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President Message:

Summer greetings,

I hope that this summer will continue to be one of enjoyable memories for each of us. The significant activity of our Midwest Periodontal Community well deserves the fruits of our labors including time spent with family and friends attending cookouts and battling mosquitoes. Nonetheless, the impact of the MSP remains at full throttle with several noteworthy items to report.

Congratulations are in order to several of our member leaders. First, The MSP is proud to recognize the election of Dr. Nancy Newhouse as Secretary/Treasurer of the AAP. Nancy ran a successful campaign challenged by an unusual 3 other worthy candidates also seeking this office. Good job Nancy, I know that you will represent us well! Further kudos to Drs. Steven Blanchard and Jon Jenkins, who won their elections for Director of the American Board of Periodontology, and Nominating Committee for the American Board of Periodontology(District 4), respectively. Of note "last but not least" is the recognition of Dr. Ken Krebs by the AAP through the Distinguished Service Award. Ken is most deserving, and will be presented this Award at the upcoming AAP meeting.

The AAP meeting in Boston will be upon us shortly, and promises to be an outstanding meeting. Mid-September in Boston is a great time to enjoy the richness of this historic East Coast city, and affords an opportunity to catch up with our colleagues and further our learning. "Achieving Periodontal Excellence" is the theme and will be a venue for gathering the latest information on areas such as the recent consensus on periodontitis and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease.

Our own MSP meeting likewise promises to be of great value, scheduled February 26-28, 2010. Our Program Chair, Dr. Darnell Kaigler has been working tirelessly to ensure a program rich for learning for a variety of interests. Our planned speakers include Drs. Ken Kornman, Craig Misch, and Guilio Rasperini, while our Friday program may include a hands-on course with support from Sunstar. More details will be forthcoming!

Thank you for your continued support and I hope to see you in Boston and back in Chicago.

Kind regards,
Steve Meraw
President, MSP



Dr. Stephen Meraw, President

GRADUATE PROGRAM UPDATE

University of Illinois at Chicago

The UIC Department of Periodontics welcomes our first year postgraduate residents, **Drs. Sonia Belani** and **Fadi Masoud**. They join our second and third year residents **Robert Busan**, **Sasha Ross**, **Sangeetha Chandrasekaran**, **Simona Katona**, **Li-Ping Lin**, **Allison Yen**. Sonia received her DDS degree from UIC in May. Fadi has been in private general practice in California.

The Residents and the Faculty at UIC are enjoying an exciting and productive year. The residents attended the AAP meeting and joined the faculty at the UIC Alumni reception in honoring Dr. Erwin Barrington, 2008 recipient of the Michael Hagearty Award for Leadership in Periodontics.

We had three distinguished speakers visit with our program this year. Dr. Preston D. Miller shared his knowledge of periodontal plastic surgery on two occasions with formal presentations and review of cases treated by our residents.



Dr. Mark Reynolds, Postgraduate Periodontics Program Director, University of Maryland, discussed some of his recent findings regarding inflammation and innate immunity and their implications in the pathogenesis of periodontitis.

Dr. Ray C. Williams shared a historical and current perspective in a presentation titled "Understanding a Managing the Periodontal Diseases: a Notable Past A Promising Future"

Our third year residents Jane Kim and Logesh Swayamprakasam presented a Lunch & Learn at the Midwest Society of Periodontology titled "Guided Bone Regeneration at the University of Illinois at Chicago: Our Experience"

Congratulations to Logesh Swayamprakasam for his selection as a finalist for Midwest Society of Periodontology and the Vople Prize research competitions.

Congratulations are also in order for three of our Alumni, Drs. Tricia Crosby, Allen Huang, Paul Jang, and Bahareh Sabzehei. They recently passed part II of the American Board of Periodontology and are now Diplomates of the Board.

On behalf of the faculty and staff, I want to thank Dr. Simona Katona for her service to the department as Chief Resident this year. I also want to congratulate Dr. Robert Busan on his selection as Chief Resident for the '09 -'10 academic year.

