

DENTAL *Mirror*



Continuing Dental Education at the Faculty of Dentistry

The new economy will be a knowledge driven economy. Increasingly, employees of today are under pressure to upgrade and improve on their skill sets to remain relevant and adapt to the changing environment. This is also true for the dental profession.

To facilitate the growing need for continuing dental development, the Division of Graduate Dental Studies (DGDS) organises Continuing Professional Development (CPD) activities throughout the year. This is on top of the provision of residency clinical training in the five specialties currently being offered under the 3 year full time Masters of Dental Surgery programme. The Division remains committed to provide quality residency training as well as promote continuing education to the dental profession. A profession that keeps itself updated will contribute to better patient care

Information on the CPD Programmes

The CPD accreditation programme was started in 1991 by the Singapore Dental Board and Singapore Dental Association with the objective of encouraging continuing education by formally recognising participants for their efforts and time spent in professional advancement. Individuals, based on an honour system of self record of CPD activity, submit their CPD returns at the close of the programme year for certification.

Continuing Dental Development (CPD) programmes organised by the DGDS are provided through lectures and hands-on courses, both laboratory and clinic based. The Faculty has organised over 50 CPD programmes over the past 3 years. Information on these courses is circulated to all dental alumni and publicised on the Faculty CPD website [<http://www.dentistry.nus.edu.sg/cde.htm>]. Dental students, both undergraduates and postgraduates, are required to attend public lectures and seminars to accumulate their CPD points as part of the Bachelor of Dental Surgery and Master of Dental Surgery programmes.

Future Directions

The Faculty will continue to focus more on hands-on courses taking advantage of the infrastructure that we have. To enable us to plan courses relevant to today's practice of dentistry, we seek your input as to the type of courses needed. Together, we can work together to build up the dental profession. The Faculty's efforts in conducting CPD programmes will also be timely as plans are being made by the Singapore Dental Council to make CPD compulsory.

Professor Chew Chong Lin

Director, Division of Graduate Dental Studies

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Editorial Notes

In this issue of the Dental Mirror, we looked at the faculty's continuing professional development as well as recounted its many activities from the eventful months that have just passed.

The beginning of a new academic year is always an exciting time for the Dental Faculty as we welcome the incoming dental freshmen and graduate students. A host of orientation activities were organised to make all new students feel at home. We also welcome to the dental alumni our newest members – the graduating class of 2003, who marked the start of their careers as dental professionals with the pomp and grandeur of the Commencement ceremony.

The Faculty also participated actively in local, regional and international conferences such as the International Association for Dental Research General session, Sweden, as well as the National Healthcare Group Annual Scientific Congress, Singapore. Some of our staff and students have also managed to do the faculty proud by bringing back various research awards.

In the coming year in 2004, we shall be celebrating the Faculty's 75th birthday. The Faculty looks forward to the participation and support from all alumni and friends and hope to see all of you back here to regale in the many social activities planned. Perhaps we might even have the honor of inviting some of our multi-talented alumni to perform for us again!

Till the next issue, your feedback and comments are always welcomed.

Prof Loh Hong Sai

Continuing Professional

With the invention of the World Wide Web, information about continuing professional development is easily available with the click of a mouse. Dental Mirror takes a "recce" of cyberspace to locate some sites of interests to start you off. This list is not meant to be exhaustive. First up, we take a look at the websites with direct reference to Continuing Dental Education (CDE):



Academy of Medicine

<http://www.academyofmedicine.edu.sg>

The Academy of Medicine, Singapore is a professional body of medical and dental specialists devoted to continuing postgraduate medical/dental education and training of specialists. The Chapter of Dental Surgeons is headed by Dr Varawan Sae-Lim, who is also a staff with the Department of Restorative Dentistry. The Academy also conducts regular CDE activities which are open to all dentists. A listing of courses or conferences organised by the Academy is available online.

Singapore Dental Association

<http://www.sda.org.sg>

The Singapore Dental Association (SDA) website was set up with the purpose of providing continuing professional development through the internet as well as allow SDA members to monitor and update their Continuing Dental Education points. This site also provides links to various other dental sites, including those to associations, societies, government bodies and even dental journals.



