The People Behind the Organisation

This year’s annual report pays tribute to our staff, past-teachers, alumni, partners and students at the Faculty of Dentistry. Over the past 75 years, many generations of well qualified dental surgeons have passed through our portals, and are practicing dentistry both in Singapore and around the world.
Our vision is to be a dental institution of international distinction.

Our mission is to improve oral health through academic excellence, high impact research and quality clinical service.


By providing a vibrant and challenging environment, the faculty strives to produce clinically competent, socially and ethically responsible professionals who will be leaders in the community.

Excellence in our educational programs and innovative research with high impact is the foundation upon which we will advance knowledge and nurture students to realize their full potential with a passion and commitment to independent lifelong learning.
MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Let us draw on our strengths, our common heritage and our strong foundations. Let us Shape the Future Together!

The Faculty celebrated a historical milestone in dental education in Singapore with our 75th Anniversary Celebrations in September 2004. A 75th Anniversary commemorative book and CD encapsulated the Faculty's progress over the years with previous anniversaries commemorative publications recorded in the CD. Besides an educational symposium and opening ceremony, as well as dental public health screening and publicity, alumni returned to the faculty for social events which included golf and tennis tournaments, an informal dinner with past teachers, an open house and get together lunch, which were all well attended. The celebrations culminated in a memorable gala dinner showcasing our very own talents - with staff, students and alumni putting up an enjoyable evening of entertainment with humour, song and dance. We also acknowledged our donors with the official opening of the Dr Tay & Partners Seminar Room and the Charlie Lau Kieng Hiong Conference Room, the first two named facilities in the Faculty.

The celebrations, with the theme Reflecting on the Past, Shaping the Future, was an opportunity for staff and students to join with alumni in remembering our common heritage and strong foundations, linked by our shared experiences and the forging of a common spirit in dental school. It was evident to all that we need to come together to face the challenges of the future as we strive to achieve the faculty's vision of becoming a leading international institution in education, research and clinical care.

Research at the Faculty received a significant boost with the commissioning of dedicated research laboratories at new premises at the Defence Medical & Environmental Research Institute (DMERI) building in July 2004. Occupying a total of 425 square metres at the 3rd level, facilities include a Biomaterials Laboratory, Cariology Laboratory, Tissue Culture / Cell Laboratory, Microbiology Laboratory, Histology and Molecular Biology Laboratory, Bio-Imaging Laboratory and a Biophotonics / X Ray Room as well as a research students’ study area and research staff offices.

A sign of our growing impact in the research arena was our success at the premier regional dental research meeting, the joint 15th Southeast Asian Association for Dental Education (SEAADE) and 19th International Association for Dental Research Southeast Asian (IADR SEA) Division Annual Scientific Meeting, held in September 2004 at Koh Samui, Thailand. Our researchers and research teams clinched three out of a total of five competitive research awards. In addition, we won the IADR Travel Award Competition for the second consecutive year in the Senior Researcher Category leading to Singapore representing the Southeast Asian Division at the Hatton Award Competition at the 2005 IADR General Session. Our undergraduate research project competitors did the faculty proud also by clinching the first prize in the Dentsply Asia Student Clinicians Competition, competing against other dental school teams from all Southeast Asian countries.
The winning student team represented the Southeast Asian region at the Dentsply Student Clinician Programme at the American Dental Association 2004 Annual Meeting.

A major highlight of student activities was the hosting of the Asia Pacific Dental Students Association (APDSA) Conference in August 2004, the 5th time Singapore has hosted it in its 31-year history. Over three hundred students from nine countries participated, making this a great success as this gathering fostered bonding amongst dental students and dental professionals from across the region.

During the past year, the Faculty commenced teaching support for the new Clinical Education Module on Dental Hygiene for Diploma in Dental Therapy students of the Nanyang Polytechnic (NYP) School of Health Sciences. Comprising both didactic and clinical observation sessions in our teaching clinics, our Faculty is pleased to support the training of this new class of dental auxiliary personnel that will contribute to the provision of dental health services for our nation.

With the coming move towards full autonomy, NUS has articulated its aspiration to be one of the leading universities in the world, differentiating itself through a strong global orientation and distinguishing itself through impactful synergies between the processes of creating, imparting and exploiting knowledge. NUS President Shih has made this call to the entire NUS community....

"Heritage, community, and rootedness in a globalising world must be nurtured. As NUS embarks on our second centennial in 2005, ... Let us build on our rich heritage as we move towards our vision of becoming a leading global university."

