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Joanna Godlewski (right) receives congratulations from her mentor Dr. Sherri Mitani at the 2009 Graduation Breakfast this past spring. The annual celebration drew an estimated 400 attendees in tribute to the Class of 2009 in the Faculty of Dentistry and the School of Dental Hygiene.

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Faculty Heads Down Under
U of Manitoba — U of Adelaide connection

Submitted By Mickey Emmons Wener, RDH, MEd

Communication for Oral Health Professionals
Adelaide Australia — February 16-20, 2009

How did this all begin? What began as an idea to use a patient questionnaire to help reinforce important communication concepts taught to dental hygiene and dental students has resulted in an exciting international collaboration. The project was launched in 2005 by the research team of Dr. Dieter Schönwetter (principal investigator), Prof. Mickey Wener and Dr. Nita Mazurat.

The development of the University of Manitoba communication questionnaire included an extensive literature review, identification of relevant theoretical constructs and communication models, theme analysis of data gathered from focus group consultations involving five stakeholders (patients, students, clinical instructors, didactic teachers and support staff), incorporation of curricular content, and the development and piloting of clinical communication questionnaires for patients and their student practitioners.

Following statistical analysis, the resulting questionnaire now includes five components including: ‘Being Caring and Respectful’, ‘Sharing Information’, ‘Tending to Patient Comfort’ and ‘Interacting with Other Team Members’, as well as rating patient’s or student’s ‘Experience with Other Team Members’.

How does the questionnaire get us to Australia? It was fortuitous that Dr. Johann de Vries, Dean at the University of Adelaide, facilitated a connection between Dr. Schönwetter of the U of M and Dr. Tracey Winning of the U of A, both with a significant interest in collaborating in the area of clinical communication skills.

A CIHR grant designed to promote international networking for the development of research was a perfect fit and ultimately funded this unique opportunity for the U of M research team to travel to Adelaide to work together on this important, yet often overlooked skill.

And, what will come of our efforts? The week of working together was productive, exciting and reinforcing as all involved were committed to developing better ways to teach and evaluate the development of our students’ communication skills.

There was a caring spirit among the group as we discussed important issues such as intrapersonal communication and its connection to student stress, awareness of patient pain and anxiety, culturally sensitive care and enabling students to function in interprofessional teams.

As a team, we are developing a new model for teaching communication skills to dental professionals, identifying important research questions and piloting the U of M clinical communication tools at the University of Adelaide.

What other positive spin-offs resulted? Through the Higher Education Research and Development Association, Dr. Schönwetter facilitated faculty development workshops for medical, dental and general academics at the Universities of Wollongong, Canberra and Adelaide.

In Adelaide, Prof. Wener spoke to the Southern Australia Dental Hygiene Association and the Bachelor of Oral Health students regarding Mouthcare Training for Caregivers: The Canadian Experience (there was much fascination with the pictures of us shoveling snow). While in Sydney, she connected with their dental communications faculty.

Dr. Randy Mazurat accompanied Dr. Nita Mazurat on the trip and they were able to network with their colleagues at the U of A, Sydney, and Brisbane with discussions about curriculum mapping and infection control.

Was it all work and no play? Our team spent some collegial time having lunch at a winery in the McLaren Vale wine region, and then going for a dip and walk at the beach (no sharks!). We were warmly welcomed in Adelaide by the de Vries family and U of M alumni Dr. Grant Duncan (ortho) and Margaret Duncan (dental hygiene).

And yes, in our individual travels with family members we did get to squeeze in diving at the Great Barrier Reef, feeding kangaroos, seeing the beautiful Sydney Opera House, traveling to Tasmania, to name only a few experiences. Without a doubt, we would all highly recommend Australia with NO WORRIES!
Some in North America’s oral health community are already calling it a major breakthrough for the profession. A new device designed to detect periodontitis is being heralded as one of the biggest advancements to hit the profession in many, many years.

Developed by research scientists from the National Research Council Canada (NRC) in conjunction with the University of Manitoba, Faculty of Dentistry, this new hand-held, portable device can accurately diagnose periodontitis far better than any other technique in the history of the profession.

The wand-shaped instrument that relies on optical spectroscopy to accurately measure periodontal inflammation is being heralded as a major breakthrough in oral health.

"With our device, we can clearly distinguish between diseased and healthy tissue," says the research team leader Dr. Kan-Zhi Liu, a senior research officer at the Institute for Biodiagnostics (IBD), NRC and an associate professor of dentistry at the University of Manitoba. "Local dentists are quite excited, and we think this represents an important breakthrough."

Current periodontal diagnosis, which is mainly based on gross clinical examinations and radiographs, is not able to determine disease activity or predict its progression, critical issues in periodontal treatment planning.

Given the inadequacies of current techniques, there is an urgent need to develop a new diagnostic test with high sensitivity and specificity to provide better guidance in periodontal treatment to avoid under-treatment and over-treatment.

The answer seems to lie with optical spectroscopy. To confirm this theory, a research project was launched to validate this novel technology in periodontal diagnosis at the IBD, NRC.

The three-year, multi-centre clinical study demonstrated that near-infrared spectroscopy (NIRS) can readily differentiate periodontitis from gingivitis and healthy periodontal tissues based on analysis of multiple inflammatory indices simultaneously derived from NIR spectra acquired from gums in situ.

The emergence of this novel technology has already caught considerable attention in dental and other biomedical societies. Early this year, news about this project was published on the official website of National Research Council (NRC), which highlighted the advance and importance of using this new non-invasive real time diagnostic instrument in dentistry, calling it "a magic wand of gums."

At this year’s General Meeting of the International Association of Dental Research (IADR), a writer with the popular dental newsletter, DrBicuspid.com, interviewed Drs. Liu and Xiang.
Putting a Dentsply in Restorative
Industry partner steps up with sizable kit donation

It’s no secret that providing a first-class education carries with it a cost. This is particularly true for oral health education. The facilities, materials and supplies required to educate and train students for practice are substantial - even more so when you factor in the high standards that are demanded of the University of Manitoba program.

So it’s always welcome when word comes of those who are ready, willing and able to step up and partner with the Faculty of Dentistry to maintain and enhance its training standards and, in turn, its academic reputation.

This past spring, Dentsply Canada came forward with a donation of kits for each student for use in the operative pre-clinical laboratory.

“I just got the supplies and I’ll be taking them to my students,” said Dr. Renato Roperto, Assistant Professor, Restorative Dentistry. “They are very excited to have the new Dentsply composite kit. These materials will allow them to train in several operative procedures, even after hours and during the weekends.”

