Dr. Georgia Johnson presented lectures on periodontal and restorative considerations for management of noncarious cervical defects and peri-implantitis at the US Air Force General Dentistry Residency Program at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio in January.

Drs. Gustavo Avila-Ortiz and Satheesh Elangovan were the featured speakers at the GV Black Study Club in Des Moines in February 2014. They gave a full day update on ‘Management of the extraction site and Periodontal regeneration’.

Residents and faculty attended Midwest Society of Perio meeting— Steve Clark served as a judge for the graduate student research forum. Paula (secretary) now is Vice-President (2014-15). Gustavo will be coordinating the grad student research forum in 2015.

Dr. Satheesh Elangovan has received a one year Academy of Osseointegration grant for $14,500. The grant will be used for his research project, “An in vitro Assessment of a Tissue Engineering Titanium Surface for Enhanced Peri-Implant Healing.” Dr. Veerasathpurush Allareddy, Department of Orthodontics; Dr. Liu Hong, Department of Prosthodontics; and Dr. Aliasger Salem, College of Pharmacy, will be co-investigators on the grant. Dr. Georgia Johnson, head of the Department of Periodontics, and Clark Stanford, associate dean for research, will be consultants.

On March 27, Dr. Georgia Johnson gave a presentation entitled “Smoking and Dental Implant Outcomes” during the 2014 III SCOI International Congress in Granada, Spain. (picted: Dr. Georgia Johnson, Miguel Romero Bustillos, and Irene Jimenez Espinosa; both visited the department in August 2013 and Miguel will be participating in the Periodontics Professional Development Program beginning in July 2014)

Congratulations to Dr. Lewis Humbert. He was presented with The Class of 2015 Superblock Faculty of the Year Award during the 2014 Apollonian Frolics (Gumball) on March 29, 2014


On May 2nd and 3rd Dr. Gustavo Avila gave a course with Drs. Hector Rios and Jill Bashutski, from the University of Michigan, on ‘Implant site development and Periodontal regeneration’ for the Colombian Society of Periodontontology in Cali, Colombia.

During the Iowa Dental Association Annual Meeting on May 2nd and 3rd, Drs. Satheesh Elangovan and Paula Weistroffer, and adjunct faculty, Drs. Adrienne Gunstream and Derek Borgwardt, all Department of Periodontics, presented “A Panel of Lectures on Current Topics in Clinical Periodontics.” Their CEU session was sponsored in part by the Iowa Society of Periodontontology.

On May 16th and 17th, Dr. Gustavo Avila attended the course ‘Soft tissue grafting’ by Dr. Pat Allen in the Center for Advanced Dental Education in Dallas, TX
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On May 21th, Dr. Nadeem Karimbux, DMD, MMSc, Editor of the Journal of Dental Education, Professor of Periodontology and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, presented “Peri-Implantitis” to the Periodontic residents and faculty and presented “Getting your work published in the Journal of Dental Education” to the college.

Congratulations to Dr. Gustavo Avila-Ortiz and his wife, Irene, on the birth of their daughter, Maria, in late March.

Recent Publications from the department:
