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Dean's Message



It is a privilege to be called upon to lead a Faculty with 80 years of history. It is also a daunting task to uphold the standards which the school had built. Deanery, including myself, will build upon this foundation so that our school can compete with the best dental schools internationally.

Education is our strength, however, we will need to continue to innovate and develop new pedagogies to ensure that our graduates will have the skills required to work in a globally competitive and rapidly advancing technological world. Our greatest challenge is not imparting knowledge and skills, but to impart social responsibility, ethics and professionalism to our students. This will be a focus when we review the curriculum.

The Faculty's immediate priorities for the next 3 years will be to develop research and clinical services. There is an immediate need to focus on developing research in our areas of strength. From our retreat and discussions with our Visiting Research Advisor, we have identified regeneration and developmental biology, translational work in biomaterials, and oral health epidemiology as areas we will develop.

We are in the midst of reviewing clinical services at NUHS, with plans to grow and contribute to the provision of oral health care for Singaporeans.

To meet our tripartite mission in teaching, research and education, the recruitment of senior researchers, academics and clinicians will be a priority. Besides, full-time academics, the faculty is grateful to our adjunct teachers who have committed their time and expertise in grooming our future dental surgeons. With the increased numbers of undergraduates, we will work on nurturing and growing our alumni talent pool.

Assoc Prof Grace Ong
Dean

Editorial

Last few months have been pivotal for the Faculty of Dentistry. The changes were large, with the faculty gaining a new Deanery to making the third physical move in its 80 year history. The Faculty made great progress under the past administrators, and we are featuring our outgoing dean, A/P Keson Tan.

The 80th anniversary celebrations concluded beautifully with great participation and smooth flow of events, thanks to all the hard work by the organizers and the enthusiasm of the guests and participants. Read on to find out more about these events under the 'highlights' section.

Recognition of professional efforts was plenty with many of our faculty members winning awards at national and international stage. Many of these achievements are detailed under the 'events' and 'announcements' sections.

Proximity to excellence makes us better. We had distinguished visitors like Prof. Myron Spector, Prof. Christopher Squier, Prof. John Hobrik, A/P Alice Elizabeth Curran and Prof. Harold Masser, who shared their expertise with us. Read on for more details about these visits that kept us up-to date on dentistry in their parts of the world.

Happy reading about these and more!
From Editor Dr. Rahul Nair

260 Steps from the Old to the New

by Dr Hu Shijia



The old Faculty of Dentistry building will always have a special place in my heart. After all, 4 years of my undergraduate life was spent in musky Lab 3 and in slightly warm clinics. In my opinion, buildings grow in character as they age. They retain a little piece of every person who has been through their gates. Memories etched into its walls as burn marks and chipped tiles from dropped investing flasks. Hence, it was with a tinge of sadness that I took the 260 steps to the spanking new building on the first day of work.

Greeting me however was an impressive façade of glass and concrete, which I have to admit I was in awe of. The building may not be the biggest or the most striking but it belonged to us, a place that our dental students can finally call home! Despite its quirks, I took to

Honour and Appreciation Lunch for Immediate Past Dean, Assoc Prof Keson Tan *by A/P S B Keng*



Appreciation Lunch (22nd Jan, 2010) for past Dean A/P Keson Tan,
L-R, A/P JF Yeo, A/P J Neo, Dean A/P Grace Ong, A/P Keson Tan, A/P K Foong, A/P SB Keng

A luncheon was organized to honour and thank Assoc Professor Keson Tan, immediate past Dean on 22nd January 2010 at Level 1 courtyard of the new building. Basked with the new building facilities, the whole faculty, staff and NUHS Dental Clinicians gathered at the courtyard to celebrate and honor Keson on this special occasion.

A/P Keson Tan served the Faculty from 2001 to 2009 as Dean. During those years, the faculty spearheaded many new initiatives and reached new heights in the research, education and clinical fields. Glowing tributes from representatives from the Dean's office staff, Nurses, IT personnel and academic staff highlighted how Keson was able to lead and inspire the staff who worked under his leadership. At the different levels of interaction, he was able to direct and guide staff to work as one unit to achieve the many goals that were set by him and his administration. Fondly remembered for his ability to look at issues from many angles,

to the long meetings that he had with staff and students, Keson was one who always had the interest of students and staff at heart. As one who could look at the details and yet be able to explain his thoughts in simplistic ways, he was an inspiration with his humble style of leadership. With the distinction of being the only President Scholar dental student, the Faculty and University were indeed fortunate to have him take on the leadership.

Under his able leadership, the school started many new research initiatives, implemented the electronic dental record system, eased into the NUHS system, expanded the UG dental student intake from 34 to 48, expanded the specialty training in MDS and enhanced many international collaborations with overseas institutions. These were only a few of the highlights of his administration. The Faculty also reached important milestones of the 75th and 80th anniversary celebrations under his deanship.

