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ORAL BIOLOGY SYMPOSIUM CELEBRATES ACHIEVEMENT

ALUMNI STUDENTS HOCKEY CHALLENGE
Mission In Progress

Five months ago, the Faculty of Dentistry unveiled plans to expand and revamp Continuing Dental Education (CDE), to include the implementation of an innovative and diversified platform of programs, as well the creation of an environment that would integrate dental education with our community and corporate partners. I am pleased to share with friends, colleagues and members of the dental community that we are ready to begin the delivery of the 2008-2009 CDE Calendar.

We hope that our calendar fulfills your educational needs. In addition to traditional programming, we are presenting a first-of-its-kind Temporomandibular Disorders and Orofacial Pain Preceptorship beginning in January and running until March 2009, a partnership with the Manitoba Dental Hygienists Association and other specialty programming. Following our traditions, the Tropical Series will take us to the Riu Vallarta in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, from February 14-21, 2009, where we will be presenting a first class academic program and an exciting vacation adventure. Registrations and reservations are now open online; space is limited so register soon to guarantee your space.

More information and online registration is available via the CE website listed below. I look forward to meeting and working with you in the days ahead as we begin this great new journey of lifelong learning through Continuing Dental Education.

2008 - 2009 CE Calendar At A Glance:

**September 13, 2008**
Oral Medicine and Pathology: What’s Hot and What’s Not
With: Dr. Denis P. Lynch, DDS, PhD

**September 27, 2008**
Tooth Wear: Definition & Clinical Management
Clinically Speaking, What Is It and How Can We Manage The Destruction?”
With: Dr. Sarita Arteaga, DMD, MAGD

**October 4, 2008**
Presenting a Double Program for Dentists, Dental Hygienists, Dental Assistants, Faculty Members and Students, In Partnership with the Manitoba Dental Hygienists Association (MDHA):
The Roles of the Dentist and Complimentary Professions to Dentistry in Oral Health Promotion and Prevention: A Public Health Perspective
With: Dr. Christopher Okunseri, BDS, MSc, DDPH

Caring Determines Success in Dental Treatment
With: Dr. Charles Lekic, DDM, MSc, PhD

**November 1, 2008**
Orofacial Pain: From Benchtop To Bedside
With: Dr. Gary Klasser, DMD, Cert Orofacial Pain

**November 15, 2008**
Functional Aesthetic Dentistry
(Hands-on Clinical Course)
(with generous support from Dentistry Canada)
With: Dr. Bruce Kleeberger, BSc, DDS

**December 6, 2008**
Multidisciplinary Esthetic and Reconstructive Dentistry
With: Dr. Robert A. Lowe, DDS, FAGD, FICD, FADI, FACD
(With generous support from Manitoba Alpha Omega Foundation, the Canadian Academy for Esthetic Dentistry (CAED), and Crosstown Dental Lab)

**December 13, 2008**
Advanced Techniques for Esthetic Implant Restorations
(With generous support from Straumann Canada)
With: Dr. Allen Burgoyn, BSc, DMD, MSc, Cert Prosth

**February 14-21, 2009**
Faculty of Dentistry Tropical Series
Riu Vallarta in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico
Presenters include: James J. Sciubba, DMD, PhD, Francisco Otero, DDS, Dip Perio
Casey Hein, BSDH, MBA

**February 28, 2009**
Recent Innovations in Endodontics for Dentists
Pursuing Endodontic Excellence
(Hands-on Clinical Course)
With: Dr. Manny Friedman, BDS, ECHD

**March 7, 2009**
A Common Sense Approach To Geriatric Dentistry
With: Dr. Ruth Goldblatt, DMD, FAGD

**March 28, 2009**
Successful Clinical Applications of CAD-CAM Technologies
(Hands-on Clinical Course)
With: Dr. Renato Roperto, DDS, MSc, PhD

**March 28, 2009**
Manitoba Dental Hygienists Association presents:
Treating a Patient with Autism: The experience of a lifetime
With: Ms Karen A. Raposa, BSDH, MBA
(With generous support from Colgate)

**April 4, 2009**
Unique Concerns and Oral Health Needs In Adult Patients
With: Dr. Jadwiga Hjertstedt, DDS, MS

To register for all Continuing Dental Education events, visit:
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and click on the registration link.
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New Heights In Oral Research
CaviStat latest, perhaps greatest development in oral biology

The world of dentistry may be on the verge of a major shift in the design and delivery of patient treatment to deal with tooth decay, thanks to the work of Dr. Israel Kleinberg, formerly of the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Dentistry.

For the past four decades, Dr. Kleinberg, has led research into a product now known as CaviStat, which could have a major impact on treating tooth decay. Dr. Kleinberg presented a summary of his work at Traditions of Excellence In Oral Research, April 25 at the faculty.

"It will change dental practice drastically for the better," said Dr. Kleinberg, the faculty’s first head of the Oral Biology Department. "It’s going to be possible to treat vast segments of the population who can’t afford dental care."

Essentially, CaviStat is a compound that mimics the powerful alkali producing, anti-acid and remineralizing benefits of human saliva. One of CaviStat’s central elements is arginine, an amino acid present in saliva, which is broken down by certain plaque bacteria which produce the acid-neutralizing alkali. Continued on page five.

Past Paves the Way to the Future
Traditions of Excellence salutes achievement over generations

A quick glance over the program on April 25 offered an interesting, capsulated look at the past as well as the future of oral biology and research at the Faculty of Dentistry.

And while most of those listed on the roster that day might be too modest to offer any assessment, others were quick to notice the commonality found in many of the names that appeared.

“The Department of Oral Biology, through the outstanding research achievements of its members, past and present, has established a national and international reputation in research and research training,” said Dr. Joanne Keselman, Vice-President (Research) at the University of Manitoba. “We’re looking back at how dental research has grown and specifically, how oral research has flourished at the U of M.”

Traditions of Excellence in Oral Research, which ran April 25 at the Faculty of Dentistry, offered both a tribute to the school’s history of research, along with a glimpse at some of the new projects and concepts that are now dominating the field, and the researchers driving these new ideas.

The morning portion of the day-long symposium featured presentations from a group of internationally recognized researchers, headlined by Dr. Israel Kleinberg, regarded by many as one of the four founding fathers of the Manitoba dental school.

Presentations from Drs. George Bowden, Colin Dawes and Ian Hamilton (all of whom have earned the title Professor Emeritus), rounded out the morning portion of the event, the first in the Symposia 50 series marking the faculty’s Golden Anniversary year.

Each of these individuals offers resumes lined with national and international achievements and recognitions.

The afternoon sessions featured presentations from scientists considered by many as the future leaders in oral health research, led by faculty alumnus, Dr. Dennis Cvitkovitch.

“Dennis exemplifies the strength and success of the department’s graduate training programs,” Dr. Keselman noted. “He is a rising research star and currently holds a Canada Research Chair in tissue engineering and tissue regeneration at the University of Toronto.”

The Dean of Dentistry, Dr. Anthony M. Iacopino discussed the oral-systemic connection, with Drs. Lin-P’ing Choo-Smith, Cecilia Dong, Algernon Karim and Robert Schroth also delivering presentations. Student posters and Dr. Tammy Bonstein’s Art in Science exhibit were also part of the event that drew an estimated crowd of 100 practitioners, students, faculty and staff to the Basic Medical Sciences building.

Following his afternoon address, Dean Iacopino presided over a brief awards ceremony to acknowledge the efforts and legacies of the morning presenters.

“Without you and your contributions we can’t do what we’re planning to do, so I think it’s very important to acknowledge that your legacy is our future,” Dean Iacopino said to the honourees. Continued on page 20. See Traditions.
The arginine works with other elements including calcium, bicarbonate and carbonate that are also natural to saliva, to produce cavity fighting benefits while also strengthening the tooth itself.