This past year, the Faculty embarked on a number of renewal exercises, in line with the University’s move towards autonomy in the near future. A Faculty Strategy Review exercise, incorporating a structured and inclusive approach to align strategy, processes, people, skills, technology and knowledge was conducted. Faculty embarked on several iterations and consultations with stakeholders on the way forward, in reviewing our Vision and Mission, setting our long term and short term objectives and identifying our strategic focus to achieve our objectives and vision. In a changing environment, the Faculty must continually evolve to embrace advances in education, achieve peaks of excellence in research, provide leadership and service to the profession and society and meet the expectations of stakeholders. Correspondingly, we endeavor to engage our stakeholders in the implementation plans and enhance a sense of ownership and common purpose to foster the synergies necessary to propel the Faculty to new heights.

As we reflect on a century of development and achievements by NUS, we also remember our predecessors, whose commitment, dedication and pioneering spirit to dental education has brought the profession to its present stature. It leaves this generation of faculty and students, together with the support from a strong alumni, to emulate them to bring the dental profession to new heights. Together, Alumni, Friends, Students and Staff can look forward to the next 100 years of the university. Let me repeat my call to the NUS Dental community that I made in my 75th Anniversary Gala Dinner speech,

“The Faculty has come a long way since 1929. As we face the challenges of the future, in order to achieve our vision of becoming a leading international institution in dental education, research and service, we will need the support of our alumni and the dental profession. Let us draw on our strengths, our common heritage and our strong foundations...... Let us shape the Future Together!"

Assoc Prof Keson Tan
Dean
ACADEMIC STAFF

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Vice-Dean (Academic Affairs)
Assoc Prof Grace Ong Hui Lian

Vice-Dean (Research)
Assoc Prof Kelvin Foong Weng Chiong

Assistant Dean (Clinical Affairs)
Assoc Prof Keng Siong Beng

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Prof Loh Hong Sai  Professorial Fellow
Assoc Prof Ho Kee Hai  Associate Professor
Dr Victor Fan Tai Weng  Assistant Professor
Dr Narendran Andrew Robinson  Adjunct Assistant Professor

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Assoc Prof Kelvin Foong Weng Chiong  Associate Professor
Dr Cao Tong  Assistant Professor
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Assoc Prof Teo Choo Soo  Associate Professor
Assoc Prof Lim Lum Peng  Associate Professor
Assoc Prof Kelvin Foong Weng Chiong  Associate Professor
Assoc Prof Stephen Hsu Chin-ying  Associate Professor
Dr Betty Mok Yuen Yue  Senior Lecturer
Dr Soh Jen  Assistant Professor
Dr Mohamed Azharashid bin Mohamed Tahir  Assistant Professor
Assoc Prof Teresa Loh-Lee Woon Oi  Adjunct Associate Professor
Assoc Prof Stevenberg Berglund Lena  Adjunct Associate Professor
Dr Khurram Ataullah  Visiting Fellow

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Prof Chew Chong Lin  Professor
Assoc Prof Keng Siong Beng  Associate Professor
Assoc Prof Keson Tan Beng Choong  Associate Professor
Assoc Prof Adrian Yap U Jin  Associate Professor
Assoc Prof Varawan Sae-Lim  Associate Professor
Dr Hilary Thean Pik Yen  Assistant Professor
Dr Chng Hui Kheng  Assistant Professor
Dr Anil Kishen  Assistant Professor
Dr Willy Chang Shian Wei  Assistant Professor
Dr Neo Tee Khin  Adjunct Assistant Professor
Dr Joanne Ngo Uy  Visiting Fellow
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

Faculty celebrates 75th Anniversary

The Faculty of Dentistry started out as a Dental Department within the then King Edward VII College of Medicine in 1929 and turned 75 in the year 2004. The 75th Anniversary Celebrations were held from 17 to 19 September 2004. The Opening Ceremony was held at the Dental Auditorium, during which the official unveiling and naming of the Drs Tay & Partners Seminar Room and the Charlie Lau Kiang Hiong Conference Room was done. Other activities included a golf tournament held in conjunction with the Guild of Dental Graduates, a tennis match, an informal night held at the NUS alumni house, an educational symposium, the Gala Dinner held at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront ballroom and a Dental Public Health Screening held at the Suntec Convention Centre. In total, over 500 staff, students, alumni and guests participated in the celebrations. The event was supported by generous sponsorships from friends of the faculty and alumni contributions.