National University of Singapore Extension

<http://www.nus.edu.sg/nex>

The NUS Extension, directed by A/P Koh How Eng, is part of NUS's efforts to becoming a global knowledge enterprise. In this website, one can browse through the myriad of professional development courses on topics ranging from Business Law to Spanish. It also offers some online courses to cater to working professionals. This site also provides links to the various faculties offering postgraduate courses.

The next two websites, although with no direct relevance to CDE, offer delightful insights on the improvement of customer services (the first one) as well as dental practice management (the second one).

Ron Kaufman's Active Learning Website:

<http://www.ronkaufman.com>

Some of us may remember Ron Kaufman from 1999 when he was invited as part of the Faculty's 70th Anniversary Celebrations to deliver a talk on "Achieving the Unbelievable in Service". His website contains some interesting and inspiring articles on the improvement of customer service as well as management. Remember, a little service goes a long way to loyal and happy patients!



Development – Places to look

Tyson Steele Practice Management

<http://www.tysonsteele.com>

This website is managed by American dental consultants from Tyson Steele Dental Practice Management. This website contains articles which translate business tips into the setting of the dental practice. A good site for little nuggets of advice that can be catered to help improve your practice. Personally, I find the article "A Slight Edge: The Thin Line that Separates Successes from Mediocrity" a fascinating read.

The Continuing Professional Development programme should not be viewed as yet another characteristically Singaporean paper chase. It is not just about the certificates but also the pride in the knowledge that you have honed your skills, improved patient service or picked up something

new, like speaking Japanese. In fact, the many talents which can be seen from some of our very own alumni in diverse areas such as photography, business or even performing arts, show indeed that with a willing attitude to learn and an open mind, the world can be your oyster!

Ms Jacey Yeh

8th NUS Clinical Dentistry Symposium

The 8th NUS Clinical Dentistry Symposium, an annual highlight of the CDE programme, was opened by the Dean of Dentistry, A/P Keson Tan on 1st June 2003. This event, which was at one stage nearly cancelled due to concerns over SARS, attracted a surprising turnout of 154 registrants (a full house) at the Dental Auditorium.

Invited speakers included Dr Eu Oy Chu (Head, School Dental Service), Dr Wong Keng Mun, A/P Mark Wong, (External Examiner, Chairman and Program Director of the Dept of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Texas Health Science Centre at Houston, USA), Senior Counsel Mr Palakrishnan Ramanathan, Dr Chng Hui Kheng and A/P Daniel Chan (External Examiner and Director, Division of Operative Dentistry, Medical College of Georgia). Topics covered at the Symposium ranged widely from pedodontics to Senior Counsel Palakrishnan's enlightening lecture on "Capping Disciplinary Issues Plaguing Dentists".

Ms Jacey Yeh

Adapted from A/P Keng SB's online article



Browsing through the trade exhibition



Dean presenting a souvenir to Senior Counsel Palakrishnan

Special Message from Dean of Dentistry



The Dental School has come a long way since its humble beginnings in Sepoy Lines. Come next year, the Faculty will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary, culminating in a host of activities scheduled from 17th – 19th September 2004. The Faculty seeks your support and participation and hopes that the activities so organized will entice you to "come home" once again! This is a good opportunity for the dental fraternity to get together to reminisce on the good old days as well as catch up on the recent exciting developments in the Faculty. To commemorate Dentistry's long journey, the Faculty is also appealing for donations of old memorabilia for the Dentistry Heritage Corner, which aims to showcase and document our history. This special collection will be exhibited during the Anniversary Celebrations.

So come join us – for a round of golf, a scientific programme and lectures by our very own alumni, the Faculty Open House and culminating in the

Gala Banquet – where you will be able to catch up with old friends and teachers as well as meet other alumni – both young and old! We very much look forward to welcoming one and all back to the Faculty.

