The pages seem to fly off the calendar as we mark the end of another busy and successful year in Dentistry.

You’ll have the opportunity in this edition of Momentum to see photos and read about the excellent Dentistry Alumni and Friends Conference that was held in November in Naples, Florida. An alumni and friends mailing went out before the holidays including a CD of the Naples event, along with a pictorial walk down memory lane, and a presentation regarding our past achievements and future vision.

We were pleased to have Dr. C. McCollister Evarts, the newly appointed senior vice president and vice provost for Health Affairs at the Medical Center and Strong Health CEO, at the conference.

Our strategic planning process has moved into the prioritizing phase and we look forward to a final report outlining new initiatives for our future.

Our research activities continue to increase. There are new labs in the EDC concourse area as well as the towers. Drs. Michel Koo, Andy Teng, and Gene Watson have moved into the concourse research space and have been very productive in their research activities. Dr. Ephraim Yerkanides has set up his laboratory on the fifth floor of EDC and has some exciting research underway.

The education area has witnessed expanded training grant opportunities. Dr. Ralph Saunders recruited a dental resident to participate in the new Two-year Interdisciplinary Geriatric Fellowship Program. This is a two year fellowship program whose goal is to prepare professionals in the disciplines of medicine, psychiatry, and dentistry to become accomplished leaders and innovators in the field of aging with unique expertise in geriatric education.

We’ve incorporated technology into our classrooms at the EDC site. The three conference centers now have state-of-the-art audiovisual facilities that have broadened the scope of the classroom to include cyberspace. There have been a significant increase in residents who are enrolling in MPH and MS degree programs and we received full CODA accreditation for our Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and General Practice Residency programs at the SMH site.

We are pleased that patient visits and revenue have increased so that the clinical programs are financially self-sufficient and the Eastman Dental Center endowment funds can be allocated to the support of education and research. There has also been an increase of care to the underserved at the Eastman Dental Center site, at School #17, and the Downtown Clinic.

We have established a self-insured dental insurance plan so University faculty and staff can be treated through the University Dental Faculty Program.

As we move ahead, our research goals include effort to boost our national reputation as a research institution; to enhance clinical and translational research to better integrate basic with translational and clinical research efforts; and to improve the overall quality and number of research-intensive faculty.

Our education goals include the need to recruit and retain the highest quality residents and students to become future oral health leaders; to link the clinical training programs with Dentistry’s overall research mission; to optimize the number of residents and students receiving oral health clinical and research training; to encourage and enhance the intersection between GME funded residents in Dentistry and the Medical Center; to attract faculty who are well-trained in providing postdoctoral education and to strive for diversity in the resident and student population.

Patient care is an important part of our mission and our goal in that area is to enhance the integration of oral health care into the overall operation of the Medical Center/Strong Health to deliver oral health services in an efficient and cost-effective manner; to improve the oral health of the Rochester community; and to develop a clinical care system that provides residents and students the clinical experience to fulfill the educational requirements of each program.

This year, 2004, promises to be an exciting and challenging year with much to accomplish. I invite you to join us in this effort as a member of the Eastman/Dentistry family.

Sincerely,

Cyril Meyerowitz
Eastman Department of Dentistry Professor and Chair
Eastman Dental Center

Dr. Robert Quivey is my Ph.D. advisor,” said Fozo, “and I am completing my thesis research in his laboratory in the Center for Oral Biology.” Dr. Quivey is an associate professor with primary appointments in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology and Oral Biology and a secondary appointment in the Department of Dentistry.

Fozo began her Ph.D. training at the University of Rochester in July 1999 in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology and hopes to complete her training in the summer 2004.

Fozo was supported by Dentistry’s Cariology Training Grant and has been funded under the Training Program in Oral Infectious Diseases since July 2000. Her current plans are to continue research in microbiology and to eventually become a university professor.

In the News

IADR/Unilever Hatton Award Winner

Elizabeth Fozo, a fifth-year Ph.D. student, won second place in the senior category of the IADR/Unilever Hatton competition at the combined AADR/IADR meeting held in Hawaii.

Fozo said, “In order to participate in the international competition, I first competed in the AADR competition for researchers in the U.S.A. After placing 3rd in that competition, I was selected to advance to the international competition for the IADR/Unilever Hatton Awards.”

The Hatton award was based on her doctoral thesis research, “Role of Fatty Acids in Survival of Streptococcus mutans.”

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ON THE ROAD TO NATIONAL PROMINENCE

Dr. Jay Stein, resigned his position with the Medical Center in May, 2003. Following a search, C. McCollister “Mac” Evarts was appointed in September as senior vice president and vice provost for Health Affairs and Medical Center CEO. With more than four decades of experience as an orthopedic surgeon and health care administrator, Dr. Evarts takes over the helm of the Medical Center at a critical juncture in its growth and development. Below we talk to Dr. Evarts to find out a bit more about his career, and how he plans to use his years of experience to shape the immediate and long-term future of the Medical Center.

Q: So back where it all started? Dr. Evarts: Yes. It’s true that some things in life do come full circle. I came to the medical school having selected Rochester over some other notable schools. I was given the advice that it was the best college of medicine in the Northeastern part of the United States by my uncle, who at that time was the dean of the Downstate College of Medicine. Being from Fredonia (a small southwestern New York town about 60 miles south of Buffalo), I think I was a bit reluctant to move to New York City. And, I liked the philosophy of medical education at Rochester. Rochester really had— and still has—a stellar reputation for medical education.

Q: When you decided to become a doctor, did you know you would specialize in? Dr. Evarts: Absolutely not. I fell into the category of someone that wanted to be a doctor from a fairly young age, but really wasn’t clear at all what type of medicine I wanted to pursue. So, after completing medical school, I entered the two-year rotating internship at Rochester to help select a specialty. As an outcome of that, I moved into general surgery. I was then drafted during the so-called “doctor draft,” and spent two years in the U.S. Navy, one year on an aircraft carrier. I came back to Rochester and began the orthopaedic residency program. After completion, I joined the Cleveland Clinic in their orthopaedic department, and served as chair of the department from 1973-1974. In 1974, I came back to URMIC to head the newly formed Department of Orthopedics. I stayed until 1987.

Q: Then you went to… Dr. Evarts: Then I went to Penn State College of Medicine at the Hershey Medical Center. My role there was senior vice president for Health Affairs, dean of the College of Medicine and CEO of the Hershey Medical Center. In 2003, we moved back to Rochester.

Q: Why back to Rochester? Dr. Evarts: Both Nancy (my wife) and I consider Rochester as our professional home. I have been associated with academic health centers throughout my entire career, and URMIC is an academic health center that is really on the move— growing in size and stature, and making waves in research. After some urging, the senior leadership at Rochester convinced us to move.

Q: With the many years of experience you have, first as a physician, and then as an administrator of a major academic health center, what do you hope to bring to the University of Rochester Medical Center? Dr. Evarts: I understand what the components are of an outstanding academic health center. There needs to be a balance between the four missions of research, education, and patient care, and community outreach, and an integration of these missions so that each can excel in its particular area. I think the outstanding academic health centers in this country today not only have this integration, but they are at the leading edge of research, education, patient care, and community outreach. That requires a special commitment by the leadership to create an environment where the faculty and staff driving each of the missions have the tools and support needed to ensure their growth and success. So right now, I am concentrating on integration and creating an environment to enable URMIC to continue its growth.