The donation came about after Dr. Roperto (pictured left with Drs. Tana Gilmartin and Ken Hamin) approached the firm about meeting the need for the materials and inviting Dentsply officers for a tour of the facility.

Soon after, the long-time partner of the Faculty agreed to provide the requested supplies for the benefit of the program.

“Dentsply Canada is thrilled to be partnering with Dr. Roperto and the University of Manitoba and supplying its students with quality restorative materials,” said Richard Rhebergen, Dentsply’s regional representative. “We truly believe in working hand-in-hand with high ranking institutions such as the University of Manitoba, and being an integral part in the development of better dentistry across Canada and the world.”

The kits, that each consist of 10 Dyract eXtra compules tips, Enhance finishing discs, Enhance finishing cups, Enhance finishing points, Prime Bond NT bottle, Esthet-X compules tip, tooth conditioner, gel syringe and adhesive applicator brushes, have a combined value of $15,000.

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How I Spent My Summer Vacation

Extended hours in clinic bridges gap in patient care, provides valuable student experience

During its five-plus decade history, the Faculty of Dentistry’s main clinic has operated minimally into the summer months. This year a summer clinic was again operational. Staffed by students from the Dent III class and supervised by full and part-time members of the Faculty, the new summer clinic will address what has been a significant shortfall in patient care, according to Dr. Lawrence Stockton (pictured top, left) Associate Dean (Clinical).

“We have in the past provided emergency care, but essentially it was only on a limited basis,” Dr. Stockton explained on the first (and busy) day of the new summer program. “We wanted to expand both the aspect of emergency care but also continue to have new patients enter the Faculty and treatment plan for the upcoming year. We also want to continue to provide care for those people whose treatment didn’t get completed and should not be left until September of this year.”

The benefit to patient care isn’t the only positive aspect of the new program that ran through the months of May and June. It also provides valuable clinical experience to the student staff, who might otherwise be working in other, non-medical summer jobs.

Sherif Elsaraj, one of the participating students, said he didn’t waste any time when he learned of the opportunity to get extra time with patients in clinic.

“I volunteered to do this because I thought it would help me gain more experience and increase my speed,” he said. “I get more skills because the more you get exposed to different professors, the more you learn from them and you gain knowledge that way.”

The students are managed by two instructors with teams of four each doing emergency care, treatment plans and continuity of care.

The student practitioners start with a low number of patients but their caseloads could be increased depending on demand and their degree of comfort with the treatment schedule.

Sherif added that the extra experience is an excellent way to sharpen his skills prior to heading into the fourth year of the dental program, especially in the area of treatment planning.

“I’d like to learn more about how to do a proper treatment plan because it’s the most important thing in dentistry,” he said. “In the summer you have three months, so what are you going to do? This is better than going on a trip, for me anyway. I get to stay here and get more experience. Right now, it’s been so far, so good.”

MMSF Backs Oral Health Team

Continues tradition of supporting health research

The Manitoba Medical Service Foundation (MMSF) paid tribute to its many grant recipients this past spring, including a team of researchers from the Faculty of Dentistry.

The team, that includes Drs. Getulio Nogueira, Kan Zhi-Liu and Michael Sowa was one of several whose work was celebrated at a spring reception at the Foundation’s offices.

The team received a $25,000 grant from the agency to support their project: Determining the inflammation and separation of the soft gum tissue from the peri-implantitis by infrared spectroscopy and optical imagings.

In addition to supporting Faculty researchers, the MMSF also sponsors student researchers in the BSc (Dent) program each year.

This year’s group includes Tracy Kolson (Dr. Schonwetter), Igal Margolin (Dr. Lekic), Nathan Jeal (Dr. Schroth), Nirvani Umadat (Dr. Bonstein) and Geoff Shaffer (Drs. Schonwetter and Perry).

The MMSF provides funding for the advancement of scientific, educational and other activities and to improve the health and welfare of Manitobans. During its 37 years of existence, the MMSF has contributed almost $16-million to scientific researchers, medical and dental students and allied professionals.
At times, it may almost seem like a rite of passage. Every spring, academics from the University of Manitoba’s Faculty of Dentistry prepare for a great migration. But unlike the more seasonally adjusted Canadian snowbird, who heads south every fall or winter to escape the northern cold, Faculty academics head south in the spring. The reason?

Each year, two of the biggest events on the academic calendar take place with annual meetings held by each the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) and the International Association for Dental Research (IADR). Most often, these events are held in the deep southern United States, and always draw huge numbers of oral health professionals from all across the continent, including (or perhaps especially) from the University of Manitoba.

The 2009 events for both organizations were no exception to the rule. Academics from the Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene sharpened pencils, prepared presentations and packed for the pilgrimage to the signature events for the two leading oral health education bodies.

This year, both events were slated in the early spring, beginning with the ADEA on March 14 – 18 in Phoenix, Arizona. The IADR followed soon after, running April 1 through Saturday, April 4 in Miami, Florida.

Each featured several highlights for the academic staff and students who attended from the Faculty.

### ADEA Forum Always A Hit

**Fun and fellowship bonds oral health professionals**

The 86th American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Session and Exhibition held in Phoenix was attended by almost 2,000 participants with nearly 100 exhibitors. Among those attending was again a healthy contingent from the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba including a solid number from the School of Dental Hygiene.

Academics from dental hygiene included Prof. Salme Lavigne along with Associate Professors Laura MacDonald and Joanna Asadoorian, all of whom presented at the conference (see right for speakers and presentation topics).

The theme of the 2009 annual session and exhibition was “Imagine.” Leaders of ADEA sought to challenge participants to imagine new pathways and innovations in dental education. Events, sessions, and panels explored at the ADEA Annual Session included ways to engage millennial learners, technology advances in dental education, current research informing best practices in the classroom and clinic, and how to develop fresh partnerships with students as colleagues in training.

Naturally, the event also features many opportunities for fun and fellowship as attendees mixed and mingled through a variety of casual and informal gatherings.

Each year the ADEA annual meetings offer lectures, interactive workshops, symposia, and networking opportunities along with an industry trade show hall featuring many corporate and educational exhibitors.