A/P Keson Tan, Dean



Participants mingling during the tea reception at the 70th Anniversary Scientific Programme

Freshmen



Rag and Flag 2003 - Faces: embrace diversity, celebrate unity



Representatives from Dentistry posing after the Rag presentation

Orientation Program 2003

29 August saw the official start of the Dental Freshman Orientation Program 2003 - Administration Day, where introductory talks were given. This was followed by ice-breakers, which allowed the freshmen to get to know one another as well as the seniors. A welcome tea was held on 6 August at the Dental Auditorium. It was a good time of reminiscence and interaction as many doctors returned to mingle with the freshmen. Rag & Flag was one event which helped to cultivate Espirit de Corps and spread the spirit of goodwill. The freshmen spared no effort in raising funds for the needy on Flag Day. The Rag presentation was a true reflection of team spirit as the small but united group of freshmen worked hard to make the performance their very own. As in the past, the orientation program has been a most memorable and rewarding experience.

Ms Serene Zhang
Secretary, Freshmen Orientation
Committee 2003
DENSOC 53rd EXCO

Dean's Tea

A tea reception was hosted by the Dean on 18 August 2003 for parents of first year dental students. A total of 28 parents attended the event which kicked off with a tour of the faculty, where many of them were impressed with the well equipped facilities available. They were also introduced to the teaching staff from Dentistry as well as those present from the Faculty of Medicine.

The Dean thanked the parents visiting the faculty and highlighted the importance of parents' support for their children as they progress in their dental education.

The evening ended with a reception where the parents, students and staff mingled and interacted.

Dr Rashid Tahir



Getting dressed up for the Rag presentation



Dental freshmen formally introduced at Welcome Tea

Postgraduate Welcome Tea

The Postgraduate Welcome Tea is an annual event held at the start of the academic year to welcome our postgraduate students. Hosted by Vice Dean (Research) A/P Kelvin Foong and Director, Division of Graduate Dental Studies Prof Chew Chong Lin, this event introduces the incoming batch of postgraduate students to the teaching staff, research supervisors as well as their seniors.

MDS Residency Programme

Endodontics	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	Orthodontics	Periodontology
Dr Jitesh Datta	Dr Bertrand Chew Dr Goh Siak Shyong Dr Deepthy Nair Ms Meenakshi	Dr Geraldine Oh Dr Poon Kee Hwang Dr Anna Tang	Dr Chee Hoe Kit Dr Tan Ching Ching Dr Tan Sze Lin

Research Scholars

Department of Restorative Dentistry	Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	Dean's Office
Ms Soh Mui Siang (PhD)	Dr Maddi Abhiram (MSc) Miss Meenakshi (MSc)	Mr Ye Qiaopeng (MSc)



Dr Soh Jen giving parents a tour of Dental teaching facilities

Commencement 2003

The whole of the University Cultural Centre was abuzz with activity on the 25th of July 2003. It was the commencement ceremony for both the Dental and Medical faculties. Pomp and fanfare greeted graduands and visitors alike. Indeed, the somber mood of SARS did nothing to dampen our spirits as we changed and put on our ceremonial academic dresses, albeit with much difficulty, and made our way to the main hall.

This was the moment we had all been looking forward to, since the day we stepped into the



walkways of the Dental Faculty as freshmen. Finally...after blood, sweat and tears for four years, we had each earned our right to be here.

It was with much gusto that we received our Bachelor of Dental Surgery scrolls and even more so after the customary ceremonials were out of the way and cameramen as well as proud parents were clicking furiously away.

Indeed, we had fought the good fight, completed the race and each and every one of us, and emerged as winners, to give back to society what it has given to us. A new journey commences...

Dr Daniel Goh Choon Guan
Class of 2003

Asia Pacific Dental Students Association Conference (Bali) 2003

This year's 30th APDSA (12th-18th August 2003) was special for me, as I made the same nostalgic journey to Indonesia some 30 years ago, as a fresh graduate in 1972! It was held in the same destinations of Jakarta and Bali, except that the first trip between the two cities was covered by a non air-conditioned bus. It was also special because there was this risk of terrorism which shook both cities with bombs, and the Singapore delegation was represented by myself and a lone graduate only. It was a pity, as the congress was meticulously organized by a team of enthusiastic dental students representing all the dental schools in Indonesia. No other country had done a twin-city program, and they did the congress with par excellence.