A reunion of former staff and students

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR (CONT’D)

Educational Symposium

Dr Chua Ee Kiam
Prof Shih Kien
Pro Myra Elliot
Prof Toh Chooi Gait
Dr Victor Fan

Dental Public Health Screening at Suntec Convention Centre

NUS Centennial Celebrations (May 2005 –June 2006)

The National University of Singapore began its humble beginnings in 1905. Today, we’re 100, let’s celebrate! And there are 100 events lined up along 5 themes - strengthening global links, honouring academic excellence, celebrating cultural vibrancy, scaling sporting heights and saluting our heritage.

The year-long NUS Centennial Celebrations was ushered on 25 June 2005. Gracing the occasion was Guest-of-Honour Mr Wong Ngit Liong, NUS Council Chairman. The event, which was held at the new University Hall, included the raising of the new NUS flag, unveiling of the NUS Centennial Sculpture, performing of the inaugural NUS song as well as a photo exhibition showcasing the NUS Centennial Everest Expedition team and achievements of NUS alumnus Dr William Tan. Staff and students of the Faculty of Dentistry supported and participated in the Medical Centennial Dinner which was held on 3 July 2005. It will be hosting a symposium on 4 to 5 November 2005 as one of the events listed in the celebrations.
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR (CONT’D)

New Tutorial and Seminar Rooms
Following the shift of the research laboratories to the DSO building, the vacated space was converted into much needed teaching space. The renovation increased the number of available tutorial rooms and seminar rooms to seven and four respectively. A Postgraduate Lounge was also created. The Faculty currently occupies 5866 square metres in the National University Hospital and 450 square meters in the Faculty of Dentistry Research Laboratories at the DSO National Laboratories (Kent Ridge).

New Academic Awards
With effect from the AY2004, the “IADR Medal” will be awarded towards the best student for the Final MDS (Periodontology) Examinations. The “Prosthodontic Society Singapore Medal” was also approved for award to the best student for the Final MDS (Prosthodontics) Examination from AY2005 onwards. These two medals were a first towards recognition of academic excellence in the postgraduate clinical residency training programme.

Expanding Student Financial Assistance
The Faculty also received contributions towards two Faculty-level Bursary Awards (titled “Dental Bursary”), increasing the total amount of bursary awards from four to six, including three “Dental Bursary”, one “SmileWorks Bursary” and two “Q&M Dental Surgery Bursary” awards.

Forging Links with Local Polytechnic
The Faculty of Dentistry welcomed twenty-seven students from the Diploma in Dental Therapy programme offered by the Nanyang Polytechnic School of Health Sciences. The students, who were in their second year of training, were attached to the Faculty as part of their “Clinical Education Module on Dental Hygiene” from 11 to 22 April 2005. During their 2-week attachment, they were briefed on infection control and dental hygiene issues through didactics and small group discussions facilitated by dental faculty as well as nursing staff. They also observed various undergraduate and periodontal postgraduate clinics in periodontics.

Faculty Strategy Retreat
As part of a comprehensive university-wide strategic review, President Shih Choon Fong stated that this exercise “aims to ensure that our NUS’ strategic intent as encapsulated in our vision, mission and key objectives remain relevant in a rapidly changing and increasingly competitive external environment.”

Our Faculty embarked on several consultation sessions with stakeholders as members in focus groups, Academic Staff meetings, Faculty Board and the Faculty Advisory Committee, since March 2005. Following the Faculty Retreat on 8 April 2005, the various groups continue to meet to further discuss suggestions made.

Our stakeholders reached a consensus on short and long term objectives and identified strategic focus to propel our Faculty to its next phase of global excellence. Our key strategies include improving educational experience for our students, enhancing staff quality, improving research impact and output and ensuring effective management and administrative processes to support implementation. The immediate focus would be on expanding provision of continuing education for the profession and developing research centres.

The final Faculty Strategy Review document has been submitted for approval.
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR (CONT’D)

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6th NUS-SDA Distinguished Speaker Programme - Prof Stephen Challacombe

Professor Stephen Challacombe, a well-known expert in the field of Oral Medicine and Immunology from Guy’s, King’s and St Thomas’ Medical and Dental School, UK, was invited under the auspices of the NUS-SDA Distinguished Speaker Programme for 2005. This year’s programme highlighted the importance and relevance of Medicine, Immunology and Microbiology in the field of Dentistry. Over the 3-day programme from 11 to 13 April 2005, participants were treated to a set of informative lectures on various topics in Oral Medicine. Prof Challacombe covered topics including current controversies in Oral Medicine, latest findings in treatment modalities for common oral mucosal lesions, Candida, HIV, etc. Interactions with staff included also various aspects of research, management of selected Oral Medicine clinical cases, presented by the department of OMS. Prof Challacombe also shared experiences with the Communicable Diseases Centre and Tan Tock Seng Hospital on the HIV situation and the epidemiology of other infectious diseases in Singapore.