### Appearing at ADEA

**Strong hygiene presence complements Faculty line-up**

The Faculty of Dentistry offered several presenters and topics at the ADEA meetings in Arizona including:

- Enhancing your teaching with teaching resources: career development of new faculty.
  — D. J. Schönwetter, L. MacDonald, R. Mazurat

- Evolution of an assignment: A dose of reality and a splash of creativity.
  — L. MacDonald, D. Gallagher

- Tobacco cessation education in U.S. dental hygiene programs.
  — S. Gelskey, A. Koerber, J. Davis

- Imagine — calibrated clinical faculty: Fantasy or reality?
  — S. Lavigne, J. Asadoorian, C. Dong

- Back to the future: Documenting diverse academic journeys through professional portfolios for tenure and promotion.
  — D. J. Schönwetter, L. MacDonald, V. Swain

- Imagine yourself in five years: Preparing for tenure.
  — D. J. Schönwetter, P. O’Neill

- Imagining the possibilities of digital dental education: Critical educational components worth considering.
Making a Splash In Miami
Latest research in periodontal diagnosis causes a stir

Submitted by Dr. Kan-Zhi Liu and Dr. Xiaoming Xiang

One of most popular gatherings in the world for dental researchers, the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) annual meeting, attracted over 6,000 clinicians and scientists in Miami, Florida.

Among the numerous exciting scientific presentations and symposia/workshops, the work showcased by our Institute for Biodiagnostics team was very impressive. In the advancement in periodontal diagnosis session, we offered what turned out to be a stimulating talk entitled “Infrared spectroscopy — shedding diagnostic light on inflammatory periodontal diseases.”

This presentation, which summarized the most recent advances in this area, was a huge success with over 100 people in the audience. The presentation created a lot of excitement and generated many questions from those who attended the presentation. Afterwards, members of our team were interviewed by a writer from DrBicuspid.com, a popular dental newsletter, regarding this novel technique. The story was later published online. Those wishing to view the article in its entirety can log on to the website at http://www.drbicuspid.com.

Full credit must go to all participants of the Spectroscopy group including team members Angela Man, Kan-Zhi Liu, Xiaoming Xiang, Mike Sowa, Anastasia Cholakis, Edmond Ghiabi, Getulio Nogueira, David Scott, David Singer, Joelle Roeland, and of course Faculty Dean, Dr. Anthony M. Iacopino. Each of these individuals played a big part in the project’s development and success.

Our presentation was among the many highlights for Faculty of Dentistry presenters. All of our academics delivered informative presentations that were warmly received by those who attended their sessions (see right for complete list of presenters and topics).

In addition to our team, other Manitoba participants included Drs. Tammy Bonstein, Kris Coulter, Colin Dawes, Angela Kehler and Renato Roperto.

The IADR is considered by many in the field as the leading scientific meeting for the oral, craniofacial and dental research community. This year, organizers said more than 3,500 abstracts were submitted. Of that number, roughly 25 per cent would be developed into oral presentations with the remainder adopted into poster format.

In addition to oral sessions and poster presentations, the meeting traditionally offers research group-sponsored symposia, a distinguished lecture series and a variety of networking and fellowship opportunities.
In many ways, Vaidotas Leskauskas wrote the map on how to get to and through dental school, both figuratively and literally. As anyone who has taken the journey can easily attest, the path to a better life through oral health education carries with it a cost that isn’t only measured in dollars and cents. It implies a long and often difficult exercise that demands a serious commitment from not only the student but often those who surround and support the candidate through the years of training and education. Dr. Leskauskas stands as proof of this, although the winner of the University Gold Medal (among his 10 total awards) from the Faculty of Dentistry’s Class of 2009 remains modest in light of such a significant achievement.

“First of all, I am very honoured to have received all of these awards because our class is extremely good,” he said immediately following the formal program at the Graduation Breakfast held the morning of Convocation Day, May 28. “I am very proud to be a member of this class.”

In addition to the Gold Medal, Dr. Leskauskas received an amazing number of additional prizes including the Dr. H.H. Sauderson Award in Dentistry, the Academy of General Dentistry Award, the Alpha Omega Fixed Partial Denture Prosthesis Award, the 3M ESPE Canada Student Clinical Award, to name a few.

Dr. Leskauskas, who came to the University of Manitoba through the International Dental Degree Program (IDDP), suggested that his previous training in the field may have been a factor in his success here on the Canadian prairies.

“The achievement is partially due to the fact that I am an IDDP student,” he said. “And of course, there was a lot of hard work and the help and guidance from the faculty members which I appreciate so much, too.”

IDDP students enter the University of Manitoba program in third-year after studying elsewhere in the world. In this case, it was the Kaunas University of Medicine in Lithuania, a central European nation some 6,000-plus kilometers away. So therein was the first challenge.

The competition for a place in the IDDP is tough. Out of the over 100 applications received by the Faculty each year, a maximum of seven are ever accepted. In some years, as few as five applicants are welcomed in. Intense competition for a place in the program came on the heels of a move from Europe to Toronto.

“Everybody in my family thinks I’m completely nuts by coming here,” Dr. Leskauskas said. “Lithuania is a safe country to live. It’s not as economically strong as Canada. We chose Canada because it’s a perfect country to raise a family in. I think we will never regret that decision.”

Shortly thereafter, acceptance letters were received from Dalhousie and Western Ontario along with one from the Manitoba and the decision was made.

“I picked Manitoba because it seemed to me that it had the best configuration of perfect class sizes, instructors and facilities,” he said. “If you were to ask me, I definitely didn’t know where Manitoba was four years ago.”

Although a couple of major hurdles had been cleared, there was still the matter of what to do on the home front. The family of four included children aged one and three. And while balancing school and a family is difficult at the best of times, it can be next to impossible for anyone in dental school.

To add to the mix, wife Sarune was accepted into the second year of Dental Hygiene Program at U of M. The family was thankful that the school accepted the transfer, but it still left a huge challenge ahead.

“Huge sacrifices had to be made at the beginning,” he said. “After a lot of hesitation we decided to send our kids back to Lithuania for the first year. This year, my wife made some sacrifices. She chose to stay home with the kids more than I did and it was manageable. I’m not exceptional. One of my classmates has three kids. It’s a part of life and you just do it.”

With the whirlwind in Winnipeg now a thing of the past, Dr. Leskauskas has now settled into an associateship with Dr. Sheldon Glow and also plans to return to the Faculty in a teaching capacity this fall; a busy schedule still, but certainly nowhere near the pace of the past two years.

“I’m going to enjoy working as a dentist,” he said, “and taking my time on evenings and weekends.”


Below: Diane Girardin presents Nadine Pohl with the School of Dental Hygiene Program Medal awarded to the student who achieves the highest grade point average over the two-year program.
A Little Help Goes A Long Way

Support, perspective key to academic, personal success

The sunny skies above were an apt reflection of the mood of the morning as the crowd of 400-plus convened at the Canad Inn Club Regent Hotel banquet room on May 28.

