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A Banner Year for Dental Hygiene
School, profession makes great strides forward in 2008

T he year 2008 may be remembered for a great many things. Most likely it will be recorded in the pages of history as the year of one of the worst recessions in recent times. And for many of us, that will be an accurate accounting of what certainly was an incredible series of events that resulted in widespread job loss and turmoil on the financial markets that had an impact on virtually all of us in one way or another.

Yet in a year that will be remembered largely for its regress, in our little corner of the world, nothing could be further from the truth.

The past 12 months was nothing short of a banner year for our profession in general and the School of Dental Hygiene in particular.

The year got off to a wonderful start with the unveiling of the new logo for the Faculty of Dentistry. This new design features the School of Dental Hygiene on prominent display in tandem with the Faculty of Dentistry. This gesture was important from both a symbolic and a tangible point of view: Symbolic in that it officially recognizes dental hygiene as a partner of dentistry, colleagues in the oral health community and valuable members and contributors overall in oral health care.

The tangible benefits come from the physical visibility and identification of our brand, something that is rare, unique and, in my view, a very valuable asset.

It is our belief that the School of Dental Hygiene at the University of Manitoba is among the finest training academies of its kind in Canada. Our instructors are dedicated, concerned and caring individuals who are constantly striving to improve our programs to stay ahead of the technological curve and to keep advancing the profession.

Our students receive world-class training, in part because of the resources shared with our dentistry colleagues; it’s a benefit of the practicing community.

To further enable and empower our professionals, the Manitoba government took the bold step of proclaiming the Dental Hygienists Act in 2008. This act allows members of our profession a new-found freedom to practice while ensuring that professional and ethical standards will always be respected and followed.

There is every reason to believe that self-regulation will be beneficial to the members of our profession and will also go a long way to address the chronic shortage of care that exists in so many pockets of our society today.

We have also stepped up our presence and visibility, both here at home and beyond the borders of the university itself. Our academic professionals have increased their presence in academic forums and symposiums, delivering presentations, sharing research results, receiving awards.

Many of our staff members, as well as our professional colleagues, are taking more proactive roles in interdisciplinary activities. As the link between oral health and overall systemic health becomes more pronounced and clear, dental hygiene finds itself with an opportunity to better leverage our extensive background in the promotion of oral health awareness, maintenance and care.

As the 2008 50th anniversary celebrations unfolded in dentistry, dental hygiene was there, every step of the way, participating and contributing to the various events, sharing accolades where appropriate.

There is little doubt that 2008 will be remembered as one that was not very pleasant for a great many people. That’s a pity for many obvious reasons. Yet it is my most sincere hope that these events do not obscure what tremendous strides the School of Dental Hygiene and our stakeholders have made over these past 12 months.

It is also my belief and my commitment to you to ensure that the best is still yet to come.

Editor’s Note:

What a year it was. The 2008 golden anniversary year at the Faculty of Dentistry was as eventful as it was unforgettable. In all, the Faculty hosted close to two dozen special events, most of those to commemorate this rare and unique milestone in the history of the school, the institution and the province. So it is only appropriate that such an auspicious occasion be celebrated in this fashion — with a special edition of this publication. In addition to paying tribute to the year that was, this edition also stands as part of our ongoing focus to produce effective and relevant stakeholder communications. As such, the Faculty of Dentistry will continue to publish a commemorative edition in lieu of an annual report going forward. As always, comments, suggestions and input is welcome and appreciated from all to: dent_events@umanitoba.ca.
Welcome to the premier publication of our commemorative, year-in-review edition. In this special tribute to our institution, we will look back upon the year that was and the many highlights we saw during this very special time.

You might say it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. How often is it that anyone gets to share in a celebration that marks 50 years of achievement?

Alumni, faculty, students and staff at the Faculty of Dentistry all came together in 2008 to share in the excitement of our institution’s golden anniversary year.

To appropriately mark the occasion, our Faculty embarked on a year-long series of events designed to highlight our amazing and successful past in the triad of education and training, research and community outreach. Each of these areas was given time in the spotlight, to showcase the noble work of the past and the achievements of those who were instrumental in helping all of this happen.

We began with a celebration of our long and distinguished history in research - one that includes the formation of the first-ever Oral Biology department, a bellwether point in our profession’s academic development.

From there it was on to community outreach. Here, we paid tribute to the women and men who designed and built the framework of what can now be safely considered a model platform of programs and methodologies targeting the vulnerable, the underserved, and the less fortunate.

Our salute to education and training came next, complete with a battery of guest speakers - all very accomplished and well-respected professionals - who underscored our international reputation of producing some of the finest graduates in the field.

A pair of high profile galas served to appropriately bookend our year while also offering the opportunity for all involved to come together for the first time as an oral health family. Together, we basked in the glow of an institution with a heritage that is steeped in tradition and achievement.

We invited back many of those who went on to realize tremendous success in the field - names like Gerald Niznick, Lorne (Larry) Golub, Bonnie Trodden and Israel Kleinberg - all of whom at one time, called the University of Manitoba their academic home.

And it was indeed heartwarming to see the depth of warmth and affection that all of these individuals still hold for our Faculty.

Yet these very special people are hardly unique or alone. In the short time that I have been here, it has been a pleasure to learn how this institution has consistently and remarkably turned out exceptional graduates, not only in the oral health community, but those who have led and excelled in leadership roles in the profession and in the community. Guided by a deeply rooted social conscience, our graduates consistently impress by their ability to work, to innovate, to lead and to care.

And perhaps that is our greatest legacy of all.

The Faculty of Dentistry can justifiably take significant pride in the quality of the graduates it has produced through the years.

Although we are hardly the largest school of its kind, what we lack in size is more than made up by the contributions our people have made to the profession and the community.

It’s no secret that University of Manitoba graduates have gained a sterling reputation as being among the best trained, prepared and well-rounded of any other school in Canada - even those whose physical size dwarfs our own.

Our golden anniversary year paid an appropriate homage to the myriad achievements of the women and men who have done our institution proud. It is only fitting that the successes of the past be acknowledged, not only as a tribute to what was done, but also to instill in our current and future student body an equally strong sense of belonging and pride.

In addition to celebrating our past, the 2008 anniversary year served as a springboard for the Faculty as we turn the page and enter into what I know will be an exciting new era.

To our alumni, past and future, I wish to say thank you for all that you have done and all that you mean to the Faculty. Together, we accomplished a great deal in 2008. But there is still much more to do, much more that can and will be done.

I look forward to further building, strengthening and enhancing the relationship we have. It is my sincere hope that you will always look back fondly to this place; that when you think of the Faculty, you will think of an increasingly warm and welcoming learning and social environment, a place we hope you will always consider as your home.

Grazie.
The Year in Review

A Blast for the Past

The 2008 golden anniversary year roared out of the starting gates with A Blast for the Past in January. The wintertime event, held specifically for faculty, students and staff, featured a montage of photos from the past and an appearance by Japanese drum group Hinode Taiko.