Q: Can you give us a sense of what your vision is for each of the mission areas? Dr. Evarts: In the educational arena, we have to continue to refine what is currently a very innovative curriculum in order to educate our students to become outstanding physicians in the 21st century. There are different demands that are going to be made on these students. One of them is going to be to collaborate with other parts of the health care team—no longer is there a role for a single physician controlling everything as far as health care delivery. Physicians will have to work in teams of nurses and others. And, the cost of medical education has risen exponentially. We have students who are leaving with major debts, and that sometimes leads to the selection of a specialty inappropriately. Also, a recent survey by the Council on Graduate Medical Education suggests that there will be a shortage of all types of physicians—not just specialists—in the near future, so we are being encouraged to educate more students and perhaps compress the timeframe for medical education. Both of these present challenges that we are studying very closely so that we can continue to provide the very best education for our students.

Q: What about the research initiative here? Dr. Evarts: There exists an absolutely wonderful research infrastructure at URMIC. We have state-of-the-art biomedical research buildings that are filled with some of the world's most distinguished basic science faculty poised to make significant research discoveries. The construction of the two research buildings and the subsequent recruitment was and continues to be a dramatic undertaking. We have created a certain momentum in the research area that is not slowing down. The momentum is reflected by the stunning increases in NIH funding we have recently sustained. In fact, our percentage of growth in research funding is fourth among the top 20 schools. That doesn’t mean we are in fourth funding, but we are fourth in the percentage of growth. It is truly remarkable. And it’s not slowing down.

My main objective here is to continue to attract top-notch scientists established in their field of research. Sometimes, I think we all tend to focus on the numbers—let’s increase our funding, let’s increase our rank. But if we maintain and enhance the quality of our research programs, those numbers will continue to grow.

Q: Speaking of growth, are there any particular clinical areas we will focus on? Dr. Evarts: All major academic health centers are full service institutions. So while we will continue to be a full service provider, there will be some very specific areas that will grow, especially in relation to the demographics here. The reality is that our region is home to an aging population, and we must be able to provide the care and services needed by these folks. At the same time, we will continue to focus on those niche programs that have proven successful or have the potential to draw patients from a broad geographic region.

Q: And what about community outreach? Dr. Evarts: I think community outreach is one of the areas that we need to pay a fair amount of attention to. We need to be able to collaborate with the Monroe County Health Department, along with the other institutions in town, to address the health of our citizens. We have some of the basic building blocks to be able to do this, and if we partner with other health systems and the health department, we will have a pretty strong coalition.

Q: How would you characterize your leadership style? Dr. Evarts: Hopefully, my leadership is transformational rather than transactional. By that I mean setting the direction so that people can respond and work towards a common goal. I try to do this in a deliberative and evaluative manner to reach conclusions and to make decisions. This is one of the reasons I have identified the senior leadership team that meets every morning at 7:30 a.m. It includes the hospital CEO (Steve Goldstein), the chief financial officer (Mike Goonan), the dean (David Guizick), the chief medical officer (Ray Mayewski), and the Medical Center’s chief operating officer (Peter Robinson), and we have almost 100 percent participation every day. I think right now they are afraid not to attend (chuckles).

This meeting helps to achieve the integration I talked about earlier; all parts of the institution are talking with each other on a daily basis. Now part of the reason for the formation was that I had a very, very steep learning curve about what was going on around here. But now, it helps me to review what happened yesterday and what is going to happen today and what is going to happen tomorrow. We use it as a mechanism so that I am not arbitrarily making decisions—or avoiding making them either.

This meeting also allows me to get different perspectives. If someone comes in to talk about space or has an issue, you have a very wise group of people with a lot of history here who can help formulate a response or decision that takes all parts of the institution into account.

Q: Should faculty and staff expect to see any significant changes? Dr. Evarts: We have already talked about growth. We should continue to see growth, not necessarily in new buildings, but more activities. I also hope faculty and staff will see an opportunity for integration and responsiveness by senior leadership to their concerns. I think we want to create a place where they are proud to say they work—make them part of the institution, and not just some gigantific place where you have to work.

Q: When you leave, what would you like your legacy to be? Dr. Evarts: I would like to think that when I leave we will be among the very, very top academic health centers in the world. And I’d like to leave it in a position to continue its growth. Historically, academic health centers do not plan well for succession. I would really like to create an environment where when it’s time for me to leave we can attract a successor that is the very best in the country.

Q: Do you have one message for faculty and staff? Dr. Evarts: Yes. The potential here is absolutely incredible in all areas—the research enterprise, education, patient care, and community outreach. We have barely scratched the surface!
PATIENT CARE

Good Oral Health Is At The Core Of Wellness — 7th District

The National Call to Action to Promote Oral Health released by Surgeon-General Richard H. Carmona encourages policymakers and community stakeholders to address the disparities in oral health care and to expand efforts to improve that care in every community in the country.

Tooth decay remains the single most common, chronic, childhood disease. Oral and pharyngeal cancers, primarily diagnosed in the elderly, affects about 30,000 Americans annually; 8,000 a year die from this disease. Children lose more than 51 million school hours annually and adults lose more than 164 million work hours to dental disease or dental visits. The nation's total bill for oral health services was estimated to be $70.1 billion in 2002. This does not include indirect expenses of oral health problems or the cost of services by other health care providers.

Solutions to these challenges rely on the support of individuals, health care providers, communities, and policymakers at all levels of society.

What can we do right in our own community to improve oral health care, particularly for underserved populations?

Dentistry at the University of Rochester Medical Center, which includes Eastman Dental Center (EDC), the Community Outreach Programs, and Strong Memorial Hospital, provide over 140,000 patient visits a year.

A significant amount of that service is provided to underserved populations in the Rochester and surrounding rural areas. Patients included over 32,000 urban and rural area residents—including nearly 17,000 on Medicaid, over 9,000 children, the elderly, special needs patients, such as the homeless, disabled, and those with HIV/AIDS.

"Good oral health is at the core of wellness and all citizens are entitled to that wellness," said Dr. Cyril Meyerowitz. "National statistics on dental care show that 22 percent of adults report some form of oral facial pain in the past six months due to poor dental health." Meyerowitz added, "There is a large population in our community, who live their lives dealing with tooth decay and oral pain. We cannot meet the need alone and have reached out to our colleagues in the New York State Dental Association’s seventh District.

A planning committee that included Dr. Andrew Vorassi, a Seventh District member, proposed a demonstration project with the District and EDC as partners in increasing oral health care to underserved populations. "Our proposal supports access to care among Medicaid recipients; the utilization of Medicaid services by Medicaid recipients; satisfaction with oral health care among those recipients; and an evaluation of the community’s oral health status using current surveillance programs in the Monroe County area," said Dr. Vorassi. "The proposal would link with the New York State Academic Dental Centers proposal, which addresses the commissioner of health’s goal to increase access of dental care to Medicaid beneficiaries."

The proposal includes a process so that dentists in the private sector could participate in EDC programs that provide care to underserved populations at the Daisy Marquis Jones Foundation Outreach Dental Center at School No. 17, the Downtown Health Care Center, the Mount Morris Dental Center, and urban school children treated at one of the three SMILEmobiles.

The proposal also includes an educational component to develop outreach programs that target Medicaid populations to emphasize the need for oral health services among the poor.

An evaluation will be designed to assess the impact of the joint program on Medicaid utilization in the Greater Rochester area.

ADA Student Research Conference

The ADA Council on Scientific Affairs selected Dentistry at the University of Rochester Medical Center (URMC) to host the 39th annual ADA Dental Students Conference on Research in April. This annual conference traditionally rotates between the NIH campus and the ADA main office in Chicago.

The fact that Dentistry at the URMC was selected to host this year’s conference is an indication of the high regard held by the ADA for the dental research and training programs in the Center for Oral Biology (COB) and the Eastman Department of Dentistry (RDD).

"This is an important forum for bringing together potential future leaders in oral health research," said COB Director Dr. James Melvin. "Cyril and I felt that hosting this event was very important because the attendees included students from nearly 50 U.S. and Canadian dental schools. The students take materials and first-hand stories about our programs and facilities back to their classmates. It’s a wonderful way to recruit new trainees."

Dr. Cyril Meyerowitz said, "The conference provided us with an excellent opportunity to showcase our research areas and our entire postdoctoral program to a group of students who already exhibit an interest in research. It behooves us to cultivate our future researchers from these students."

The students visited both the COB and Eastman Dental Center sites and asked a number of questions about the research opportunities available through the various postdoctoral programs.
Convocation 2003 ACHIEVING A MAJOR CAREER MILESTONE

In his introduction of Convocation 2003’s keynote speaker, Dr. Cyril Meyerowitz, said, “We are very fortunate this evening to have Bill Calnon as our keynote speaker. Bill is the president of the New York State Dental Association, he is an alumnus of the GPR program, and he was described in the NYS Dental Journal as a ‘genuinely nice guy.’”

The Journal article also mentioned the importance Dr. Calnon placed on mentoring and how he refers to himself as a “poster child” for the mentoring system. When he entered the GPR program at Strong in 1978, the attendings he met included professionals like Fred Halik, John Billen, Mort Guttenberg, and Howard Fine. Dr. Calnon said that he would love it if every new dentist could benefit as he did from contact with established colleagues.

Dr. Meyerowitz concluded his introduction by saying, “As you take your place in the professional world, I hope you will remember Bill Calnon’s mentoring message and reach out to professionals in your field as role models and then repay the courtesy by mentoring new dentists as they transition into the system.”

Awards

Iranpour Award for Excellence in Clinical Education

The winner of the 2003 Bejan Iranpour Award for Excellence in Clinical Education was Dr. Charles Oster, someone who holds the faculty position of clinical professor and has been on faculty for more than 20 years, working with residents in both the prosthodontic and AEGD programs. He is also an ’84 graduate of the Prosthodontic Program.

One of the recommendation letters came from a resident, who said, “Dr. Oster is an easygoing person who has an extraordinary ability to work with elderly people and he makes you see the most challenging case in a very simple and straightforward way.”

This award was first given in 2000 and it went to the person who exemplified excellence in clinical education and after whom the award was named, Dr. Bejan Iranpour.

Part-time Faculty Award

The second award presented was to a part-time faculty member who exemplified the positive relationship that needs to be fostered between a teacher and a student.

The 2003 Part-Time Faculty Award was given to Dr. David Levy, a dedicated mentor and faculty member for over 20 years and an individual who is forever learning and sharing his knowledge with others.

The 2003 Basil G. Bibby Fellowship Award

The Bibby Fellowship was created by Dr. Bibby’s widow, Mrs. Beatrice Bibby, who attended the 2003 Convocation. The purpose of the award is to honor Dr. Basil G. Bibby’s academic and research accomplishments. His efforts have set the stage for thousands of students and faculty, national and international, to establish and maintain productive and challenging careers as dentists, researchers, and teachers.

Dr. Anh Nguyen, who is also from the AEGD Program.

Gerald N. Graser Fellowship Fund

The establishment of the Gerald N. Graser Fellowship Fund, honoring Dr. Graser, the chief of the Division of Prosthodontics, was announced during the evening.

The awardee will be encouraged to pursue an academic or administrative position related to the prosthodontic specialty when the fellowship is completed. The 2003-04 Fellow has to continue to work closely with members of the Dentistry faculty and staff to implement educational projects, learn educational theories, explore new teaching methods, and develop skills in research and curriculum innovation.

Dr. Carlo Ercoli, director of the Prosthodontics Program, and Dr. Graser presented the first fellowship award to Dr. Wael Garine.
MESSAGE TO THE GRADUATES

This is an important evening because the 79 people who entered this auditorium are achieving a major milestone in their career. Many of you will be moving into the world to pursue your future; some will join practice or set up new ones. Some will pursue academic careers—hopefully in one of our programs, while some will enter the world of research.

Those who have worked side by side with you, the faculty, staff, and administrators hope you will continue to exemplify George Eastman’s legacy as you move on.

One of our primary goals in your clinical practice has been the provision of oral health care for the underserved. Our hope is that you would develop a sensitivity for the social context of people living in poverty along with the importance of providing care for the underserved. We hope you will take that sensitivity with you in whatever career you choose.

Our vision is to be a preeminent postgraduate program, a world-class research institution, a local and national leader of high quality oral health care, and a service educational outlet, which is a national model for the integration of dentistry with medicine in the health-care system. We have set high expectations for ourselves. We also have high expectations for you—as we do for all our alumni—whether you pursue a career as a clinician, researcher, or academician.

There are some existing opportunities ahead in the oral health field. We hope you will maintain your ties with us so we can congratulate you on your achievements and be part of your future.

Good luck and I look forward to your participation as a member of the Eastman/Dentistry family.

Dr. Cyril Meyerowitz

EDUCATION NEWS

FOURTH VICTIM DISCLOSED IN MICHIGAN MURDERS

A man had been arrested in the four-murder case of the Graham family in Michigan. The police, after an extensive investigation, arrested a man who had been staying in the area at the time of the crime. The incident is being investigated as a possible motive for murder.

Dr. Mervyn Shear, MDS, DSc, presented a series of lectures for Dentistry residents, faculty, and community dentists on oral cancer and precancer, developmental odontogenic and non-odontogenic cysts, odontogenic tumors, and gingival lesions. The series was sponsored through Dentistry’s Bridges Program that supports the visiting scholars program.

“Having Dr. Shear visit us from South Africa is both an honor and a pleasure,” said Cyril Meyerowitz. “He is a world-renowned oral pathologist and has a unique opportunity for our residents, faculty, and community dentists. He graciously agreed to have his lectures videotaped so the information will be available for future viewing.”

Dr. Shear said, “It’s extremely rewarding to lecture to a group of residents who have their whole careers ahead of them and who are showing such an interest in learning about all the aspects of oral health and not just the aspects of their particular specialties.” He added, “Including the faculty and dentists from the community further demonstrates the desire to treat the whole patient, bringing medicine and dentistry together to benefit each patient.”

GUEST ORAL PATHOLOGIST LECTURES

Dr. Mervyn Shear is registered as a specialist oral pathologist with the South African Health Professions Council, previously the SA Medical and Dental Council, and is a dentist and specialist in oral pathology with the General Dental Council in the United Kingdom. He is presently an emeritus professor, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg and an extraordinary professor at the University of the Western Cape in the Department of Pathology, Faculty of Dentistry and Oral Health Centre. He is a fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists, FRCPath, of the United Kingdom, and a Fellow of the Royal Society of South Africa - FRSSAf. During his career, Dr. Shear has presented lectures and short courses in Austria, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Germany, Guatemala, Hungary, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, USA, and Zimbabwe.