The occasion was the Graduation Breakfast, the annual and traditional send-off for the departing students of the Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene that drew the capacity crowd to the spacious Transcona destination spot.

The event is the first in what is a long day for the graduates, one that culminates in the convocation ceremony at Fort Garry campus later on that afternoon.

But that hardly dampened the spirits of the Class of 2009 or the many friends and family members - both immediate and extended - who packed the spacious wood-paneled room to mark the achievement and milestone attained by the guests of honour.

“Colleagues - I waited four long years to be able to say that word - colleagues,” said Jeff Bergen, senior stick of the class in his remarks to those assembled. “We are here because 34 people endured the past four years of dental school, likely the most challenging four years that any of us have ever faced.”

A long-standing tradition at the oral health faculty, the morning event offers graduates and those closest to them a chance to celebrate their achievements and usher in their arrival to the professional ranks.

A series of addresses from representatives from the Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene, along with those from affiliated groups kept the two-hour morning program rolling along. Each student was introduced individually, taking a place among class colleagues on the stage, perhaps for the final time as a complete group. Students joined with their mentors from the practicing community to receive the accolades appropriate with the achievement, including those receiving individual awards from the Faculty.

This year, the University Gold Medal in Dentistry award went to Vaidotas Leskauskas. Nadine Pohl claimed the School of Dental Hygiene Program Medal in recognition of the highest academic standing through the two-years of the program.

And while the spotlight of the day rightfully belonged to the graduates, many tributes were heard to those who helped along the way.

“Our friends, the staff of the faculty and even the faculty members themselves were there to encourage us and help us through those rough times,” Jeff Bergen said. “Today’s celebration is as much in recognition of your support as it is about our achievements.”

Charging Ahead In Uncertain Times
Now is the time to help the Faculty move forward

“The key thing is just to charge ahead. If you look back you lose your forward momentum.”
— Jim Balsillie

You might have thought that the above-noted quotation may have been heard during the maverick Canadian entrepreneur’s recent visit to the Asper School of Business a short time ago.

After all, the co-CEO of Research In Motion (RIM) is making plenty of headlines these days in relentless pursuit of a National Hockey League franchise for Southern Ontario.

But in reality, this observation is actually 12 months old and completely separate from the sporting arena.

Mr. Balsillie made these remarks during a RIM shareholders meeting last July in response to a question about the potential threat to his firm posed by rival Apple Inc. and its iPhone device.

Surely, the shareholders posed, the omnipotent Apple would unleash a technological talisman that would most certainly crush the competition and cut a wide swath en route to market dominance.

Turns out, some 12 months and one economic meltdown later, RIM remains viable, prosperous and optimistic about its future.

This experience could serve as a most relevant parable during these troubling and unsettled times.

As many of you may already be aware, the Faculty of Dentistry, along with the entire University of Manitoba, now stares down a road of financial restraint and economic uncertainty.

Brought on by myriad factors, both internal and external in their origin, the Faculty and the institution are now facing one of the more challenging times in recent memory.

Projected budget shortfalls are significant, if not immense. Staff is justifiably concerned as economic fundamentals such as this almost always point to job loss.

And we are told to expect that the story will be even worse next year.

However, I am here to tell you today that this will not be the case, at least at the Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene.

Program cuts and job losses are not on the agenda - not on my watch.

In mid-March, I convened a meeting of all academic and support staff where I tabled a plan to deal with the current crisis. I believe this plan is not only viable but will also allow us to continue unabated on our current course.

To briefly recap, the Faculty will reduce its current operating budget by close to eight per cent.

We will reduce costs through effective human resource management such as leaving unfilled positions that open through retirement, leaves and resignations.

We have, and will continue to reduce expenditures associated with meetings and events, streamline operating costs and cut back on spending in all areas of Faculty operations.

I must also emphasize that all current and future initiatives presently underway at the Faculty will continue.

We plan to maintain the quality of all of our existing programs and student services.

Work will continue on the Nine Pillars of Innovation, the foundation of the Drive for Top Five. Each of these initiatives will be funded through new external dollars and internal reallocation where appropriate.

The path of life is filled with unexpected surprises and challenges. I could not have predicted two years ago that there would be an economic meltdown that would pose a serious threat to this wonderful Drive for Top Five that we began. It’s an interesting challenge and tough decisions have to be made. But again, everything is an opportunity for growth.

It is also an opportunity for our stakeholder and constituent groups to come to our side and be part of the solution. The time is now for our alumni, faculty and major donors.

We invite you to come forward and share your leadership.

Now, perhaps more than ever, is the time for you to step up and demonstrate how we can band together and find a solution.

If history has taught us anything, it is that persistence and determination is the key to success.

In June, Mr. Balsillie received the International Distinguished Entrepreneur Award (IDEA), created by the University of Manitoba in 1983 to honour those who achieve outstanding success and made an exemplary contribution to life. This was less than one year after his firm faced down its dark shadow of an uncertain time.

We too have made great strides in a very short span of time. Technological innovations are underway, facility improvements are on track, our research efforts have been rejuvenated.

Our drive remains alive, our goals still clearly in focus.

I am more than confident that - with your help - this history lesson can easily repeat; that we can not only survive but will prosper like never before.

I welcome your comments, suggestions, leadership and input and invite you to join with us as we charge ahead towards a new day.

Grazie.
Dean Anthony M. Iacopino’s
Office Visit Series

Getting Around

North, south, east, west and all points in between. The Dean’s Office Visit Series continues to rack up the miles as Dr. Anthony M. Iacopino continues on his trek to the many practice offices that alumni call home. This time around, the trail led to East Kildonan for a pair of visits to two long-standing practices.

Over at the Concordia Dental Centre, the pace remains very busy for Dr. Karl Jaek (back, left) and the staff that includes (front, left) Mrs. Andrea Jaek, Haley Kagan and (top, left) Wendy Martens. Dr. Jaek’s office is located across the street from Concordia Hospital in East Kildonan.

Dean Iacopino Wants (to visit) You!

The Dean’s Office Visit Series is the personal commitment by Dr. Anthony Iacopino to personally visit as many alumni practitioners as possible throughout his tenure. To add your name to the list, just call 204.789.3249 or 204.789.3267, or email to dentevnt@cc.umanitoba.ca and we will arrange a visit around your schedule.