From Good to Great
Student Mentorship Program expands in 2008

In another significant event in 2008, the Faculty of Dentistry and the Manitoba Dental Association announced the expansion of the highly successful mentorship program. Administered through the Dean’s Office at the Faculty of Dentistry, students are paired with a practicing professional from the dental community in Manitoba.

The program now involves all students at the Faculty, including those in the first of their four years of study who become the protégé of a practicing dentist (mentor). The idea is to provide the student with the opportunity to learn and benefit from the experience of a licensed practitioner as they prepare to enter the profession.

Policies, procedures, and programming are determined through a joint committee of the Faculty and the MDA. Dr. Marcel Van Woensel of the MDA, said the commitment of the participating professionals has been exceptional and reflects the close-knit nature of the dental community in Manitoba.

New Day, New Brand

A new day, a new look. The Faculty of Dentistry rolled out a new brand as part of the golden anniversary year celebrations in 2008. The new logo features an academic look that includes a caduceus backed by the delta and omega symbols, elements commonly found in brands of dental learning institutions and oral health governing bodies. The two serpents on the caduceus represent the Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene on the Bannatyne campus.

“This design reflects a renewed partnership between our two disciplines in our shared drive for excellence going forward,” Dean Anthony M. Iacopino said. “It also brings us together to project a strong, consistent image that will enhance our visibility, awareness and external image.”

A virtual focus group comprised of 250 members of the Faculty’s various stakeholder groups provided input on the design via samples supplied through an online forum.
Starting In Style
Over 300 turn out for alumni tribute evening

The Faculty of Dentistry's 50th anniversary year got off to a rousing start at the Fairmont Hotel in February. The Drive for Top Five gala featured a tribute to the past while showcasing the Faculty’s plans to establish the University of Manitoba as one of the top five dental schools in North America.

Alumni from the past five decades appeared for the evening that included a tribute to the original graduating Class of 1962, plus a presentation from renowned Winnipeg artist and alumnus Dr. Taras Snihurowycz.

“We celebrate our traditions of excellence and share with our guests the bright horizons of change that lie ahead,” said Dr. Anthony M. Iacopino, Dean of Dentistry. “While we look back on the past with pride and distinction, we are equally enthused about where we’re headed.”

The event also featured a preview of things to come in the form of a display of the latest in cutting-edge, oral health education technology. The more than 300 attendees witnessed a video demonstration of the Digital Dental System, a 3D body mapping system, at the Winnipeg Ballroom of one of the city’s finest hotels.

The DDS is one of the Nine Pillars of Innovation that is the central focus of the Drive for Top Five.

The evening also included the official unveiling of an all-new logo for the Faculty. This new brand featured prominently in a full slate of activities throughout 2008 that will highlight the faculty's work in the areas of research, education and community service and outreach.

Dr. Snihurowycz (pictured left with Dean Iacopino), a renowned Manitoba artist, offered a unique iconic treatment of the faculty’s new logo during the evening with a work that now hangs in the Dean’s Office at the dentistry building on the Bannatyne campus.

The evening was made possible through the efforts of many prominent members of the Manitoba oral health and business community who stepped forward and gave generously of their time, expertise and talent to make the gala a successful lead-off event for the Faculty’s anniversary year.

Alumni to Honour Icon
Music legend Burton Cummings to join UMDAA

Stand tall – Burton Cummings is in the house! Or at least he will be. On October 16, Burton Cummings will become the first recipient of Honourary Membership into the Manitoba Dental Alumni Association.

“To recognize his talent, his social conscience, and his years spent as a vociferous proponent for all Winnipeggers, Burton Cummings stands as one of the most remarkable citizens in our city’s history,” said Dr. Frank Hechter, a member of the UMDAA organizing committee. “Even though he is currently on tour, Burton is making a special point of attending this event, and we are absolutely delighted.”

Mr. Cummings will receive his honourary membership as part of Welcome Back, Bannatyne, the UMDAA’s inaugural alumni event on Friday, October 16 at the Hotel Fort Garry.

A limited number of tickets are now available for the evening by calling 204.789.3631 or via email at dent_events@cc.umanitoba.ca.
The Best in Oral Biology
Traditions of Excellence in Oral Research a tribute to the past

The Faculty of Dentistry kicked off Symposia 50 on Friday, April 25 at the Basic Medical Sciences building on the Bannatyne Campus. 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.

World renowned University of Manitoba researchers, including the legendary Dr. Israel Kleinberg, were on hand to highlight the latest advances in oral research at the day-long symposium that also features student research posters and the return of the Art in Science exhibit.

The morning portion of the day-long symposium featured presentations from a group of internationally recognized researchers, headlined by Dr. Kleinberg, regarded by many as one of the four founding fathers of the Manitoba dental school. Dr. Kleinberg’s presentation on CaviStat, and the huge impact this may have on the profession, was warmly received.

Dr. Anthony M. Iacopino, the U of M’s Dean of Dentistry discussed the oral-systemic link, one of the fastest growing schools of thought in medical science today. The concept shows the clear connection between oral health and overall physical health.

“This event had something for everyone - from the practicing professional to members of the public,” Dr. Iacopino said. “It showcases the latest work by some of the best in the business today, all of whom have called the University of Manitoba home.”

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

The Faculty also honoured several researchers for their outstanding contributions to the field as part of Symposia 50’s lead-off event. The year-long series is designed in part to spur the faculty’s Drive for Top Five - to become one of the top five dental schools in North America. Four researchers, including Dr. Kleinberg, were honoured for their work that brought distinction and renown to the university. Drs. 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.

Photos from top down, Dr. Israel Kleinberg receives a gift of thanks from Dr. Joanne Keselman, Vice President (Academic) & Provost, University of Manitoba; Middle: long-time staffers in Oral Biology Marie Kmetz and Linda Delmage are joined by Joanna Brunka, and Dr. Ed Zebrowski; below current and former staff of the Department of Oral Biology at the Faculty of Dentistry.
Student Group Rises
Faculty spurs resurgence in student research

Student research has increased by over 200% in the past year at the University of Manitoba’s Faculty of Dentistry. Over the past two years, the number of students involved in research at the Faculty has more than tripled, according to Dr. Tammy Bonstein, the faculty advisor for the U of M’s Student Research Group.

“It has been inspiring to see the interest from the students in performing and presenting research,” Dr. Bonstein said. “They are really taking to it well and have done a great deal of excellent work in a short period of time.”

Much of the credit for the boom in student research goes to the creation of the Student Research Group at the university, the first of its kind in Canadian dental schools. In the past year, 18 students joined the Student Research Group and are actively performing research outside of their regular classroom and clinic work at the Faculty of Dentistry. That compares to eight in 2007 and five who participated in 2006. The group also tabled its first Annual Report.