Dr. Kleinberg noted that the challenge was to understand and replicate the helpful elements present in saliva, something that was far easier said than done.

“For almost 100 years, it’s been known that saliva protects against cavities,” Dr. Kleinberg said. “We sorted through the saliva, and worked out basically what it could be and couldn’t be. We ultimately came up with what is essentially saliva in a powder, that you can put into a toothpaste or a candy, that you can take and fight the cavities.”

The product has been tested extensively, in some cases returning astonishing results. One study of over 700 children, taken over a two-year period, showed that children who brushed with a CaviStat toothpaste had 96% fewer cavities than children who brushed with fluoride toothpastes.

The compound can be incorporated into any variety of oral health care products including dentifrices, mouthwashes, chewing gum and lozenges. The product can also be used as an additive to food products and still produce consistent results. So, on the surface at least, the practical applications of this new product appear almost limitless.

Dr. Kleinberg spoke of how the compound could work as an additive to snack foods for children.

When the sugar present in things such as candies and cookies gets lodged in teeth, it can start reacting with existing bacteria to begin the disintegration process. Dr. Kleinberg noted that the CaviStat powder could be added to a wide range of confectionaries to effectively improve tooth health.

“You know how kids like to have cookies and milk just before they go to bed” he explained. “OK, so they’ll have some cookies, which instead of leaving stuff hanging around that is going to be harmful to their teeth, will help fix them while they are sleeping.”

While the product presents ground-breaking potential in terms of its overall impact on oral health, Dr. Kleinberg and his associates have been careful not to rush the process along.

Coming Together for Better Patient Care
Retreat provides benefits for all care disciplines

Faculty members from Dentistry and the School of Dental Hygiene attended a University of Manitoba interprofessional health professions faculty retreat on February 1, at the Canad Inn on Pembina Highway.

The retreat was sponsored by Mission Possible, a University of Manitoba Initiative: Interprofessional Education for Collaborative Patient Centered Practice (IECPCP), a Health Canada funded project.

The event saw faculty from pharmacy, medicine, kinesiology, recreational studies, medical rehabilitation, social work and nursing, along with representatives from Manitoba Health and Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, take part in interactive and energizing sessions designed to promote IECPCP.

The February retreat is part of the University of Manitoba sustainability of IPE in the health professional curricula.

Laura MacDonald serves the Faculty of Dentistry as the faculty champion for IECPCP. She, along with champions from medicine, pharmacy, nursing, occupational therapy, and physiotherapy, conducted the project from May to June 2007.

Several dental and dental hygiene students participated in various phases on the project with three fully involved in practice site experiences working with teams of health professional students. It is currently in the analysis phase.

IECPCP is promoted by Health Canada to improve quality care and health outcomes for all people. It’s been described as health care providers learning with, from, and about each other to promote quality care in all health care settings.

Recognizing Teaching, Research, Service
Dr. Dong, Prof. Asadoorian granted tenure and promotion

A reception was held at the University Club on March 19 to celebrate the tenure and/or promotion of faculty members whose applications were approved in 2007.

The Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene were well-represented by faculty members including Dean Anthony M. Iacopino, Professor Salme Lavigne and Dr. Igor Pesun. Previously tenured Professor Joanna Asadoorian was promoted to Associate Professor. Dr. Cecilia Dong was granted tenure. Both Dr. Cecilia Dong and Dr. Dieter Schönwetter were recently promoted to the rank of Associate Professor.

Emőke Szathmáry, President and Vice-Chancellor of the U of M, offered congratulations to the recipients and commented on their achievements that would be well-regarded by other renowned universities. She recognized the abundance of scholarly activities that occur at the university in between scheduled teaching responsibilities.

Promotion from assistant professor to associate professor is based on satisfying teaching, research and service responsibilities.

CIBC Run for the Cure
Team members welcome for fall event

We are once again looking for runners and walkers to join the Faculty of Dentistry team. We can make a difference towards creating a future without breast cancer. Last year’s team raised $748 in donations for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

You can walk or run a one or five kilometre route starting from the MTS Centre.

Every team member registered by September 18/08 will receive a t-shirt with our team name printed on the back. Please contact Noriko Boorberg at N_Boorberg@umanitoba.ca for further registration details and to join our team.
Restorative Team Steps Up

Dental implant care on display

Third-year dental students were introduced to the basics in dental implant patient care April 10 in the Brass lab. Event coordinator Dr. Cecilia Dong noted this was the first time that three major dental implant systems (Nobel Biocare, Straumann and Zimmer) were presented simultaneously to the students and that this introductory implant demonstration session was a unique opportunity to combine the wide variety of expertise available within the restorative team.

Mrs. Sina Allegro-Sacco, Mr. Ken Chizick, Dr. Cecilia Dong, Dr. Randy Mazurat and Dr. Igor Pesun each hosted work stations. Students rotated through all five stations.

The three prosthodontists introduced the students to the dental implant systems and treatment procedures using implant components and models from the various prosthetic training kits.

Mr. Chizick, technical specialist, provided a demonstration on his laptop computer of CAD CAM technology used to fabricate implant abutments and crowns.

Mrs. Allegro-Sacco, implant patient coordinator, provided an overview of the patient management system used in the Faculty of Dentistry.

Student feedback from the implant demonstration session was enthusiastic and positive so there are plans to continue this method of teaching implant prosthodontics in the future.

Treatment of patients with dental implants is an established part of the curriculum with implant surgeries being provided by the graduate periodontics and oral surgery programs and implant restorations being provided in the undergraduate dental clinic.

Further development and expansion of the Faculty Implant Program is one of the Faculty of Dentistry's Nine Pillars of Innovation.

The students have traditionally been provided with an extensive didactic background on dental implants and over the past decade, a select group of fourth year dental students participated in the Implant Elective Program.

Next year, the fourth-year dental class will be offered the opportunity to treat a patient using dental implants. They will have the opportunity to restore a single implant-retained crown or a mandibular implant-retained overdenture.

As the Faculty Implant Program expands, the goal is to have every student graduate with experiences treating implant patients with single unit crowns and mandibular overdentures.

Restorative team demonstration photos, from top right to bottom left.

(Clockwise from bottom left) 1. Lina Shaar, 2. Radwa Saad, 3. Kurt Scherle, 4. Alex Serbinitski and Dr. Cecilia Dong.

(Clockwise from bottom left) 1. Amanda Huminicki, 2. Sukaina Khan, 3. Courtney Humphreys, 4. Joanna Godlewski and Ken Chizick.

Joanna Godlewski and Sukaina Khan and Associate Dean (Academic) Dr. Randy Mazurat.

Sina Allegro-Sacco along with Kris Coulter, Andrej Brasko and Daniel Bae.

Dr. Igor Pesun with students Marcia Little and Vaidotas Lekanskas.
A Noble Scholarship Win

Dr. James Noble, a third-year orthodontic resident, was recently announced as the winner of the prestigious James F. Mulick, DDS, MS Orthodontic Scholarship from the American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association (ACPA). The scholarship provides $500 towards travel expenses and a one year student membership in ACPA.

“More than the travel scholarship comes the prestige and accolades accompanying this sought after award, not only for James and his accomplishments, but also the accolades he brings to the orthodontic program, the faculty and the university,” said Dr. William Wiltshire, Professor and Chair of Orthodontics and Director of the Graduate Orthodontic Program. “We are very proud of James for this accomplishment.”

The James F. Mulick, DDS, MS Orthodontic Scholarship is intended to help resident orthodontists attend the annual meeting of the ACPA.

Striking Gold

Tajana Stijacic accepts the Gold Medal award from Dean Anthony M. Iacopino at the Graduation Breakfast May 29. More complete coverage of graduation 2008 will be featured in the next edition.