Faculty hosts the RCS Ed Quincentennial Celebrations in Singapore

Theme: “Restoring Facial Aesthetics through Dentistry”

The Faculty of Dentistry was the host and co-organizer of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (RCSEd) Quincentennial Celebrations 2005 in Singapore. The theme for the College’s Quincentennial Celebration was “500 years of Innovation and Excellence in Surgery”. The local meeting, themed “Restoring Facial Aesthetics through Dentistry”, was held on 22 May 2005 at the Dental Auditorium. About 50 people registered and attended this meeting. We are honoured to have Prof James McDonald, Dean, Faculty of Dental Surgery, RCSEd to grace this meeting.

The speakers included Prof Andrew Sandham, Prof Richard Ibbetson, Prof John Langdon, Prof Cheung Lim Kwong, A/Prof Kelvin Foong and Dr Go Wee Ser.
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR (CONT’D)

1st Singapore-China Symposium on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMS)
Theme: “Oral and maxillofacial reconstruction”

The inaugural Singapore-China Symposium on OMS, jointly organised by the Department of OMS, Faculty of Dentistry and the Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (Singapore), was held at the Dental Auditorium, NUS on 26 February 2005. The keynote speaker was Prof Zhang Chen Ping, Vice Director of the Affiliated Ninth People’s Hospital of Shanghai Second Medical University. The local speakers were A/Prof Luke Tan, A/Prof Ho Kee Hai, Drs Victor Fan, Chan Siew Luen, Ansgar Cheng, Go Wee Ser, Cao Tong, Andrew Tay and Myra Elliot. A total of 75 participants attended the symposium. The symposium covered a range of topics on reconstruction surgery of the orofacial region including case demonstrations of radial forearm free flap and vascularised free fibula reconstruction.

Winning five out of eight competitions at the IADR SEA Division and SEAADE Annual Meeting at Koh Samui, 2004

The 19th International Association for Dental Research Southeast Asian (IADR SEA) Division and 15th Southeast Asian Association for Dental Education (SEAADE) Annual Meeting was held at Koh Samui, Thailand from 3 to 6 September 2004. NUS was represented by the Immediate Past President of the IADR SEA Division and current Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, A/Prof Keson Tan and a team comprising of academic staff, post-doctoral fellows and postgraduate students. Competing with several other Dental Schools from around the Southeast Asia region, the team from NUS performed extremely well in all the research categories and emerged winning five of the possible eight competitions contested:

- IADR SEA Division Travel Award Competition (Senior Researcher),
- IADR SEA Best Paper Awards for
  - Cariology & Mineralised Tissues,
  - Dental Materials-Laboratory Research,
  - Craniofacial Biology,
- Dentsply Asia Student Clinicians Competition.

The awards were noteworthy recognition for our recent research thrust and the quality of work done by NUS Dentistry staff and students.

Representatives from Dentistry at the Conference.
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR (CONT’D)

NUS Faculty of Dentistry wins Best Oral Science Poster award at the 3rd NHG Annual Scientific Congress

The 3rd National Healthcare Group (NHG) Annual Scientific Congress 2004 was held from the 9 to 10 October 2004 at the Raffles City Convention Centre, Singapore. The theme of the congress was “Merging Medicine with Science”. The topic of Oral and Maxillofacial Cancers, Dentistry was represented by local speakers A/Prof Yeo Jin Fei, Dr Andrew Robinson and Dr Victor Fan, as well as Dr N Ravindranathan from Brunei Darusalam. Dr Liu Hua from the Faculty of Dentistry won the best oral science poster award in this conference for her work entitled “Early Separation of MSC Differentiated Osteogenic Cells for Osteogenesis in Local Implantation”. The co-authors were Dr Heng Boon Chin, Ms Saw Tzuen Yih, Mr Ouyang Hongwei and Dr Cao Tong.