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AEGD Ahmed, Syed-Mairaj DDS McGill University, Canada
AEGD Ansar, Saba DDS Howard University
AEGD BatulacKO, Guido DDS University of Siena, Italy
AEGD Bhanwar, Dalibahnum DDS Univ. Alberta, Canada
AEGD Carton, Patricia DDS Univ. Metodista San Pablo, Brazil
AEGD Cervini, Edward DDS University of Western Ontario
AEGD Corner, Cristina Gabriela DDS U. Autonomus de Guadalajara, MX
AEGD Esponda, Victor DDS Univ. Peru, Lima
AEGD Gaqho, Oscar DDS U. de Olui, Finland
AEGD Gajendra, Sangamott DDS Kuwait Medical Institute, USSR
AEGD Gomez Razon, Patricia DDS Damascus University, Syria
AEGD Isla, Hiroko DDS Tsukuba University
AEGD Kim, Minh DDS Toyama University, Japan
AEGD Kirkby, Airna DDS University of Iowa, Iowa
AEGD Koutouzi, Eleln DDS University of Athens, Greece
AEGD Kroustiz, Minaya, Valeria DDS New York University
AEGD Lishnev, Alan DDS Univ. Med. & Dent. of New Jersey
AEGD Mamoun, John DDS University of Montreal, Canada
AEGD Nguyen, Hoang-Aheth DDS U. de Sao Paulo, Brazil
AEGD Paranhos, Kleiise DDS U. de'odonto Joao Prudente, Brazil
AEGD Pospikla, Sandra DDS Free University, Germany
AEGD Salhan, Mohammad DDS New York University
AEGD Smith, Larysa DDS University of Oulu, Finland
AEGD Tello Al-Nashabat, Lana DDS King Saud Medical University, Saudi Arabia
AEGD Tori, Hiroko DDS Nagoya Dental Univ., Japan
AEGD Tncone, A. Hakam DDS Hsontephe University, Turkey
AEGD Doss, Lauren DDS SUNY Buffalo
AEGD Eben, John DDS Hebrew Univ., Israel
AEGD Ersson, Alfonon DDS Case Western Reserve Univ.
AEGD Ishan, Meen DDS Case Western Reserve Univ., Peru
AEGD Irancy, April DDS Meharry Medical College
AEGD Kim, Minha DDS Tufts University
AEGD Morante-Ross, A. Marcela DDS University of Delaware
AEGD Ng, Audrey DDS University of Detroit Mercy
AEGD Cho, Stephen DDS University of Toronto, Canada
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AEGD Hawkinson, Nicole DDS University of Iowa
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AEGD Lantzy, Mark DDS University of Iowa
AEGD Nauman, Nicole DDS University of Iowa
AEGD Onforo, Meggy DDS San Martin de Porres Univ., Mexico
AEGD Pente, Judith DDS University of Colorado
AEGD Shein, Jean-Woo DDS Harvard University
AEGD Turner, Mandy DDS Un. of N.C. Chapel Hill
AEGD Whet, Joel DDS University of Oklahoma Dental School
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AEGD Choi, Jang-Jay DDS Temple University
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AEGD Gandini, Maria DDS Francisco Marroquin U., Guat.
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AEGD So, Joseph DDS Temple University
AEGD Alkurerz, Juan Eduardo DDS Universidad San Marcos, Peru
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RESEARCH NEWS

LOCAL RESEARCH AWARDS PRESENTED

The AADR section meeting held in Rochester included thirty-two oral and poster research presentations.

The annual meeting of the Rochester Section of the AADR was held in June at the Kornberg Medical Research Building. The meeting provides a unique and yearly opportunity for students, residents, faculty, and staff to showcase their research activities and for all involved in Dentistry at the University of Rochester Medical Center to learn about and discuss local research endeavors.

Rochester Section officers include Drs. Stephanie Kyrkanides, president, Hyun Koo, secretary/treasurer, and Carlo Ercoli, councilor. Dr. Robert Quivey chaired the event.

The Awards Committee included Drs. Ronald Billings, Wei Hsu, Rulang Jiang, Todd Thierry, and Gene Watson.

BIBBY AND BUONOCORE AWARDS

Traditionally, the Basil G. Bibby and Michael G. Buonocore awards are given during the Rochester AADR meeting.

The Bibby Award is given for outstanding scientific merit among presentations by non-degree candidates. Mrs. Basil Bibby was on hand to help Dr. Meyerowitz present the Bibby awards to Drs. Jiannyoue (Jooanna) Shong and Sangreeta Gajendra.

The Buonocore Award is given for outstanding scientific merit among presentations by degree candidates. Dr. Meyerowitz presented the Buonocore Award to Dr. Elizabeth Fozo. Mrs. Michael Buonocore was unable to attend the event.

The program concluded with a reception in the Gilbert Forbes Mezzanine.

TAKING ORAL HEALTH CARE WHERE IT’S NEEDED MOST

The Daisy Marquis Jones Foundation Outreach Dental Clinic at Enrico Fermi School No. 17 on Orchard Street celebrated its first anniversary in September with a significant track record. More than 1,400 patients were treated in the first year and the numbers continue to grow each month. Patients include children who attend the school, their families, as well as people in the neighborhood.

Ronald McDonald House Charities Board President Timothy Fournier, Board Member Matt Kreiner, Grants Committee Secretary Nancy Robbins, and former Executive Director Bonnie Vahhey attended the dental clinic celebration and joined Dr. Cyril Meyerowitz in unveiling the sign designating the Ronald McDonald House Charities Family Waiting Room. Ronald McDonald House Charities, a familiar name and supporter of the Eastman Dental Center for many years, contributed $50,000 to name the family waiting room within the school dental clinic.

Dr. Quivey was the keynote speaker and his address was entitled, “Oral Bacteria, Genomics, and You.”

NAPLES REPORT

The palm trees swayed, the waves lapped the sandy beaches, and Dentistry alumni and friends had a wonderful time at the first Dentistry conference.

On the first evening a special dinner was held to celebrate the initiation of the George Eastman Associates, which is a special group of donors that contribute $1,000+ annually. The Associates are part of the George Eastman Society.

A dinner held on Thursday at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club brought everyone together for an evening of awards, words of welcome, and sharing of many fond memories.

Dr. David Levy, the master of ceremonies and Dentistry faculty member, introduced the two people who served as Florida ambassadors and the conference site hosts, Phyllis and Oivind Jensen. The Jensens have a long history with Dentistry and worked closely with Dr. Stanley Handelman in planning the conference over the past two years.

Dr. Cyril Meyerowitz introduced Dr. C. McCollaster Evarts, the newly appointed senior vice president and vice provost for Health Affairs at the Medical Center and Strong Health CEO. Evarts said he’d developed a new appreciation for Dentistry’s efforts in postdoctoral education, research, and patient care from his meetings with Dr. Meyerowitz.

He added that they both share the view that a close working relationship between medicine and dentistry can be beneficial to the patients in the Rochester community.

Dr. Robert Bray, Ortho ’75

Dr. Bray was honored for his loyalty and commitment to Dentistry at the URMC and the Division of Orthodontics, his visibility as an active and contributing alumnus, specifically in seeking funds for the division, and his dedication to orthodontics for nearly three decades. Dr. Bray is presently in private practice as an orthodontist, is on the Board of Trustees of the American Association of Orthodontics, and is a clinical associate professor in the Division of Orthodontics at the Eastman Department of Dentistry.
Community Service:  
Dr. Jack W. Howitt, Pedo ‘62

Dr. Howitt was recognized for his contributions to the well-being of indigent and disabled adults and children in the Rochester area as exemplified by the pioneering of the SMILEmobile vehicles still providing service today. He has volunteered his services to the Al Sigl Center and its eight agencies, leading the Center as chairman of its Board of Directors and establishing the Howitt House residence and rehabilitation facilities for multiple sclerosis and cerebral palsy patients. Dr. Howitt is currently the chief executive officer of Midland Management, Ltd.

Research Award:  Dr. Robert Burne

Dr. Burne was recognized for excellence in research based on the numbers and quality of publications in distinguished scientific journals, presentations before scientific societies, the impact of his work on current scientific thinking, and for his leadership in research and training. He is currently the chair of Oral Biology at the University of Florida.

Special recognition was made of the effort and determination shown by Dr. Stanley Handelman, reunion chairman, in making the Naples conference a reality. In presenting the gifts to Dr. Handelman, Dr. Meyerowitz said, “Stan has been a teacher, mentor, colleague, and friend to so many of us. It was his vision that brought everyone along on the journey that resulted in making the conference a reality.”

In his closing remarks, Dr. Levy said, “People like Stan Handelman, our alumni, faculty, staff, and friends continue to be the most important catalyst for Dentistry’s innovation and positive change. You all represent the critical link that unites our past and present, and helps us plan for a dynamic future.”

The next day dawned and people were busy attending seminars and making golf and beach dates for later in the day. The response to the event was positive and the only question that kept coming up was the date for the next Reunion.
Dr. J. Anthony Quinn, an orthodontist from Scranton, PA, is the new president of the American Association of Orthodontists Foundation (AAOF). His term began at the conclusion of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) 103rd Annual Session in Honolulu.

The AAOF is the charitable arm of the AAO. During the 13-year history of its present campaign, A CASE FOR THE FUTURE, the AAOF has received more than $21 million in pledges and has collected $14.1 million. In 2002, for the fourth consecutive year, the AAOF exceeded $2 million in pledges. Most contributors are practicing orthodontists, retired orthodontists, and corporations, including many orthodontic manufacturers and suppliers.

The mission of the AAOF is to raise endowment funds. Endowment earnings are used to support research awards and teaching fellowships that are designed to benefit the specialty of orthodontics, its practitioners and orthodontic patients.

“I am grateful to be of service to the specialty of orthodontics and to ensure the future of quality care,” said Dr. Quinn.

Dr. Quinn earned his B.S. in biology at the University of Scranton, and received his Doctorate of Dental Medicine from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. After serving as a captain in the U.S. Air Force, Dr. Quinn completed his orthodontic residency at the Eastman Dental Center at the University of Rochester. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics (ABO), and recently completed requirements for recertification by the ABO. He is also a Fellow of the International College of Dentists. Dr. Quinn resides in Waverly, PA with his wife, Janie. They have four children, Jennifer, Moriah, Matthew and Erin.

Dr. Quinn has practiced orthodontics for 28 years and has offices located in several cities throughout northeastern Pennsylvania.

The AAO is comprised of more than 14,600 members in the United States, Canada, and abroad. Founded in 1900, the AAO supports research and education leading to quality patient care and promotes increased public awareness of the needs for and benefits of orthodontic treatment.

Dr. Subtelny talks to the crowd at the Alumni and Friends gathering in Hawaii.

PEDO conference, May 2003

AAO conference, May 2003

ALUMNI NEWS

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NEW PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY NEWSLETTER

Editor’s note: The Pediatric Dentistry alumni group sent out its first newsletter to fellow alumni, faculty, and residents. Dr. Kurt Bomszcz, Pedo ’93, wrote the welcoming letter for the first edition. The following is an excerpt of that letter.

“As one of the very early alumni that completed the 2-year certification program in pediatric dentistry, I was asked to share with you my reflections on Eastman Dental Center the institution, on the Division of Pediatric Dentistry, the value of a vital alumni association, and my vision for the future.

Reflections on Eastman Dental Center...

It is now going on 40 years since I completed my training at EDC and to this day my gratitude and enthusiasm for what the program did for me has not lessened, but has deepened. The program’s accomplishments and the people it has trained are a constant source of pride.

Over the years I include as my dear friends, not only those that were there when I was a resident, but also many that came after me. The accomplishments in academics and in clinical care of the children worldwide are immeasurable. I have been fortunate to have traveled to many parts of the world and have had the opportunity to be reunited with and meet new Eastman graduates. These experiences have added immensely to the enjoyment of and the meaningfulness of my life.

In recent years, I’ve had the pleasure to meet with Dr. Robert Berkowitz and to hear of the most recent realignment into the medical center complex and the program innovations. At the most recent alumni party at the Academy meeting I had the opportunity and the pleasure to speak at length with EDC’s overall director, Dr. Cyril Meyerowitz. In him, I sensed a true enthusiasm for the future of the pediatric alumni association.

Now for my vision for the future of the pediatric alumni association...

As a start, I would like to see a list with the names, addresses and e-mail of the Pediatric Dentistry alumni. This would allow us to have a directory that would be updated at least every few years. The directory would more readily allow friends to reunite, and would allow those of us who travel to make new acquaintances that would make the trips more encompassing.

(Dentistry’s first Alumni Directory was published in the fall of 2003.)

I would like to see support for a newsletter that would be published yearly. This will only come to fruition if our alumni and the administration stay committed. This newsletter is a way of keeping our alumni connected and informed. The newsletter would tell us not only of the professional accomplishments of the alumni, which are many, but also the interesting social aspects of our lives that we can celebrate together.

So, just as past commitments by the Center allowed us to achieve all we have to date and will in the future, I would like to see us repay that commitment. This would be by volunteer efforts and financial contributions each to one’s own ability.”

DR. ROBERT KEIM APPOINTED ASSOCIATE DEAN

Dr. Robert Keim has been appointed the associate dean for advanced studies at the University of Southern California School of Dentistry. In his new role, Dr. Keim will provide leadership, management and coordination to optimize the academic performance of all the school’s advanced programs. He continues as the director of the advanced education in orthodontics program at USC.

In making the appointment, Dean Harold Slavkin noted Dr. Keim’s extensive experience in both a dental specialty and higher education. “During the last year he has done an exceptional job as director of the office of advanced specialty education and in leading the advanced specialty education council at USC, and he has provided leadership and management of our GME support,” Dr. Slavkin said.

Dr. Keim, an associate professor in the division of craniofacial sciences and therapies, joined the USC faculty in 1998. His special interest and expertise is in the area of orthodontic management of craniofacial anomalies, including cleft lip and palate.

This year, Dr. Keim became the editor of the Journal of Clinical Orthodontics and is on the review board of several other journals in the field. He has contributed five chapters to orthodontic text and reference books, and published numerous articles.

Dr. Keim earned his Bachelor of Science degree in biology from the University of New Mexico. He earned his dental degree from Marquette University, a certificate in orthodontics from the University of Rochester’s Eastman Dental Center in 1990, and his doctorate in education from the University of Memphis.

—Journal of the AAO

LOST ALUMNI

A special thanks to all of you who have responded to our calls for help to locate your classmates, colleagues, and friends. We have made significant progress in updating our alumni database as a result of your feedback. We are asking for your help once again to locate those noted below.

If you know how to reach someone who appears on our list, please contact Dentistry’s Alumni Relations Office at 800-333-4428 or alumni@urmc.rochester.edu. Thank you!

The Division of Orthodontics announced that the following alumni were named Diplomates as certified by The American Board of Orthodontics. They earned this honor by passing the phase III oral/clinical examination in February of 2003.

Congratulations to the new Diplomates:

Dr. J. Patrick Dunbar, Ortho’87
Dr. Sarah C. Shoaf, Ortho ’92
Dr. Dave F. Prisotti, Ortho ’93
Dr. David D. Chung, Ortho ’94
T
he Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry was founded in 1886 in Tennessee and is one of two historically black dental schools in the country. Last fall, four Meharry students spent three days in Rochester, learning about the community, and visiting Dentistry sites to meet with faculty and residents to learn more about the programs. Of the four women who visited Rochester, two of them Courtney Wilson and Talisha Mason will be entering the Pediatric Dentistry Program at the EDC site in June and Felicia Apps is entering her senior year at Meharry.