Faculty makes presence known at annual ADEA event

The Lone Star State took on a bit of added luster in March, courtesy of the big delegation from the University of Manitoba’s Faculty of Dentistry. The faculty was represented by no fewer than 12 presentations at last spring’s annual meeting of the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) in Dallas – more than all other Canadian faculties combined. Included on that list were:

- Best Practices of Curriculum Mapping for Accreditation and Strategic Planning.
  Drs. Dieter Schönwetter, Randall Mazurat, Prof. Salme Lavigne.

- Career Development of New Faculty.
  Dr. Schönwetter, Prof. Laura MacDonald, Dr. Mazurat.

- Best Practices of Utilizing Alumni Surveys.
  Drs. Schönwetter, Mazurat, Prof. Lavigne and Mr. Derek Law.

- Using Electronic Curriculum Mapping to Support Competency-Based Dental Education.
  Drs. Schönwetter, Mazurat.

- Exploring the Mentor-Protégé Dynamics to Increase Job Satisfaction, Productivity, and Retention.

- Strategies in Promoting SoTL in Dentistry and Dental Hygiene: Showcasing Best Practices.
  Dr. Schönwetter.

- Linking Curriculum to Continued Competence.
  Prof. Lavigne and Joanna Asadoorian.

- Addressing the Need for Interprofessional Education (IPE).
  Dr. Hubert Benitez.

- Celebrating the spirit of diversity through inclusive teaching
  Prof. MacDonald.

- Interprofessional Education for Collaborative Patient-Centered Practice: A Manitoba-Canada Initiative.
  Prof. MacDonald, et al.

- Self-Reporting of Significant Clinical Errors by Undergraduate Dental Students.

- Determining Outcome Success of Students Completing the International Dentist Degree Program at the U of M.
  Dr. Noriko Boorberg and Dr. Vanessa Swain.

The ADEA is the leading organization for dental education in North America. Members include all Canadian and U.S. dental schools.

Bison Team Rides into Texas

Dental students Phillip Kim and Jasrit Pahal were named as finalists in the Organization for Safety and Asepsis Procedures (OSAP) I See IC competition for still photos and video clips promoting infection control and safety. Phil and Jas’ entries were: Proper Placement of PPE in Best Infection Control Video Message category; in the Best Snapshot category Good from Far...Far From Good (seen here), Hand Washing, and Order Matters.

Winners were decided by online vote. Faculty, students and staff were encouraged to take part. While voting closed May 15, no winners were named by press time.
Saying Hello to Old Friends
Friends of the Faculty event planned to reconnect with long-time supporters

Each year, the Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene hand out literally dozens of awards, bursaries and scholarships to deserving students in both disciplines.

Some of these awards have been around for longer than many can remember with the legacy of their sponsor perhaps forgotten, erased by the sands of time.

In a bid to reconnect with those who cared so much in the past, Dr. Frank Hechter is spearheading Friends of the Faculty, an afternoon dedicated to the legacy and memory of those whose name still holds a significant place in the institution.

“Our faculty has a rich history of individuals and organizations with foresight that cherished excellence in dental education, professionalism and the encouragement and development of human capital,” he said. “Friends of the Faculty will provide us all with the opportunity to recognize and celebrate these individuals.”

A committee has been struck to locate and contact the creator of an award, or their family members, and invite them back to the faculty for an afternoon of acknowledgement and thanks. Although a noble idea, Dr. Hechter readily admits that the task is huge. The faculty presides over more than 80 awards each year, some of which are decades old.

“Unfortunately, many of our records are incomplete,” he said. “Every effort will be made to contact the originators and family of each award to invite them to celebrate with us.”

Friends of the Faculty will take place on Saturday, September 20, in the atrium of the Brodie Centre.

Those wishing to help locate past award sponsors can contact the faculty office at 789-3631, or Dr. Hechter at 204-896-0889. Emails may be directed to info_dent@umanitoba.ca or f.hechter@uwinnipeg.ca.

Helping the Olympic Dream
Ortho clinic patient a national prospect

Even Olympic athletes need good oral care, including those still trying to make the grade. Karlee Genron is a name you might be hearing more of in the weeks and months ahead. The 15-year-old Winnipeg high school student is quickly making a name for herself as one of Canada’s brightest young prospects in short and long-track speed skating.

The grade nine student at Vincent Massey Collegiate is also a patient of Dr. Nick Karaiskos (pictured above) at the faculty orthodontics clinic and, on her last visit, displayed a trio of medals (two gold, one silver) earned at the national junior championships in January.

“I hope to move to Calgary next year to train at the Olympic oval program and to make the junior team in the next two years and, hopefully one day, go to the Olympics,” she said.

Karlee is targeting the games slated for Sochi, Russia in 2014.

Dr. Karaiskos said it’s important to support an Olympic hopeful, even in a small way, and encouraged all those in the faculty to back our national athletes whenever possible. Certainly, a beautiful smile will help when the day comes that Karlee ascends the podium.
Dentistry is a diverse profession that allows one the opportunity to work in challenging and unconventional settings. This year, we had several dental students who decided to fulfill their external rotation requirement with the organization Kindness in Action (KIA).

KIA is a non-profit, Alberta-based dental organization begun in 1993 by Dr. Amil Shapka. The organization follows the Guidelines for Dental Volunteers adopted by the FDI World Dental Federation in 2005 and sends dental teams to countries in Central and South America, Asia, South Africa and Fiji.

The Faculty of Dentistry had eight dental students in third and fourth-year participate in an international external rotation trip.

Two faculty members, Laurence Lau (02) and myself, were joined by alumni, Gordon Chin (93) Kelsey Friesen (02) and Brent McDonald (92). Catherine Griffiths (04), a dental hygiene alumna, participated as well.

Students and alumni went to Cambodia, Peru and Ecuador to work with grassroot organizations in many remote and urban communities. For many of these communities, this is the only opportunity to receive any type of dental care. Moreover, for many patients, this was their first exposure to dentistry.

Kelly Regula (Dent IV) and I traveled to Phnom Penh and Battambang, Cambodia. We provided initial screening/triage, restorative dentistry, periodontics and oral surgery.

We treated land mine and polio victims and families suffering from HIV/AIDS. Polio is quite prevalent among Cambodians due to the lack of vaccination during the Khmer Rouge reign. Land mind victims are prevalent due to the thousands deployed during that era.

The country is slowly recovering. International groups aid in de-mining the region. However, Cambodia’s AIDS problem is thought to be among the worst in Asia, fueled by an active sex trade.

We worked at the Peaceful Children’s Homes, an orphanage for 80 children. A majority of these children are young girls rescued by UNICEF workers from Thai brothels.

Monica Nguyen and Omar Mohammed, (Dent III) traveled to Tena, Ecuador, a small village located in the rainforest region of Ecuador. It is a five-hour bus ride from the capital city of Ecuador, Quito.

Their team included 30 volunteers, which consisted of dentists, hygienists, dental assistants and others. Monica and Omar were very busy providing OHI, restorative, perio and extractions during their week-long adventure.

Four Dent IV students traveled to the Sacred Valley of Peru, not far from Machu Picchu. Dominika Jasiewicz, Zahra Gangji, Kamaljit Virk and Jenny Gill were part of a 25-member team.

Previous KIA teams had worked in this community in past years and it was encouraging to see that overall oral health seemed to be improving. There was more restorative and hygiene work compared to oral surgery, which is always a positive sign.

The high altitude (9,060 feet above sea level) required a bit of acclimatization; however, the students still found this to be an amazing experience.

Laurence Lau and Kelsey Friesen are long-time KIA veterans and participated in a trip to Peru as well. They were joined by Lori Simoens (Dent IV), Gordon Chin, Brent McDonald and Catherine Griffiths. They worked in the town of Urabumba, located in the mountains of Peru, some 3,500 feet above sea level.