As a special tribute and surprise gift to Keson our current Dean, Assoc Prof Grace Ong personally gathered and selected photos of Keson during his tenure as Dean, and the special album was presented to Keson on this occasion.

In his response, Keson thanked all who have supported him through the years and acknowledged that his left shoulder suddenly felt very much lighter since handing over the mantle to A/P Grace Ong in January.

To Keson once again, our heartfelt thanks from all of us for your inspiring leadership of the faculty and personal sacrifices of your time and energy to take on this heavy responsibilities to see the faculty to what it is today.



the new building almost immediately. The large windows in the clinics offer a view that could rival that of private practices and unlike the old clinics the new building's reliable air-conditioning does not require half a day to cool the place unlike the old clinics.

On the downside, not having an auditorium in the new building can be quite a pain. On some days taking the 260 steps in the hot sun can be rather agonizing for weak old knees like those of mine. Perhaps, for sedentary folks like us, having this enforced exercise (sometimes the only form of exercise) could prove beneficial for the cardiovascular system. Moreover, dental students now have a legitimate excuse to be late for classes!

80th Anniversary Gala Dinner *Ms Soh Shean Han*



The 80th Anniversary Gala Dinner was held on 7 November 2009 (Saturday), at the Shangri-la Hotel. It was the culmination of all 80th Anniversary celebratory events- the Welcome Tea, Homecoming Dinner, Alumni Golf Game, as well as the Oral Health Symposium and Dental Screening. It was a joyous time where staff, students and alumni gathered to celebrate the occasion.

'Reconnect!' was the theme event. At the Photo Gallery, many guests viewed photos depicting their student days, the dental line genealogy, faculty academic staff, dental couples, and the various school buildings since the beginning of our faculty. While many busied themselves reminiscing with long-lost friends or old schoolmates, others took the opportunity to pose for a photo at the Photo Opportunity Corner, against a backdrop of the 2009 Dentistry float.

At 7pm, as a prelude to the night's programme, an aspiring first year musical band, '2013', began playing a 10 minute opening musical set. Our emcees for the night were Dr Andy Lee and Dr Geraldine Lim.

Gracing the event as the Guest-of-Honour, was Dr Ng Eng Hen, the Minister of Education. Upon the arrival of the Guest-of-Honour, the dinner commenced with an adrenaline pumping Welcome Dance Performance by a dance group comprising 6 Year 1 students,

collectively known as 'So Crisp', the champion team of the QuintFac dance competition. To kick-start the night's programme, welcoming and opening addresses were given by the Chairman of the Organizing Committee, A/P Kelvin Foong; our Dean, A/P Keson Tan; and the NUS President, Prof Tan Chorh Chuan.

As an official commemoration of our faculty's 80th birthday, a cake cutting ceremony was held. The Dental Anthem was then sung led by the President of the Dental Society, Syazwan Lim, and his DENSOC committee. This was followed by the ceremonious toast to the faculty by the Dean and all VIP guests.

To complement the great food, a host of exciting performances followed. First up, we had a solo violin repertoire by Dr Wilson Goh who was accompanied on the piano by UG student Stephanie Yap. Both are



renowned in the fraternity for their musical passion and talents. Next, Nick Sin Tong, a final year undergraduate, took the stage and enthralled the crowd with his magical performance. This was followed by a Rock and Roll performance by our very own

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Alumni Band. Dressed in funky costumes, wigs and sunglasses, the OrthoBand rocked the crowd with their songs of 'The Shadows', 'Game of Love' and many others. Performing with the OrthoBand as a special guest was our very own past Dean, A/P Keson Tan, amidst gasps of surprise, cheer and applause. Finally, Ruckus, a group of final year undergraduates, took the stage and serenaded the crowd with their rendition of modern pop songs, 'I want it that way' and 'Don't Dream. It's over'.

Besides performances, video montages of the Faculty academic staff, student days, dental couples, the old, present and new school buildings, too brought back waves of nostalgia.

It was indeed heartwarming to see many Alumni members and dental students coming together to commemorate the faculty's 80th birthday. Everyone was in high spirits and great mirth. As the night progressed, guests could be seen moving across the room and socializing with old friends or fervently taking photos to capture the memories of the night.

The night's programme finally drew to a close at 10.30pm. To conclude the evening, '2013' once again took the stage with their closing musical repertoire. Reluctant to leave, many guests stayed behind to take photos as mementoes or to exchange last words with old classmates, friends, seniors and juniors.

Although the night was over, it would no doubt be an unforgettable and nostalgic one for many of us.