We are very proud of our graduating residents Drs. Jane Kim, and Logesh Swayamprakasam. Jane and Logesh will be entering private practice. Dr. Califano and the residents are looking forward to a productive and enjoyable year.

Case Western Reserve University

New Graduate Students 2009

The following students are accepted into the Periodontal Graduate Program beginning July 2009:

Dr. Faisal Alqassar is joining our graduate program after completion of a one-year Fellowship in Periodontics from Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine.

Dr. Sarah Feteih has AGD/MS degree from the University of Maryland in 2009.

Dr. Ahn Nguyen has DMD from Boston University, 2009. He also received BS with majors in Neuroscience and Environmental Science from the University of California.

Graduating Class of 2009

Dr. David Diamond will return to Canada to start private practice. Dr. Ahmed El-Halaby plans to practice in Dallas, Texas. Dr. Nishant Joshi will remain in Cleveland, Ohio for private practice.

Publications

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Carey, JJ, Palomo, L. Relationship Between Bisphosphonates and Osteonecrosis of the Jaw: Innocent Association or Significant Risk. *Cleve Clin J Med*. 2008 Dec.;75(12):871-9.

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Presentations

The graduate program in periodontics was represented at the April 2009 IADR 87th General Session in Miami, Florida with presentations by Dr. Leena Palomo for the abstract "Comparing Two Radiographic Techniques to Evaluate Mandibular Incisive Canal Prevalence" and Dr. Elena Furman who presented the abstract "Virtual Reality Distraction for Pain Control During Periodontal Treatment." Dr. Paula Ortiz was awarded the Midwest Society of Periodontology Resident Research Forum. Dr. Bissada was an Examiner and presented The Oral-Systemic Connection: A State of the Clinical Science and Dental Practice, for the Kuwait University, Faculty of Dentistry, Kuwait in June 2008. For the Beirut Arab University 1st International Dental Conference in Beirut, Lebanon, May 2009, Dr. Bissada presented "Advanced Surgery for the Treatment of Periodontal Conditions and Implant Placement." As the keynote speaker for faculty and students of Future University, Cairo, Egypt in April 2009, Dr. Bissada presented "Periodontal Disease Influences the Expression of Coronary Arterial Disease and Heart Attack". Dr. Han presented "Oral bacteria and adverse pregnancy outcome" at the 8th Mark Wilson Conference, St. Maarten, February 2009.

Department News

Dr. Jeffery Becker recently joined the Department of Periodontics as Assistant Professor. Joining the Department of Periodontics are Dr. Hymie Akst and Dr. Bana Anbari as Clinical Assistant Professors and Dr. Tony Ficara as Adjunct Associate Professor.

Ohio State University

The Ohio State University (OSU) Graduate Program had a lot to celebrate this past year. On June 12, 2009, we celebrated the graduation of the class of 2009. We congratulate our senior residents for their achievements. Dr. Pat Kelsey, our 2008-2009 Chief Resident, whose MS thesis was on "Comparative proteomic analysis of periodontal ligament and gingival fibroblast cell membranes", had a manuscript accepted for publication in the Journal of Periodontology and is now in private practice in Nebraska. Dr. Weiting Ho, whose MS research was on "Distribution of macrolides in gingival crevicular fluid and gingival tissues", presented his research at the recent IADR meeting in Miami, FL, and is now in private practice in Taiwan. Dr. Anastasia Papapostolou, who was awarded one the 2009 IADR Colgate Research in Prevention Travel Awards, presented at the IADR meeting her MS thesis work on "Genetic determinants of subgingival bacterial colonization"; she is presently in private practice in Cyprus. Dr. Mabel Salas, who presented part of her MS thesis research on "Alveolar ridge preservation: clinical evaluation of treatment outcomes" at the 2009 EuroPerio meeting in Stockholm, will be soon completing her 36-month residency and pursuing an academic career. We wish them all the very best for their future endeavors!