Final Year Dental Student represents Asia at International Ceram-X Case Competition

The Ceram-X Asia Case Competition for dental students was held in April 2005. The competition, organized by Dentsply Asia, received a total of 128 cases from 36 universities across the region. Mr Loke Weiqiang, our Final Year Dental student won the country prize for the Duo category in Malaysia & Singapore. His work was supervised by A/Prof Jennifer Neo. Weiqiang then went on to represent Malaysia & Singapore to compete for the Asia Prize, winning 2nd place in this competition. He received a cash award of $1000 and NUS received Dentsply restorative material worth $1000. As one of the Asia winners, Weiqiang will join the other prize winners to represent Asia in the DeTrey competition to be held in Europe.

BioMers - Innovation in aesthetic orthodontic archwires

BioMers is a student-researcher professional team with an international make-up, including a PhD student and research assistant from Faculty of Dentistry and Bioengineering of NUS, as well as business development manager from Centre for Scientific Enterprise and Imperial College in London. The team developed a complete aesthetic alternative to unsightly metallic braces with the necessary mechanical properties to straighten improperly malaligned teeth. BioMers aim to capture a significant portion of the one million orthodontic patients in the U.S. who are currently seeking an aesthetic treatment for their malocclusion. BioMers beat more than 200 other entries to clinch the S$30,000 grand prize for the General Category of the Sixth Start-Up@Singapore National Business Plan Competition and Enterprise Launcher. In addition, the same team also received Honorable Mention at the University of San Francisco - Pacific Specialty Insurance International Business Plan Competition in March 2005.
**NUS Dental Society hosts the 2004 APDSA Congress**

The 31st Asia Pacific Dental Student Association (APDSA) Congress was held in Singapore from 16 to 21 August 2004. The congress involved members of the dental fraternity from around the Asia Pacific region. The theme of this year’s congress was “Bridging Worlds”. Through the plethora of activities organized for the delegates, such as the Opening Ceremony, Cultural night, Scientific talks and presentations, Gala Ball and the Faculty tour, the event presented an opportunity for delegates to better understand and appreciate diverse cultures. Exchange of knowledge through the scientific talks and presentations by successful regional researchers and clinicians was also achieved.
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR (CONT’D)

Commencement 2004
The commencement ceremony for the graduating class of 2004 was held on 8 July 2004 at the NUS University Cultural Centre (UCC). Thirty-two BDS and thirteen MDS graduates received their degree scrolls.

First Dentist Pledge Ceremony for BDS graduates
The First Dentist Pledge Affirmation Ceremony was held on 8 November 2004 at the College of Medicine Building. Thirty-one newly registered dentists from the graduating BDS class of 2004 were the first to take the pledge. The guest of honour for the ceremony was Mr Khaw Boon Wan, Minister of Health.

Orientation 2004
A series of events was organized by the second year dental students to welcome dental freshmen in the months of July and August 2004. The Freshman Orientation 2004 programme started with a 3-day dental camp in Sentosa, during which the senior class and junior class interacted over fun and games. The camp was followed by two weeks of rigorous float building and rehearsals for the NUS Rag Day on 7 August 2004.
Faculty Outreach

The Faculty of Dentistry was actively involved in outreach initiatives to raise the profile of the faculty as well as Dentistry as a profession. The faculty had set up a booth at the annual NUS Open House held on 12 March 2005 and among others, highlighted the admission requirements into the faculty and the career prospects for young graduate dentists to potential students.

The faculty also received 148 job shadowing students who were from various secondary schools and junior colleges in Singapore. These students spent on average two days in the faculty to observe dental students and dental officers as they go about their daily activities. Our undergraduate students who were alumni of Tampines Junior College were also invited to conduct a career talk for their students in April 2005.

International Student Attachments

The faculty played host to 11 students from overseas dental schools who opted to come to NUS as part of their elective programmes. These students were from the University of Melbourne, the University of Sydney, the University of Adelaide and Moscow State Medical and Dental University.

Showcasing our strength in research at the NUS Open House

Interactive station for public participation
Faculty Visitors

As part of our strategic focus, enhancing international relations plays an important role in opening doors to international practices and strengthening ties with renowned institutions. Faculty welcomed the visits of several visitors, including:

- Representatives from Lille 2 University, France (1 November 2004)
- Staff as well as dental technician and dental hygiene students from Fukuoka College of Medical and Dental Technology, Japan (3 June 2004 and 26 August 2004)
- Dental hygiene students from Kumamoto Hygiene & Technology School, Japan (7 December 2004)
- Prof Peter Marquis, Dean of the Life & Health Sciences, School of Dentistry, The University of Birmingham, UK (26 November 2004)
- Prof Jon Suzuki, Professor of Periodontics and Microbiology, Temple University, Philadelphia, USA (17 to 19 April 2005)
- Prof Malgorzata Kujawinska, President of the SPIE-The International Society for Optical Engineering (29 April 2005)

The Faculty, under the MOE Education-Train-The-Trainers programme, received Dr Vorn Vutra, Cambodia from 8 November to 27 November 2004 as well as Dr Heng Sopanha, Cambodia from 20 September 2004 to 9 October 2004.