Apart from the usual events like the Scientific Research Competition, which was a regular feature and well represented by many

interesting projects, they held a dental faculty exposition, whereby each country would showcase their faculties and activities, and there was much pride and sense of belonging in the faces of the presenters! Another innovative aspect was the highly popular website whereby students could chat with all new and old friends. Suddenly, the APDSA spirit extends into cyberspace and into a new dimension.

Indonesian hospitality was at its best whereby all the social events were occasions that they can express their cultures, traditions, music and cuisines. The highlight was indeed the Cultural Night, where songs and dances of each participating country were performed under the clear Balinese sky in an open auditorium amongst ancient stone carvings. Another hard to match feature was the presence of many local and foreign graduates, who were former APDSA participants like myself, who returned

to share this fantastic bond with a new generation of students, who are likely to be the future leaders of their dental professions, as evidenced by the many deans and administrative heads amongst the graduates. In fact, there is now APAL, an alumni of APDSA graduates from former congresses who still support this organization, and meet whenever they can like family reunions! Don't miss the next congress, which Singapore and our Faculty would host on 16th-20th August 2004.

Prof Loh Hong Sai



Delegates from the APDSA conference



This year's Dentistry Awards Day was graced by the guest of honour Provost Professor Chong Chi Tat. The welcome speech by the Dean A/P Keson Tan focused mainly on the cooperative effort of everyone in the dental school in preventing the spread of SARS. A stronger bond of Espirit de Corp and understanding was fostered among all staff, nurses and students during this period of trial.

The 6th Dentistry Awards Day 22 August 2003

The awards day began with a slide presentation of the Singapore-Bintan People to People Programme in which 6 of the current dental students had participated in providing volunteered dental aid to the people in Bintan.

Dr Betty Mok and A/P Adrian Yap received awards for their excellence in teaching. Other awards given out to academic, non-academic and IT professional staff included Long Service Awards and Performance and Merit Awards.

Medals and Bookprizes were handed out to dental students who performed well in their professional examinations. Students who had contributed to the running of the dental

society were awarded the Dental Society Merit awards in recognition for their efforts.

The best Undergraduate Research Opportunity Programme (UROP) project entitled "The Sonic Hedgehog Network in Odontogenic pathology- An Immunohistochemical Study" was presented.

The awards day concluded with a valedictory speech by Dr Boey Pui Yunn who shared her memorial experiences as a dental student in a light-hearted and appreciative manner.

Dr Soh Jen

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

18th International Association for Dental Research (South-East Asian Division) Meeting, 2003

"Think Globally, Act Locally!"

The Annual Scientific Meeting for the 18th International Association for Dental Research (South-East Asian Division) was held on the 25th to 27th September 2003 in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, a cultural and traditional country. This year a total of 18 of us participated in this conference to learn, to share and to exchange ideas on research findings. Being a fairly young "dental researcher", this was an excellent opportunity for me to learn, interact and expose myself to the renowned world of research. Besides the numerous presentations, a series of lectures from established guest speakers such as Prof. Stephen Challacombe, Prof Asbjørn Jokstad,

Dr Hien C. Ngo and many others were also lined up for the conference. Our "home grown biomaterials researcher" A/P Adrian Yap has also done us proud by being among the list of guest speakers invited to provide us with an interesting insight on "Research methods and Techniques in Restorative Dentistry". The event was completed on a happy note with NUS clinching the IADR/SEA Division Travel Award and the Craniofacial Biology award. The memorable and exciting conference trip was also perfected by the numerous get together dinners where all lecturers and students got to interact and know each other better. The event was also not forgotten by

the frequent shopping trips made to the Ben Thanh Market. On the last day of the conference, everyone of us with our luggage full of "goodies" and presents left Ho Chi Minh City smiling and bringing back with us lots of happy memories and new research ideas.

Ms Soh Mui Siang,
PhD Research Scholar



Above: A/P Adrian Yap giving a lecture at the conference.

Below: The author (second from left) together with fellow participants

81st International Association for Dental Research (IADR) General Session, 2003 in Göteborg, Sweden

The 81st General Session of the IADR was held on June 25-28, 2003 in Göteborg, Sweden with total registration of 4,280 from 65 countries.

IADR General Session

Award Winners

Miss Saw Tzuen Yih, Dr Cao Tong, Dr Liu Hua, A/P Adrian Yap, A/P Mary Ng won the **Pulp Biology, Group Award** at the IADR 81st General Session and 2nd Meeting of the Pan European Federation, Gotenborg, Sweden, June 2003.

Thirteen abstracts from Singapore were accepted this year. The number of accepted abstracts have increased steadily which indicates an active and quality research culture in the Faculty.

Activities apart from the main oral and poster presentation included hands-on workshops, group-sponsored & satellite symposia, plenary sessions, lunch & learning sessions and presentation of many awards & staff recognition. The IADR meeting not only



Faculty members at 81st IADR

gave us opportunities to present our work but also to learn and share knowledge, exchange ideas, seek collaboration and open our minds to new knowledge.

Dr Pranee Wattanapayungkul

IADR (SEA)

Award Winners

Miss Tan Kai Soo, a PhD Microbiology candidate supervised by Dr Song Keang Peng and A/P Grace Ong, was awarded the **IADR Southeast Asian Division Travel Award** to represent the Southeast Asian Division at the international IADR General Session in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA in March 2004.

Dr Zulfikri Salikin, a final year MSc Orthodontics Resident supervised by A/P Kelvin Foong, won the **Craniofacial Biology Award** for his project "Non-contact surface laser scanner - a 3D validation study" at the 18th IADR SEA Division Annual Scientific Meeting at Vietnam, September 2003.

Visiting Researcher - Dr Rachael Sugars

Dr Rachael Sugars, a postdoctoral Research Fellow with the Center of Oral Biology (COB) in Karolinska Institute (KI), Sweden was invited to visit the Faculty. Our Faculty has ongoing research collaborations with the COB. For 3 months in 2002, our MSc Research Student, Dr Shi Zheng, was sent to COB to learn cellular and molecular biology techniques under supervision of Dr Michael Wendell and Dr Rachael Sugars. During his stay at KI, Dr Shi Zheng also started to work on a

collaborative project in COB on the "Specific protein expression of biomineralization in osteogenic cell culture with FDM PCL scaffolds."

On top of sharing research and lab experiences, especially for our collaborations on stem cells,

Dr Sugars also joined our lab experiments, had discussions and meetings with members of the cell and tissue culture lab, visited tissue engineering lab as well as conducted a seminar in her short 10 day stay with us.

Her seminar was titled "A bone is born - contribution of the cellular and protein components to mineralised tissue formation". She gave a brief introduction to the research performed at COB and discussed in detail the stem cell projects - especially with regards to the specific studies involving the ESC and MSC cell types.



Dr Cao Tong

The 7th NUS – NUH Annual Scientific Meeting



The 7th NUS – NUH Annual Scientific Meeting, in conjunction with Genome Institute of Singapore, Institute of Molecular & Cell Biology, Johns Hopkins Singapore, was held in the Clinical Research Centre, NUS during October 2 – 3, 2003. A total of 16 abstracts were submitted by the Faculty for the NUS-NUH Annual Scientific Meeting.

The Best Oral Science Poster Award and Best Oral Science Merit was introduced for the first

time at this meeting to recognise the excellent work and presentation in oral science or related area. After two rounds of review and judging, Dr Zou Xiaohui's poster "The Effect of Heparan Sulfate and Chondroitin Sulfate On Palatal Fibroblast Activities", supervised by A/P Kelvin Foong, co-supervised by Dr Cao Tong and Dr George Yip, won the Best Oral Science Poster Award. A/P Stephen Hsu's poster "Synergistic Effect of Er:Yag Laser and Fluoride on Inhibition of Caries Formation in Enamel" won the Best Oral Science Poster Merit.