The Division of Periodontology, in partnership with Colgate-Palmolive, hosted the 2nd Volpe prize, an international award named in honor of Dr. Anthony Volpe, on May 14-15, 2009. The award, which aims to recognize the best clinical research in Periodontology by pre- and post-doctoral students, drew many applicants and attendees. Among twelve finalists, OSU's own Dr. Pooja Maney was the first runner-up.

We also want to congratulate one of our second year residents, Dr. Chad Matthews, for being a 2009 Orban prize finalist during the upcoming AAP meeting in Boston. Dr. Matthews will be presenting his thesis research work on the effects of smoking on subgingival flora.

Congratulations to Drs. Pooja Maney, Vlad Shapiro, and Jessica Stilley, all 2008 graduates, and to Dr. Hua-Hong "Ben" Chien, a full-time faculty, for attaining ABP Diplomate status.

This past June we also welcomed the newest members of our Buckeye Perio family, the class of 2012; Dr. Holly Bourek (Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska), Dr. Connie Lee (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan), Dr. Samir Shah (University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey, Newark, New Jersey), and Dr. Ioanna Tsolaki (University of Athens, Athens, Greece).

This fall, the Program will observe its 60th Anniversary, on October 30-31, 2009. We hope many of you will be able to join us in the festivities and the educational program that will make part of this joyous celebration.

We also look forward to seeing all OSU alumni and friends at our annual Buckeye Reception, which will be held on Monday, September 14 at 5:30 pm in the Alcott Room of the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel, during the upcoming AAP meeting in Boston, Massachusetts.

Saint Louis University

We welcome three new residents to our program. Dr. Azadeh Amin graduated in 2007 from the University of Wurzburg in Wurzburg, Germany. Dr. Jeffrey Naylor graduated in 2009 from Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Mohamed Omran graduated in 2002 from Al-Arab Medical University in Benghazi, Libya.

Four residents graduated from the program this year: Drs. Yoolim Kim, Hema Menon, Lindsay Powers and Sarah Puzey. They conducted research in the following areas: evaluation of extraction site preservation using demineralized freeze dried bone allograft; antimicrobial efficacy of triclosan coated collagen membranes; a prospective, randomized controlled evaluation of nanotite and osseotite surfaced implant performance; and a retrospective analysis of implants placed in post-doctoral programs.

One of our NIH grants was completed this year, "Bone Active Treatments for Chronic Periodontitis". This project examined the influence of vitamin D and calcium supplementation in patients treated for periodontal disease. We are currently working on another NIH grant in conjunction with Washington University School of Medicine and Baylor College of Medicine, "The Human Microbiome Project – Core Microbiome Sampling".

Congratulations to program alumni that successfully completed the American Board of Periodontology certification over the last year: 2008 graduates Dr. Dan Murphy and Dr. Yasser Khabbaz.

Indiana University

Graduate Class of 2009:

We have recently bid farewell to five graduating students. **Dr. Shane Cope** is opening his periodontal practice in Indianapolis. **Dr. Enrique Cruz** is enrolled in the joint Periodontics-Orthodontics training program and began his orthodontic training at IUSD in July. **Dr. Daniel Shin** is still considering his options that will likely involve a combination of academics and private practice. **Dr. Peter Smith** will be returning to Utah and to open a periodontal practice. **Dr. Venkatesh Swaminathan** is now enrolled in the Advanced Standing Program (DDS) while serving as a clinical instructor at the school in the Department of Periodontics at the University of Detroit-Mercy. We wish all of our graduates the best in their future endeavor and look forward to future successful achievement of ABP Diplomate status.