“It’s a significant and welcome turnaround from years past,” said Dr. J. Elliot Scott, Associate Dean, Research. “The students are really taking the lead here and that’s very gratifying. It bodes well for the long-term health and progress of research in the Faculty and I’m very pleased about that.”

Research Day 2008

In February, the Faculty of Dentistry presented Research Day featuring the work of faculty, student and affiliated academic researchers. Research scientists presented an impressive body of work during the day-long event. Speakers for Research Day were chosen to highlight the broad spectrum of research interests in the faculty and to emphasize student-driven research.

Dr. David Scott, a professor at University of Kentucky, Louisville, highlighted the afternoon sessions that included talks from local academics Dr. Robert Schroth, Dr. Gilbert Kirouac and Professor Joanna Asadoorian in addition to several student presenters.

In tandem with the event, Dr. Tammy Bonstein, presented Artistic Images in Dental Research, a display of vibrant and colourful images derived from dental research, at the Bannatyne campus. Close to 50 images were on display at this unique exhibition in the Basic Medical Sciences building. The event was kindly sponsored by Johnson & Johnson.

The University of Manitoba Student Research Group is the first of its kind in Canada. It was formed in 2007 in tandem with the Canadian Association for Dental Research National Student Research Group (CADR-NSRG) to encourage undergraduate research work in the faculty.

See more news on research in the Donors and Development section.
First Class for 50 Years

Faculty marks half century of educational excellence

Since 1958, the Faculty of Dentistry has successfully prepared graduates for rewarding careers in Canada and throughout the world in private practice, teaching, research, and other oral health fields. Academic and support staff work in tandem to provide a first-class learning environment for over 100 dental students, 52 dental hygiene students, and 25 graduate students from myriad cultural and academic backgrounds.

Many graduates have gone on to realize outstanding achievement, and in some cases have been the driving force behind major advances in oral health diagnosis and treatment that have had a tangible impact on patient care and society as a whole. So it was only appropriate that during the 2008 golden anniversary year, the Faculty of Dentistry paused, if only briefly, to reflect on the achievements of the past.

2008 Sees Horizons of Change

Academic achievers return to where it all began

Two of the institution’s most renowned alumni made a triumphant return to the Faculty of Dentistry to headline Horizons of Change in Dental Education, the autumn 2008 event marking dentistry’s 50 years at the University of Manitoba.

Drs. Lorne Golub and Gerald Niznick were the keynote speakers of the two-day event that ran October 17-18 at the Bannatyne Campus.

Dr. Golub is a highly decorated researcher, now interim Dean at State University of New York in Stony Brook.

Dr. Niznick is known for his vast number of innovations in implant dentistry in North America.

“I had very good training and I know that because I went to two American schools after (Manitoba) and believe me there was nothing to be embarrassed about,” said Dr. Niznick, who is now CEO of Implant Direct, one of the dominant players in the implant dentistry market today.

For his part, Dr. Golub has gained world-wide acclaim for his research that has led to ground-breaking discoveries and a number of prestigious awards.

“It wouldn’t have happened without the University of Manitoba,” said Dr. Golub, who is still in active research at State University of New York at Stony Brook.

A 2001 recipient of the American Dental Association Norton M. Ross Award, Dr. Golub also received the Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Dental Research from the ADA in 2006. In 2000, he was presented with an honourary medical degree courtesy of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Helsinki, in Finland. Dr. Golub was named Alumnus of Distinction here at the Faculty of Dentistry in 2002.

The list of guest speakers at the two-day event included Dr. Gordon Chin, Dr. Jeff Nickel, Dr. Laura Iwasaki, Ms. Sheryl Feller and Dr. Gerry Uswak. Dr. Uswak was recently appointed Dean of Dentistry at the University of Saskatchewan.

Dr. Algernon Karim and Dr. Bonnie Trodden had their impact on teaching acknowledged. Each was presented with certificates to acknowledge their long-stranding contributions towards education at the Faculty.

The symposium received support from a battery of sponsors including: Proctor & Gamble, Citagenix Inc., GSK Inc., 3M Canada, Whip Mix, Philips Sonicare, Implant Direct LLC. and Image Navigation Ltd.

Photos from top: Dr. Gerald Niznick receives a special award of merit from Dean Anthony M. Iacopino for his long-time support of the Faculty. Below, Drs. Igor Pesun and Lorne Golub, along Associate Professor Laura MacDonald following Dr. Golub’s address at the symposium.
New Recruits Check In

A host of new faces, from the world over, are welcomed by the Faculty in 2008

Nothing is certain other than change and there was certainly much of that in the academic ranks of the Faculty of Dentistry throughout 2008. Virtually every department welcomed new members to their team. All the newcomers are highly accomplished professionals who have quickly established themselves as positive contributors to the Faculty’s academic mandate. The new additions have come to Manitoba from all corners of the globe and bring a fresh, enthusiastic approach that is a clear complement to the Faculty tradition of providing first-class education and training.

Dr. Renato Roperto joined Operative Dentistry effective January 1, 2008. Dr. Roperto obtained a BDS degree in 2000, from the University of Ribeirão Preto in Brazil; a MSc degree in 2003, from the University of São Paulo (USP), and a PhD from the University of Estadual Paulista in São Paulo (UNESP).

The Department of Dental Diagnostic and Surgical Sciences welcomed Dr. Getulio Nogueira as Director, GraduatePeriodontics Program effective April 21. Dr. Nogueira 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.

Dr. Drew Brueckner, a graduate of the Faculty (92), accepted the position as Division Head and Assistant Professor of Endodontology with Restorative Dentistry.

Dr. Reda Elgazzar accepted the position of Associate Professor in the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Department of Dental Diagnostic and Surgical Sciences. Dr. Elgazzar earned his dental degree from Egypt in 1987 and he completed his PhD in early-diagnosis of oral cancer and in angiogenesis at Dundee University, Scotland.

Dr. German Ramirez joined the University of Manitoba as Assistant Professor in Pediatric Dentistry from Marquette University (Wisconsin) effective July 2008. Dr. Ramirez earned his degree in dentistry from Javeriana University (Colombia).

Dr. Jaswinder Brar came to Dental Diagnostic Sciences in the Division of Periodontology. Dr. Brar has been installed as a full-time faculty member for 2008-2009.

Also this year, University of Manitoba alumnus, Dr. Anthony Nowakowski (84), accepted the position as Lecturer in the General Practice Clinic.

Dr. Isabel Mello accepted the position of Assistant Professor in Endodontics. Dr. Mello received her DDS in 1996 from the Federal University of Alfenas, Minas Gerais, Brazil.

In Orthodontics, two new tenure track positions were filled with the arrival of Dr. Wellington Rody (Brazil) and Dr. Sercan Akyalcin (Turkey) who joined the full-time staff in the Department of Preventive Dental Science. Department Director Dr. William Wiltshire welcomed the two instructors last summer.