Appreciation to Sponsors

The Faculty of Dentistry would like to express its sincere appreciation to the sponsors who have contributed generously to our 80th birthday events: Colgate-Palmolive, Dentsply (Singapore), GC Asia Dental, J.Morita, Kavo Dental Asia, Singapore Dental Association, and many other sponsors for their support.

Oral Health Symposium and Dental Screening 2009 *by Ms Soh Shean Han*

In conjunction with the Faculty of Dentistry's 80th Anniversary celebrations, an Oral Health Symposium and Dental Screening 2009 was held on 7 November (Saturday), from 9am to 12noon. The aim of this initiative was to increase the oral health awareness of the public and to provide them with free dental screening. Complimentary goodie bags and pamphlets on oral health were also distributed to all participants.

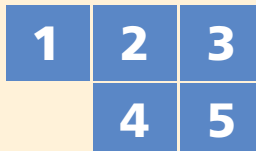
The Oral Health Symposium, which was held at the Dental Auditorium, was chaired by Dr Andrew Ow and the speakers were A/P Lim Lum Peng, Dr Victor Fan and Adjunct A/P Myra Elliot. Topics covered included the relationship between oral and systemic health, oral cancer and cleft lip and palate in children. The talks were followed by a lively 'Q & A' session. In addition, the participants were given the opportunity to learn more about dental implants at the booth, located outside the Auditorium.

Concurrent with the Symposium, a free dental screening was also held at Dentistry Clinic 3, from 9.30 am to 12 noon. The disposable instruments were kindly sponsored by Colgate. The dental screening was conducted by the final year students while the Year 3 students served as dental assistants or gave oral health instructions. The Year 2s handled the registration of participants while Year 1s went around publicizing the event in the hospital building. A/P Robert Yee, Dr Victoria Yu and Dr Betty Mok supervised the screening procedures. At the end of the dental screening, approximately 60 participants were screened, with many of them showing interest to sign up for dental treatment with the students.

Romancing Dentistry Winners

The following are the winning couples for the Romancing Dentistry Couple Competition at the 80th Gala Dinner:

- Weekend Night Stay in Shangri-La**
Dr Yeo Kok Beng and Dr Anna Tang
- Weekend Night Stay in Shangri-La**
Dr Desmond Ng and Dr Elaine Tan
- Dinner Voucher for 2 pax @ The Line Restaurant**
Dr Ang Tiam Teck and Dr Jennifer Goh
- Lunch Voucher for 2 pax @ The Line Restaurant**
Dr Kevin Co and Enrica Sham
- Hi-Tea Voucher for 2 pax @ Rose Veranda**
Dr Alphonsus and Angeline Choo



Official Opening of Faculty of Dentistry Building on 7th April, 2010 *by A/P Keng Siong Beng*

Two activities were rolled into one on 7th April, 2010. Members of the NUS Board of Trustees (BOT) paid an official visit to the faculty and also attended the official opening ceremony of the new building.

Chairman, NUS Board of Trustees, Mr. Wong Ngit Liong and NUS BOT members held a meeting with the Dean and senior management of Faculty to better understand dental education issues and research activities conducted by the faculty. They also took the opportunity to visit Faculty research and new building facilities.

At the official opening address, Dean, Assoc Prof Grace Ong welcomed more than 250 guests, including the guest of Honor Mr. Wong Ngit Liong, NUS President, Prof Tan Chorh Chuan; NUHS Board Chairman, Mr. Lim Yong Wah, NUS Board of Trustees members; Deans of NUS faculties, Chief Executive of NUHS, Senior Management of NUS, NUHS; Presidents of Dental Associations and Organizations, trade representatives, dental alumni and dental students.

NUS President, Prof Tan Chorh Chuan delivered his address. In a symbolic tree planting ceremony, the Guest of Honour, Mr Wong Ngit Liong, planted a clove tree to commemorate this auspicious occasion. Oil of Cloves, which has medicinal properties, has always been associated with dentistry and it is no surprise that the clove tree was chosen to be planted.

It was a joyous occasion for the faculty to have its own home after the move from SGH, to the National University Hospital in 1986. Invited guests, friends and alumni were in a relaxed mood as they took in the views and facilities offered by the new building. Designed with an open concept that incorporates interlinking bridges between its 2 wings, the building will provide new avenues and facilities for the training of dental students.



5th Faculty of Dentistry Symposium *by Ms Sharon Lee*



The Centre for Advanced Dental Education held its 5th Faculty of Dentistry Symposium at Orchard Hotel on 9th and 10th January 2010.

This year's theme "Dental materials – Their Impact on Dental Practice" served to shed some light on the ever growing repertoire of materials introduced to the profession.

Dr Terry Donovan (USA), Dr David Manton (Australia) and Dr Marlene Teo (Singapore) were the speakers at the symposium.