For over 45 years, Dr. Arnold Kapitz has been pleasantly and effectively helping the many families that have paid a visit to the Munroe Dental Centre at one time or another. The East Kildonan practice, located at 497 London, is almost a fixture these days and now includes Dr. Sheryl Kapitz who is carrying on the family tradition.

This past spring, Dean Iacopino paid a visit to the practice office to meet and greet: (back, from left) Chantal Poulin (dental assistant), Lorraine Foster (dental assistant), Dr. Sheryl Kapitz (89), Tarya Johansson (DH II) summer student, Tara Barrett (DH 08), Marion Dawson (office manager), Laura Bennett (RCCC dental assistant student), (front) Dr. Iacopino, Dr. Arnold Kapitz (63) and Laura Allain (dental assistant/ receptionist). Missing from the photo are hygienists Susan Rouget (DH 65), Sheri Kubish (DH 06) and Rita Schroeder (DH 84).
It was with those words of wisdom that the Director of the School of Dental Hygiene greeted the Class of 2009 and began the program at the annual Graduation Breakfast in late May.

In an address to the group of second-year dental hygiene students, Prof. Salme Lavigne noted how the program offers more than a few challenges to would-be professionals. How students react to this new and sometimes uncomfortable environment, she added, can be a process that can run through the duration of the program.

“Although I have known all of you for only two years, I have seen a transformation in each and every one of you,” the school’s director said. “Remember when you first walked in the doors of 780 Bannatyne? I can imagine you were dealing with multiple emotions – excitement, nervousness, and bit of fear but most of all, anticipation.”

The world of an oral health professional can differ greatly from most, even those in other fields of health-care. In addition to course work, projects and various other assignments, hygiene students are expected to perform hands-on treatment of patients using highly specialized tools and instruments.

“Remember when you first started handling instruments, or the first time you put your hands in a real patient’s mouth?” Prof. Lavigne asked. “What were you feeling? What were you thinking?”

Through the years, Prof. Lavigne noted how many students follow a similar path to achieving competency in the profession. It’s one that is punctuated by a student enduring a crisis of confidence before facing down any fears and coming to terms with the challenge ahead.

The director noted this pattern seems to have played out with great success by the Class of 2009.

“I now stand before all of you looking at a group of self-confident young adults who are proud to have reached their goal of becoming dental hygienists,” Prof. Lavigne said. “I challenge you never to stop setting goals for yourself. You have demonstrated that you can accomplish anything you set your mind to do.”

Among the notable accomplishments this year was that of Nadine Pohl who captured the School of Dental Hygiene Program Medal, awarded to the student who achieves the highest grade point average (min. 3.5) over the course of the two year program.

“Although only some of you will receive awards today, all of you were given a gift - the gift of knowledge,” Prof. Lavigne said. “Use that gift to your advantage throughout your lives, no matter what may come your way.”

Faculty of Dentistry Dean, Dr. Anthony M. Iacopino, expressed confidence that the Class of 2009 would be a proud reflection upon the institution.

“I’ve gotten to know this hygiene class through the full two years that they have been here,” Dean Iacopino said. “It’s an excellent group of individuals who will be great ambassadors for the Faculty and will probably assume a very different role in oral health care and promotion than we have seen in the past.”

The role of hygienists has changed over the years, especially in Manitoba where the profession recently received self-regulation as a distinct health profession. It’s the first and best opportunity for graduates to take an active role in their field, according to the president of the Manitoba Dental Hygienists Association.

“One of the most important aspects to our association is that it provides a voice to every one of its members,” Leanne Enns (DH 05) said. “Our members have a right to be heard and can take an active role in shaping the future of the profession.”
From the Director

No Substitute for Hard Work

Focus, persistence, drive, creates confidence, success

It has often been said that persistence is the single most important if not enduring quality of the human spirit. It’s the ability to maintain a course of action, regardless of your feelings. You press on even when you feel like quitting. How many times have we been down this road? It’s a common journey for us all and one that I see repeated with remarkable consistency each and every academic year through our students at the School of Dental Hygiene.

At the start of every new session, we welcome a new group of fresh faces in our first-year class. Our students arrive in good spirits, confident and ambitious, looking forward to the adventures ahead.

But a trip through the hygiene program is not always smooth sailing for many of our bright young prospects. The course work, the projects, the assignments all start to pile up and take their toll.

And then there is the clinical experience; the handling of instruments, interacting with patients, putting hands-on (or perhaps more accurately, hands-in) and getting down to the real business of the profession.

For many, it can come as a bit of a rude awakening. The reality is that professional education is work, at times, very hard work. It can take students out of their comfort zone and put them in a situation they never could have imagined when they enrolled in the program.

I have seen more than few bubbles burst in this way. But here is the amazing part: Each time one of our students reaches this stage, we see a transformation take place. Our students re-focus, get back on track, set goals and start back up the ladder to ultimately reach the final goal of competency.

At the end of it all, on Convocation Day, we stand proudly with our graduates who have persevered and learned a valuable life lesson in addition to earning their new academic credentials. Our graduates are better people for the experience.

The School of Dental Hygiene teaches many things, and while you won’t find it in any textbook or course outline, effectively dealing with the challenges of life is among the many lessons learned.

Empowering our students with that knowledge, that ability, that confidence is an important legacy of our program.

As life goes on, we all face challenges and hurdles that must be overcome. This applies especially to professionals and educators in our ongoing bid to advance our institution for the benefit of the common good.

For several years now, we have been working towards the goal of creating a baccalaureate program for the School of Dental Hygiene. It has been a long and arduous task; labour intensive, emotionally draining.

More than a few times we have come away empty handed. But our resolve remains and we press on.

Recently the Senate of the University of Manitoba voted to support the BScDH degree, a substantial victory for our cause.

However, the battle is still not over. Although we did receive consent from the university’s Board of Governors, the matter must still be reviewed by the Manitoba Council on Post-Secondary Education (COPSE).

So while optimistic, we are also fully aware that much work must still be done. But we remain committed to our goal and are determined to stay the course, as long as it takes, confident that our efforts will bear the fruit of success.

As all academics, undergraduates and graduate students understand, we have been blessed with the gift of knowledge. I encourage you all to use this gift to your advantage throughout your lives, no matter what may come your way.

A Real Dutch Treat

International Week a growing event for hygiene community

The land of van Gogh and Rembrandt was the destination spot of choice for members of the School of Dental Hygiene in April. The beautiful Dutch city of Amsterdam again played gracious host for International Week. Since its beginnings in 2003, International Week has been a conference for both dental hygiene students and educators from all over the world.