Under the Dentsply Asia Visitorship Programme, Faculty welcomed representatives from the Prof Dr Moestopo University and Triksakl University, Indonesia from 30 January to 5 February 2005. The Institute of Dental Medicine from both Yangon and Mandalay in Myanmar visited under the same programme from 14 to 18 March 2005.
INITIATIVES

EDUCATION

By providing a vibrant and challenging environment, the faculty strives to produce clinically competent, socially and ethically responsible professionals.
Total Student Enrolment

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Staff Teaching Awards

Faculty Excellence in Teaching Awards
- A/P Kelvin Foong Weng Chiong (left picture)
- Dr Hilary Thean Pik Yen (right picture)

Student Scholarships

BDS71 Scholarship (AY2004/05)
- Mr Tan Kian Meng (left picture)
- Mr Chye Chuan Hee (right picture)

President Graduate Fellowship
- Ms Soh Mui Siang
  PhD Research Scholar with the Department of Restorative Dentistry
Undergraduate Research Project Represents Southeast Asia at International Competition

The undergraduate team representing the National University of Singapore was placed first in the Dentsply Asia Student Clinicians Competition at the 15th Southeast Asian Association for Dental Education (SEAADE) and 19th International Association for Dental Research Southeast Asian (IADR SEA) Division Annual Scientific Meeting. The team comprised of Miss Ng Yuk Ching, Miss Selvajothi d/o Veerasamy, Miss Cecilia Zheng Hongyan, Mr Jeffrey Sng Hong Cheong and Mr Eugene Wee Chun Kheng. Their project was entitled “In situ evaluation of laser effect on the prevention of enamel demineralisation using an intra-oral model”. The team also represented the Southeast Asian region for the International Dentsply Student Clinician Programme at the Annual Meeting of the American Dental Association, Orlando, Florida, held on September 2004.

Two other projects, which won the 1st and 2nd runner-up prize at the Faculty Research Day also went on to represent NUS at the Asia Pacific Dental Student Congress 2004. The project entitled “The effect of food simulants on the bond strength of orthodontic bracket using resin modified glass ionomer cements” won the 1st prize. The team comprised of Miss Low Hwee Hiang, Miss Tong Huei Jinn, Miss Florence Wong Liping and Mr Lim Sze Kheng. The project entitled “Effects of surface treatment and materials on class II open sandwich technique” won the 2nd prize. The team comprised of Mr Low Gim Hong, Mr Peh Gek Chuan, Mr Seetoh Yoong Liang and Mr Alvin Tan Cheng Boon.

Mentorship of Junior College Student Research Project

The student research project by two Victoria Junior College students under the supervision of A/Prof Hsu Chin-ying, Stephen was awarded one of the 11 gold awards, out of the 258 entries in the 2005 Singapore Science and Engineering Fair Research (SSEF) Competition. The SSEF Competition is a national competition organised by Ministry of Education, the A*STAR, and the Singapore Science Centre (SSC). Their project entitled “In vitro study of the inhibiting effect of Er: Yag laser on enamel demineralisation in adverse pH condition”, was conducted from January to December 2004.
INITIATIVES (CONT’D)

EDUCATION

Student Exchange Programme

In Academic Year 2004/05, a total of nine undergraduate students went on a 2-week attachment to overseas universities under the Student Exchange Programme.

All of the nine undergraduate students were sponsored by either dental companies or the Office of Alumni Relations in the Student Exchange Programme 2004.

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Basic Medical Science Course & Part 1 MDS Examinations

The Basic Medical Sciences (BMS) course is a preparatory course offered by the Faculty of Dentistry to prepare candidates for the Part I MDS Examination, which is conducted for the following specialties – Endodontics, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Orthodontics, Periodontology and Prosthodontics.

In the Academic Year 2004/05, the Faculty accepted 10 students for the BMS course and 8 candidates sat for the corresponding Part 1 MDS Examination.