Topic	Speaker
An Analysis of Contemporary Ceramic Systems	Dr Terry Donovan
A Contemporary Analysis of Dental Cements and Luting Agents	
Current Evidence on Enamel and Dentine Bonding	
Tooth Whitening Agents	
Tooth Coloured Direct Restorative Materials	
Impression Materials and Gingival Retraction	
Novel Methods of Caries Detection	Dr David Manton
Recent Advances in Enamel Remineralisation	
Is There Much New in Restorative Care in Children?	
Which Material and in What Situation?	
Pulp Therapy in Children – An Update	Dr Marlene Teo
Update on Graft Materials in Periodontal Treatment	

The 6th Symposium will be held on 8th to 9th January 2011 and the theme is "Back to Basics". The speakers invited will include Dr Stefano Gracis, Dr Woo Sook Bin and Prof Ian Meyers.

14th NUS Clinical Symposium

by Ms Sharon Lee

The 14th NUS Clinical Symposium was held on 23 May 2010 at Lecture Theatre 28 located at the Faculty of Science. 227 participants attended the lecturers delivered by our invited overseas and local speakers.



Dean, A/P Grace Ong, with Prof Wayne John Sampson



Dr Daniel Chan



Prof Mark McGurk

Lecture	Speaker
Functional Appliances in Correcting Class II Malocclusions – Do They Really Work?	Prof Wayne John Sampson
Factors Predicting for Inferior Dental Nerve & Lingual Nerve Injury	Prof Mark McGurk
Updates on Curing Systems	Dr Daniel CN Chan
The Treatment of Dentofacial Deformities	Dr Andrew Ow
Non-Surgical Retreatment in Endodontics	Dr Victoria Yu

IADR 2009 – Wuhan, China *by Ms Nurazreen*

The 2nd Pan-Asia Pacific Federation (PAPF) and 1st Asia-Pacific Regional (APR) meeting of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) was held in the historic city of Wuhan, Peoples' Republic of China from the 22nd to 24th September 2009. This meeting, organized by the School of Stomatology of Wuhan University, brought together members of the IADR Divisions of China, South Korea, Japan, Australia and New Zealand, and Southeast Asia for an intensive two and a half days of exchange of scientific knowledge. Among the list of six Keynote Speakers was our very own Assoc Prof Cao Tong who gave an overview of the *Current Status of Stem Cells and Prospects for Human Pluripotent Stem Cells in Dentistry*.

The Faculty of Dentistry was well represented at this meeting. Showcasing the Faculty's research enterprise at this meeting via posters and oral presentations were seven academic staff (A/P Keson Tan, A/P Stephen Hsu, A/P Lim Lum Peng, Assoc Prof Kelvin Foong, Dr Li Xiaobing, Dr Rahul Nair and Dr Michael Mah), eight graduate students (Lu Kai, Vinoth Kumar, Dr Tang Panmei, Dr Enrica Sham, Megha Upadaya, Fu Xin, Zhang Xu, and Li Ming Ming) and research engineer, Bui Nhat Linh. In line with the Faculty's direction to be a leading dental school, two faculty members assumed positions in the Council of the IADR Southeast Asian (SEA) Division. Assoc Prof Kelvin Foong took over the mantle of leadership of the IADR Southeast Asian Division as its President for the next two years till September 2011. In his inaugural speech as President, he highlighted the need for the well resourced countries in the Division to assist the developing countries to raise the general level of research capabilities and competency. Dr Michael Mah was also appointed as Secretary of the SEA Division.



Faculty staff, students and alumni at the Closing Dinner.
From left (standing): A/P Cao Tong, Dr Michael Mah, A/P Stephen Hsu, A/P Kelvin Foong, Dr Kevin Co, Mr Bui Nhat Linh, Dr Kenji Chin, A/P Keson Tan.
Seated from left: A/P Lim Lum Peng, Dr Enrica Sham and Dr Tang Panmei.

Graduated with a PhD degree from NUS in 2008 and currently working in Hong Kong University as an Assistant Professor, Dr Gao Xiao Li (supervised by A/P Stephen Hsu) achieved a commendable 2nd runner-up position in the highly competitive Senior Category of the IADR Southeast Asian Division Travel Awards Competition for the research project entitled "*Behavioral Pathways of Oral Health Disparity in Children*". The collaborators included A/P Teresa Loh (Adjunct FOD staff), Prof David Koh (Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, YLLSOM), A/P Brian Hwang (School of Business) and Dr Calvin Xu Yunjie (School of Computing). The Faculty of Dentistry congratulates her and her collaborators on this achievement.

Dentsply Student Clinician Program

by Ms Nurazreen



From left to right: A/P Kelvin Foong, Dr Ng Jing Hao, Dr Hoo Swee Tiang and Dr Gary Tan.