The team found this trip difficult on many fronts; they were plagued by time zone changes, altitude, and hours of traveling on planes and busses. They persevered and worked tirelessly for 10 hours a day, for four days, and were physically and emotionally exhausted at the end of the trip.

These dental missions allow us to give back to our community and our world at large. We have been given the gift of education and the skills to provide care to our patients.

“I found the experience to be both exhilarating and uplifting, yet at the same time, humbling,” Lori Simoens said. “This trip opened my eyes to a world that coexists with our own, but one that rarely crosses our minds. It’s the combination of locale and need that will forever ingrain this experience in my memory.”

Dental mission trips for next year are already being planned. We look forward to sharing with our colleagues, friends and alumni what these adventures will bring.

Visit www.kindnessinaction.ca for more information.
From Firm Foundations Come Success
Oral Biology, CCOH shine in Symposia 50 events

These are exciting times at the Faculty of Dentistry and the School of Dental Hygiene. Our 2008 Golden Anniversary year has featured a number of amazing special events that have helped build the profile of this fine institution while instilling in many a sense of pride and renewed sense of purpose as we move forward.

Many in the dental community are still talking about the February gala and what a tremendous event it was.

From there, we embarked on an ambitious plan to appropriately mark and celebrate the triad of teaching, research and community service that our institution has excelled in over the years. So was born Symposia 50, a series of events to showcase each of these areas of excellence.

Our first event - the suitably named Traditions of Excellence in Oral Research - achieved many of the goals we identified in the planning stages some months ago.

First and foremost, the event celebrated the outstanding legacy of research the university has established, maintained and nurtured towards further growth over the years.

The work of current and past academics here was appropriately marked and acknowledged through a series of special awards to Drs. George Bowden, Colin Dawes, Ian Hamilton and our special guest Dr. Israel Kleinberg.

It also served to highlight the tremendous achievements made by those with ties to this university.

Dr. Kleinberg’s presentation on CaviStat, and the huge impact this may have on the profession, was warmly received.

Alumnus Dr. Dennis Cvitkovich, one of the nation’s most respected researchers today, provided an update on his work on Streptococcus mutans.

The event also showcased the talents of Drs. Robert Schroth, Lin-P’ing Choo-Smith, Cecilia Dong and Algernon Karim, all representing the University of Manitoba.

Dr. Raj Bhullar spent a tremendous amount of time organizing the event, overseeing all details and preparations. This effort was apparent in the final product as Traditions of Excellence in Oral Research stands as a proud and appropriate declaration of our combined commitment to retaining and enforcing this institution’s place on the leading edge of academic and dental research.

In June, the Centre for Community Oral Health (CCOH) presented Urban Smiles, a huge community outreach and fundraising effort. On June 11, CCOH staff and volunteers were at the Aboriginal Centre on Higgins Avenue where they provided free oral health treatment throughout the day to children, expectant mothers, individuals with diabetes and other underserved populations of Winnipeg’s inner-city.

During the event, U of M alumni Drs. Peter Cooney, Olva Odlum, Margot Pilley, Phil Poon and Art Schwartz were honored for their contribution to community outreach in dentistry. Watch the next edition of the Bulletin for a complete recap of this outstanding event.

The outstanding success of Urban Smiles underscores why the CCOH has been a long-standing source of pride and achievement for the faculty.

June also saw another faculty first; Dentistry at the Downs was a family-oriented afternoon of fun and games under the big top at Assiniboia Downs. This unique event provided an opportunity for all members of our faculty to get together and enjoy an afternoon of wholesome, affordable entertainment and activities.

On the heels of these many outstanding events, I am excited to share with you details for more special initiatives that will soon be launched in the days and weeks ahead.

In September, we are pleased to present Friends of the Faculty, an afternoon dedicated to reconnecting with past donors and sponsors of the many awards that are so valued by staff and students alike.

This October, our salute to education and training takes place, featuring a variety of guest speakers, many of whom have established a profound presence on the international stage.

Last but certainly not least, I’d like to ask you to reserve your calendar for the Faculty of Dentistry’s 50 Year Finale - our year-end gala and celebration, Saturday November 22.

This promises to be an event unlike any other, with exciting speakers and, of course, the draw for a one-year lease on a new car, courtesy of our friends at Park Pontiac Buick GMC.

Our Drive for Top Five is now in full swing as we progress through this most historic year.

With your help and guidance, we are laying a firm foundation upon which the Nine Pillars of Innovation will be built. It is from this foundation that we will create a new centre of excellence. We will chart a new course which we believe could have far reaching benefits to positively affect all levels of our society.

Our numbers are growing. Our friends and colleagues in the dental community have come forward with tremendous support.

To those who have joined and voiced support for us, we offer our most heartfelt thanks. And we extend this invitation to all of you: celebrate our past and be an important part of our future.

Grazie.
Rollin’ rollin’ rollin’

The Dean’s Office Visit Series keeps on rolling along. Faculty of Dentistry Dean Anthony M. Iacopino and his touring team of Christina MacIsaac (development) and Kathy Mastrobuono (alumni affairs) have paid visits to more than 25 offices to date with more in store. Pictured below is Dr. Iacopino at some of the many stops along the way.

Academy Dental Group Drs. Ken Shek and Tri Mai.

Tuxedo Dental Group (L-R) Drs. Marc Mollot, David Kindrat, Andrew Gauthier and Margot Pilley.

Dean Iacopino enjoys a movie via video specs available at Tuxedo Edge Dental Centre, hosted by Drs. Allan Winchar (left), Derek Gaudes and staff.

Dr. Marty Greenfeld and staff at River East Dental.

Dr. Ken Hamin of Reflections Dental Centre

Drs. Brant Toy (left) and Don Santos from the balcony of the Garden City Dental Centre.

Lifesmiles Drs. (from left) Shenley Poliah, Sasha Goolcharan and Reid Robertson.
Drs. Perry Kimelman and Supinder Lotay of the East Kildonan Kelvin Dental Group.

Oral surgeons Drs. Andrew Stoykewych (left) and Antonio Canosa of Stoykewych and Canosa.

Dr. Darrell Pilat, who along with Dr. Anu Singh, make up the Henderson Dental Group.

Dr. Barry Weinstein and Rasita Smedrik at the Polo Park Dental Centre.

Winnipeg Orthodontist Dr. Susan Tsang

Drs. Mike Lasko (left) and Don Dziewit along with Gary Page welcome Kathy Mastrobuono and Dean Iacopino to Dental Image Therapy Centre.

Dr. Les Rykiss and the staff at the Linden Market Dental Centre.

Drs. Mike Lasko (left) and Don Dziewit along with Gary Page welcome Kathy Mastrobuono and Dean Iacopino to Dental Image Therapy Centre.

Dr. Cory Sul in the Fun Zone.

Dr. Brian Friesen of Images Dental Centre.
It was 20 years ago that the Class of 1988 completed some of the hardest, yet most memorable days of their lives.

The group of 28 graduated with the largest number of females in that era, and also with the record of running the most successful fundraisers in dental school history. Great socials at Eagles Hall and Saints Roller Rink made the graduation a bargain — almost fully subsidized! All that was missing were limo rides and champagne for all.

Now, some 20 years later, we spent a weekend in Vancouver starting with a ‘grads only’ dinner at Cioppino’s Mediterranean Grill in Yaletown. Featured was the award for “best aged over the years” of which Dr. Colleen Grenier won top honours by unanimous decision.

As well, we shared our best pearls from the past 20 years. These pearls ranged from Dr. Buckles’ ‘removal of temps with a toffelmire matrix band’ to Dave Book’s “enjoy the office when all is in harmony. Soak it all in because it will change before you know it!” How true!

