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What a busy summer for the department!

During the June Iowa Board of Regents meeting, Dr. Kim Brogden received the 2014 Iowa Board of Regents Award for Faculty Excellence. This award was awarded to six University of Iowa Faculty members for their excellence in teaching and supporting the University’s mission. Congratulations Kim!

The Department of Periodontics held our awards luncheon on June 4, 2014. The following students and faculty received awards:

2014 American Association of Periodontology Student Award – Presented to Sarah Rinehart (DDS Class of 2014) This award is given to a promising senior student who demonstrates high academic and clinical achievement in Periodontics.

2014 American Association of Periodontology Award for Outstanding Teaching and Mentoring – Presented to Dr. Satheesh Elangovan This award is given to a periodontal educator who has demonstrated a commitment to excellence in providing education in the full scope of clinical periodontics and relays that enthusiasm to students.

C. Mahlon Fraleigh Award – Presented to Dr. Monica Raina (Periodontics Class of 2014) The award is given to a second or third year resident who demonstrates outstanding leadership, scholarship, clinical performance and professional attitude in the field of Periodontology.

Fall 2014
**Dr. R. A. Greenawalt Scholarship Fund – Presented to Ryan Humbert (DDS Class of 2015)**

The recipient participates in a week long externship within the Department of Periodontics directed by Dr. Steven Clark.

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**Dr. Frank Molsberry Award – Presented to Lauren Harvey (DDS Class of 2014)**

This award, named after a former faculty member within the Department of Periodontics, is given to an outstanding pre-doctoral student.

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International experts in periodontal regeneration met in Chicago June 2-4 to participate in an American Academy of Periodontology sponsored workshop entitled “Enhancing Periodontal Health through Regenerative Approaches.” Dr. Gustavo Avila-Ortiz, Department of Periodontics, actively participated in the group which focused on the treatment of furcation defects. A systematic review and consensus will be published in Journal of Periodontology while the clinical guidelines will be published in Clinical Advances in Periodontics. Dr. Avila-Ortiz also participated in the Academy of Osseointegration’s 2014 Summit Conference, co-chaired by Dr. Clark Stanford, which was held in Chicago in early August. Five teams of experts developed systematic reviews and clinical practice guidelines for management of the edentulous maxilla. Dr. Gustavo Avila Ortiz chaired one of these working groups which addressed the use of biologics. Conclusions from the meeting will be published in the *International Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Implants*.

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Faculty attended numerous continuing education programs this summer. Drs. Gustavo Avila Ortiz and Juan Gonzalez (visiting scholar) attended the 2014 Ramfjord Symposium “From
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Periodontitis to Peri-Implantitis: A Multi-Specialty Approach” held June 5-7, 2014 at the University of Michigan. Dr. Avila - Ortiz also made a presentation on ridge preservation at the conference. On June 6th, Dr. Paula Weistroffer attended a daylong conference on “Cultural Diversity in Health Care”. The conference was geared towards educating Iowa’s health care providers about the importance of providing culturally responsive and competent care in order to improve access to quality health care and reduce health disparities. Dr. Georgia Johnson attended a conference, “Teeth for a Lifetime”, cosponsored by the specialty organizations of endodontics, periodontics and prosthodontics in Chicago the weekend of July 18th.

Guest speakers in our department included Dr. Giorgio Pagni (Florence, Italy) on June 10 and Dr. Pablo Galindo-Moreno (Granada, Spain) on August 5. Dr. Pagni presented “The alveolar socket and immediate implants: What factors influence the timing of treatment?” to the residents and faculty. Dr. Galindo-Moreno gave a lecture on peri-implant marginal bone loss, which was attended by faculty and residents from the departments of Periodontics and Prosthodontics.

On June 13th, Dr. Paula Weistroffer was an invited speaker to the 2014 HRSA Training Conference at the University of Nebraska Medical Campus. She presented “Models for Interprofessional Education (IPE) and Practice (IPP) in the U.S. - Transforming Clinical Beginnings” Drs. Satheesh Elangovan and Georgia Johnson made presentations on Evidence Based Dentistry and Peri-implantitis, respectively, at the collegiate sponsored Last Chance Continuing Education Program June 13. On July 10th, UI president Sally Mason visited the college. Dr. Satheesh Elangovan had the privilege of presenting “Non-Viral Gene Delivery for Bone Tissue Engineering,”.
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At the end of June, we celebrated the graduation of our third year residents, Christopher Poulsen and Monica Raina, at a party hosted by the Humberts’. They will make great contributions to the communities they will be practicing in Post Fall, ID and Toronto, Canada.

Along with saying goodbye to our graduates, we said goodbye to Juan Gonzalez, who participated as a visiting scholar in the first periodontics postdoctoral continuing education program. Thanks to his hard work and dedication, the first year of the program was a huge success. He has since returned home to Granada, Spain and will continue his Ph.D. work.

On July 1st, we welcomed the Class of 2017 to the program, Drs. Sarah Rinehart (Univ. of Iowa graduate) and Kelsey Tengan (Creighton Univ. graduate). On July 14th, we welcomed Miguel Bustillos to the periodontics postdoctoral continuing education program. Miguel graduated from University of Granada in Granada, Spain at the end of June and is looking at continuing his education and research while in the program.
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On July 14th, the department held our annual all-department retreat at the University Conference Center located downtown Iowa City. The day was filled with great information regarding updates to the new Iowa Dental Wellness plan, updated encryption requirements, faculty committees within the college. During the afternoon, the faculty collaborated together on the department’s strategic plan for the next 5 years and worked on case scenarios for use in student evaluation. The staff attended a session focused on time and stress management and discussed future training sessions for the group.