For a year prior to the visit, Dr. Handelman worked with Dr. Edwin Fines, chairman of Meharry’s Pediatric Dentistry Program to plan the recruitment event. Dr. Fines joined the four students on the visit and presented a seminar to Dentistry’s pediatric dentistry faculty and residents. This interchange is scheduled to be a yearly event involving different Meharry faculty to acquaint them with Dentistry’s people and programs.

A minority recruitment fund has been established with donations from alumni and the Minority Recruitment Advisory Committee. The Dentistry representatives on the committee include: Donna Dixon, Drs. Stanley Handelman, Bejan Iranpour, Todd Thierer, and Darlene White. Dr. Rodney O'Conner is also on the committee and is a 1976 alumnus of the General Dentistry Program.

Dr. Handelman began the minority recruitment initiative in the mid-eighties as part of a HRSA grant. At least two alumni were accepted from Meharry, Drs. Dione Johnson-Richardson and Anu Slaughter. Dr. Johnson-Richardson has moved to the Maryland area and Dr. Slaughter is on the faculty at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. April Hearns is a Meharry graduate and is a current student in the GPR Program at SMH.

Eastman Dental Center (EDC) Awarded Funds to Increase the Number of Underrepresented Minorities (URM) in Academic Dentistry

Eastman Dental Center (EDC) was awarded funds to increase the number of underrepresented minorities (URM) in academic dentistry.

The American Dental Education Association (ADEA) has awarded seven grants in the amount of $250,000 over six years to increase the number of underrepresented minorities (URMs) in academic dentistry.

Ten U.S. dental schools will receive grants through the ADEA Minority Dental Faculty Development Program (MDFD) which is funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Seven awards were made to six individual dental schools and to the New York State Academic Dental Centers (NYSADC), a consortium which includes the University of Rochester Eastman Dental Center.

Dr. Cyril Meyerowitz, director of EDC and professor and chair of the Medical Center’s Department of Dentistry, credited Dr. Stanley Handelman, Eastman professor emeritus, in helping to secure the award.

Dr. Meyerowitz said, “Stan has been a driving force in our recruitment of URM students since the mid-eighties. We are proud to have a number of successful alumni who attended the Eastman postdoctoral programs because of his efforts.” Dr. Meyerowitz added, “The ADEA grant award will help us provide other Meharry students with the opportunity to visit Rochester and consider our programs.”

The award will be used primarily for direct educational assistance to increase the number of URM students recruited to and entering dental academic careers, and to establish academic partnerships that facilitate advanced training and career development. Funds may be used for direct educational costs for low-income candidates as described in the HRSA/Title VII of the Public Health Service Act definition for “disadvantaged.” The grantee institutions will create formal mentoring programs, academic partnerships, and community-based practices and projects to attract, nurture and support the development of URM/LI academicians and researchers.

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Dr. Huw Francis Thomas Appointed Dean of University of Alabama Dental School

Huw Francis Thomas, DDS, MS, PhD, has been named Dean of the School of Dentistry at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Previously Chair of the department of pediatric dentistry at the University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, Dr. Thomas joined UAB January 1.

He earned his BDS from Guy’s Hospital at the University of London, England, a master's degree in dental research from the University of Rochester, a certificate in pediatric dentistry from the Eastman Dental Center, and a doctorate in biomedical sciences from the University of Connecticut.

Dr. Thomas serves as a basic science consultant for the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation. He is also a member of the nominating committee of the American Association for Dental Research, the executive committee of the Section on Pediatric Dentistry of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and a member-at-large of the Section on Dentistry and Oral Health Sciences of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He holds fellowships in the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and the American and International Colleges of Dentists.


Arthur A. DeCarlo, DDS, PhD, a 1985 graduate of the general dentistry program, was appointed Director of Biologic Research at the College of Dental Medicine, Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Alvaro A. Figueroa, DDS, a 1980 graduate of the Orthodontics Program at Eastman Dental Center, was recognized by the American Dental Association in February 2003 as a pioneer in surgical techniques for Crouzon Syndrome.

Dr. Figueroa has developed a surgical technique he says is faster, less invasive, and more accurate than traditional surgery. He works with a surgeon at the Rush Craniofacial Center at the Rush-Presbyterian St. Luke’s Medical Center in Chicago, IL.

"What we’re striving for," Dr. Figueroa says, "is better accuracy and eliminating the risk of infection. Traditional surgery usually calls for bone grafts, typically from the patient’s hip" said Dr. Figueroa, who has used his technique with the surgeon on about a dozen patients since 1996. "Distraction osteogenesis doesn’t require bone grafts."

Izchak Barzilay, DDS, MS, was recently elected president of the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada. The Association represents Canadian prosthodontists at the national level. Dr. Barzilay received his DDS from the University of Toronto in 1983, a certificate in prosthodontics from the Eastman Dental Center in 1986, and a MS degree from the School of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Rochester in 1991.

He is currently head of the Division of Prosthodontics and Restorative Dentistry at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Toronto and assistant professor at the University of Toronto. He is past president of the Ontario Study Club for Osteointegration, on the advisory board for the Toronto Implant Study Club, editorial council for the Canadian Journal of Dental Technology, and is in private practice limited to prosthodontics and implant dentistry.

Dr. Carlo Ercoli and Paul Romano spoke at Rochester’s first Speaking of Women’s Health Conference presented by WXXI and Strong Health, November 13, 2003. Their presentation titled Change Your Smile, Change Your Life addressed the components of different smiles, how personality is shown in a smile, the affect of food and drink on dental health, the strong association between gum disease and overall systemic health, and how women’s health issues are of particular concern to dental health.

Carlo Ercoli, DDS, graduated from the Enrico Berlinguer Dental Technology Institute in Rome in 1987 and obtained his dental degree from the University of Siena, Italy in 1993. He received a certificate from the Eastman Dental Center in prosthodontics in 1996 and general dentistry in 1998 and completed a one-year training in temporomandibular joint disorders in 1997. Dr. Ercoli is currently director of the Prosthodontic Postgraduate Training Program at the University of Rochester, Eastman Dental Center.

Paul Romano, DDS, MS, graduated from the New York University College of Dentistry in 1980. He received his Master’s degree in pathology and laboratory medicine from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in 1996 and a certificate from the Eastman Dental Center in periodontology in 1997. He is a principal partner and periodontist in private practice and an assistant professor at the Eastman Dental Center. Division of Periodontology with a focus on didactics, clinical instruction, and faculty practice group.

The Conference delivered valuable information about women’s health in a fun, enlightening, and understandable format to today’s women, who have careers, hold public office, volunteer, and most critically, care for their families.

Dr. Graves

Editor Dentistry’s Convocation occurs each June. Those receiving certificates return to their busy lives around the world. New residents and students take their places in the classroom and clinic. It’s usually years later that graduates think about the education, relationships, and sense of support that was part of their Dentistry experience.

Dr. Robert Berkowitz, chief of the Division of Pediatric Dentistry, received the following letter from a June graduate last fall. Dr. Berkowitz was pleased to hear from one of his now alumni so soon after Convocation and to read about the depth of his appreciation for the education he received while in Pediatric Dentistry.

Dear Dr. B,

I’m now working in a pediatric practice with one day per week in the OR. I’m grateful for your accepting this “old guy” into your “Pedo Program” and especially for your mentorship. Please find enclosed a donation from my very first paycheck as a pediatrician...

Thank you again for your training.

Respectfully,
Ed Graves

Dr. Wael Garine, a 2005 graduate of the Division of Prosthodontics and current Gerald N. Grauer Fellow, was awarded second place for the Stanley D. Tylman Award presented at the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics Conference held February, 2004 in Chicago, IL. He presented his research in implant dentistry at the conference.

Tatol Dimackhi, DDS has joined Canalview Dental Associates in Fulton, NY. Dimackhi is a native of Syria and received his doctor of dental surgery degree from the University of Damascus School of Dentistry. He completed an internship program in oral maxillofacial surgery/general dentistry at the Riyadh Dental Center and a two-year advanced education certificate in general dentistry at the University of Rochester’s Eastman Dental Center.

Remembering Those Who Have Gone Before Us
Dr. Frederick Henning, a 1962 graduate of the periodontic program, passed away, June 2005.

Dr. Ralph Lobene died July 22, 2003 after battling Parkinson’s disease for several years. He received a BS degree in 1945 in chemistry from the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Rochester, a certificate in general dentistry from Eastman Dental Center in 1950, and completed a residency in medicine from the School of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Rochester in 1951.

Dr. Karl Musgrave, age 65, died January 7, 2004 at Mr. Carmel West in Columbus following a brief illness. He completed his orthodontic specialty training in 1968 and received his Master of Science degree in cleft palate surgical diagnosis in 1970 from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. He was the assistant chairman of the Eastman Dental Center’s Department of Orthodontics and clinical professor at the University of Rochester while also maintaining a private practice in Pittsford, NY.
DEVELOPMENT NEWS

ANNOUNCING THE BASIL G. BIBBY SOCIETY
SUPPORTING THE FUTURE OF DENTISTRY

The work in Dentistry at the University of Rochester Medical Center (URMC) has and continues to touch many lives. It changes some, saves others, and provides many with hope for the future.

By making a “planned gift” — whether it be through a charitable provision in your will, a gift annuity or another vehicle — you can honor and promote this work in a significant way.

To recognize donors who make such planned gifts, we are proud to announce the founding of the Basil G. Bibby Society.

The Basil Bibby Society is open to all who provide for Dentistry at the URMC in their estate plans, fund a life income gift or other partial interest arrangement. To help you in your planning, the University offers these options:

- Bequest — Gifts by will may be for a specific amount, which designates what and how much you want to bequeath, or a percentage of your estate, i.e., “I bequeath to the University of Rochester, an educational institution in Rochester, New York, for the benefit of Eastman Dental Center or Eastman Department of Dentistry or Center for Oral Biology 5% of my (total) residual estate.”

- Testamentary Trust — All or part of your estate is left in trust with income going to one or more heirs. Upon their deaths, the trust corpus comes to the School.

- Gift Annuity — In exchange for a gift of cash or securities, the University will pay you a guaranteed fixed income for the rest of your life and/or that of another beneficiary. A portion of this income (as) may be tax-free.

- Other Life Income Gifts — Through a gift to the University of Rochester Pooled Income Fund, or a charitable remainder trust, you and/or another beneficiary can receive income for life.

- Gift of Real Estate with Life Tenancy — You can make a gift of real property to the University while retaining a “life estate” in the property, enjoying the right to continue to use it for life.

A planned gift can help Dentistry at URMC continue its vital mission — expanding and improving educational programs, patient care and important research efforts.

For more information, please contact Jack Kreckel, Office of Trusts and Estates at (585) 275-4672 or (585) 275-5091, or kreckel@alumni.rochester.edu

Dr. Basil G. Bibby

The Basil G. Bibby Society honors a man who was a pivotal figure in dental care and research, an individual whose legacy is still felt today throughout all of the Dentistry programs at the University.

Born and raised in New Zealand, where the condition of teeth was said to be the worst in the world, Dr. Bibby developed a strong interest in discovering the cause(s) of tooth deterioration and in finding ways to prevent or reduce its prevalence.

He came to Rochester in 1930 because of the opportunity afforded him through a fellowship funded by the Rockefeller Foundation and offered by the University of Rochester. The research activities that began with the Rockefeller Fellowship have evolved into what is now the Eastman Department of Dentistry and the Center for Oral Biology.

From 1946-1947, Dr. Bibby served as Dean of Tufts University Dental School in Boston and returned to Rochester in 1947 to become director of Eastman Dental Center — then an independent institution and a clinic devoted to the care of children’s teeth. Under Dr. Bibby’s direction, the Center was transformed into a world-renowned dental research institute. Graduate programs in Pediatric Dentistry, Orthodontics, Periodontology, Prosthodontics, and General Dentistry were developed and gained international reputations. Eastman Dental Center was founded through gifts and bequests by George Eastman and has since become an integral part of Dentistry at the URMC.

Dr. Bibby’s commitment to the future of dental education and his emphasis on research are the founding principles behind the Basil Bibby Society. We invite you to become a member of the Bibby Society by making a gift as outlined above to Dentistry at the URMC and helping our researchers and clinicians continue their progress.

GERALD N. GRASER FELLOWSHIP FUND LAUNCHED AT BREWER CONFERENCE

The Fellowship Fund, named in honor of Dr. Gerald N. Graser, was officially announced during the Allen A. Brewer Prosthodontic Conference this past June. To date, over $550,000 has been committed by alumni and corporate donors towards a $500,000 minimum goal. As a nation-wide shortage of dental faculty is a potential threat to the future of dental education, the Fund’s purpose is to address shortages of dental school faculty, encourage the recruitment of young, qualified dentists to dental faculty positions, and promote the advancement of prosthodontic education and academic research. The recipient of the fellowship award will spend a one-year period working with faculty and staff of the Eastman Department of Dentistry to implement educational projects, learn educational theories, explore new teaching methods, and develop skills in educational research and curriculum innovation.

Dr. Graser retired from full-time service as program director of the Division of Prosthodontics at the close of the 2000-2001 academic year. Dr. Graser is in his 32nd year of service to Eastman Dental Center on a part-time level as professor of dentistry at the School of Medicine and Dentistry and chair of the Division of Prosthodontics. He also continues to teach and see patients three days per week.

We will continue to contact alumni, faculty/staff, corporations, and friends over the course of this year and hope to receive commitments totaling $500,000 by December 2004. If you are interested in making a contribution to the Graser Fellowship Fund or request additional information please contact Becky Herman in Dentistry’s Development Office at 585-273-3172 or becky_herman@urmc.rochester.edu.
Facility OPENINGS

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Research

Two postdoctoral fellows (PDF) and two graduate students (M.S. or Ph.D.) for the molecular immunology and microbial pathogenesis of the host-immune-parasite interactions during G(+)-bacterial infections.

Project description and responsibilities: PDF with working experience or graduate applicants interested in molecular-cellular immunology, molecular biology and/or microbiology are sought to study host immune-parasite interactions of G(+)-anaerobic infection in mucosal tissues (J. Clin. Invest. 106: R59, 2000; Infect. and Immunity 70: 5268, 2002; BBRC 303: 1086, 2003). Our lab is located in the core NIH-funded biomedical research centers at the University of Rochester. Specific aims: 1) to characterize the immunity of G(+) bacterium-derived virulence factors via expression cloning, mutagenesis, yeast two-hybrid and structure/functional analyses, 2) to study the molecular pathogenesis by DNA micro-arrays, 3) to assess the contribution of immune cells during active immune/inflammatory response via a humanized mouse model and 4) to study the effects of in-vivo gene transfer to modulate anti-microbial immunity. Experience in transgenic and/or knock-out approach is a plus. New Ph.D. graduates are encouraged to apply and the candidates should be good team players. Starting date is flexible/immediate. The PDF should have a Ph.D. or M.D. degree or equivalent and experience in the expertise areas described above.

PDF is at least for 2-3 years, graduate students from 2-5 years. The position is open immediately until it is filled. Salary and conditions are commensurate with experience and qualifications according to NIH guidelines.