“This is one of the best conferences of its kind and something of a rarity in that the focus is totally on international dental hygiene education,” said Prof. Salme Lavigne who attended the event for the second time. “It allows you to share and compare best educational practices with your colleagues from different parts of the world and students learn about the variations and opportunities in dental hygiene programs.”

Held at INHolland University’s dental hygiene program located within ACTA, one of the most prominent European dental schools located in the heart of the old city, International Week features guest teachers from all over the world who give workshops and lectures to dental hygiene students as well as their international educator colleagues.
Faculty Facts

Fellowships for Faculty
Drs. Akyalcin and Rody receive AAO award

The Department of Preventive Dental Science at the University of Manitoba is pleased to announce that instructors Dr. Sercan Akyalcin and Dr. Wellington Rody have been successful in their applications for the Full-time Faculty Teaching Fellowship Program (FFT) from the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO). The fellowship is a US$ 60,000 direct salary supplement for both recipients, funded by the AAO, paid over two years.

“This is an important and very high honour paid to our two assistant professors,” said Dr. William Wiltshire, Head of Orthodontics. “Sercan and Wellington are to be congratulated and we share in the pride of their accomplishment.”

The two new tenure-track faculty members, Dr. Rody (far, right) from Brazil and Dr. Akyalcin from Turkey, joined the full-time staff in the Division of Orthodontics, Department of Preventive Dental Science last fall.

“It has been a pleasure to work at the University of Manitoba,” Dr. Rody said. “I am very happy to be here and I hope this fellowship will help us launch our academic career in the Faculty of Dentistry.”

So Long, Anne!
Long-serving, pleasant professional will be missed by many

Submitted by Ada M. Ducas, B.A. (Hons.), M.L.S.
Head, Health Sciences Libraries

After many years of loyal and dedicated service, Ms. Anne Thornton-Trump has retired. Anne came to UML in October 1988 as the Head of the Neilson Dental Library. After 1996, when the Neilson Dental Library became part of the Neil John Maclean Library, Anne’s commitment and dedication ensured that the Dental Collection continued to grow, while remaining balanced and distinct. Over the last 20-plus years, Anne’s contribution has been tremendous, in her work as the dental librarian, a reference librarian, in her teaching, and in liaising with the Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene.

Donations in honour of Anne’s retirement will be gratefully accepted. At Anne’s request, funds will be directed toward the university’s HIP Campaign for the expansion of the Neil John Maclean Health Sciences Library. For more information go online at umanitoba.ca/admin/dev_adv/howtogive/donation/index.html. The Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene wish Anne all the joys and satisfaction retirement has to offer.

One Tough Call
Quality abstracts make decision difficult

Dr. Catherine McLeod (right) emerged the winner in what was a tough competition for a much-sought after travel award of the graduate orthodontic program. Each year, program participants are asked to submit research abstracts for consideration to be included in the American Association of Orthodontics annual meeting recently held in Boston. The abstracts received, including those from Dr. Andy Ho and Dr. Eileen Lo, were reviewed by a committee to determine a winner, according to orthodontics program director, Dr. William Wiltshire.

“I asked a committee to review the abstracts and then perform a purely mathematical calculation to see who would walk away the winner,” Dr. Wiltshire said. “The results were so close that there was a tie for first place. I then added another judge to make the final decision.”

AAO rules state that only one resident is to receive a $750 (US) travel stipend to present their research at the session that ran May 1-5 in the New England city.

The large and prestigious event features myriad seminars, lectures and awards presentations along with entertainment featuring luminaries such as actor Jason Alexander and the Boston Pops Orchestra under the baton of Keith Lockhart.
History Comes Home

Dr. Osborn returns to make a significant donation

Dr. Allan Osborn is one who appreciates history and the Faculty of Dentistry is better off because of it. For many years the long-time (now retired) instructor provided students with the benefit of his wisdom, particularly in the area of gold-foil and gold-castings, for which he became renowned.

Now living on the West Coast, Dr. Osborn returned to the University in the late fall to leave another lasting legacy to the Faculty he called home for so many years: The donation of a Swiss manufactured PFG 100 milling machine and, as an added bonus, four original textbooks authored by Dr. G.V. Black to be put in a special place in the Dean’s Office.

“The PFG 100 is a wonderfully precise machine used for advanced laboratory work, and it may also be utilized to mill jewelry,” Dr. Osborn said. “Ken Chizick, who is an outstanding laboratory technician and a great gentleman, had asked me whether I would be prepared to donate the instrument to the dental school. This was a more suitable option for me as I knew that it would be in excellent hands and would not go to waste.”

Dr. Osborn (seen here presenting the machine to Dean Anthony Iacopino) taught at the Faculty with Dr. George Brass “who was a good and close friend” for eight years finishing around 1982.

The original textbooks by Dr. G.V.Black had been a gift to Dr. Osborn from Founding Dean Dr. Jack Neilson, and was also in response to Drs. Brass and Osborn’s opinions upon the educational direction of the Faculty at the time.

“George and I were critical over the excessive influence of the composite resins in the curriculum,” he said. “Of course any restoration in which there is more than one component in its formula is by definition a composite, but the accent appeared to be upon the wrong one!”

After graduating from the University of Sheffield in 1960, Dr. Osborn gained an international reputation giving lectures and clinical demonstrations in many U.S. states and Europe, and graduate courses in Germany, Italy and Switzerland where he was also responsible for the organization of four International Gold Foil conferences.

As well, Dr. Osborn had the honour of being President of the Canadian Academy of Restorative Dentistry and Prosthodontics, and also to be President of the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators. He was only the second Manitoban to be invited into membership in the American Academy of Restorative Dentistry.

Dr. Black (1836-1915) had researched virtually all phases of dentistry, from the standardization of operative techniques through histological examinations and pathology. For many years his was the standard by which all students were taught, and upon which actual practice was carried out. Many of his observations remain germane to this day.

The gifts are of considerable value with the PFG 100 being worth in excess of $5,000. The books are potentially priceless.
Volunteer Service Recognized
Dr. Gilmartin lauded for excellence in outreach

Community service and leadership are among the traits very often associated with graduates of the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba. And recently, a shining example of these qualities was noted and acknowledged by the City of Winnipeg.

Dr. Tana Gilmartin, alumna and part-time instructor at the Faculty, was named as a recipient of the Mayor’s Volunteer Service Award this past spring. The award was presented to Dr. Gilmartin by Mayor Sam Katz (left). Dr. Gilmartin was honoured in the health category by Volunteer Manitoba for her long and dedicated service at the Saul Sair Health Centre at Siloam Mission.