Awards Night 2008

Dr. Vijay Pruthi (right) accepts best wishes from Dean Iacopino on his retirement during Awards Night 2008. Dr. Pruthi also received a teaching award at last year’s event.

Active staff who also earned teaching awards included Dr. Archie McNicol, Dr. Stephen Ahing, Prof. Joanna Asadoorian, Mrs. Diane Girardin, Dr. Shirley Gelskey, Dr. Vanessa Swain, Dr. Denny Smith, Dr. J. Elliott Scott, Associate Dean (Research) Dr. Wayne Acheson, Dr. Vijay Pruthi, Dr. Kan-zhi Lui, Dr. Lawrence Stockton, Dr. Patrick Mao, Dr. Renato Roperto, Dr. John Perry and Dr. Charles Lekic.
Doing What We Do Best

Established in 2000, the Centre for Community Oral Health (CCOH) grew from the Faculty of Dentistry’s strong tradition of reaching out to the underserved. The 2008 anniversary year provided an opportunity to showcase the efforts of CCOH and to commemorate the long-standing history of meaningful community involvement that dates back to the formative years of the Faculty.

Urban Smiles Light Up Inner-City

One of the many highlights of the golden anniversary year took place on June 11 with Urban Smiles, a day dedicated to improving the quality of life among the province’s disadvantaged community.

Coordinated by CCOH, Urban Smiles brought scores of volunteers, including dentists, hygienists, assistants and other caring individuals who descended upon the Aboriginal Health and Wellness Centre to provide a day of free oral health care and education.

The day was designed as a salute to the long-running mandate of the Community Centre for Oral Health: To provide care to underserved populations in the province. Visitors to the Higgins Avenue included children, pregnant mothers, those affected with diabetes and others in need of care and attention. All were treated, tested, examined and guided throughout the day, free of charge.

“The outreach that’s going on here today and the outreach that takes place everyday across Manitoba is so very important to people who do not have the services that others take for granted,” said Manitoba Premier Gary Doer who attended the event. “So this is a great day of celebration; it is a great day to celebrate the unsung heroes that are part of the dental faculty that make so much of a difference for so many people.”

Several prominent members from CCOH’s past years were honoured for their contribution to community outreach in dentistry. Honorees included Drs. Phil Poon, Margot Pilley, Henry Redhead and Olva Odlum, all of whom played a large role in developing and fulfilling the CCOH mandate. A special ceremony for the honourees also included a traditional aboriginal blessing and remarks from a variety of high profile dignitaries from the province and the university.
Help for Northern Kids
Variety-CCOH launch ground-breaking program

Norway House Cree Nation was the site of a new pilot program designed to improve the long-term health of children in the community.

The Variety Children’s Cavity Prevention Project will see families earn gift cards redeemable at local stores when their children receive a dental check-up and are found to be free of cavities.

“We are truly excited as we will get the opportunity to really improve the long-term oral health of the children in the community,” said Dr. Doug Brothwell, Director of the Centre for Community Oral Health, the outreach arm of the Faculty of Dentistry. “This is an incentive for regular contacts at the dental office. The idea is we are going to reward families for maintaining good oral health by giving a dedicated gift card for all children who have a cavity-free checkup. The idea of a dedicated gift card for a cavity-free checkup was initiated by Dr. Charles Lekic.”

The initiative specifically targets three to six-year-old children for preventative therapies and is expected to greatly reduce decay rates, which historically have been high among First Nation children.

If the program is as successful as hoped, it will be extended to a second year and the results shared externally for possible application in other areas of Canada.
For the first time in its history, the School of Dental Hygiene now has a mentorship program in place for the student body. Similar to the one already in place in dentistry, students at the hygiene academy were brought together with a practicing professional from the community to help guide them along in preparation for their careers in the field.

Prof. Salme Lavigne said the response to the idea of providing students with mentors from the community was warmly received by program alumni. Among those who came forward to serve as mentors were: Sandy Vickner, Twyla Hoffman, Angela Rosales, Harriet Rosenbaum, Trish Wittmeyer, Andrea Fruehm, Susanne Morin, Kathy Kost, Leanne Enns, Paula Klimchak, Karen Krazyk-Kaatz, Laura Loewen (above with student Jennifer Seemann) and Deanna MacKay, pictured (center left) with protégées Janis Gojda and Taryn Greenberg.
Souping Up Siloam
Annual outreach event keeps on going strong in 2008

It’s an outreach effort that is always valued by soup kitchen patrons. Students from the School of Dental Hygiene continued the tradition of providing a full day of oral health promotion at the seventh annual Soup Up Your Smile event held November 6 at Siloam Mission. This day-long outreach event, staged by second-year dental hygiene students, reaches out to Winnipeg’s underserved inner-city community through interactive displays, individual clinical consultations and the provision of free oral hygiene products. Prior to the event, the students collect gently used clothing and non-perishable food items for Siloam Mission.

This year’s information booths targeted important issues that affect both oral and overall health, including the impact of street drugs, smoking and diabetes. Displays also focused on raising awareness of the basics of daily mouth care.

Second-year students from the School of Dental Hygiene maintained their annual tradition of reaching out to the less fortunate community at the 2008 edition of Soup Up Your Smile.

Below, Prof. Mickey Wener and Carol Yakiwchuk with the new portable hygiene unit that was secured by the school in 2008 and has since been put into active service.

Act Creates Opportunities In Education
School of Dental Hygiene quick to leverage legislation

By Mickey Emmons Wener, RDH, MEd and Carol-Ann Yakiwchuk, RDH

In the spring of 2008, the Dental Hygienists Act in Manitoba was passed, bringing with it new learning opportunities for dental hygiene students that the Faculty was quick to act upon. One of the main features of the new legislation was that it allows a hygiene student to work, learn, and be mentored under the supervision of an Extended Practice (EP) Dental Hygienist, without a dentist on site. This new stipulation offers myriad opportunities for teaching and practice for staff and students alike.

Through the generous support of a grant provided to Prof. Mickey Wener by the Winnipeg Foundation, new portable dental equipment was purchased to be utilized by students to provide care off campus. Since then, groups of up to six students have been providing oral hygiene care for vulnerable populations such as those at Deer Lodge Centre and Siloam Mission and also in non-traditional settings where there is no stationary dental equipment on-site.

Having students practice within these facilities, on a wide range of challenging clients, provides invaluable opportunities for them to learn more about the complex oral and overall health needs of these vulnerable populations and the important practice considerations involved.
A Is For Alumni

it all begins with Alumni. It should come as no real surprise that 2008 marked another year of achievement for alumni of the Faculty of Dentistry and the School of Dental Hygiene.

Certificate of Achievement

Distinguished service honoured

Several alumni received the Manitoba Dental Association Certificate of Achievement during the MDA’s annual winter convention in January 2008.

Jean Bodnar (87) was recognized as Past President of the MDA Board and for remaining active on a number of committees.

Tana Gilmartin (85) developed a dental program to serve the homeless at Siloam Mission.