There was great fellowship and reminiscing of old times; how 20 years flew by! We shared our aches and pains, and our great experiences as well. We laughed about the lab, the patients and the profs. The stories are priceless!

The second day included a great lecture by Dr. Ashoka Subeday on bone grafts at Granville Island, a day at Stanley Park and the aquarium, and an evening at the beautiful Seasons in the Park. There, we enjoyed awesome food, great scenery, and a poster from 20 years ago. The poster showed each grad in a different pose with a saying (it is in our yearbook).

During the evening, we shared wine and stories about our kids and families, our worst experiences, patient care and what we have learnt from past. We laughed and joked and, in the end, found out we experienced very similar life lessons.

Our time allowed us to grow closer as a group and really touched each of us. The times were priceless.

The biggest lesson learnt was that these times are to be cherished and shared. These reunions come only so often in our lives and they are too precious to be missed.

When we pass on it is not what we had, but what we are remembered by that matters. Remember that the next time an opportunity comes your way.

From us to you, great memories and good health! Bless our families, our colleagues, and their health.

The Class of ’88!

Better late than never!
15th anniversary 16 years later
Submitted by Dr. Manuel Resendes

Better late than never was the catch-phrase for the Class of 1992 during their reunion this spring in beautiful British Columbia.

The solid turnout from the class reconvened at the Pacific Dental Conference to mark the 15 years that have passed since graduation, even if it was a year after the fact. Thanks to our organizer, Dr. Kyle Craven, for stepping in and arranging a wonderful dinner at Aqua Riva.

The class is also organizing a gift to support the faculty will announce the total monies raised in the fall. As the reunion coincided with the Vancouver dental conference, it almost goes without saying: A great time was had by all!
Orthodontic Alumni Gather in TO
Class of 1980 alumnus plays gracious host

Submitted by Cathy Watt

On April 30, Dr. Peter Gold (Class of 1980) hosted a lovely get together at his private practice in the Yorkville area of Toronto.

Those in attendance included Ontario orthodontists who graduated from the University of Manitoba, as well as Dr. Richard Marcus from the CAO and Dr. Gerry Solomon from Toronto, who teaches in our program once a month.

Faculty of Dentistry Dean Dr. Anthony M. Iacopino attended, along with Dr. William Wiltshire, who leads the faculty’s orthodontics department.

It was a great opportunity to connect with our Ontario alumni and acknowledge those who have graciously donated to the program.

Dean Iacopino provided an update on the faculty’s Drive for Top Five campaign and the Nine Pillars of Innovation. Dr. Wiltshire followed with an update of graduate orthodontics and his vision for the future.

After a short break, Dean Iacopino and Dr. Wiltshire presented scientific papers. All in all, it was a wonderful evening.

Thank you, Dr. Gold!

At the orthodontists reunion this spring appeared (from left) Drs. Billy Wiltshire (Program Director, Orthodontics), alumnus Dr. Peter Gold, Michele Wang and Emily Trohatos.
Honouree of Distinction

School of Dental Hygiene Director receives prestigious honour

It could be considered a homecoming like no other. On May 10, Prof. Salme Lavigne returned to where her academic career began where she was named the recipient of a most prestigious award.

The current Director of the School of Dental Hygiene (right) was called back to her first school of higher learning where she was honoured at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Dentistry Awards of Distinction gala. It was a tremendous thrill for Prof. Lavigne, even though it wasn’t a complete surprise.

“I received a message from a colleague at the U of T asking for my CV because he was going to submit a nomination. So I had a bit of advance notice, but I quickly forgot about it,” she said. “Then I was notified by the associate dean that I was the recipient of this award. I was very thrilled.”

Prof. Lavigne was one of four individual recipients of the honour handed out each year by Canada’s oldest dental school. The university’s gala, May 10 at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel in Toronto, also marked the 120 year anniversary of their DDS degree program.

Each year, the university acknowledges former students who have gone on to make significant contributions to the dental profession in Canada and the United States.

Prof. Lavigne obtained her basic dental hygiene education from the University of Toronto; a Bachelors degree in Biomedical Anthropology from Lakehead University and a Master of Science degree in Dental Hygiene Education from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, School of Dentistry (UMKC), from where she also received an alumni achievement award in 2005.

Additionally, she holds certification in Advanced Periodontics and Local Anesthesia (Northern Arizona University) and Nitrous Oxide-Oxygen Sedation (UMKC).

She was the founding Director of the Dental Hygiene program at Confederation College in Thunder Bay, Ontario; served as the Chair of the Department of Dental Hygiene at Wichita State University; and is currently Professor and Director of the School of Dental Hygiene at the University of Manitoba.

In addition to an accomplished academic career, Prof. Lavigne also has an extensive background in a myriad of professional associations.

Prof. Lavigne served as the president of the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (2000-2001) and, for the past six years, as a commissioner for the Commission of Dental Accreditation of Canada.

She is currently the President of the Canadian Foundation for Dental Hygiene Research and Education and sits on several editorial review boards for national and international journals.

She has written chapters in three textbooks and has a variety of publications in both national and international peer review journals.

Hygiene Profs. Go International

Profs. Lavigne, MacDonald appear in Amsterdam for dental hygiene week

Profs. Salme Lavigne and Laura MacDonald attended the InHolland University’s Fifth International Dental Hygiene Week held in Amsterdam, April 21-25.

Both were invited speakers at the conference with Prof. Lavigne sharing the School of Dental Hygiene’s experience with student portfolios as a means of measuring ability in the 12 School of Dental Hygiene competencies. Her presentation entitled “Portfolio Assessment of Student Competence: A Valid and Reliable Evaluation Tool” was the talk of the week.

Prof. MacDonald presented on the universal health professional competency of ‘be a critical thinker,’ facilitating discussion in the context of the dental hygiene care plan.

Halfway through the conference, a participant, during a question period for one of the speakers, stated: “On Monday, we heard about being an attentive critical thinker, this made me think,” and posed her question/comment to the speaker. This was a most affirming outcome for Laura.

The event brought together dental hygiene educators and students from 12 countries around the world including Sweden, Russia, Finland, Portugal, Germany, Denmark, Italy and Slovakia.

Past works of both Salme and Laura were referenced by other presenters at the event; Salme’s publications on the oral-systemic link and Laura’s work with Michel Brecx, and others, reporting on randomized clinical trial results investigating the effectiveness of an over-the-counter oral rinse, PlaxR (Brecx, M. et al 1991).

Both Salme and Laura received numerous invitations to bring their work to programs throughout the world. New York, in particular, is planning to bring both Salme and Laura to their faculty for two sessions: Portfolio as a Means of Assessment of Student Competency; and the Incorporation of the Human Needs Model of Dental Hygiene as the Theoretical Framework for the Dental Hygiene Care Plan.
Dental Hygienists Act Proclaimed

Landmark legislation sets wheels in motion for major professional change

On April 15, new legislation setting out provisions for a professional college to regulate dental hygienists practicing in Manitoba was proclaimed by Health Minister Theresa Oswald.

“This legislation allows the expansion of dental hygiene practices to make oral health care accessible to more people, improving access to quality dental health care for thousands of Manitobans,” said Oswald.

Under the Dental Hygienists Act, individuals who want to work as dental hygienists and use the title in Manitoba will be required to meet qualifications set out in the legislation and regulations.

The College of Dental Hygienists of Manitoba will administer the act to ensure safe dental hygiene practice.

Dental hygienists who meet the qualifications will now be able to provide services without a dentist’s supervision in the community including personal-care homes, community programs or other settings approved by a patient’s dentist.

“We applaud the Manitoba government for taking this important step of establishing dental hygiene as a self-regulating profession while also providing the opportunity for dental hygienists to work as collaborative primary health-care providers,” said Mickey Emmons Wener, chair of the College of Dental Hygienists of Manitoba Transitional Council.

