Prosthodontics Faculty, Residents, Staff and Alumni Attend 38th Annual Session of the ACP

Several Department of Prosthodontics faculty attended the 38th Annual Session of the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP). The meeting was held October 29-November 1, 2008, in Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Clark Stanford, Prosthodontics, and associate dean for research, was the annual session chair for the meeting. Dr. Steve Aquilino, Prosthodontics, was presented the ACP Educator of the Year Award.

Dr. David Gratton, Dr. Rick Williamson, and Mr. Henry Husemann all presented at the meeting. Dr. Gratton’s presentation was “Perspectives on the Prosthodontist’s Participation in the Digital Revolution.” Dr. Williamson participated in the “Prosthodontic Diagnostic Index (PDI) Calibration Panel/Workshop.” Mr. Husemann was a presenter for the “New Horizons in Dental Laboratory Technology” discussion.

Former College of Dentistry faculty, Dr. Debra Haselton (now at Virginia Commonwealth University), presented “Dental Ceramics: Current Technologies and Future Trends.”

Several Iowa dental alumni also attended the meeting: Dr. Rhonda Jacob (DDS ’79 and MS Prosthodontics ’81) presented “Cancer Treatments: Surgery, Radiation & Chemotherapy.” She also received the ACP Distinguished Lecturer Award. Dr. Thomas Taylor (DDS ’74) and Dr. Susan Brackett (MS Prosthodontics ’87) participated in the Board Preparation Course workshop. Dr. Kent Knoernschild (MS Prosthodontics ’90) was a participant in the Mentors/Educators Workshop: Achieving Excellence in Prosthodontic Education.

Dr. Paul Cashman Wins First Place at ACP Meeting

Dr. Paul Cashman (third-year resident) won first place in the graduate division of the Table Clinics Session during the 38th Annual Session of the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP). His winning presentation was “Analysis of Post-Fatigue Reverse-Torque Values at the Abutment/Implant Interface for a Unitarian Abutment Design.”

Dr. Cashman’s thesis advisor/mentor is Dr. Robert Schneider, Department of Prosthodontics.

Dr. Min-Chieh (Jacob) Liu Wins ACP Sharry Award

Dr. Min-Chieh (Jacob) Liu (MS 2008) won the John J. Sharry Award in the research competition for his presentation “Human Perception of the Translucency of Dental Porcelain Materials Correlated to Spectrophotometric Measurements.” He won based on his abstract, his manuscript, and his oral presentation. Dr. Liu’s thesis advisor/mentor is Dr. Steve Aquilino. His committee members include Drs. Ana Diaz-Arnold and Marcos Vargas, Family Dentistry, and Drs. David Gratton and Peter Lund, Prosthodontics.

Dr. Steve Aquilino Receives ACP Educator of the Year Award

Dr. Steve Aquilino, Prosthodontics, was presented the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) Educator of the Year Award during the recent annual session of the ACP.

This award is given to dental educators for outstanding contributions to the welfare and advancement of the College and/or specialty of prosthodontics, overall achievement to academic dentistry, and contributions to the sciences and health profession.

Department of Preventive & Community Dentistry Hosts Regional Dental Public Health Conference

The Department of Preventive and Community Dentistry hosted a very successful Regional Dental Public Health Conference, which was held November 2-3, 2008 in Coralville. The theme of this Midwestern event, with representatives from Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, and South Dakota, was “Perspectives Within the Dental Public Health Community: Access to Care.” Highlights of the conference included:

- Dr. Don Marianos, former head, Division of Oral Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, who gave the keynote address: “Expanded Access to Oral Health Care: Challenges, Complexities, and Opportunities;”
- Representatives from each of the eight states who spoke about oral health access initiatives in their respective states. Such success stories – as well as learning what doesn’t work – are critical as personnel in the public sector implement programs for the most dentally vulnerable populations;
- National perspectives from the American Dental Association and the nation’s unified services concerning dental access;
- An update about the framework for Healthy People 2020, the national health objectives; and
- Discussion groups addressing community-based, pre-doctoral dental education, alternative approaches and models for dental care and prevention, and health care reform advocacy, and oral health public policy.

The conference was funded in part by a Dental Public Health training grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Health Resources and Services Administration; and four Delta Dental organizations (Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and South Dakota). See page three of this issue for photos from the conference.
Thank You

Thank you to everyone in Family Dentistry and to others in our collegiate family for your well wishes and contributions while I was recovering from knee surgery. I appreciate your thoughtfulness very much.