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Conjoint MDS Examinations

The Division of Graduate Dental Studies is an examination centre with the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and conducts the Membership in Orthodontics (MOrth RCS Edinburgh) as well as the Membership in Restorative Dentistry (MRD RCS Edinburgh) Examination for Endodontics, Periodontology and Prosthodontics.

First Conjoint MDS-MRD Examination in Periodontology

The Division of Graduate Dental Studies conducted the first conjoint MDS-MRD Examination in Periodontology from 16 to 19 May 2005. There were two candidates sitting for the examination and both successfully completed the examination. Our first batch of graduates from the Periodontology Residency Training Programme, Dr Tan Wah Ching and Dr Khurram Ataullah, were conferred with the Master of Dental Surgery (Periodontology) programme on 30 June 2005. Dr Tan was also awarded the IADR Book prize for good academic performance.
Continuing Professional Education

The Division of Graduate Dental Studies (DGDS) mounted an active continuing professional education (CPE) programme for dentists in Singapore and the region. This is in line with the forthcoming move to make CPE compulsory in Singapore.

List of CPE Events Organized in AY2004/05

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<td>Endodontic Bugs and Drugs</td>
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<td>22 May 2005</td>
<td>Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh (RCSEd) Quincentennial Celebrations 2005 - Singapore</td>
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<td>Psychological Profile of Patients with Dentofacial Deformity and Its Post-Surgical Changes</td>
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<td>Treatment of the Complicated Denture Patient</td>
<td>A/Prof Carl Driscoll</td>
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INITIATIVES
CLINICAL SERVICES

Producing clinically competent graduates with a sense of professionalism, ethical and social responsibility.
INITIATIVES (CONT’D)

CLINICAL SERVICES

Combined Implant Clinic

Clinical Training in Implant Surgery is conducted with a Combined Implant Clinic at the General Practice Unit (GPU). Faculty and Visiting Consultants, provide consultations to patients referred in by the restoring dentist after a prior prosthodontic consultation. Residents, primarily from Graduate Periodontics, manage each patient from commencement to case completion under close supervision in a structured teaching environment. They undertake observation and surgical assisting before performing implant surgery in the 2nd and 3rd year of the MDS program. The residents work with prosthodontists and prosthodontic residents on coordinating the joint treatment plan for each patient and following the pre-operative work-up. Every surgical case will have a restorative treatment plan in place before the surgical placement of implants is undertaken.

Since 2001, around 250 implant fixtures have been placed in 130 patients. The clinic accepts referrals from the Undergraduate clinics, NUH clinical staff as well as external referrals from the private sector and provides a cost-effective option for patients.

Updates on NUS-NUH Community Dental Project

The project was initiated in 1999 with the objective of providing free basic dental care to the elderly poor from the Lions Befrienders. Over the past 6 years, a total number of 302 patients have been treated. With effect from July 2004, the NUS-NUH Community Dental Project was shifted from the usual Saturday afternoons to weekday slots. The change enabled a better coordination of services provided to the beneficiaries of the project - currently the elderly from the Lions Befrienders. The elderly patients were seen by dental undergraduate students, prosthodontic postgraduate residents as well as academic staff. Through the project, students and staff contribute to the community as well as nurturing an appreciation of volunteerism and community spirit.

Clinical Imaging Room

A Clinical Imaging Room has been setup at level 2 of the faculty to acquire and document 2D and 3D soft tissue craniofacial images as part of the improvement and advancement of diagnostic dental imaging for clinical application. The room is designed for basic 2D dental photography of the face and dentition as well as 3D capturing of facial soft tissue using FaceVision 600 imaging system. The room will also be used for computer-assisted treatment planning of orthodontic-surgical cases and multimedia integration of facial soft tissue motion as part of orthodontic diagnosis.

Dental Public Health Screening

On 21 May 2005 the Dental Society organised the annual Dental Public Health Screening & Exhibition at Toa Payoh HDB Hub Mall. The aim of the event was to provide free dental screening and oral health education to members of the public.

There was a constant stream of visitors and our students were kept busy carrying out dental screenings and giving oral health advice. The event was well attended and 446 people participated in the oral health screening.
INITIATIVES (CONT’D)

RESEARCH

Research Focus Areas
The faculty remains committed to the five key research focus areas of:

- Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Biology
- Oro-Facial Pain
- Biomaterials and Biomechanics
- Cariology and Biophotonics
- Craniofacial Imaging

Research Grants
A sum of $522,678 has been allotted from the Academic Research Fund in Financial Year 2004. The distribution of the funding procured for these research focus areas are shown in Figure 1.