Dr Hoo Swee Tiang and his team participated in the Dentsply Student Clinician Program competition in Chiang Mai, Thailand on 23-24 Nov 2009. Their project title was titled 3D Digitisation of Plaster Models Using Computed Tomography- A Pilot Work on the Accuracy and Validation of the Approach won the 'First Award - Dentsply Asia / SEAADE Student Clinician Program'. Congrats!

HMS FoD Joint Seminar on Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cells – Professor Myron Spector *by Ms Nurazreen*

On 10 March 2010, we were pleased to welcome Professor Myron Spector (Director of Tissue Engineering Laboratories) to our Faculty. Besides touring the new building, A/P Cao Tong (VDR) and Dean held discussions on potential research collaborations and activities.



Prof Myron Spector

A Joint Seminar on Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cells was held with Dr Chang Po-Chun as chair. Professor Spector delivered a talk on 'Novel Biomaterials for Musculoskeletal and Neural Tissue Engineering' to students and staff. In addition, A/P Cao Tong and A/P Toan Thang Phan presented talks on 'New Age of Dentistry with Human Embryonic Stem Cells' and 'Human Umbilical Cord Membrane – A Novel Source of Stem Cells for Regenerative Medicine' respectively.

Faculty Awards Day 2010 *by Ms Perina Chiang*

The 13th Faculty Awards Day was held at the Clinical Research Centre Auditorium on 27 August 2010, with Professor Tan Teck Koon, Dean, Office of Student Affairs who graced the occasion as the Guest-of-Honour.

This annual event aims to recognize staff and students on their various achievements as well as for their continued contribution towards the faculty.

Special thanks also go out to our external partners and parents who took time out to join us in this celebration as well as proud parents who were also present to see their children receive prizes.

The Faculty congratulates all award winners for a job well done!

Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award AY2009/2010

The faculty would like to congratulate the following recipients of the Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award:

- Assoc Professor Grace Ong, Department of Preventive Dentistry
- Adjunct Assoc Professor Myra Elliott, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
- Dr Peter Yu, Department of Restorative Dentistry
- Dr Intekhab Islam, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery



List of Awards

1) Dean's List

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Miss Kok Xiu Ling Florence	Miss Chan Xiu Ling Grace	Miss Lim Wen Yi Mr Qian Li	Dr Guay Shikun Darryl
Mr Loh Xiang Loong	Mr Phay Yong Kang	Mr Sng Tiap Ching	Dr Lim Li Zhen
Miss Quek Shumin Judith	Miss Soh Sean Han Mr Su Shengle	Matthew	Dr Quek San Oon Shaun
Mr Seow Hong Kai			Dr Tey Hwee Shinn Valerie

2) Medals and Bookprizes – 1st, 2nd & 3rd Professional BDS Exams

First BDS	Second BDS	Third BDS
Miss Quek Shumin Miss Kok Xiu Ling Mr Chua Koon Ting Mr Seow Hong Kai	Judith Mr Phay Yong Kang Miss Soh Sean Han	Mr Sng Tiap Ching Matthew Mr Chan Boon Hui

3) UROP Winners

Second	First
Dr Ho Shu Jun Cindi Dr Quek Hui Qi SHERALYN	Dr Chua Yee Leng Dr Guay Shikun Darryl Dr Kieu Li Chong Edgar Dr Ma Shiqi Dr Sin Tong

4) Long Service Awards

Mr Anthen Wilmett
Baskaran Joseph
Miss Han Tok Lin
Mdm Ek Ben Lai
Mdm Jamanah Bte Ahmad
Mr Chan Swee Heng
Mdm Kwok Yoke Ying
Mdm Kwok Yoke Ying

5) Dental Society Merit

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| (i) Merit Award
Jeffrey Ng Ren Jie
Soh Sean Han | (ii) Silver Award
Liang Shuli
Phoon Miao De Gerald
Lim Young |
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UKM Visit on 14th and 15th June 2010

by Mrs Gn Soon Lay



Prof Dr Ghazali Mat Nor, Dean and Prof Dr Rahimah Abdul Kadir, Dy Dean of Faculty of Dentistry, led a 12 member delegation comprising Heads of Departments from the University Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) to visit the Faculty on 14th and 15th June 2010.

The delegation was here to discuss potential postgraduate training, academics/postgraduate short attachment visits, academic staff exchange and research collaborations.

UPenn Visit on 15th June 2010

by Mrs Gn Soon Lay



Prof Syngcuk Kim, Dr Martin Levin and Dr William Cheung of School of Dental Medicine of University of Pennsylvania held discussions with the Deanery on potential collaborations in research and education. Professor Kim and Dr Levin also delivered continuing education lectures on their specialty interests in Endodontic Microsurgery and Focused Field Cone Beam Computed- Tomography in Endodontic Practice respectively.

