The Department welcomed Dr. Theo Katsaros as a new clinical assistant professor on August 31, 2016. Dr. Katsaros completed his DDS degree (2008) at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece. Following graduation, he served five years in the Greek army and practiced general dentistry prior to specializing in periodontics. In June 2016, he completed his MS and Certificate in periodontics at Louisiana State University in New Orleans, LA. He brings a fresh perspective to our predoctoral and postdoctoral programs and is accepting new patients in our faculty practice.

The annual meeting of the American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) was held in San Diego, CA September 10-13. Faculty members attended the predoctoral and postdoctoral educational workshops and excellent continuing education seminars. As a member of the Research Committee, Dr. Satheesh Elangovan was a judge at the Balint Orban Research Competition. Dr. Paula Weistroffer represented District IV at the State and Regional Assembly. Dr. Gustavo Avila participated in a strategic planning meeting of the AAP Foundation. Dr. Georgia Johnson served as a consultant at a test construction workshop for the American Board of Periodontology and as a member of the District IV Nominating Committee. Our two senior residents, Dr. Sarah Rinehart and Kelsey Tengan, also attended the meeting. It was a pleasure to visit with several alumni at our Iowa Alumni reception held on Monday, September 12.
Several faculty members presented continuing education courses this fall. Dr. Gustavo Avila and Dr. Hector Rios (University of Michigan) presented a lecture at the main session and also a hands-on workshop program at the ACPO (Colombian Association of Periodontics and Osseointegration) Annual Meeting, which was held in Cartagena, Colombia in August.

Dr. Kim Brogden was invited to speak at the North Central Branch meeting of the American Society for Microbiology in Ames, IA on October 21. He lectured on “Creating Computational Simulation Models Containing Patient Mutational Profiles Predict Drug Responder Status to anti-PD-1/PD-L1 Immunotherapy.” He also presented on simulation models to predict drug responder status at the 43rd International Society of Oncology and Biomarkers (ISOBM), Chicago, September 5, 2016.

Ms. Nancy Slach gave a program, “Tobacco Cessation: Electronic Cigarettes and More,” to Dubuque Periodontics, sponsored by Dr. James Fili on September 15.

Dr. Georgia Johnson spoke on “Peri-implantitis – the Newest Periodontal Disease” at the Iowa Dental Alumni Day program on September 16.

On October 7, Dr. Steven Clark lectured on “Pharmacology and Therapeutics of Oral Anxiolytic Agents” at the University District Dental Society meeting held in Cedar Rapids, IA.

On September 30, the department hosted an all-day guest speaker, Dr. Paul Levi, who presented a collegiate continuing education program, “Highlights in Periodontology 2016,” which was well received.
Dr. Satish Kumar who is currently a full time faculty member at the University of Pittsburg spoke to our department on “Pain Management Update for Periodontists and Oral Manifestations of Systemic Disease” on November 1 and gave a noon seminar on evidence based dentistry in conjunction with the collegiate research seminar series.

Dr. Theo Katsaros was invited to participate in the Dentsply University Ambassador program held in Boston, MA in October. He was also selected to attend the Osteology Foundation Research Academy Core Module program in Boston from October 24 to 27, 2016 at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. The Osteology Research Academy is an outstanding opportunity for early career faculty and post-doctoral fellows to learn from, and network with, some of the leading researchers in dentistry.

Residents Drs. Sarah Rinehart and Marian Antonius published an electronic publication in *Essentials in Clinical Periodontology and Implant Dentistry*, the portal for which Dr. Satheesh Elangovan is editor. This is sponsored by the *Journal of Evidence Based Dentistry* and Elsevier. They did a very nice job making the article simple to read but at the same time clinically relevant. Well done! Here is the link to their article:

http://www.essentialsindentistry.com/content/clincal-essentials-new-4

Congratulations to Dr. Gustavo Avila and his wife, Irene, and daughter, Maria, who welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Sofia, to their family on October 6. Gustavo is definitely outnumbered at home now! Another joyous event in our department was the marriage of second-year resident, Dr. Marian Antonius, to
Dr. Mina Alfi on October 23 in Los Angeles, CA. Residents Drs. Joseph Ballatore and Kelsey Tengan, and Sheena Schumacher, dental assistant, were there to help them celebrate.


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