Research Infrastructure Development
In 2004, dedicated research laboratory space was established at the DSO (Kent Ridge) building. This laboratory houses facilities for Bioimaging, Cariology, Biophotonics, Biomaterials, Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Cell-culture research. Thirteen MSc (Research) and thirteen PhD students conduct research under their mentors within this laboratory.

Faculty Publications
There was a significant increase in the faculty publications in peer refereed premier and leading international journals in 2004/2005. The faculty publication figures are shown in Figure 2.

For AY2004/5, there were 30 ongoing projects and six new projects funded by the Academic Research Fund. Seven projects were successfully completed.
Research Achievements

The Faculty won 16 research awards at various local, regional and international conferences in AY2004/05. One patents were also filed.

Fig. 3. Number of awards received and patents filed between AY2001/02 to AY2004/05

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Staff Appointments

Department of Restorative Dentistry

PROF CHEW CHONG LIN
- Chief Dental Officer, Ministry of Health
- Registrar, Singapore Dental Council

A/PROF KENG SIONG BEN
- President, South East Asia Association for Dental Education (SEAADE), 2004-2006

DR ANIL KISHEN
- Secretary, International Association of Dental Research Singapore Section, 2005-2006
- Vice Chairman, Singapore Chapter of the International Society of Optical Engineering (SPIE), 2005-2006

A/PROF NEO CHIEW LIAN, JENNIFER
- Member, Singapore Dental Council

A/PROF SAE-LIM VARAWAN
- Chairperson, Chapter of Dental Surgeons, Academy of Medicine, 2003-2006
- Hon Secretary, South East Asia Association for Dental Education (SEAADE), 2004-2006

A/PROF TAN BENG CHOON, KESON
- Immediate Past-President, International Association for Dental Research South-East Asian Division

A/PROF YAP U JIN, ADRIAN
- Immediate Past-President, International Association for Dental Research Singapore Section
- Secretary, TMD/RDC International Consortium

Department of Preventive Dentistry

A/PROF FOONG WENG CHIONG, KELVIN
- Chairperson, Dental Specialty Board for Orthodontics, Chapter of Dental Surgeons, Academy of Medicine, Singapore.

A/PROF HSU CHIN-YING, STEPHEN
- Chairperson, International Association for Dental Research Singapore Section

DR MOK YUEN YUE, BETTY
- Board of Directors, Pediatric Dentistry Association of Asia, 2002-2006

DR MOHAMED AZHARASHID BIN MOHAMED TAHIR
- Vice-President, International Association for Dental Research (IADR) Singapore Section
- Dental Regional Advisor (Overseas) to Faculty of Dental Surgery, RCS Edinburgh, 1999-2006
- Regent, Section 24 (Singapore & Indonesia), International College of Dentists, 2005
- Member, Singapore Dental Council

A/PROF TEO CHOO SOO
- Consultant, Conference & Education Committee, FDI World Dental Federation, 2001-2004

Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

DR FAN TAI WENG, VICTOR
- Hon Secretary, Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

A/PROF HO KEE HAI
- Member, Singapore Dental Council

PROF LOH HONG SAI
- President, Guild of Dental Graduates, 2003-2004
- President, International Society for Laser Dentistry, 2002-2004
- Council Member, International Society for Lasers in Surgery and Medicine, 2002-2004

A/PROF YEO JIN FEI
- Dental Regional Advisor (Overseas) to Faculty of Dental Surgery, RCS Edinburgh, 1999-2006
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Visiting Professors

Department of Restorative Dentistry

Professor Craig J. Baumgartner, Professor in Endodontics with the Oregon Health Sciences University, was appointed to the department from 3 January to 26 February 2005. Prof Baumgartner was involved in reviewing undergraduate and postgraduate teaching in Endodontics and also conducted advanced research seminars and provided guidance for dental graduate students. He also shared his expertise at the continuing professional development courses organized by the department.
**Visiting Professors (CONT’D)**

**Professor Jack I. Nicholls**, Professor in Biomaterials with the University of Washington, was appointed to the department from 13 October to 13 December 2004. During his stay, Prof Nicholls held small group research seminars and worked with dental staff and graduate students on their research projects.

**Professor Michael V. Swain**, Professor in Biomaterials with the University of Otago, New Zealand, was appointed to the department from 29 June to 26 July 2005. Faculty research staff took the opportunity to build collaborations in research projects of mutual interest. Prof Swain also held seminars for graduate students in the related research fields.

**List of Editorial Board Memberships**

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