Freshman Orientation

by Ms Liang Shuli

With every incoming batch of students, the dental fraternity looks forward to welcoming them, fresh-faced and all. This year, the programme kicked off with Admin Day, where the incoming year 1s were introduced briefly to the faculty, their new classmates, and were told the programme for the next few weeks. Next up was our Orientation Camp, held at Costa Sands Resort, Sentosa. The juniors were treated to an enriching fun-filled experience, with station games, night games, mass dances, and our own dental version of The Amazing Race, conducted around town. It was over these three days that the juniors really bonded, amongst themselves and with the seniors. After the Camp, we plunged into Float Building, for the annual Rag & Flag Day.

NUS Open House 2010

by Ms Nurazreen

The annual NUS Open House event was held on 13th & 14th Mar 2010 at the Sports and Recreation Centre (SRC) with guest-of-honour, NUS President, Professor Tan Chorh Chuan.

The Dental booth, manned by both students and staff, received many prospective students and accompanying parents enquiring about our courses. In addition, faculty talks by Drs Michael Mah and Rahul Nair enabled them to learn more about our curriculum.



NUS President Professor Tan Chorh Chuan doing his walkabout at the Dental Booth

Overall, it was a successful event as it allowed visitors to learn more about our courses and thus guiding them to make a right decision in choosing their study/career path!

Commencement 2010

by Ms Perina Chiang

Faculty of Dentistry together with School of Environment and Design, celebrated the achievements of its Class of 2010 in the commencement ceremony held in the evening of 9 July 2010. Clinical Assoc Professor Patrick Tseng (Chief Dental Officer, Ministry of Health) was the guest speaker at the ceremony, which was presided by Dr Cheong Siew Keong for the first 30 graduands and thereafter by Professor Tan Chorh Chuan.

A sense of pride and togetherness permeated the ceremony where each graduating student took centre-stage, with their families and friends in the audience and their professors on stage joined in applause of the new graduates.

In total, Commencement 2010 saw the graduation of 59 students. Of these, 18 completed their graduate programmes, obtaining either a PhD, Master of Science or Master of Dental Surgery while 41 undergraduates completed their Bachelor of Dental Surgery studies.



Best of luck to all the graduates, as they embark on a new chapter in their lives. Let us welcome this great group, as our proud University's Alumni.

Graduating Class Dinner

by Ms Perina Chiang

This year's graduating class dinner was held on 5 July 2010 at The Dunearn at NUSS Bukit Timah Guild House.

It was a sit-down affair with alfresco served at the patio outside the restaurant. It was very pretty with the lush green of the Botanical Gardens as our backdrop. A large turn-out of faculty and alumni came to congratulate the new additions to the profession. It was a truly charming event, with the tranquil surroundings, low hanging lights and excited chatter.



UG Welcome Tea 2010

by Ms Perina Chiang



The Undergraduate Welcome Tea was held on 23 July 2010 at the Dental Auditorium. Traditionally, this was the occasion to introduce the new batch of dental undergraduate students to the rest of the faculty as well as friends from the other faculties. The event also provided the stage for incoming students to introduce themselves.

The highlight of the event was the "one minute of fame on stage" given to each Year 1 student. Escorted and introduced by their Second Year seniors, the freshers' delighted all guests with interesting and amusing tidbits about themselves. Later, Syzawan Muhammad, President of the Dental Society led all undergraduates in reciting the Dental Students Pledge. It was a warm welcome for this new group of promising students.

PG Welcome Tea 2010

by Ms Nurazreen



The Post Graduate Tea was held on 5 August 2010 to welcome both the Postgraduate Coursework and Research students. It was held at the Roof Top Garden (Level 4) in the Faculty of Dentistry.

This year a total of 26 Year 1 students: 13 MDS, 7 GDDI and 6 Research) students enrolled for their respective programmes. The event was a great opportunity for students and staff to interact and network with each other. It was especially eventful, as it made our foreign students feel more at home.

We wish our new students a fruitful and memorable stint here in Dentistry!