As of April, 558 dental hygienists had registered with the college.

“This act means better oral health-care services for Manitobans,” Oswald said. “Research increasingly shows that oral health is an indicator of overall health and this legislation means increased access to oral health care for more people.”

The Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA) was equally positive, noting that the act will pave the way for a self-regulating profession and expanding access to better oral health care.

“I am pleased that the Manitoba government has modernized its legislation on dental hygiene regulation and practice,” said Carol Yakiwchuk, the newly-elected president of the CDHA, and academic staff member at the University of Manitoba. “It is my utmost hope that my colleagues will embrace this new opportunity and extend their care to the many Manitobans who are currently underserved.”

Good Times Soon to Get Better

2008 graduates entering a brave new world

On May 23, the School of Dental Hygiene said congratulations and farewell to its latest group of graduates, the 43rd class of our school since its inception in 1963.

There is always something very special about this time of year; the climax of two years of intense and dedicated study, the pinnacle of achievement that signals the start of a new era in the lives of our now-former students.

All of the students have put in an exceptional amount of work and effort towards making this day a reality.

Their classroom and clinical learning is complemented by extensive externships in the community and, most recently, the new portfolio requirement.

This new addition to the curriculum, established in the 2005-06 academic year, requires students to create a portfolio that addresses each of the 12 School of Dental Hygiene competencies required for entry into practice.

The portfolios include samples of evidence from course projects, clinical performance as well as from externships and service activities that clearly demonstrate their ability to perform as oral health professionals of the highest caliber.

The body of work displayed by so many of the students has been of exceptionally high quality and clearly underscores the knowledge, skills and values the student has developed over the course of their professional studies.

It is also a special time for those of us here at the school. As professional educators, we understand that motivating students and setting appropriate professional examples is a very important part of what we do.

Watching these bright, talented young people ascend the podium to receive their diploma instills in many of us a sense of pride and a shared sense of accomplishment.

It is always very gratifying to witness this celebration of achievement coupled with the anticipation of new challenges ahead reflected in the faces of those who will be entering this new phase of their lives.

And what an exciting time it is to be entering the discipline. The profession of dental hygiene has always offered many attractive advantages for those who pursue this career path. Traditionally, dental hygiene has always been a profession in much demand with numerous employment opportunities available each year.

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See Good Times.

Professor Salme Lavigne
RDH, BA, MS(DH)

Make plans to attend the School of Dental Hygiene Homecoming Lecture and Wine & Cheese Reception Homecoming Weekend Saturday, September 13th, 2008 Faculty of Dentistry, School of Dental Hygiene 780 Bannatyne Avenue, Winnipeg, MB For more information, call (204) 474-6600 or email mastrobu@cc.umanitoba.ca

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Alumni Return to Winning Ways

Submitted by Dr. Chris Cottick (90)

The annual alumni-student hockey classic was held on Saturday March 8. The students, hoping to outskate and wear out their alumni colleagues, set the game at the Olympic-sized Ravenscourt Dutton Arena. After their soul challenging experiences in the faculty, one would think they would have learnt the power of experience.

Well dear readers, the students were taken back to school by a short handed but experienced alumni team that dished out a convincing and thoroughly dominating 8-1 victory.

Last year’s bottom whipping was totally wiped out of memory by an alumni team that rolled two balanced lines against a young and fast student team which unfortunately didn’t have any finish and was desperately missing last year’s MVP Gurpal Buttar.

The alumni were shorthanded due to several attending the Pan Pacific conference, but with the gratefully acknowledged addition of fourth-year Brett “Dude” Sorensen, were able to more than keep up with the young’ins.

Lead by alumni MVP Chris “The Flash” Donald, and his right hand man Kyle “The Joker” Gauthier, the alumni took the lead early and only slowed up for a short time when the student’s got their disputed goal to make the game 3-1 in the middle of the first half. An alumni defence anchored by Darryl Pilat (who brought his own elementary school cheering section), Jonathan

New Direction, New Role

MDAA charts new course

Submitted by Dr. Scott Leckie

The Manitoba Dental Alumni Association (MDAA) is carving a new path. A new Board of Directors has been elected and we are focused on embarking on a new direction. The new board consists of Drs. Jean Bodnar, Chris Cottick, Kyle Gauthier, Scott Leckie, Walter Nider, Igor Pesun (faculty representative), Heinz Scherle, and Cory Sul.

It is felt that with this broad spectrum of volunteers the MDAA can better serve the alumni.

It is felt that, with time, the MDAA will provide more services to the alumni and strengthen the ties between the profession and the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba.

We would also like to thank Dr. Ron Peterson for his 25 years of volunteer service to the MDAA.
Dr. Tim Dumore (alumni, pictured below) recently passed the ABO (American Board of Orthodontics) Exam and is now a certified Diplomate.

Kavita Mathu-Muju (93) has completed her Masters Degree in Public Health and is an Assistant Professor at the University of Kentucky, College of Dentistry. Kavita also received a Fellowship in the Royal College of Dentists of Canada in Pediatric Dentistry last year.

Scott Leckie (90) was inducted a Fellow of the International College of Dentists on 12 April 2008 in Toronto. Scott practices as a partner in the Assiniboine Dental Group in Winnipeg. He is the President of the Sports Medicine Council of Manitoba since 2005, was recently appointed President of the Manitoba Dental Alumni Association, and is the acting team dentist for the University of Manitoba Bisons hockey team.

Robert Rosenstock (70) was inducted a Fellow of the International College of Dentists on 12 April 2008 in Toronto. Robert is practicing general dentistry in Richmond, B.C. and recently has been teaching as a clinical instructor at the University of British Columbia. He is Past President of the College of Dental Surgeons of BC (’03 - ’04) and received the College Distinguished Service Award in 2006.

Marcel Van Woensel (94) was also inducted a Fellow of the International College of Dentists on 12 April 2008 in Toronto. Marcel is practicing in Somerset and is still doing the two hour commute to Winnipeg to help teach in the Endo Lab with Marshall Peikoff (63) this winter and was the coordinator for Dental Jurisprudence courses last fall term.

Marcel Van Woensel (94) has been appointed as Deputy Registrar of the Manitoba Dental Association, following the trend across the country for Registrars to have a legal background. He is acting in transition with long-standing Registrar Mike Lasko (67) who is continuing on in private practice, albeit in a part-time basis.

Kavita Mathu-Muju (93)

The Royal College of Dentists of Canada conferred Fellowship in 2007 to Christine H. Bell (04), Fadi Kass (02), Julie S. Maniate (03), Orest J. Pilipowicz (04) and Christopher H. Yue (00) all in Pediatric Dentistry and Milos Lekic (04) in Orthodontics.

Elsa Hui-Derksen (02) graduated with a Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry & Masters of Science in Pediatric Dentistry (December 2008) from the University of Michigan. Dr. Hui-Derksen is a fellow of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada (RCDC) as of November 2008. She is practicing in Ottawa, Ontario. Elsa and her husband Perry (pictured centre) are expecting their first child in August, 2008.

Fellows from Manitoba at the International College of Dentists Black-tie Dinner and Convocation in Toronto last April 2008; (above, from left) Fellows Tom Breneman (69), Ken Skinner (72), Scott Leckie (90), William Christie (64), Marcel Van Woensel (94), Jack Braun (74) and Gene Solmundson (66).

Cecilia Dong (96) was afforded tenure and awarded the rank of Associate Professor at the University of Manitoba. Following this edition, Dr. Dong will step down from the board of the faculty bulletin, from whom she received thanks.