As of July, **Dr. Swaminathan** and **Dr. Cope** have successfully defended their research project, submitted a manuscript for publication and were awarded their MSD degrees. **Dr. Smith** and **Dr. Shin** are in the final stages of completing their research projects. **Dr. Swaminathan's** research project examined the differential expression of Toll-like receptors 2 and 4 in periodontal diseases and **Dr. Cope** explored the effects of a zinc/hydrogen peroxide containing mouthrinse on human gingival fibroblast proliferation, viability, and cytokine/growth factor expression. **Dr. Smith** is evaluating the microbial contamination and disinfection of implant surgical guides and **Dr. Shin** is exploring the removal torque test and histomorphometric analysis of bone to implant contact of a novel zirconia implant in an *in vivo* rabbit model.

Incoming Graduate Students:

We now have four new graduate students who joined the program in July. Drs. **Jason Au-Yeung** and **Mustapha Hotait** are 2009 DDS graduates of University of Detroit-Mercy. Dr. **Adam Christman** is a 2008 DDS graduate of IUSD and Dr. **Mohamed Khaled** received his dental degree (1995) as well as a Master's degree in Periodontics (2005) in India.

Student Awards:

The recipient of the Henry M. Swensen Awards for Clinical and Didactic Excellence in Graduate Periodontics for 2008-2009 was third year resident, **Dr. Daniel Shin**. **Dr. Siva Prakasam** received the W. Wrigley Jr. Student Award (Master's level) at the 2009 IUSD Research Day for his project on soluble TLR-2 as a putative marker for chronic periodontitis and **Dr. Enrique Cruz** received the Indiana Dental Association Best Clinical Case Report Award (Master's level) for his case presentation on periodontally accelerated osteogenic orthodontics (PAOO) at the 2009 IUSD Research Day. Congratulations to all student award winners.

New Diplomates:

We have three IUSD graduates that are new Diplomates of the American Board of Periodontology since last year! Successfully passing the oral exam in November 2008 was Dr. **Sarah Herd** (2007) and Drs. **Kazushi Yasumasu** (2007) and **Ranjitha Krishna** (2008) successfully challenged the oral exam in May 2009. Since 2001, 36 IUSD graduates have become ABP Diplomates which is an outstanding reflection of the individuals as well as the program.

Faculty News

We bid a fond farewell at the end of June to **Dr. Donald Newell** who retired from IUSD after 20 years of dedicated service. Dr. Newell served as the graduate program director IUSD from 1994-2003 and was President of the Midwest Society of Periodontology from 1996-97. Dr. Newell plans to continue to teach 1-2 days on a voluntary basis and we wish him the best in his retirement.

As of this writing in mid-July, we wish to welcome two new faculty members, **Drs. Jim Sarbinoff** and **Peter Paris** who have accepted full-time positions at IUSD. Both Jim and Peter are starting second careers in academia after both spending many years in private practice.

Congratulations go out to **Dr. Steve Blanchard** who was recently elected as a director of the American Board of Periodontology. Dr. Blanchard had served as an ABP Examiner for the oral certifying examination since 2005 and follows in the huge footsteps of previous directors from IUSD: **Drs. Henry Swenson, Tim O'Leary, David Vandersall** and **Brady Hancock**. Dr. Blanchard's term on the Board will run until 2015.

We wish all District IV graduate programs a successful upcoming year and look forward to seeing you in Boston in September and at the Midwest Society of Periodontology Annual Meeting in February 2010.

News:

Dr. Bassam Kinaia and Dr. Katy Chahine, graduates of our second batch successfully completed the oral examination of the American Board of Periodontology and became diplomates. Dr. Kinaia and Dr. Chahine are currently in private practice and teach part-time at the dental school.

Graduate Class of 2009:

We said farewell to our third graduating class. We had four students' graduating this year. **Dr. Crystal McIntosh** is pursuing a full-time teaching position at Howard University. Dr. Russell Thaler is teaching 2-days a week at our dental school and is pursuing private practice in Toledo, Ohio. Dr. Mansur Roy successfully passed the written and Oral Canadian Boards and relocated to Ontario. He will be joining private practice. Dr. Mark Isler successfully passed the Michigan Periodontics Specialty Board and is pursuing private practice opportunities in Michigan.