Ron Peterson (75) was the long-serving President of the Manitoba Dental Alumni Association.

Barry Rayter (64) was been Chair of the Economics Committee for 25 years and, through that time, walked the very fine line between accomplishing practice growth while serving the broad patient population.

Lori Stephen-James (82) served as MDA Past President, Chair of the Peer Review Committee and has also been a member of the CDAenet Business Committee while serving on two search committees and been a part-time instructor at the faculty.

Melanie Wood (77) received the prestigious President’s Award of Merit as part of the President’s Dinner and Dance evening.

Friends of the Faculty

First-ever salute to supporters of oral health education

On September 20, the Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene paid tribute to the many Friends of the Faculty. It was an afternoon dedicated to the legacy and memory of those whose name still holds a significant place in the institution - the benefactors and sponsors of the many academic awards issued by the U of M’s dental programs.

“This is the 50th anniversary of the Faculty of Dentistry and the genesis of the Faculty depended significantly upon the good will, enthusiasm and unwavering support of the dental community,” said event chairman Dr. Frank Hechter in his remarks to the gathering, assembled on a beautiful autumn afternoon. “On behalf of previous and current students, we are indebted to you today for your foresight, commitment, enthusiasm and your individual and collective pursuit of excellence in dentistry academically and clinically.”

For many who came back to the school for the event it was an emotional occasion.

“We’re really having a good time,” said Dr. William F. Campbell creator of a scholarship in orthodontics that bears his name. “I thought I’d like to pay back to the profession for all the good things that happened to me. My wife Isabelle and I are very pleased to make this contribution to the Faculty.”

The event was graciously sponsored by Salisbury House.

In addition to hosting a most successful event Dr. Hechter (left) was also the recipient of a pair of special honours in 2008. The part-time professor in orthodontics, was presented a certificate for 35 years of dedicated service to the Division of Orthodontics and the Graduate Orthodontic program. Also in 2008, the alumnus from the Class of 1974 was awarded a fellowship from the University of Winnipeg. Dr. Hechter remains active within the Faculty serving on a number of committees and advisory groups.
Changing of the Guard

UMDAA charts new course

The 2008 year also marked a re-birth for the University of Manitoba Dental Alumni Association (UMDAA) as the organization underwent significant change from years past. A new Board of Directors was elected with a mandate of taking the association in a new direction. The new board, which consists of Drs. Jean Bodnar, Chris Cottick, Kyle Gauthier, Scott Leckie, Walter Nider, Igor Pesun (faculty representative), Heinz Scherle, and Cory Sul features a broad spectrum of volunteers who are committed to serve the Alumni. The new mandate will see the UMDAA provide more services to the Alumni and strengthen the ties between the profession and the Faculty. The board thanked past-president Dr. Ron Peterson who stepped down after more than 25 years service to the association.

One thing that won’t change is the annual Hockey Challenge (see photo of Alumni team, top right) which sees Alumni challenge dentistry’s young guns in the yearly showdown for bragging rights.

Taras Turns 90!

Dr. Taras Snihurowycz, one of the most colourful and passionate members of the faculty’s fraternity, celebrated his 90th birthday in the company of friends and colleagues at the Faculty of Dentistry and the School of Dental Hygiene in 2008. Faculty, support staff and several special guests gathered to offer their best wishes to the good doctor who became a nonagenarian on June 5.

Alumni of Distinction

In January 2008, Drs. Jan Brown and Gene Solmundson were named co-winners of the Faculty of Dentistry Alumni of Distinction award for 2008. The two practitioners have been fixtures in the Manitoba oral health community for decades, each maintaining strong ties to the Faculty. Dr. Ellen Brownstone (below with Prof. Lavigne) was named Alumni of Distinction award winner for the School of Dental Hygiene January 31 at the Winnipeg Convention Centre.

This year, the Alumni of Distinction awards will be held as a special presentation at the inaugural banquet on October 16 hosted by the University of Manitoba Dental Alumni Association.

Contact the Faculty at 204.789.3631 or via email at dent_event.umanitoba.ca for tickets or more details.

A Rewarding Year

Alumni milestones marked

The Manitoba Dental Association presented Honorary Life Membership to a record number of qualifying dentists, all of whom had been registered with the MDA at least 35 years and who had reached 65 years of age. Ten of the 11 Life Members were Alumni of the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba, namely: Les Allen (69), Semih Berker (72), Jack Braun (72), Richard Konzelman (65), Terry Mancer (69), Preston Segal (66), Gene Solmundson (66), Harvey Spiegel (68), and Errol Wright (68).

Jolly Good Fellows

G. Roy Thordarson (62) was conferred a Master Fellow in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the Canadian Section, by the International Council of the International College of Dentists in 2008. Roy is one of only seven Master Fellows in ICD in Canada. Scott Leckie (90), Robert Rosenstock (70), Marcel Van Woensel (94) were inducted as Fellows of the International College of Dentists on April 12, 2008 in Toronto.

Kudos for Graduate Students

Nicholas E. Karaiskos (02) received a Fellowship in Orthodontics from the Royal College of Dentists of Canada in Saskatoon in September 2008. Also receiving Fellowships in Pediatric Dentistry from the Royal College of Dentists, but not present at convocation, were Edina Heder (04) and Elsa K. Hui-Derksen (02).

Dr. James Noble, third-year resident in orthodontics received the Program Director’s Award for outstanding contributions to the Craniofacial Deformities Orthodontic Clinic.
Oral health class reunions sizzle with excitement in 2008!

The year 2008 marked a milestone in alumni events as classes reconvened all over the world to share memories and rekindle past friendships. Whether it was at the popular Tropical Series, the Sierra outback or back home at Bannatyne, oral health alumni let the good times roll in 2008.

There are few things more special in life than getting together with friends and colleagues for fun and fellowship. This is certainly a principle that applies to graduates of the Faculty of Dentistry and the School of Dental Hygiene.

Drawn together through the common bonds of a shared experience, graduates of both disciplines continue to make the time, and in many cases, go well out of their way, to reconvene with their colleagues through class reunions.

In many cases, these gatherings are often sentimental in nature, where participants mark the passing of time while they reacquaint themselves with those with whom they shared a life-altering experience.

Some gather more frequently than others. Five, 10 and even 25 year events are not uncommon. Others look to Faculty-sponsored events, such as the Tropical Series and the Alumni Reception at the Pacific Dental Conference, as a means of keeping in touch with friends from their past. Whatever the case, the bonds formed at the Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene remain strong and are reflected by the events staged over the course of the 2008 calendar year, many of which are listed herein.

Members of the Faculty of Dentistry Class of 1983 enjoyed a world-class vacation and education at the Faculty of Dentistry’s Tropical Series in 2008.
The Class of 1988 marked 20 years since graduation with a reunion out in Vancouver.

Members of the Faculty of Dentistry Class of 1973 made a weekend of it up at the luxurious Hecla Oasis Resort at Hecla Island in Manitoba for their 35th anniversary reunion.