Since its founding 50 years ago, the Faculty of Dentistry has seen well over 2,000 students graduate from our dental, dental hygiene and graduate programs. You can be proud that our faculty is highly recognized for its excellence in providing students with exceptional learning experiences for their chosen professions. The Office of Alumni Affairs and Continuing Dental Education have recently been redesigned to offer our alumni better resources to reconnect with classmates, friends, and their Alma Mater. We currently have several reunions in the planning stages so if you would like to join the numbers, consider a reunion with educational updates in destination hotspots during our CE Tropical Series, conferences in Winnipeg, Vancouver, or a setting of your choice. Be sure to ask about a hosted reception/tour at the Faculty should you choose Winnipeg as your reunion venue or try your hand at deep sea fishing with the dean during our Tropical Series. Whatever your plans, please don’t hesitate to contact me at (204) 480-1398 or e-mail me at mastrobu@cc.umanitoba.ca. for help with your reunion planning. Contact me if you have news of yourself or a classmate you wish to share with our readers or if you’ve been published, appointed, married, had a baby, retired, etc. Finally, I hope you find the bulletin a valuable source of information for fellow alumni, staff, friends, and events around campus. Have a great summer!
From Where It Began

Dr. Kleinberg treasures time at Canadian faculty

Back in the day, it was a brave new world for Dr. Israel Kleinberg. It was 1958 and the ‘young buck’ of the faculty’s four fathers was fresh into his new assignment at Canada’s first new school of dentistry in over 50 years.

Recruited by Dr. Jack Nielsen (Dean), Dr. Kleinberg joined Drs. Harold Hart (prosthodontics) and George Brass (restorative) as the academic core of an exciting new challenge in Canadian dental education.

“I was the young buck that was really into basic science and research. We introduced totally novel programs here,” he said during a break from the Traditions of Excellence symposium that ran in late April at the faculty in support of the Drive for Top Five. “We developed the first truly PhD program in oral biology and we trained a lot of people. It’s had an influence virtually everywhere. The beauty of being a new school was that you could introduce new things.”

Given a blank canvas upon which to run his program, Dr. Kleinberg was involved in establishing study areas in biochemistry, physiology and oral pathology. These three sections were eventually amalgamated to form the Department of Oral Biology, the first such department of its kind in North America.

This, in turn, led to the establishment of the first masters program in oral biology in 1962, followed by the world’s first PhD program in 1963.

Exciting times, to be sure, but for students in particular, it was not easy.

“I tended to push them hard but, by and large, they’ve turned out fantastic,” Dr. Kleinberg recalled. “The classes and students here were great. They’ve had a tremendous influence on B.C. and they’ve had a big influence here and even internationally. That’s what I get a big kick out of. In a sense, they are my academic children.”

In 1973, Dr. Kleinberg took up a similar faculty position in New York as the founding chairman of the Stony Brook Department of Oral Biology and Pathology, School of Dental Medicine, where his career continued to flourish.

“It was difficult to make the decision to go. Winnipeg has been very good to us,” he said. “I’ve always been an optimist and reasonably confident that if you really keep at something and you really work at it, you’re going to get your bumps in the road, but ultimately, you’ll move ahead.”

Traditions of Excellence
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“We are building on what you accomplished. Everything we do going forward is as much about you as it is for our vision and the university.”

Dr. Bhullar oversaw all aspects of the event, including the evening’s awards ceremony to celebrate the history of oral biology in the faculty. The evening also saw a light-hearted and amusing retrospective on the faculty courtesy of Dr. Colin Dawes (pictured above).

Traditions of Excellence in Oral Research was the first event of Symposia 50, a series running throughout the year to celebrate the achievements of faculty and students and to support the faculty’s Drive for Top Five.

CaviStat Coming Soon
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It is estimated that the worldwide market for anti-cavity products exceeds $4 billion in annual retail sales, of which approximately $1.5 billion are in the United States.

He added that much care is being taken to ensure the product brought to market isn’t exploited or misrepresented.

“We can go to the market tomorrow as a food but the problem with that is that almost anybody can make all kinds of claims that any charlatan can abuse,” he said. “You want to make sure it’s done properly.”

Dr. Kleinberg presented a summary of his work during the keynote address at Traditions of Excellence in Oral Research, a research symposium held April 25 at the University of Manitoba. Part of the Symposia 50 series, the day-long event highlighted the latest advances in the profession as delivered by several world-renowned research scientists.

Included on that list was an afternoon session led by Dr. Anthony M. Iacopino. The U of M’s Dean of Dentistry discussed the oral-systemic link, one of the hottest concepts in medical science today and one that shows the clear connection between oral health and overall health.

Coordinated by Dr. Raj Bhullar, Traditions of Excellence in Oral Research paid tribute to the rich heritage established over the years by researchers at the faculty. Four researchers, including Dr. Kleinberg, were honoured for their work that brought distinction and renown to the university.

Dr. George Bowden, Colin Dawes and Ian Hamilton, who all presented at the symposium, were acknowledged for their life-time of dedicated research here at the faculty.
Faculty Welcomes New Members

Dr. Getuilo Nogueira, Drew Brueckner newest faces to dental fold

The Department of Dental Diagnostic and Surgical Sciences welcomes Dr. Getuilo Nogueira as Director, Graduate Periodontics Program effective April 21.

Dr. Nogueira (right) was Vice-Dean (Graduate Program in Dentistry) since 2006 and Associate Professor of Periodontology since 2000 at the Faculty of Dentistry, Bahian School of Medicine and Public Health.

He received two post-doctoral degrees; one from the University of Campinas-UNICAMP in Sao Paulo-Brazil and the other from the University of Washington-UW in Seattle-USA.

Dr. Nogueira has lectured nationally and internationally on a number of occasions.

Recommendations are requirements that the school must meet within a certain time frame, while suggestions are, as the name would imply, ideas for improvement that the school might consider in the near future.

“This was a gargantuan task and we performed very well,” Dr. Anthony M. Iacopino said during a debriefing session with faculty students and staff. “Overall, the faculty displayed its excellence and made a great impression on the site visitors.”

After the release of the committee’s report, faculty department heads and associate deans gathered with Dean Iacopino and Dr. Schönwetter to map out how the recommendations would best be addressed.

“Action steps were discussed, champions who would lead in addressing these recommendations and suggestions were identified, and target dates for achieving these were listed,” Dr. Schönwetter said. “In keeping with Dean Iacopino’s Drive for Top Five, each person was invited to participate in making changes to build on current Faculty of Dentistry strengths.”

Overall, feedback from department heads seemed unanimous that each of the committee’s recommendations is attainable and would only work to the long-term benefit of the faculty.

“We are very pleased with the recommendations,” said Prof. Salme Lavigne, Director of the School of Dental Hygiene. “I think they are all very productive and we’re very happy with the whole visit.”

The committee’s findings were presented in a debriefing session for faculty, students and staff on March 3. The session drew a capacity crowd to Theatre C of the Basic Medical Sciences building.

Each department head addressed the group concerning their area of the school and their plans for dealing with the recommendations and suggestions. Dean Iacopino took a clinical approach to his observations of the process.

“After you do an assessment and evaluation process, you come up with a diagnosis for your patient, in this case, our institution,” he said. “Then you have to have a treatment plan and you have to start providing treatment. So we’re getting into the treatment phase now.”

The Dean noted that teamwork will be an essential element and asked all in attendance to embrace the challenges ahead.

“So I would encourage everyone to be excited and to be energetic about doing this and go through this as a team together,” he said, “and to feel the satisfaction at the end of knowing that we accomplished something that’s often very hard to do.”

In Manitoba, and in fact, throughout all of Western Canada, practicing professionals have the comparative luxury of choosing where they wish to go.

Now, the profession has taken its next step towards full maturity with the recent proclamation of the Dental Hygienists Act. This act lays the groundwork for the creation of the College of Dental Hygienists of Manitoba to regulate those practicing in Manitoba and will also significantly expand practice opportunities in our province.

