeons of BC. He has also earned Fellowships in the Academy of General Dentistry, the Academy of Dentistry International, the International College of Dentists, and the American College of Dentists.

And the three-time Faculty of Dentistry golf champ (1960-63) maintains that his passion for the profession has yet to wane. “It keeps you interested,” he said. “It keeps you young.”
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