Inspiring Mentor Awards *by Dr Michael Mah*

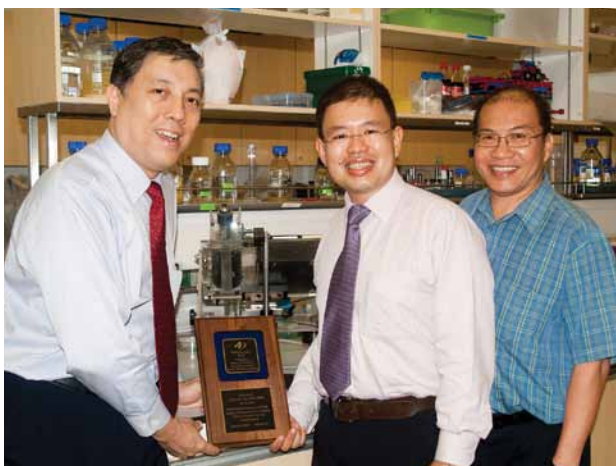
The Inspiring Mentor awards was launched on the 11th July 2009 at the Shaw Foundation Alumni House to recognize NUS faculty and administration staff members who have made a difference to the lives of alumni during their student days on campus. They are outstanding mentors and teachers who have made exceptional impact on the alumni and have helped change and influence the course of life of the alumni. These inspiring mentors have all been nominated by NUS alumni for their exemplary teaching and mentorship. The Inspiring Mentor Awards was initiated by the NUS Alumni Advisory Board. At this inaugural event, there were 15 faculty members from nine faculties and one administrative staff member who received the Awards.

This year, the Inspiring Mentor Award winner for the Faculty of Dentistry was Prof Chew Chong Lin. He was selected after nominations from Faculty of Dentistry alumni were submitted to the Faculty Selection panel. Congratulations, Prof Chew!



2009 William R Laney Award *by Dr Rahul Nair*

It takes quality leadership and persistent teams to carry out good research. At the faculty, we are fortunate to have A/P Keson Tan and his team of researchers. He won international accolade for the paper "Load Fatigue Performance of Four Implant-Abutment Interface Designs: Effect of Torque Level and Implant System". This paper was judged the best article in the International Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Implants. In recognition of his work on this paper, Assoc Prof Tan was presented with the 2009 William R Laney Award from the Academy of Osseointegration at the organisation's 25th Anniversary Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida; that was held from 4 to 6 March 2010. This is a result of



A/P Keson Tan, Dr Quek Heng Chuan and Mr Chan Swee Heng

years of research and A/P Tan took the opportunity to emphasize the importance of the research and the end product. "It is a confirmation that we are doing research of impact that even our international peers recognise. Beyond this, we hope to see our findings leading to improved design of the testing protocols for implant systems, being widely adopted by manufacturers before



Dr Steven Eckert and A/P Keson Tan at the Academy of Osseointegration Meeting, Orlando, Florida

they introduce new implants to the market, and clinicians incorporating large safety margins when selecting implants for their patients". Congratulations to A/P Keson Tan and his team.

Staff Awards

Recipient	Award Details
Prof Chew Chong Lin	Emeritus Consultant Award, NUHS Inspiring Mentor Award Lee Foundation - NHG Lifetime Achievement Award National Medical Excellence Awards 2009 National Outstanding Clinician Mentor Award 2009
Prof Murray Clyde Meikle	European Orthodontic Society Distinguished Teacher's Award for 2009/10
A/P Grace Ong	Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award 2009/10
Adj A/P Myra Elliott	Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award 2009/10
Dr Intekhab Islam	Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award 2009/10
Dr Yu Tsao-Pan Peter	Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award 2009/10
A/P Keson Tan	The Academy of Osseointegration's 2009 William R Laney Award
A/P Keson Tan	National Day Award The Public Administration Medal (Silver) 2009 The Public Service Medal 2009
A/P Keng Siong Beng	National Day Award 2009 - The Long Service Medal
Mr Ho Weng Siak	National Day Award 2009 - The Long Service Medal
A/P Keson Tan	Singapore Dental Association (SDA) Roll of Honour
A/P Teo Choo Soo	Singapore Dental Association (SDA) Roll of Honour
A/P Kelvin Foong	EXSA - Doctors Silver Award
Dr Li Xiaobing, Samuel	EXSA - Doctors Silver Award
DSA Mabel Gomezmm	EXSA Silver Award
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Our heartiest congratulations to:

- Dr Andrew Ow who was promoted to Associate Consultant
- Dr Chng Chia Kiat who was promoted to Associate Consultant and Clinical Lecturer
- Dr Michael Mah who was promoted to Associate Consultant
- Dr Victor Fan who was promoted to Senior Consultant
- Dr Marianne Ong Meng Ann who was promoted to Clinical Associate Professor
- Dr Poon Choy Yoke who was promoted to Clinical Associate Professor
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FOD 80th Anniversary Bursary *by Ms Ng Bee Wee*

Our faculty has a number of students who need financial assistance. In the past, Dental Bursary fund tried to help these students through ad-hoc donations from generous entities.

The idea of Faculty of Dentistry 80th Anniversary Bursary was mooted and launched as a meaningful way of celebrating the faculty's

80th anniversary. With an initial slow start, donations gradually flowed in from all quarters from our faithful alumni to dental practices, to dental organizations and the Lee Foundation, culminating to a total of \$285,000. The contributions are a sign of extraordinary generosity in the midst of tough economic times.