Cheryl Jennings

Dr. Mark Arnold
Department of Chemistry
University of Iowa

“Terahertz Spectroscopy: What Is It and How Can It Be Used?”
Tuesday, 18 November, 12:00-1:00
Oral B Classroom, DSB

Recent Publications


Kuntz TR, Staley RN, Bigelow HF, Kremenak CR, Jakobsen JR. Arch widths in adults with Class I crowded and Class III malocclusions compared with normal occlusions.

Word Play: Shaggy Dog Story

There was a snake named Nate whose purpose in life was to stay in the desert and guard the lever. This lever was no ordinary lever — if moved, it would destroy the world. Nate took his job very seriously and let nothing get close to the lever. One day, off in the distance, he saw a cloud of dust. The dust cloud continued moving straight towards the lever and Nate saw that it was a huge boulder. Nate pondered what he could do to save the world and decided if he could get in front of the boulder, he could deflect it and it would miss the lever. Nate slithered quickly to intersect the boulder. The boulder ran over Nate, but was deflected, leaving history to conclude that it was better Nate than lever.
Dr. Don Marianos, former dental chief, Division of Oral Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, with conference organizers, Dr. Ray Kuthy (left) and Dr. Steve Levy (right), both Preventive & Community Dentistry

Lt. Col. Jeff Chaffin describing the military’s TRICARE dental program.

Katherine Weno, DDS, JD, dental director, Kansas Department of Public Health, explaining an innovative program for treating children with special health care needs.
In memory of Ezra Cotton Ross...
June 30, 2008 - October 3, 2008
Ezra received multiple blood transfusions at the UIHC.

Blood Drive
College of Dentistry—IASDA

Monday, November 17
10 to 2 pm
Oral B Classroom & Lab

Appointments encouraged
To sign up, please email: jill.shonka@uiowa.edu
Or online at www.uhealthcare.com/bloodcenter

Questions, please call the DeGowin Blood Center at 336-2058
MAKING THE CONNECTION to Organizational Effectiveness services
http://www.uiowa.edu/hr/oe

ALL FACULTY & STAFF

**Tuition Assistance**
The Tuition Assistance deadline is 11/22/08. Eligible staff may apply for financial assistance to help defray the cost of tuition-only fees for one college credit course (up to four semester hours). Visit http://www.uiowa.edu/~fusstfdy/awards/tuitionassist.htm for details.

**Personalized, confidential help is offered through UI Elder Care Information, Guidance & Referral. Call today for an appointment, 335-1371, and visit http://www.uiowa.edu/hr/famserv/eldercare.html for more information.**

**Occasional Child Care**
Need occasional child care? Reliable babysitters (UI students) to help you achieve work and academic responsibilities are available through the Occasional Care Child Program. http://www.uiowa.edu/hr/famserv/childcare/occasional.html

**UI SMART**
Got an idea that will save money for your department or the University? Submit your suggestions online. If your suggestion is new and is implemented, you may win $100. http://www.uiowa.edu/~cqi/smart.html

**UI Business Processes Series**
The spring 2009 Business Processes Series application is available NOW at: http://www.uiowa.edu/~fusstfdy/series/businessshr.htm
If you are responsible for UI business and human resources transactions, this series is for you. See website for application—deadline is Friday, December 5.

**Managing Projects & Priorities**
Balance competing priorities—Stay on top of critical deadlines—Set aggressive yet realistic goals

**Staff Appreciation Funds**
Departments across campus have accessed funds made available through Staff Council and The University of Iowa Community Credit Union to support appreciation for all staff. Examples of approved grants include: support for breakfasts served by supervisors, t-shirts with department logos, walking taco lunch, etc. Visit http://www.uiowa.edu/hr/recognition/ for applications.

**New Online MFK Course**
Have you ever wondered how MFKs (Master File Keys) are created and coded? Accounting Services, in partnership with OE, has developed an online course titled “General Ledger Accounting Code” for both novice and experienced users. To take this course, log in to Self-Service, My Training, and click on “Available Online ICON Courses.”

**Thanks to everyone who participated in the Working at Iowa survey and congratulations on achieving a 62.3% response rate!**

DEOs, MANAGERS & SUPERVISORS

**Supervisory Help Line**
If you would like to discuss a situation in preparation for a difficult conversation, phone 335-2085 and a consultant from Organizational Effectiveness will return your call—usually within 24 hours.

Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to attend all University of Iowa-sponsored events. If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation in order to participate in this program, please contact UI Learning & Development in advance at (335) 2687.