Class of 68 re-connects out west. The Arizona outback was the scene for what was an adventurous get-away for the group who gathered in Scottsdale for a weekend of fiesta and fun.

Homecoming weekend traditionally draws a great response from the School of Dental Hygiene. Classes from 1983 (pictured left) and 1988 (right) returned to 780 Bannatyne for a get-together during the September event.

The Class of 1992 celebrated their 15th anniversary year, 16 years after graduating from the Faculty. As this group knows, it doesn’t really matter when you get together with friends and colleagues — just so long as you do.

After all these years, the spirit still burns. The Class of 1963 gathered over the weekend in October, during the Traditions of Excellence symposium.

The Class of 1988 marked 20 years since graduation with a reunion out in Vancouver.

Where are You Headed?
Let the Faculty help you plan your next reunion

Anything worthwhile takes time to do. The time-honoured adage holds true for most things, and is particularly relevant when it comes to organizing class reunions. The Faculty of Dentistry is here to help. If you are planning a class reunion, contact the Faculty and we will help you get the job done. The Faculty’s Department of Alumni Affairs, together with the Office of External Relations and Continuing Dental Education, help our alumni reconnect and are here to help organize your class reunion or other class function. Don’t hesitate to contact Tammy Holowachuk, Alumni Affairs Officer @ 204.474.6455 or via email @ holowac@cc.umanitoba.ca
The scope of practicing dentistry extends far beyond the knowledge and skill of treatment planning and performing clinical procedures. Following graduation, students embarking on a new career are limited by inexperience and management knowledge.

In today’s world, where dental health care is becoming more sophisticated and even more reliant on human resource management and decision analysis, there is a growing need to maximize communication, collaboration and efficiency. These skills, along with the ability to provide an attractive workplace value proposition, is the difference between success and frustration.

DPM is a burgeoning new field of study that guides students on “how” not “what” to think. Ethics, community service and the pursuit of continuing professional development are instilled throughout the program as they are the foundation of our discipline-base approach.

It is our mission to augment the dental educational experience with business education that transforms our students into confident, effective and respected members of our profession and the greater community they serve.

Implementing the first fully integrated four year DPM program into the curriculum starting at the first year of dentistry will help realize the Faculty’s goal in its Drive for Top Five. The first of its kind in the continent, programming of this magnitude will confirm the Faculty’s standing as a leader in Dental Education.

To assist the faculty in achieving this goal, the Corporate & Community Advisory Committee (CCAC) was established to include experts from various corporate, political, academic and professional communities. The response to this initiative was extremely well received and, as the list below indicates, endorsed by an inclusive and far ranging group of individuals, business and industry leaders and students.

Members of the CCAC include: The Honorable Mr. Gary Filmon, former Premier of Manitoba; Mr. Andrew Yorke (CEO Manitoba Blue Cross); H.M. (Holly) Toupin (RBC); Mr. Robert Warren (Stu Clark Centre for Entrepreneurship); Mr. James Adams (Aikens, MacAulay & Thorvaldson); Mr. Chrys Pappas and Ms. Leilani Kagan (Thompson Dorfman Sweatman LLP);

“It was an honour to represent the University of Manitoba and the CE Department of the Faculty of Dentistry in this first international partnership with India. I had the opportunity to speak at three different venues: my four day hands-on Implant program, a lecture at the Dentistry 2009 Conference, and a private evening event organized for 70 local GPs and specialists. Our participants were grateful to the University of Manitoba for providing these programs. I am personally grateful to our Dean, Dr. Iacopino for choosing to use U of M Alumni to deliver this program and for the opportunity to be a part of it.”

— Dr. Randy Warkentin

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August 2009 marked the initiation of the Faculty of Dentistry and U of M Alumni CDE International Series. Representing the Faculty of Dentistry, Drs. Hubert Benitez, Paresh Shah and Randall (Randy) K. Warkentin, traveled to Bangalore, India and joined the Indian Dentist Research and Review Continuing Dental Education (IDDRCDE) in a first-of-its-kind international partnership.

The program, jointly designed by CDE at the U of M and IDDRCDE, included four-day preconference workshops on Contemporary Esthetics and Restorative Dentistry, presented by Dr. Shah, and Implant Dentistry for the General Practitioner presented by Dr. Warkentin. Closing the program, were individual presentations by Drs. Benitez and Warkentin in Dentistry 2009, an international dental congress with approximately 1,200 dentists in attendance.

In addition to the University of Manitoba Faculty of Dentistry, Dentistry 2009 included participation from colleagues and members of the International Association of Orthodontics, the International College of Neuromuscular Orthodontics and Gnathology, and faculty members from academic institutions in India, all in a venue led by Dr. Anil Kohli, President of the Dental Council of India.

Because our commitment is to showcase what CDE, the Faculty and the University of Manitoba has to offer, plans are underway to expand this series and join once again IDDRCDE in Dentistry 2010.

“It was a great honour to be asked to represent the U of M in this joint international venture. My experience met all my expectations as it was enjoyable, enlightening and worthwhile based on the response from the participants and organizers in Bangalore. Dr. Sibi Xavier and the dental community in Bangalore were gracious hosts who made our first experience as smooth as possible. To top it off, I was fortunate to work with two excellent colleagues in Drs. Benitez and Warkentin who seamlessly were able to provide valuable help during my workshops to make sure all participants received full value. I look forward to working with the CE department to build on what we’ve been able to start.”

— Dr. Paresh Shah

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Ryan Gray (Meyers Norris Penny); Mr. Guy McLauglan (KPMG); Mr. Scott Anderson (Deloitte and Touche); Mr. Gerry Hagglund (Sinclair Dental); Mr. John Verogos (Alfa Ceramics); Mr. Steve Mikos (Sutton Group); Mr. Peter von Stackelberg (Von Stackelberg Insurance Agency & Financial Services); and DR. Loria Wallace (University of Manitoba, Extended Education).

With a mandate to advise and support, the members of the CCAC first unanimously recognized the need to supplement dental education with business education.

Second, utilizing a bottom up approach they have volunteered their time to help academia develop a real world comprehensive curriculum that includes ethics, community service, leadership, strategic management, financial accounting, law and jurisprudence, lean management, inventory and dental supply management, dental laboratory communications, marketing, human resource management, managerial accounting, debt financing, investments, insurance, real estate, statistics, negotiations, decision analysis, and managerial psychology.

Third, the committee identified that the DPM program required approximately $500,000 to launch. Consisting of $250,000 for academic development and in class implementation and $250,000 for the translation of the curriculum into an online version in partnership with the University of Manitoba Division of Extended Studies as a certificate course. To date we have raised $258,000, that has allowed us to proceed with curriculum development and, pending dental and University Senate approval, implementation of this first of its kind program. Upon approval, the DPM program will be well positioned to become a reality.