Lee Foundation Bursary *by Ms Ng Bee Wee*



In early 2009, Faculty wrote to Lee Foundation for contributions towards FOD 80th Anniversary Bursary Fund raising with cautious optimism as the whole world was mired in the financial crisis.

A few months later came Lee Foundation's reply. It noted that FoD's "funding stream for bursaries had been erratic. An endowed

capital amount that generates investment income will help regularize and provide a steady flow of bursaries every year". The foundation was therefore pleased to support this good cause via a \$125,000 endowed gift.

As a result two inaugural awards of \$2,000 each were disbursed in 2010.

**The World Dental Education Society-
Fédération Dentaire
Internationale (WDES-FDI)
World Dental Federation
Bursary Award**

by Mrs Gn Soon Lay

The World Dental Education Society (WDES) pledged an endowed gift of \$257,000 to the NUS Faculty of Dentistry to provide financial support for dentistry students from low-income families in September 2009, at the FDI International Conference held at the Suntec City Convention Centre in Singapore.

Two undergraduate dentistry students each year will receive a bursary award of \$8,000 per student. This is WDES's second gift to NUS Faculty of Dentistry. In April 2008, WDES had donated \$250,000 to the Faculty to provide financial assistance to dentistry students for overseas travel attachment.

The Faculty deeply appreciates the generous support given by WDES-FDI.

Welcome New Faculty Staff



Dr Chang Po-Chun joined the Department of Preventive Dentistry as an Assistant Professor and Registrar on 10 November 2009. Dr Chang obtained his DDS and MSc (Periodontology) training from the National Taiwan University, and his PhD in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Michigan in 2009.



Dr Hu Shijia joined the Department of Preventive Dentistry as an Instructor and Dental Officer on 1 February 2010. He received 10 academic awards and was on the Dean's list for 3 consecutive years. Dr. Shijia is also the recipient of Lee Kuan Yew Gold Medal.



Dr Charlene Goh Enhui joined the Department of Preventive Dentistry as an Instructor and Dental Officer on 1 July 2010. She was awarded the NUS-Overseas scholarship and is currently pursuing her Masters in Public Health at Columbia University, New York.



Dr Gao Qing Hong joined the Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery as Visiting Senior Fellow on 5 July 2010. He is a Clinical Associate professor from West China College of Stomatology, Sichuan University.



Dr Amr Fawzy joined the Department of Restorative Dentistry on 15 July 2010. He graduated with a BDS from Cairo University, MDSc in Prosthodontics/Dental Materials and a PhD from Ain-Shams University, Egypt.

Visiting Professors

Professor Daniel Laskin is Emeritus Professor and Chairman Emeritus from the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, School of Dentistry, Medical College of the Virginia Commonwealth University, was Visiting Professor in the Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery from 1 to 31 January 2010. He was involved in postgraduate teaching and clinical service.



Dr Alice Elizabeth Curran, Associate Professor in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology at the Department of Diagnostic Sciences, School of Dentistry, University of North Carolina, USA, was Visiting Associate Professor in the Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery from 20 February 2010 to 27 March 2010. She was involved in both undergraduate and postgraduate teaching as well as clinical consultation. She gave CPE lectures to staff and students on "Bisphosphonate Osteonecrosis", "Oral Ulcers", "Burning Mouth Syndrome" and Managing the Desquamative Gingivitis Patient".



Professor Harold Messer, currently Emeritus Professor at University of Melbourne, was Visiting Professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry from 5 July 2010 to 13 August 2010. He is no stranger to the Faculty and been here numerous times in the past few years. During his visit, he was principally involved with the graduate Endodontic programme.



Professor Alan Squier was Visiting Professor from 15 July 2010 to 12 Aug 2010. His research interests include the relationship between the permeability of mucosal tissues and the pathogenesis of disease and tobacco control and cessation. He directs the oral mucosal disease research program and the NIH-funded Institutional Training Program in Oral Health Research. He directs the oral mucosal disease research program and the NIH-funded Institutional Training Program in Oral Health Research at the University of Iowa, USA.



In addition, Professor Alan Squier gave a talk entitled "Without Penetration there is Nothing – the permeability barrier and the pathogenesis of skin and mucosal diseases" at NUH Grand Round on 6 Aug 2010.

Professor John Hobkirk, who currently serves as Honorary Consultant in Restorative Dentistry and is Emeritus Professor of Prosthetic Dentistry in the Department of Prosthodontics, UCL Eastman Dental Institute, UK was invited as Visiting Professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry from 24 July 2010 to 29 August 2010.