Dean of Faculty of Dentistry, A/P Keson Tan, presented the Best Oral Science Poster Award to Dr Zou Xiaohui on the grand stage of 2nd NHG Annual Scientific Congress Dinner at the Raffles City Convention Centre on October 4, 2003, in front of guests and the Guest of Honour, Mr Khaw Boon Wan, Acting Minister of Ministry of Health.

The following posters were also short listed for the Best Oral Science Poster Award:

- Dr Lo Tong Soon and Dr Janee Lim's poster "Angiogenic and Osteogenic Role of VEGF in Bone Healing", supervised by Dr Chay Siew Han, co-supervised by Dr Cao Tong
- Ms Judy Saw's poster "Comparison of Tooth Slice and Immortalized Cell for Cytotoxicity Testing", supervised by A/P Mary Ng and A/P Adrian Yap.

In addition, Dr Liu Hua's poster "Allogeneic Immunogenicity of Mesenchymal Stem Cell and its Differentiated Osteogenic Lineage", supervised by Dr Cao Tong, was shortlisted for the Best Basic Science Poster Award.

Dr Cao Tong



Dr Zou Xiaohui and supervisor A/P Kelvin Foong

2nd National Health Group (NHG) Annual Scientific Congress (ASC) 2003 Dental Symposium on "Life Science Developments in Dentistry"

Surfing on the waves of life science initiatives in the medical field in Singapore and in the global village over the past several years, a major part of the dental research activities began to align with the theme of application of life science in Dentistry. By this it is our hope that there would be new knowledge uncovered which could be converted to clinical applications, thereby enabling advances in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of dental, oral and maxillofacial diseases and conditions especially common diseases like dental caries and periodontal diseases. The intent of this symposium is to create a platform for international and local academic clinicians actively engaged in life science research related to dentistry to share with our colleagues in clinical dental practice some of their research progresses which I am certain would challenge dental practitioners and students alike to realize the need to become familiarized with the molecular and genetic basis of oral diseases. For this dental symposium which was chaired by Dr Varawan Sae-Lim and A/P Yeo Jin Fei, we had a panel of four clinical dental scientist-clinicians (one from overseas and three from local institutions)

We were fortunate to have Dr Yin Xiao, our overseas invited keynote speaker who is also

the Peter Doherty Fellow from the Tissue BioRegeneration and Integration, Science Research Center Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia to provide an brief overview on "Stem Cells in Dentistry" as well as an insight into the "Cell viability and osteogenic property in alveolar bone cells transplantation".

The local experts covered areas as follows: A/P Kelvin Foong of the Department of Restorative Dentistry, NUS highlighted the 3D imaging and visualisation applications that are currently in development or being applied for visualisation of the dentition, craniofacial skeleton and facial soft tissues in his presentation on "Virtual 3D Imaging and Visualisation- A Reality in Clinical Practice". A/P Stephen Hsu from the Department of Preventive Dentistry, NUS shared in his presentation on "Preventing the oldest disease with the newest methods" the interesting results obtained from his research works on tooth decay (caries) which is one of the oldest diseases in human history and give a brief anecdote of how a humanly illogical project ended up with a new theory in laser-induced caries prevention. Last but not the least, Dr Winston Tan, Adjunct Senior Fellow in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial

Surgery, NUS (currently a consultant Oral & Maxillofacial surgeon practicing in Mount Elizabeth Hospital) covered the "Genetic Mechanisms in Oral Pathology" highlighting certain pathways that appear to be significant in the pathogenesis of oral pathology and how they seemingly interact with normal development of the oral tissues.

The co-ordinator would like to put on record his heartfelt thanks to: (1) the Organising committee, NHG ASC 2003 for kindly providing the fund to bring in our overseas invited speaker; (2) all the speakers for their time and efforts in making all the excellent presentations and (3) all colleagues and significant others who took the trouble to wake up early on that Sunday morning to participate in this Symposium.