Dr. McIntosh submitted the following articles for publication:

- An Unusual Case of Generalized Severe Gingival Enlargement in a Pregnant Woman-A case report. McIntosh CL, Kolhatkar S, Winkler JR, Ojha J, Bhola M.
Submitted to General Dentistry.
- Periodontal Surgery in the HIV-positive Patient. Part II- Bilateral Lateral Sliding Flaps For Management Of Extreme Recession Kolhatkar S, McIntosh C, Haque S, Winkler JR, Bhola M

Dr. Mansur Roy submitted the following article for publication:

- Treatment Planning and Management of the gummy smile.
Kolhatkar S, Neely A, Roy M.

Dr. Mark Isler had the following publication:

- Isler MS, Kolhatkar S, Bhola M. Treatment of isolated recession defects using the lateral sliding flap: a case series. Pract Proced Aesthet Dent. 2008

RESEARCH PROJECTS ACCEPTED

- Bilateral Vestibuloplasty Utilizing Palatal Soft Tissue Grafts In An HIV-positive Patient. Kolhatkar S, Mason S, Winkler JR, Bhola M
Journal of California Dental Association (July 2009)
- Case Series and Literature Review of Bone-added Osteotome Sinus Floor Elevation for the Deficient Maxillary Posterior Implant Site. Kolhatkar S, Cabanilla L, Bhola M. Accepted by Compendium of Continuing Education in Dentistry

RESEARCH PAPERS IN PROGRESS & SUBMITTED FOR PUBLICATION

- Periodontal Surgery in the HIV-positive Patient. Part I- Combined use of Root Coverage and Resin Modified Ionomer for the Management of Isolated Severe Gingival Recession. Kolhatkar S, Haque S, Winkler JR, Bhola M.
- Periodontal Surgery in the HIV-positive Patient. Part II- Bilateral Lateral Sliding Flaps For Management Of Extreme Recession Kolhatkar S, McIntosh C, Haque S, Winkler JR, Bhola M.
- Periodontal Surgery in the HIV-positive Patient. Part III Pre-prosthetic Crown Lengthening Surgery in a Patient with a 22 year history of HIV-Positive.
Kolhatkar S, Mason S, Haque S Winkler JR , Bhola M

University of Detroit Mercy - Cont.

- Canine Exposure Techniques – Review Of Literature And Case Series
Bhola M, Kinaia B, Ramos M, Kolhatkar S.
- Periodontal and Restorative Treatment Options For Non Carious Cervical Lesions. Kolhatkar S, Litonjua L, Bhola M
- Immediate Implant Placement with Simultaneous Osteotome Sinus Floor Elevation – A Case Series. Kolhatkar S, Bhola M
- Use Of The Tunnel Technique For Root Coverage Of Shallow Cervical Carious Lesions In An HIV-Positive Male.-A Case Report. Kolhatkar S, Winkler JR, Bhola M

Incoming Graduate Students:

We welcomed our first year graduate students. **Dr. Shayna Sanchez** graduated from Loma Linda and completed a 1-year GPR program. **Dr. Sascha Stasko** is a former graduate of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry and joins our program from Toronto, Canada. **Dr. Michael Vizirakis** is also a former graduate of our school and was in private practice in Arizona prior to starting the program.

Faculty News:

Dr. Leyvee Lynn Cabanilla was recently promoted to the rank of Associate Professor with Tenure. **Dr. Shilpa Kolhatkar** was promoted to the rank of Clinical Associate Professor.

Faculty from University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry, including **Dr. Monish Bhola**, DDS, MSD, Program Director of Graduate Periodontics, and **Dr. James R Winkler**, DDS, PhD, Chairperson Department of Periodontology & Dental Hygiene were recently invited to speak at a joint international symposium, hosted by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (**A.I.I.M.S.**), New Delhi, India.

