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A/P Keson Tan • Dean • Faculty of Dentistry

Faculty of Dentistry joins in the NUS Centennial Celebration...

2005 marks an important and significant milestone for Medical and Dental Education in Singapore as NUS celebrates its 100th birthday. The Dental School's early heritage can be traced back to 1929 when it started as a department within the King Edward VII College of Medicine. It shared the same campus as Medicine at Sepoy Lines until 1986 when the Dental Faculty moved to the Kent Ridge Campus. Today, the Faculty of Dentistry is proud to continue its mission to advance Dental Education and Oral Health for our nation.

As we reflect on our shared past history and achievements, and endeavour to go forward to the future, may I invite all our past dental graduates, friends of the faculty to come forward and join us in celebrating this joyous occasion. The line up of centennial events organized by NUS, including the Faculties of Medicine and Dentistry are listed on the centennial website at <http://www.nus.edu.sg/centennial/>.

The Centennial Medical Dinner, one of the main highlights of the centennial celebrations, was held for Medical, Dental and Pharmacy graduates on the 3 July 2005 at the Istana. Faculty, alumni, friends, donors and the graduating class came together and celebrated the occasion in style. The guest-of-honour at the dinner was Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew.

To celebrate and mark NUS Centennial, the Faculty of Dentistry will be holding the inaugural "Faculty of Dentistry Symposium" on the 4 – 5 November 2005. The symposium will feature 2 internationally renowned speakers in the field of aesthetics – Dr Wynn Okuda and Dr Cherilyn Sheets. There will also be a one-day Composite Resin Workshop on 6 November 2005.

We also invite you to make a homecoming visit to your alma mater.

Together, Alumni, Friends, Students and Staff we can look forward to the next hundred years of the university. 🇸🇬



Blowing out the candles on the birthday cake at the Istana (from left to right): Prof John Wong (Dean, Faculty of Medicine), Mr Wong Ngit Liong (Chairman, NUS Council), Mr Lee Kuan Yew (Minister Mentor), Prof Shih Choon Fong (President, NUS), A/P Prof Keson Tan (Dean, Faculty of Dentistry), Prof Tan Eng Chye (Dean, Faculty of Science) and Prof Arthur Lim (President, Alumni Association).



Present and former Deans of the Faculty of Dentistry at the Centennial Medical Dinner (from left to right): A/P Prof Keson Tan, Prof Edmund Tay, Prof Loh Hong Sai and Prof Chew Chong Lin.





Editor's Note

Dr Chng Hui Kheng • Editor

This year marks the 100th birthday for NUS. The University is embarking on a marathon celebration that will stretch across a year, beginning June 2005. The Dean's message on the cover of this issue of Dental Mirror has highlighted the major events which the Faculty of Dentistry will be hosting as part of the celebrations. Do come and celebrate this wonderful occasion with us!

As NUS is continuously striving for excellence in education, research and service, the University has embarked on a comprehensive strategy review. In line with this, the Faculty of Dentistry held a Faculty Retreat in April in order to formulate the objectives and strategy that will bring the Faculty into the next lap. The article on Faculty Retreat has captured the happenings at this Retreat.

All of us have read and heard about the Asian Tsunami disaster and many of us have been moved to help in some ways, mostly in the form of donation to the charitable organizations which were raising funds for the victims of the Tsunami disaster. In this issue, Dr Chiam shares with us her experience as a volunteer in the Disaster Victim Identification team in Phuket, Thailand. I am sure some of us must have thought of volunteering to help the victims too, but may not have been able to do so due to work or other commitments. However, there are other ways we can help. I was once again reminded of how something as simple as keeping good dental records for our patients can go a long way to help in victim identification in such times.

As usual, we have lined up many other interesting articles on the latest happenings in and around the Dental School and Dental fraternity. I hope you will enjoy reading this issue. Your comments and feedback are always welcome. Happy reading! 📖

Disaster Victim Identification for South Asian



The temple where the temporary mortuary was set up. Behind the white screens are the refrigerated containers used for storage of the bodies.

When I learnt about the massive tsunami that had devastated southern Asia, I was completing my training in forensic odontology. An air-crash had fueled the inspiration to help in times of disaster and first gave me the notion to train in forensic odontology. As the days went by, the massive scale of the catastrophe became apparent, with the death toll climbing each day. A thought played in my mind; that this time I could make a difference, instead of helplessly watching the devastation on the news.