I am personally honored to have served as chair of the CCAC and wish to thank all of my collaborators and fellow committee members for their tremendous contributions and generosity. Without their support this program would not have been possible. Also I would be remiss if I didn’t recognize Dr. Hubert Benitez, Director of the Dental Practice Management Program for his leadership, enthusiasm and genuine friendship for fostering this very important initiative.
A Year in Review: Our Progress to Date

The year 2008 and its transition into 2009 marked a historic milestone for Continuing Dental Education at the University of Manitoba.

For the first time, Continuing Dental Education was established as a stand-alone entity within the Faculty of Dentistry. Its mandate was broadened substantively to include programs and services well beyond traditional programming. Driven by the vision of the Drive for Top Five, Continuing Dental Education has embarked on an ambitious agenda to revamp and expand its offerings. Let’s recap CDE’s Calendar for Fall 2007 into Spring 2008:

1. Eight lecture-based programs;
2. Two hands-on sessions;
3. Two CPR training modules;
4. Three courses in association with the Manitoba Dental Hygienists Association.
5. A week-long Continuing Dental Education Tropical Series, Mayan Riviera, Mexico.

Continuing Dental Education at the U of M moved ahead quickly in 2008 with several new ideas and programming options coming to fruition. The calendar, offerings and opportunities for training were expanded in multiple directions. The 2008-2009 Calendar included the following programs and was also highlighted as we fulfilled the following milestones:

1. Six lecture based programs;
2. One specialty lecture program, in conjunction with the Department of Orthodontics;
3. Four hands-on sessions;
4. Two CPR training modules;
5. A first-of-its-kind, four session Temporomandibular Disorders and Orofacial Pain Preceptorship;
6. A week long Continuing Dental Education Tropical Series at the Riu Vallarta in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico;
7. A first-ever partnership with Continuing Medical Education, to begin the implementation of joint programs that will provide CDE and CME allocation to its attendees;
8. Creation of an on-line CME platform for the implementation and delivery of continuing education courses branded as the University of Manitoba Faculty of Dentistry’s “Advancing In Dental Health” available through www.AdvancingIn.com for all health professionals and www.rxBriefCase.com;
9. Expanding collaborative efforts with the Manitoba Dental Hygienists Association;
10. Implementation of the first Faculty of Dentistry and U of M Alumni CDE International Series, where Drs. Paresh Shah and Randall (Randy) K. Warkentin, (pictured above) and myself traveled to Bangalore India for the Indian Dentist Research and Review Continuing Dental Education (IDDRCDE) in a first of its kind international partnership; and
11. Membership with the Association of Continuing Dental Education (ACDE).

All of these initiatives were developed to enhance the experience of our participants, many of whom were already enjoying some of our more successful ventures like the annual Tropical Series.

We continue to explore opportunities to expand our venues and enhance the visibility of our Faculty and University, and through this process we will highlight what the University of Manitoba has to offer.

Warm regards!

Hubert Benitez, DDS
Director, Continuing Dental Education

Submitted by Roxanne Babsler, Continuing Dental Education

Alumnus Aims To Make a Difference

Ernest Cholakis, a well respected and successful practitioner, is an advocate for the fully integrated Dental Practice Management (DPM) Program into Faculty of Dentistry’s curriculum. Dr. Cholakis, Chair of the CCAC and Adjunct Assistant Professor, has been instrumental in recruiting this committee.

As a U of M trained clinician with an MBA from the University of Chicago, Dr. Cholakis feels that today’s dentistry has changed past philosophies. The thought of focusing mainly on perfecting dental skills to ensure success is no longer realistic. Today, operating a practice, like any organization, requires the understanding of sound managerial principles to enhance teamwork. Life experience and years of practice have given him the insight into what is required for making the transition from student to practitioner less intimidating.

In addition to creating an enriched learning experience for students, part of Dr. Cholakis’ mission focuses on supporting institutions of higher education. Successful and vibrant universities develop the profile of the communities they serve.

By assisting Dean Iacopino’s Drive for Top Five, Dr. Cholakis hopes that the DPM program will assist the Faculty in recruiting top professors, researchers and students, which in turn will benefit our province and our community.
Paradisiacal Riu Vallarta in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico was the place to be as the Faculty of Dentistry’s Tropical Series once again took the chill off a frosty Canadian winter for many last February.

Tropical Series always offers something to remember

"I can’t think of too much that you can do to improve the Tropical Lecture Series. I can only hope that future lectures are as current and relevant as the last ones were. Overall it was an enjoyable week and we will attend again."

Submitted by Dr. Hubert Benitez DDS
Director, Continuing Dental Education

Last year’s annual Continuing Dental Education and vacation sojourn quickly sold out as participants were eager to take advantage of a first-of-its kind collegial exchange experience and an unequaled vacation adventure. This scorching-hot destination provided us the opportunity to expand our cultural and entertainment activities, while maintaining the high quality of our educational component.

Lectures and presentations were offered by Dr. James J. Sciubba, DMD, PhD, an internationally renowned authority on Oral Medicine and Pathology and former director of the Division of Dental and Oral Medicine at the Johns Hopkins Medical Center; Casey Hein, BSDH, MBA, voted by Dentistry Today among the Top 100 Clinicians in Continuing Education for 2006, 2007 and 2008; and Dr. Francisco J. Otero, DDS, Dip. Perio., Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology and recipient of the Educator Award from the American Academy of Periodontology in 2007.

Looking ahead, from February 12-21, 2010 the Faculty of Dentistry will visit exotic Costa Rica and will be stationed at the Occidental Grand Papagayo. The luxurious, open-air lobby of the Occidental Grand Papagayo transports guests with the exotic trappings of a pure tropical escape. The untamed, natural beauty of Costa Rica’s Northern Pacific coastline echoes the sentiment. From spectacular bluffs to warm ocean waters below, the unspoiled ecodiversity this rich land offers simply carved out the perfect spot for the Occidental Grand Papagayo. This exclusive, all-inclusive resort where premium service meets a breathtaking location is just a 35-minute ride from Liberia International Airport.

We invite all to contact us very early and reserve a spot in this unequaled experience. For more information, please contact Roxanne Bahsler at Bahsler@cc.umanitoba.ca, visit http://umanitoba.ca/dentistry/cde or contact Charlene Underhill, Continental Travel Group at 204-989-9642, 1-800-665-2626, Charlene@continentaltrav.com.

Our Tropical Series all-inclusive packages includes: Round trip airfare & transfers; Unlimited meals, snacks & beverages; Full open bar; 4 restaurants, 4 bars, 1 disco bar; 2 Swimming pools; Fitness facilities, water sports, scuba clinics, tennis; Chaise lounges and towel service; Nightly activities; Welcome cocktail; taxes, and gratuities. Early bird discounts are available. Call today to reserve your space and we’ll see you in Costa Rica!
In a word: WOW!
Packed with special events and celebrations, Faculty’s 2008 anniversary year will indeed be something for all involved to remember and cherish for a lifetime.