“Since the summer of 2007, Dr. Gilmartin has volunteered her time weekly to serve the inner-city population. Her active participation in the community and support serves as an example for others to follow and has helped make the dental program the success it is today,” the crowd was told during the presentation ceremony that took place at the Winnipeg Convention Centre in April. “The dental program at the centre functions mainly because of selfless individuals like Dr. Tana Gilmartin who donate their time to serve Winnipeg’s less fortunate.”

A graduate of the Class of 1985, Dr. Gilmartin has been a part-time faculty member for many years and recently served as a mentor for the Student Research Group.

The Saul Sair Health Centre was developed to meet the needs of those who are homeless and others who also access the services at the mission. The centre’s services, which include dental treatment, are provided with care by city professionals and offered free of charge, without discrimination.

Volunteer Manitoba first began the awards dinner 26 years ago to recognize the outstanding work done by those throughout Manitoba who donate their time to such worthy pursuits.

Gridiron Greats from ‘69 Mark 40 Years

There is good reason to celebrate the year 2009 – especially if you happen to be a member of the Class of 1969.

It was 40 years ago that several members of this group brought pride to the Faculty by winning the University of Manitoba’s Senior Eight Man Inter-Faculty Football Championship.

A class reunion slated for June saw many members of this vaunted squad return to the Faculty four decades after this legendary feat.

Welcome Back, Bannatyne!

University of Manitoba Dental Alumni Association takes reins on major fall event

Back in 1971, iconic prairie rockers the Guess Who released So Long Bannatyne, which was at the time the latest in a string of highly popular albums that generated more hit singles for the Winnipeg-based super group.

The album featured a picture of an apartment block - one located just down the street from the Faculty of Dentistry building at 780 Bannatyne - that was being vacated by band guitarist Kurt Winter.

And now, close to 40 years later, the Faculty of Dentistry and the University of Manitoba Dental Alumni Association (UMDAA) are hoping graduates and practitioners welcome back Bannatyne at a banquet and celebration slated for the Hotel Fort Garry on October 16.

“We want to welcome everyone back to Bannatyne and hopefully begin a new chapter in our relationship,” said Dr. Scott Leckie, president of UMDAA and member of the committee helping to organize the event.

The evening will have alumni as its core focus and will feature the Alumni of Distinction awards as the highlight of the night. Nominations are now being accepted for the annual award of merit for dentistry and dental hygiene (see ad on page six). Those wishing to have a colleague considered for the honour are reminded to include a reference letter and the names of two others who are willing to serve as character references for the person they nominate. All proceeds will be directed to the Dr. John Grahame Memorial Scholarship.

“Dr. Grahame was an amazing man,” recalled committee member Dr. Frank Hechter. “He would enthusiastically go about the faculty, particularly the preclinical and senior labs, to advise, assist, and if necessary ‘fix’ students’ work. The students absolutely loved him.”

Even the entertainment will be alumni focused. The all-dental group Mandibular Block has been confirmed for the evening that will begin with cocktails to be followed by the dinner at 7 pm.

To encourage alumni participation, ticket prices will be kept to a modest $125 per person. Only a limited number of tickets will be made available, so those interested in attending should call the Dean’s Office at 204.789.3631 to reserve theirs as soon as possible. For more information, please call the Dean’s Office or email dent_evnt@umanitoba.ca.

Ten Degrees the World Over

Alumna author travels far and wide to share story

The path of life can lead in many different directions, especially for those who like to visit new and different places.

For instance, how it is that someone from the Canadian prairies could or would go on to logging thousands of miles at sea, after graduating from the School of Dental Hygiene at the University of Manitoba, then graduating from dental school and obtaining a specialty, all before becoming a published author?

Such is the curious and fascinating tale of Dr. Hester Rumberg who recently toured Canada, the United States, New Zealand and Australia in support of her new book Ten Degrees of Reckoning.

The book, which recounts the tragic tale of the Sleavin family, has been warmly received by critics and those who have read the account of the family’s ill-fated voyage around the world by sea.

“All the circumstances of this terrible event are portrayed in vivid detail, not directly from the memory of Judith but from the pen of her good friend, (Dr.) Rumberg,” noted Davis Daycock in a review published in the Winnipeg Free Press. “Their relationship, revealed by this arrangement, is one of a deep, and a deeply touching, trust. It colours the account throughout and gives it a special poignancy.”

Born and raised in the River Heights area of Winnipeg, Dr. Rumberg (DH 67) went on to blue water sailing before and after becoming a Board-Certified oral and maxillofacial radiologist.

Among her travels was a trip from Seattle to New Zealand, in a 26 foot sailboat. Another was spending time with the Sleavin family at sea in the months ahead of the disaster.

At a book launch at the McNally Robinson Bookstore this past spring, Dr. Rumberg (pictured above with Prof. Salme Lavigne and Dr. Anthony M. Iacopino) recounted the circumstances of the tale and how the book came to be, through her association with the family in the time leading up to their departure that began the sojourn.

Dr. Rumberg recalled how Judith, the lone survivor of the epic tragedy off the coast of New Zealand, dealt with such a horrendous loss - one that was made even worse by the fact that no one was ever held accountable for inflicting such a terrible toll.

“There was no justice for Judith,” Dr. Rumberg noted at the event that packed the house at the Grant Park location, “and yet, she lives every day on behalf of her family, as joyfully and resolutely as they would want her to do.”

Since the incident, Dr. Rumberg and Judith Sleavin, established the Sleavin Family Foundation to support issues of safety at sea.

Continued on page 21. Ten Degrees.
A joint effort between Dental Practice Management (DPM) and the Asper School of Business has resulted in another first for the Faculty of Dentistry.

On May 22, students and faculty gathered for the first-ever DPM awards night at the Fort Garry Campus.

“This was part of a program established by Dr. Hubert Benitez, Director for Continuing Dental Education, and the Stu Clark Centre for Entrepreneurship, to encourage the students in the DPM course to prepare better business plans,” said Robert Warren, Executive Director for the Stu Clark Centre. “In January of this year the students presented the plans to me and members of the local banking and business community. Based on these presentations, four teams of students were selected to receive cash awards for their plans.”

Taking home the top prize was Joanna Godlewski and Natalia Ksiazkiewicz (pictured with Dean Iacopino, top right). The team received a $1,250 award for their plan on “Brite Bite Dental.”