A.I.I.M.S. is the leading premier health and research center in India. Deans and residents from seven dental schools and hospitals attended this one-day symposium titled, “Comprehensive Oral Rehabilitation Strategies.” This program has paved the way for a departmental affiliation between the two institutions, allowing for regularly scheduled academic programs and exchange of residents for an externship.

We all wish the district IV graduate programs a successful year ahead.

University of Minnesota

Simon Hinckfuss is a third year resident in Periodontology. He graduated from dental school in Melbourne, Australia in 1995 and completed a Prosthodontics residency in 2006 before coming to Minnesota to study Periodontology. His thesis is examining the effect of surgeon's experience and surgical guide design on the accuracy of implant placement. Simon is married with two children.

Dr. Jody Schilling (3rd year resident) is a 2007 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. In May 2009, Jody was one of the authors of "Sp Proteins and Runx2 Mediate Regulation of Matrix Gla Protein (MGP) Expression by Parathyroid Hormone" published in the Journal of Cellular Biochemistry. Jody is looking forward to her return to Madison, Wisconsin upon graduation.

Dr. Martin Kim is a THIRD year resident who received his DMD degree from McGill University in Canada. Martin won an award at the Star of the North table clinic competition for his presentation "Systemic Antibiotics in Periodontal Therapy". He plans to pursue a career in periodontics in Vancouver, BC both in private practice with a part time teaching position.

Dr. Harjit Singh Sehgal is finishing his fourth year in the combined certificate program in Periodontology and a PhD in Oral Biology. Harjit received his dental degree in 2002 from Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Karnataka, India. Upon graduation, he practiced as a general dentist until August, 2005 when he joined the department of Oral Biology at University of Minnesota. Dr. Sehgal's research involves studying the immunological response of two genetically distinct strains of mice to the major periodontal pathogen, *Porphyromonas gingivalis*. Harjit plans to pursue an academic career following graduation."

Matthew Kelsey (2nd year resident) comes to Minnesota after completing his pre-doctoral training at Creighton University in Omaha, NE. An Omaha native, Matt enjoys traveling, music, and fishing during his free time and is looking forward to the next two years in Minnesota.

Jerod Klava is a second year resident from Fargo, ND. He is a 2008 University of Minnesota SOD graduate. In the last year he has taken up road biking with his wife Jennifer, and has enjoyed seeing more of the twin cities area via the many public biking trails throughout.

Dr. Vivek Thumbigere Math (2nd year resident) continues to work on his PhD in Oral Biology while he pursues his certificate in Periodontology. Dr. Math was awarded third place in Table Clinic Program at the 2009 Star of the North Meeting. As part of the award, Dr. Math's article was published in the Northwest Dentistry Journal (June edition). He has also been successful in publishing an article on "Bisphosphonate Related Osteonecrosis of the Jaw" in the Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

Bobby Birdi is a 1st year resident in the Advanced Education Program in Periodontology at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. He is originally from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada where he finished his BSc in Biological and Physical Sciences in 2001. He then received his DMD with distinction from Saskatchewan College of Dentistry in May, 2006. Bobby then moved to the Twin Cities and began the Advanced Education Program in Prosthodontics at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry from which he graduated with an MS degree in May 2009. In his spare time he enjoys participating in physical fitness activities, soccer, basketball, skiing and most of all spending time with his wife Mahnia.

Andrea Hsu is a first year resident in the Advanced Educational Program in Periodontology at the School of Dentistry and is expected to graduate in May of 2012. She obtained her dental degree from McGill University, Canada, in 2008. She subsequently completed a 1 year General Practice Dentistry at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 2009. She enjoys riding her motorcycle to school.

Eric Beckman is a first year resident in the Advanced Educational Program in Periodontology at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. He was born and raised in the Twin Cities but attended the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, WA where he earned his BS degree in biology in 2003. He graduated from the University of Minnesota Dental School in May 2008. During dental school he participated in the Periodontal Honors Course and received the

University of Minnesota - Cont.