So it is perhaps most appropriate that the year should also be the one in which the Faculty hit an all-time high in support from its grassroots groups.

As announced by Dean Anthony M. Iacopino at the 50 Year Finale last November, thanks largely to corporate gifts in kind, support for the Faculty topped $3-million last year.

It has also been confirmed that private donor support in 2008 reached $676,967.94 - an unprecedented high and a whopping 250% above the tally of the year before (see graph above right) when gift amounts totaled $193,283.34.

The Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene wish to sincerely thank all of those who came forward with a most tangible show of support for the Faculty, its programs, its mandate and its future. Those who helped by contributing $500 or greater from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009 are listed below in our Annual Giving Campaign. Subsequent pages contain a breakdown of Faculty financials of the past fiscal year including our Donor Honour Roll:

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- Academic Salaries: $6,618,371
- Staff Benefits: $1,468,344
- Pay Levy: $225,893
- Supplies: $2,604,773
- Contracted Services: $1,297,853
- Travel (incl. outreach): $856,012
Total: $17,173,725

Clinics Income Earned

- Undergraduate Clinic: $1,194,968
- Graduate Orthodontics: $576,867
- Graduate Periodontics: $208,028
Total Clinics Income: $1,979,863

CCOH Income

- Mobile Van: $427,718
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- Churchill: $685,858
- Northern Sask: $532,741
- Sandy Bay: $59,976
- Norway House: $460,390
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Research Rising  
Funding dedicated to research at the Faculty of Dentistry

Research abounds  
Faculty reaffirms focus on research in 2008

It is sometimes said that today’s good times are tomorrow’s precious memories. And while the Faculty of Dentistry enjoyed many great storylines in 2008, one of the best might be the resurgence of research that took place within these halls over the past 12 months.

According to Faculty financial reports, since 2007, research funding at the Faculty has more than doubled. As of March 31, 2009, actual funding for Faculty research hit $2,685,094, an increase of just over 113% since the same period in 2007.

The 2008 jump came on the heels of a 32% increase in research funding in 2007 when resources allocated for research reached $1,659,244 (see graph above).

In recent times, research has taken on a new and heightened priority under the direction of Dean Anthony M. Iacopino and Associate Dean (Research) Dr. J. Elliott Scott.

Since then, research has risen in both traditional and non-traditional areas, including the formation of a student group and increased activity in dental hygiene.

Clinical Dentists / Geriatric Dentistry

The University of Manitoba offers students and faculty a vibrant learning community, exceptional facilities and the chance to explore ideas, challenge assumptions and turn theory into reality. With more than 30,000 students, faculty and staff, and over 90 degree programs, our university plays a key role in the social cultural and economic well-being of our community and our world.

The Centre for Community Oral Health (CCOH), Faculty of Dentistry is a not-for-profit organization that administers dental programs catering to underserved populations on behalf of the University of Manitoba. We are looking for self-motivated, community minded dental professionals to join our Geriatric Dentistry programs.

Reporting to the CCOH Director, successful candidates will provide a wide range of clinical dental services within various personal care home (long-term care) facilities, and community clinics in accordance with existing professional and program standards.

These positions encompass providing dental care to elderly patients within the long term care environment, supervision of dental students on externship rotation, as well as opportunity to be involved in research, health promotion, and policy initiatives. Clinical settings include institutional clinics, mobile clinics, and community clinics in Winnipeg.

Remuneration options include salary, per diem rate, or percentage of fees generated. Employment or independent contractor agreements are possible.

Applicants eligible for Manitoba licensure should reply in confidence to: Dr. Doug Brothwell, Director, Centre for Community Oral Health University of Manitoba, Faculty of Dentistry P128-780 Bannatyne Ave. Winnipeg, MB R3E 0W2 Tel: (204)789-3892 Fax: (204) 789-3991

One university.  
Many futures.
The 2008 golden anniversary year officially came to an end on November 22 at the posh Winnipeg Ballroom of the Fairmont Hotel. The 50 Year Finale officially ended the celebrations while signaling the beginning of a new era at the Faculty of Dentistry and the School of Dental Hygiene.

An estimable crowd of 300 shared in what was effectively the closing ceremony for the 2008 anniversary year.

“Tonight marks our golden anniversary finale but it really serves as the beginning of our new relationship and journey together,” said Dean Iacopino in his remarks to those assembled. “We’ve achieved many things this year, but above all, I believe we have proven ourselves and our vision,” he said. “I believe we are well on our way to creating a new dental home in Manitoba.”

Among the achievements realized in 2008:

- five-fold increase in support for the Faculty
- Alumni and corporate support reaching all-time highs
- the creation of the Centre for Oral Systemic Health
- year one of the Dental Practice Management program
- an increase of over 200% in student research
- research funding more than doubled since 2007
- a new, alumni-focused Continuing Dental Education branch within the Faculty
- improved alumni relations and the reformation of the University of Manitoba Dental Alumni Association

In one of the first major developments following the gala, Dr. Scott Leckie announced the reorganization of the UMDAA, complete with a new charter and board of directors.

As one of its first official functions, the UMDAA is pleased to present Welcome Back Bannatyne on Friday, October 16.

All alumni, faculty, staff and students are invited to attend this inaugural event that will feature the appearance of a high profile special guest.

Mr. Burton Cummings (above) is confirmed and will appear at the October event. The pop-music legend and Winnipeg icon will become the first recipient of Honourary Membership into the Manitoba Dental Alumni Association.

“We are totally thrilled that Burton has accepted our invitation,” UMDAA president Dr. Leckie said. “He is one of the most famous citizens in the history of our city and has brought a lot of joy to people all over the world through his music and his performing skills. It will be an honour to welcome him to this event.”

Tickets are only $125 each and are now available by calling 204.789.3631 or via email at dent_events@umanitoba.ca. All proceeds will go towards the Dr. John Grahame Memorial Scholarship.

The numbers: 24 months, well over 100 practice offices, dozens of professional meetings, thousands of kilometers traveled. Dean Anthony M. Iacopino’s Office Visit Series wrapped up an incredibly successful run in 2008 setting new marks in practitioner visits and distances covered.

Since the beginning of his tenure in 2007, Dean Iacopino established the Office Visit Series as one of the top priorities of his administration. The goal: to personally meet and visit with all alumni of the Faculty of Dentistry. While the practice office has most often been the preferred locale, it has hardly been the only venue; seminars, conferences, reunions, restaurants, banquet halls - anytime, anyplace, anywhere - that’s the mantra of one of the most unique initiatives ever undertaken in alumni relations.

The Dean wants to add your practice office to his list. To request a visit, just call 204.789.3631 or email dent_events@umanitoba.ca.
The Alumni of Distinction Awards

The University of Manitoba Dental Alumni Association (UMDAA), in partnership with the Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene, invites you to attend our first annual celebration of alumni and relationships.

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