With this act, hygienists will now be able to provide their services in community health settings including personal-care homes, hospitals and other health facilities operated by the government or approved by the Minister of Health, without dental supervision. This is a huge step for the profession and the public of Manitoba as more individuals will be able to access oral health services enhancing the access to care issue that has been a long time problem in the province.

Couple this with the future development of the Centre for Oral-Systemic Health at the Faculty of Dentistry providing opportunities for dental hygienists to become more involved in knowledge dissemination to both the public and other health professionals about this important linkage. The future does indeed seem exceptionally bright.

To the 2008 graduates of the School of Dental Hygiene, I wish to offer my most heartfelt and sincere congratulations. You have worked so diligently to attain your credentials and arrive at this significant milestone in your life. I hope and trust that we have established in you the pride, dedication and professionalism that have become the hallmark of dental hygiene in Manitoba today. It is my hope that, from here, you will go on to enjoy all the satisfaction, happiness and success possible in your career.
I am happy to introduce everyone to my brand new grandson Rylan who came into this world on Friday, March 21, 2008. I expect he will join us as part of the dentistry Class of 2032.

Proud Grandpa
Dr. Doug Brothwell

The Friesens are pleased to announce the arrival of the newest addition to their family: Jace Aron Alexander Friesen.
Born: March 31, 2008
Weight: 4 lbs 7 oz
Length: 16 3/4”

Travis Friesen (08)

Elana, Ryan and I are thrilled to announce the birth of Jessica Hannah Manson! Born on Wednesday, February 20 at 2:45am. Jessica weighed 7 lbs, 7 oz and was 21.5 inches long. Mom, baby, Ryan and I are doing great and we look forward to introducing you to Jessica.

Jonathan Manson

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Amanda Huminicki presented her research poster on “Does calculus confound PRS and OCT detection of early caries?” at the Midwest Dental Student Research Conference at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, April, 2008. Amanda’s research supervisors are Dr. Lin-P’ing Choo-Smith and Dr. Cecilia Dong.

Amanda Huminicki, first place in the competition for CADR-IMHA Student Research Awards, Junior Category, for her paper on “Does calculus confound PRS and OCT detection of early caries?” Co-supervisors for Amanda were Dr. Lin-P’ing Choo-Smith and Dr. Cecilia Dong.

Ashley Dykun presented her research titled “The correlation of brief screenings and comprehensive treatment plans in pediatric dental patients” at the Midwest Regional Dental Student Research Conference at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, April, 2008. Ashley’s research supervisor is Dr. Doug Brothwell.

Brett Sorenson presented his research titled “A preliminary in vitro model assessing tooth whitening agent effectiveness” at Midwest Regional Dental Student Research Conference at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, April, 2008. Brett’s research supervisor is Dr. Tammy Bonstein.
In Memoriam

DR. TROY SUELZLE

Dr. Troy Jordan Suelzle, beloved husband of Nikki and loving father of Ethan (8), Joshua (6) and Adam (3), all of Medicine Hat, has been called home at the young age of 34 years. He lived life to the fullest and left deep footprints wherever he trod. Also left to cherish his memory and share stories about a life well lived are his parents H.F. Linden “Lynn” and Chris Suelzle; two brothers, Terry (Yoko) and their children, Ryker, Jazmyn and Ewan of White Rock, British Columbia, and Trevor (Rebecca) and their children, Elle and Ainsley of Salt Lake City, Utah; Troy’s in-laws, Allan and Carol Thompson, Ryan and Aiko Thompson, and Julie and Paul Clark; and his colleagues, friends and associates who all blessed his life and were very close to him. Troy was born on January 9th, 1974 in Bassano, Alberta (a town so small that he was still the New Year’s baby!) and since the age of four has called Medicine Hat home. He terrorized Riverside Elementary, graduated in 1991 from Crescent Heights High School and studied at Medicine Hat College before dedicating two years of his life to serving a mission for his Church in Salt Lake City, Utah. Troy continued his studies at the University of Manitoba culminating with his graduation with honours from The School of Dentistry in 2001. Troy was blessed to be married and sealed to his best friend, Lisa Nicole “Nikki” Thompson on May 10th, 1997 in Cardston, Alberta. Their marriage and life together was blessed with three boys full of energy and vitality. Together the family filled their time with adventure, learning and fun wherever they were. Troy loved his associations at Courtyard Dental and every day was a ‘fabulous’ day with his patients, staff and partners. He was also proud of being published in the Archives of Oral Biology for a study on spit. Troy loved his life, his family, his service and his career. He loved music and when he wasn’t identifying a song on the radio by the artist and the year of release he would play those songs on one of his guitars or his drums. Troy always had a mischievous twinkle in his eye, a grin on his face, and a razor sharp wit. Troy touched the lives of countless people and will be sadly missed by many.

The Funeral Service was held on April 17. In lieu of flowers, please give your loved ones a hug and play your favorite Beatles song while telling your favorites stories about Troy. Expressions of sympathy can be e-mailed to saamisfc@telusplanet.net, subject-heading Troy Suelzle.

The Class of 2001 is establishing an educational fund for Troy’s children: Ethan, Joshua and Adam. If you’d like to contribute to the fund, please send your cheque c/o Dr. Rakesh Mehta, 2030 Tremerton Dr., Kamloops, BC V2E 2L1. Please note the children’s names on the bottom of your cheque. Classmates also wish to create a memory-book of Troy for his children. If you have a memory or photo(s) you wish to contribute to this book, please send c/o Kathy Mastrobuono, Dean’s Office, Faculty of Dentistry, D113-780 Bannatyne Ave., Winnipeg, MB R3E 0W2 or via e-mail at mastrobu@cc.umanitoba.ca. Once collected, they will be forwarded to Rick.

WAYNE PAUL LAVIGNE

December 20, 1945 - September 24, 2007

On September 24, 2007, Wayne Paul Lavigne passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in his home in Winnipeg. Wayne lived a full and rich life surrounded by love not only from his family but all those he encountered in his journey through life. Wayne will be remembered fondly by his many friends and relatives. He is survived by his wife Salme of 37 years; children, Carmen Levine, Renee Snelling, Cory Lavigne, and grandchildren, Austin Lavigne, Hannah Levine, and Emma Levine. A funeral mass was held September 28, at the St. Bernadette Parish. In lieu of flowers, if friends so desire, donations in memory of Wayne may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Manitoba.

DR. LEON RICHARDSON

Dr. Leon Arkle Richardson, late of Vernon, BC, died on April 2, 2008, at the age of 82 years. He was born in Viking, Alberta on October 12, 1925, to James Wesley and Clara Winnifred Richardson of Jarrow, Alberta. Leon served in the Royal Canadian Air Force as a Navigator during World War Two. He graduated from the University of Alberta in 1949, in Dentistry, and rejoined the RCAF, serving a total of 34 years, retiring in 1983 as a Colonel. Leon taught at the University of Manitoba until 1990 prior to finding his true home in Vernon. Leon cared much for his extended family, and is survived by his wife, Lorraine (McKay) and his children: Jim (Roxanne) Richardson, Anne (Jim) Valentine, Andy (Brenda), Ramona (Jim), Linda, Darlene, and his many beloved grandchildren. Also mourning his passing are brothers: Glen of Edmonton, Keith of Stoney Plain, and Hugh of Santa Maria, California. Leon taught his true love of travel to his children, and was a gentle spirit. A man of many talents, he enjoyed photography and artistic endeavours. In his later years, he simply enjoyed the company of his family. A Celebration of Life Service was held at Knox Presbyterian Church in Vernon on Tuesday, April 8, at 2:00 p.m., with the Rev. Dr. Ed Millin officiating.

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