AAP Outstanding Achievement in Periodontics Award in 2008. After graduating from dental school, he completed a General Practice Residency at the VA Medical Center in Minneapolis, MN in 2009. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his wife Lauren, playing soccer, fly fishing, camping, telemark skiing and other outdoor activities.

2009 Graduate News

Nick Lowe recently joined Dr. William Woehrmann in Eau Claire, WI. He is excited to begin using the skills learned at the U of M in a private practice setting. In addition to work, Nick keeps busy running, biking, swimming, and playing tennis.

Vasiliki Strantzali is planning on going back to Greece and begin her own private practice limited to periodontics and implant dentistry in the south part of Athens. She also intends to work part time at the Periodontal Department at the School of Dentistry in the University of Athens.

Guizhen Zhang (class of 2009) graduated in May. She will stay in twin cities working part-time while finishing up her thesis defense. She hopes eventually to find some teaching opportunities.

University of Missouri-Kansas City

Residents

This year we had 3 residents graduate from our program, Dr. Allison Tran, Dr. Audra Ward and Dr. Aaron Colby. Dr. Audra Ward completed both her certificate in periodontics and successfully defended her Master's Thesis titled 'Application of the theory of planned behavior to nurse practitioners' understanding of the periodontal-systemic link.' Audra is in private practice in Overland Park, Kansas. Dr. Aaron Colby has completed his certificate and is working hard on completing his Master's Thesis, 'Effectiveness of stereolithographic surgical guides for implants placed with flapless technique: A randomized clinical trial' a clinical study of 24 patients utilizing a flapless protocol with or without a computer generated surgical guide to place implants. While Aaron is doing this, he is also in practice in Arizona so has a lot going on. Dr. Allison Tran is now in private practice in Hawaii. Her husband has been in general dental practice there for the last 3 years while Allison was in her residency here, so they are now enjoying their well earned time together. Our two second year residents, Drs Humaira Habib and Eric Driver are progressing well and are extremely busy in their program, and recently took second place in the Midwest Dental Conference Table Clinic competition for graduate students with their presentation 'Retrospective Papilla Evaluation and JEMT Analysis of Immediately Placed Implants'. Dr. Marcus Blue our first year resident is well into the program and learning to balance clinic and didactic requirements.

Research and Clinic

None of these research efforts or accomplishments would have been possible without the incredible support and involvement of the Department full time, part time and volunteer faculty, and I want to be sure to recognize their efforts here.

New Residents

In July we will welcome 2 new residents to the Program, Dr. Mike Umaki, a 2009 graduate of UMKC and Dr. Nabil Beaini a 2009 graduate from Ohio State.

AAP Meeting

We have our UMKC alumni reception scheduled for Monday, September 14th 2009 in conjunction with the Annual AAP meeting in Boston.

In closing, I would like to wish you all a very happy summer, and look forward to seeing many of you in Boston.

Sincerely,

Simon R. MacNeill BDS., DDS
Director, Advanced Education Program in Periodontics

Mayo Clinic

Department News

We have and are having a very busy clinical, academic, and preparatory year in anticipation of the American Dental Association Accreditation Site visit on October 21 and 22, 2009. As we all know the time and effort involved to put our “best foot forward” increases with each site visit.

Dr. Ayman Balshe (graduate 2008) successfully challenged the American Board of Periodontology and is now a Diplomate. As program directors we are always proud of the accomplishments of “our” residents. Dr. Balshe, left the Minnesota winters and is now in a successful group practice in San Diego.

The Mayo program accepts a resident every 18 months, therefore the program does not have an incoming resident this summer. The program will review the applications in September and accept one resident to start the program in July of 2010.

Dr. Aravind Buddula has assumed the responsibility of “Chief Resident.” Due to the lack of patients in his initial research project, Aravind recently initiated a very interesting study evaluating the success rate of implants placed in irradiated bone.