A/P Yeo Jin Fei
Coordinator



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

Dr Anil Kishen, who has joined us as an Assistant Professor with the Department of Restorative Dentistry on 2nd of June 2003.
Dr Stefan Imwinklereid, who has joined us as a Visiting Fellow on 1st October 2003.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our heartiest congratulations to:
Mdm Boh Siew Thang, for giving birth to a healthy baby boy on the 15 July 2003.

Prof Chew Chong Lin for being appointed member of the Singapore Dental Council by the Minister for Health.

Prof Loh Hong Sai for being

- re-elected as the President of the Singapore Society for Laser Surgery and Medicine for 2003.
- re-appointed to the NUS Promotion of Standard English Committee (PROSE) for 2003
- re-elected as President, Guild of Dental Graduates 2003-2004

Dr Maddi Abhiram, our MSc Research Scholar with the Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, who has been awarded the President's Graduate Fellowship for Academic Year 2003/2004.

A/P Adrian Yap and **Dr Betty Mok** for being awarded the Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award for Academic Year 2002/2003 at the Faculty Awards Day.

A/P Adrian Yap, who has filed an US provisional patent on "Glass ionomer cements made from

spherical and spherical-admixed powders"

Dr Boey Pui Yunn (BDS Class of 2003) and **Miss Lim Tse Chiun** (BDS Class of 2005) for being awarded the BDS 71 Scholarship 2002/3 and the Wee Kheng Chiang Memorial Scholarship respectively for Academic Year 2002/2003.

Dr Baldev Singh and **SDSA Yvonne Ong** were each awarded 1-Star Award at the NUH Quality Convention held on 5 September 2003. The NUH Excellence Service Awards is a quarterly award given to staff in recognition of service excellence.

FAREWELLS

The Faculty bids farewell and thanks the following for their service and contributions.

Dr Winston Tan Kwong Shen, whose last day of service was 30 June 2003 after being with the faculty as an Assistant Professor for 7 years. However, he will still be with us as an Adjunct Senior Fellow.

Nurse Manager Ng Gek Lang, whose last day of service is 16 August 2003. She has served the faculty for a total of 14 years from 1987-1999 (12 years) and 2001-2003 (2 years). Her duties will be taken over by Staff Nurse Yvonne Lum.

Ms Seet Li Ching, whose last day of service with the Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery is 31 July 2003.

Ms Woo Fong Kuen, whose last day of service was 4 September 2003 after 21 years of service to the Faculty.

PROMOTIONS

Drs Chay Siew Han, Pranee Wattanapayungkul, Rashid Tahir and Soh Jen were promoted to Senior Registrar.

A/P Keson Tan was promoted to Senior Consultant.

Dr Teresa Loh- Lee Woon Oi was promoted to Adjunct Associate Professor.

Dr Andrew N Robinson was appointed as an Adjunct Senior Fellow.

APPOINTMENTS

Professor Chew Chong Lin, was appointed as Chief Dental Officer for another 2 years till 1 July 2005 by the Ministry of Health.

Dr Varawan Sae-Lim was elected as Chairman, Chapter of Dental Surgeons, Academy of Medicine on 2 August 2003.

A/P Teo Choo Soo was elected as the founding President of the IADR Pan Asia-Pacific Federation at the IADR Gothenburg Meeting 2003.

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Fellow	Dr Pranee Wattanapayungkul
Adjunct Assistant Professor	Dr Neo Tee Khin

UPCOMING EVENTS

75th Anniversary Celebrations in 2004

Date	Time	Venue	Activities
17 Sept 2004 (Friday)	Morning Afternoon/ Evening	FOD To be announced	Registration Opens Golf/ Games (Bowling/Tennis/etc) Informal Night (Buffet, open to all)
18 Sept 2004 (Saturday)	Morning Afternoon	FOD FOD	Opening Ceremony & Tea Reception Educational Symposium Faculty Tour/ Poster Exhibition (Heritage Corner Exhibition)
	Evening	Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel	Gala Night
19 Sept 2004 (Sunday)	Morning/ Afternoon	To be announced	Public Forum Free Dental Public Screening

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