The team of Kris Coulter, Kiet Do, Amanda Huminicki and Courtney Humphreys received the Best Vision award, a $500 prize, while Bradley Klus and Peter Zettler earned $250 for the Best Oral Presentation.

As the principal sponsor of the program, the Stu Clark Centre for Entrepreneurship has agreed to provide $5,000 a year over three years in prize money for business plans written by dental students.

The Faculty of Dentistry is in the process of establishing an undergraduate and graduate resident curriculum in DPM, along with a unique and comprehensive continuing education program for practicing professionals, as part of the educational experience at the University of Manitoba.

It is also one of the Nine Pillars of Innovation in the Faculty of Dentistry’s Drive for Top Five.

“We cannot thank Rob and the Stu Clark Centre enough for their support,” Dr. Benitez said. “It was truly an outstanding night.”

To register for all Continuing Dental Education events, visit: http://umanitoba.ca/dentistry/cde and click on the registration link.
Arrivals

Kaylen Brady Singh

Bryan Mateychuk (Class of 2001) and Harpreet Sroay (Class of 2001) are pleased to announce the birth of their newest addition Kaylen Brady Singh who arrived on November 11/08, at a weight of 6lbs 13oz. Welcoming him home was big brother Jayden.

Breakthrough (from page five)

The article, “Infrared light may help diagnose periodontitis” later appeared online during the conference.

The promising results from this project have attracted a number of international collaborators and nearly $1-million in funding from a variety of organizations, locally from Health Science Centre (HSC) Foundation, and Manitoba Medical Service Foundation (MMSF), nationally from CIHR and NSERC, internationally from NIH and Johnson & Johnson, one of the leading international health care product manufacturing firms.

As most may be aware, periodontitis is a bacterial infection that inflames soft and hard tissues around the teeth. Left untreated, pain sets in and teeth fall out. It is the leading cause of tooth loss in the Western Hemisphere, with significant adverse impacts on up to a quarter of the total population.

In 2004, in Canada alone, direct yearly costs of the condition were estimated at over $9 billion, or more than seven percent of all health spending. Not included in this amount were the costs of treating other serious conditions that growing evidence links to periodontitis, such as heart disease and diabetes.

Traditional treatment for the condition has most often relied on visible physical symptoms, and measured its severity by probing the tissue alongside patients’ teeth with a tiny steel depth gauge to determine how deeply the disease’s characteristic “pockets” had eroded. This is not always reliable as periodontitis can appear or disappear in different places at different times. As such, diagnosis becomes more challenging and subjective, rather than empirical.

“We started our project in response to the great demand by the dental community for improved technology,” says Dr. Liu, “and we could provide more specific diagnostic information.”

Celebrate (from page 11)

Those sentiments were echoed by Dr. Sandy Mutchmor, president of the Manitoba Dental Association, who recalled the excitement shared by his immediate family when his dental school experience was about to begin.

“I sat on the floor in my living room with my family around me with a nice big brown cardboard box full of all the tools and instruments that we were going to get in our first-year kit,” Dr. Mutchmor (83) said. “They too didn’t really know what most of the stuff was for, but they were interested in sharing my excitement.”

In today’s hectic and fast-paced world, it is often difficult to find the time to look back and reflect upon events of the past. This is an important thing to do, Dr. Anthony M. Iacopino noted. The Dean of Dentistry said grads should take the time for reflection and perspective, especially at this most significant time in their life.

“What you choose to do with your life has a lot to do with the perspective that you leave the Faculty with,” he said. “For you, life is a castle with many doors. Open all of them as you go by. Take a look; see what’s inside. Embrace change, embrace uncertainty. You never know where you’re going to end up.”

The Dean also encouraged the graduates to understand that there will still be challenges ahead. The key, he said, is to maintain a clear perspective of life and the role you choose to play in it.

“Look for the gifts that are presented to you, whether they are in the form of personal relationships, an accomplishment or a disappointment that you survived,” he said. “Everyday is a gift if you are smart enough to see it: look for it and enjoy it.”

INHolland (from page 15)

Prof. Lavigne, along with Associate Professor Joanna Asadoorian, delivered the presentation: “Building Bridges between Knowledge and Practice: Dental Hygiene Clinical Decision-Making.”

In past years International Week has proven to be a successful means to improve contact and interaction between dental hygiene educators. It also improves the awareness of the importance of internationalization and has led to more mobility of dental hygiene students between different countries.

Ten Degrees (from page 19)

Dr. Rumberg said putting the book together was a labour of love for the family.

“Much to my astonishment, as I learned to write, the narrative portions were the most satisfying to create. On the other hand, incorporating the factual reporting without slowing down the story was the most difficult.” Dr. Rumberg said. “I could be Judith Sleavin’s second-hand witness, at least in describing the ‘set design’ of her story. I had sailed a similar route, and I had also sailed on the Melinda Lee with the Sleavin family for a month. I had a further advantage. My education and training in Radiology, and my experience with the Maritime Foundation had cultivated in me the ability to analyze the mass of documents in an objective and scientific manner.”

The Winnipeg stop was one of a host of cities Dr. Rumberg toured in support of her first written work. Other destinations ranged from the west coast of the U.S. to various centres down under, where the tragedy generated national headlines. Ten Degrees of Reckoning became the number one bestseller in New Zealand for awhile. There is also some talk that the book would be the subject of a movie. However, while Dr. Rumberg admitted some inquiries had been made, it is still far too early to predict whether or not the story will be translated into film.
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Of Note:
Congratulations to Mark Dolniuk for receiving the dental poster competition award at the 2009 Manitoba Student Research Poster Competition held on June 2-4 in the Brodie Centre. Also to Andy Ho for an honourable mention from the Manitoba competition judges for his poster and research.

Congratulations to Dr. Reda Elgazzar for obtaining funding from the Advanced Craniomaxillofacial Surgery Forum/ Stryker Society for his research proposal titled: “Study of the mechanical properties of ultrasound-assisted tissue engineered mandibular condyles using M. stem cells”.

Congratulations to Dr. Harpradeep Ratia, DDS, graduate student in lab of Dr. J. E. Scott, who received the Ed Nelson Memorial poster competition award at the 7th international meeting of the ISPTID in Kyoto Japan.

Congratulations to Bob Schroth who has just received funding from MICH for his project “Do children with severe early childhood caries have lower vitamin D levels and other nutritional deficiencies compared to their caries-free peers?”

Congratulations to Dr. Anthony M. Iacopino for receiving the Manitoba Dental Association Award of Recognition, January, 2009.
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