Please send CV (or transcript) and at least three references to: Dr. Andy Teng, Box 685, 625 Elmwood Ave., Eastman Dental Center, Rochester, New York 14629-2899 fax: 585-475-5254 or email: andy_teng@urmc.rochester.edu.

Research

The Eastman Department of Dentistry is seeking applications for tenure-track assistant/associate professor positions from individuals interested in pursuing a translational research career in an academic health center environment. Successful applicants must have significant research training (typically to a Ph.D. level) and demonstrate the potential to develop and maintain a high quality, externally funded, translational research program in some aspect of craniofacial, dental or oral biology. Strong preference will be given to those individuals who possess a D.D.S./D.M.D. or equivalent and who are eligible to practice dentistry in New York State. Applicants at the more senior level would be expected to demonstrate a strong history of research accomplishment and extramural funding.

The successful candidates will spend approximately 20% of their time in clinically related activities. The remainder of their time will be spent in conducting a vigorous translational research program. Unique facilities within the Eastman Department of Dentistry (Website: http://www.urmc.rochester.edu/Dentistry/ed/index.html) include: the Salivary Dysfunction Clinic and the Clinical Genetics Clinic. The University of Rochester Medical Center is well known for its highly interactive nature. In addition to the appointment in the Eastman Department of Dentistry, candidates may receive secondary appointments in a traditional basic science department and/or the Center for Oral Biology in the newly formed Rochester Institute of Biomedical Sciences: http://www.urmc.rochester.edu/Ribis/.

To apply, please send a letter of interest containing a brief summary of research goals, curriculum vitae, and the names of three references to: Dr. Cyril Meyerowitz, Eastman Department of Dentistry, 625 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, New York, 14620-2989, or e-mail: cyril_meyerowitz@urmc.rochester.edu.

Division of Community Dentistry and Oral Disease Prevention

The University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry, Eastman Department of Dentistry invites applications for the position of chair of the Division of Community Dentistry and Oral Disease Prevention. We seek a leader who will enhance and strengthen the mission of the Medical Center in teaching, research excellence and service to the community. The Division is responsible for graduate education in public health, community dentistry, and epidemiology, research in community oral health and oral disease prevention, and administrative oversight for all Community Dentistry outreach programs, comprised of 3 mobile, 3 community-based and 4 school-based clinics that together serve over 5,000 area children and adults. The division has a close working relationship with the Department of Community and Preventive Medicine in the University of Rochester, School of Medicine and Dentistry, the Monroe County Health Department, and the Dental Bureau of the New York State Department of Health.

Applicants should have a Ph.D. or equivalent degree in a health related field with advanced training in epidemiology, public health and biostatistics. A D.D.S./M.S.D. and board certified or board eligible in Dental Public Health is desirable. Candidates with a dental degree must have a dental license or be eligible for a license to practice dentistry in New York State. The successful candidate will have a demonstrated commitment to graduate dental education, community health and research. Preference will be given to candidates with grant funding and/or the demonstrated ability to build a strong research program. The University offers a significant compensation package commensurate with qualifications of the appointee. Funds are also available for the recruitment of junior faculty including a biostatistician who would be shared with the Center for Oral Biology in the Aab Institute of Biomedical Sciences, School of Medicine and Dentistry.

Applications that demonstrate scholarly distinction appropriate for appointment at the associate or full-professor level should include the names and addresses of three references, academic and research interests, and be forwarded to the chair of the Research Committee: Dr. Donald J. Billings, Eastman Dental Center, 625 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620-2989, or e-mail: ron_billings@urmc.rochester.edu.

Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

The University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry, Eastman Department of Dentistry is currently conducting a search for a full-time faculty position of chair in the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Major responsibilities include didactic and clinical teaching at the graduate level, patient care and research. Applicants must be board eligible and acquire a license to practice dentistry in the state of New York. Academic rank and salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Applicants should submit curriculum vitae and three letters of recommendation to: Dr. Lee Pollan, Strong Memorial Hospital, 601 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, New York, 14642, 585-275-1133 or e-mail: lee_pollan@urmc.rochester.edu.

Continuing Dental Education

10th Annual Handelman Conference

May 14: Clinical Dental Materials: A Practical Review. $310.
4 CDE credits.
Speaker: Edward J. Swift, Jr. DDS
May 15: Polyp Concerns in Restorative Dentistry. $135.
4 CDE credits.
Speaker: Charles F. Cox, DMD, PhD
Both sessions: $265 – 11 CDE credits
For more information on these continuing education opportunities, contact: mona_fine@urmc.rochester.edu or call 888-898-9750.

26th Annual Allen A. Brewer Conference

June 4
Integration of Esthetic Dentistry and Prosthodontics
Session: $220 for dentists.
7 CDE credits
Speaker: Kenneth Malament, DDS, MSD, BA
For more information contact: maryjane_kleinhammer@urmc.rochester.edu or call 585-275-5043.
INTERDISCIPLINARY GERIATRIC FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Interdisciplinary Geriatric Fellowship Program at the University of Rochester, under the co-directorship of Dr. Paul R. Katz, Geriatric Medicine, Dr. Jeffrey Lyness, Geriatric Psychiatry, and Dr. Ralph Saunders, Geriatric Dentistry, is a two-year fellowship program whose goal is to prepare professionals in the disciplines of medicine, psychiatry, and dentistry to become accomplished leaders and innovators in the aging field with unique expertise in geriatric education.

The training program, through a unique combination of clinical (25%), educational (25%), administrative (25%), and research experiences (25%) will provide trainees with the necessary academic substrate to be successful clinician-teacher-scholars (CTS) of current and future students in the disciplines of medicine, psychiatry and dentistry. Year one of the program is designed to meet Accrediting Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) requirements for both geriatric medicine and psychiatry fellowship programs.

The clinical experience and didactic offerings that comprise the curriculum for the medical, dental, and psychiatry fellows have been designed to provide the trainee with the knowledge and skills set to provide optimum care while, at the same time, serve as an effective teaching clinician.

The two years provide each fellow with the disciplinary-specific activities while also enhancing interdisciplinary experiences by providing common core clinical, didactic, research, and administrative activities. Unique experiences include an interdisciplinary geriatric assessment team targeting underserved populations including rural, African American/Hispanic, the developmentally disabled, and others.

A biopsychosocial geriatric core seminar series will be offered weekly to assure competency in clinical, research, and administrative topics related to aging. Further, a newly developed and innovative Instructional Design and Health Education Practicum developed in conjunction with the University of Rochester’s Warner Graduate School of Education and Human Development will prepare the next generation of geriatric academic leaders as clinician-teacher-scholars (CTS).

The curriculum will provide trainees with the prerequisite knowledge and experience to successfully develop, implement, and evaluate academic geriatric programs and innovations; learn the teaching and leadership skills and tools necessary to succeed as a CTS; integrate public health precepts into quality improvement initiatives; and relate more effectively with patients, families and professional colleagues.

Research skills will be honed by means of a faculty mentor program and research internship, while administrative experiences are crafted through hospital and community agencies.

Dr. Saunders has recruited a candidate for the oral health portion of the training but will be seeking another person for the second year.
Jingle-Rhyme for Oral Health Program 2003 was another huge success thanks to the direction of Dr. Darlene Riggins White and the efforts of her Merry Band of Volunteers. Dr. Riggins White began the program in 2001 for 2500 children and the numbers have grown steadily attesting to its value to the city schools.

The program provides a formal oral health preventative education curriculum for children in kindergarten through third grade while it encourages volunteerism among dental professionals in the Department of Dentistry. Over 300 volunteer hours were donated by dentists and dental hygienists as they visited the city schools and presented the oral health curriculum to the children. Congratulations to all for a job well done!