Dr. Scott Adashek is now in his second year of training. Scott is in the process of selecting a research project potentially evaluating the clinical significance of the CTX diagnostic test as a reliable indicator of developing osteonecrosis of the jaw (ONJ).

University of Michigan

This year we accepted four exceptional students from the candidates we interviewed: Manar Aljatelli, DDS from University of Missouri-Kansas City with a Scholarship from Kuwait University, Lauren Anderson, DDS from the University of Michigan, Victor Mueller, DMD from Johannes-Gutenberg-University in Mainz, Germany, and BiNa Oh, DMD, from Tufts University, School of Dental Medicine.

In addition we have accepted seven outstanding Postdoctoral Scholar students: Maram Alnsour, BDS from the University of Jordan in Amman, Jordan and currently in Gladstone, Michigan. Cynthia Goldin, DDS from Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia in Lima, Peru. Dawlat Hasso, DDS from University of Baghdad School of Dentistry in Baghdad, Iraq and University of Detroit Mercy, James Lee, from the University of Michigan, Tomono Ohtsuka from Keio University in Japan, Chu-Yuan Yeh from National Yang-Ming University and Ildefonso Moreno, DDS from University of Granada in Spain has decided to return for another year in the Postdoctoral Scholar’s Program.

Our graduating class includes Heba Abuhussein who will be pursuing a Ph D. in Public Health, Gustavo Avila who will be teaching at University of Michigan this year, Julius Bunek II who will be joining a private practice in Ann Arbor and was just selected as one of the finalists in this year’s Kramer’s Award, Flavia Pirih who will be joining Dr. McCauley’s Lab as a Postdoctoral Fellow and Hector Rios who has a new position in our department as a tenure track Assistant Professor.

We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate our students who have passed the ABP Board Exam and have become Board Certified Periodontists this past year: Jill Bashutski, Ho-Young Byun, Jingjing Li, Kelly Misch and Suncica Travan, (all from the graduating class of 2008).

Dr. Jill Bashutski was the winner of the 2009 Volpe’s Clinical Research Award.

Dr. Flavia Pirih was the winner of this year’s Midwest Society of Periodontology Graduate Student Research Competition. Both Jill and Flavia were selected as the finalists for the 2009 AAP Balint Orban’s Research Competition.

2010 PROGRAM
February 26–February 28, 2010
The Friday Program will be announced in the
December Newsletter

SPEAKERS for Saturday and Sunday:

Dr. Giulio Rasperini

Title: “New Frontiers in Periodontal and Peri-implant Regeneration”

Kenneth S. Kornman, DDS, PhD

Title: “New frontiers in periodontics: Where have we come from, where are we now, where are we going?”

Dr. Craig Misch

Title: “Management of implant and bone grafting complications: Bringing the dying case back to life”

AAP Elections & Awards

Dr. Samuel B. Low - President

Dr. Donald S. Clem, III – President Elect

Dr. Pamela K. McClain – Vice President

Nancy L. Newhouse - Secretary/Treasurer

**Nominating Committee for the American
Board of Periodontology**

Jonathan M. Jenkins

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53rd Annual Meeting**

**February 26 –
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**Look for
Registration
Materials and
Additional Meeting
Information in
December**

Events to Attend at the AAP Meeting in Boston

**Sunday September 13 12:00 noon – 1:30pm District 4 Forum
Convention Center 2nd Level Room 207**

The District forum provides you an opportunity to have dialogue with trustees about initiatives that the Academy is planning, and learn about issues that are being addressed by the Board of Trustees. An agenda of forum topics will be posted on the AAP website prior to the Annual Meeting.

**Monday September 14 4:30pm – 5:30pm - General Assembly Business Session
Convention Center 2nd Level Room 253A**

You are encouraged to attend the General Assembly Business Session. This is the session at which the Academy's Budget and Constitution and bylaws revisions will be considered, new and re-elected trustees will be installed and outgoing trustees will be recognized. In addition, AAP Foundation scholarships and awards will be announced.



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