I contacted Singapore Dental Association (SDA) to enquire whether they were putting together a team to join the international Disaster Victim Identification (DVI) team. I learnt that Dr Tan Peng Hwee was already in Phuket at the invitation of the Singapore Criminal Investigation Department. However, at that time, there was no concrete plan to send another forensic dentist. The days that followed were filled with anticipation and frustration; with endless emails and international phone-calls to keep up with the latest developments in both Thailand and Singapore. It was eventually confirmed that a team of volunteer dentists would be deployed to Phuket, and I was to be on that team. The next few days were spent preparing for the trip. With the blessing of my supervisor, I arranged to take time off from my course. An air-ticket back to Singapore was purchased and the necessary vaccinations acquired. It was hectic, exhilarating and anguishing. Exhilarating, because my training could now be put to good use. Anguishing, because I wondered if I had learnt well and enough to take up this task. Now I was going to put what I had learnt in theory into practice.

Victim Identification Tsunami



Three sets of photos of the dentition were required for each victim.



Dr Chiam Sherlin (far right) with some of her colleagues carrying out the identification work.




At the reconconciliation centre where the matching of post-mortem and ante-mortem information is carried out. Dr Ong Teng Sin and Dr Vijayan Loganathan is in the middle of the photo, facing the camera.

There followed a brief but intense two days in Singapore to prepare for the trip, which included finalising the logistics, deciding and acquiring the necessary equipment, and going through a briefing organized by the SDA with the other volunteers. With the well-wishes of officialdom, we were off.

Work began the day after our arrival in Phuket. A makeshift mortuary with good working conditions had been set up a week earlier in a temple. Bodies were stored in refrigerated containers, and the by now familiar smell of decomposition was not too bad at all.

We worked in shifts with other international DVI teams. Each body had the facial tissues dissected away to make the dental autopsy easier. This was a luxury compared to how I had been working in Australia. A complete dental examination was made, dental x-rays taken and DNA samples prepared. Due to the large number of bodies, it was important that everything was double-checked and recorded, to prevent unnecessary loss of time where work had to be repeated. Organization was paramount to ensure efficient identification and repatriation of the bodies. I stayed a total of 14 days. I had the privilege and pleasure of working with two wonderful teams of

colleagues, some of whom I had known for a long time and some of whom I now had the opportunity to know. I was fortunate to have such good team mates, which made the work a lot more pleasant and less draining.

Through this incident, we are reminded again of how fragile life can be, and how powerful and how unforgiving nature can be. We can only hope that it does not happen again. From the dental perspective, we need a structure in place within the dental community that allows for a quicker response to major emergencies. Singapore, a very small island without natural resources, has come a very long way. Dentistry in Singapore has also come a long way, enabling us to participate and perform efficiently at an international level, working shoulder to shoulder with other international teams. We have to keep improving in order to maintain our standing at the international level. Dentistry has an important role in DVI situations. Dental identification can be sufficient, and sometimes, the only means of confirming identity. High-quality dental charting and original x-rays are paramount and indispensable to help with identification. A good post-mortem record is only useful when there is a good ante-mortem record. 

Faculty Retreat 2005

Mrs Gn Soon Lay



The National University of Singapore has embarked on a comprehensive strategy review. This exercise can only be fruitful if each of us, as stakeholder, is prepared to take ownership of the objectives and strategies at University-level, as well as at Faculty-level.

Discussions and exchange of ideas at Focus Group levels preceded the Faculty Retreat. The focus group members included academic staff, administrative staff, alumni and student members. The Faculty of Dentistry academic staff turned up in unison on Friday, 8 April 2005 at the Changi Village Hotel, to identify the objectives and strategies that will drive the Faculty for the next lap. The discussions revolved around presentations by the Focus Group leaders. It was both work and fun for all, with the opportunity to voice views and come to a consensus on where and how we should move forward. The resort-like atmosphere and delicious snacks at Changi Village were also conducive in lending a much relaxed mood to productive discussions.

The Faculty Strategy Report which will be ready in July, will encapsulate the Faculty's plans and strategies for the future. With the continuing commitment and contributions from alumni, staff and students, we are confident of bringing the Faculty to new heights. 🗨️

Singapore Science and Engineering Fair Research Competition

A/P Stephen Hsu

The Singapore Science and Engineering Fair (SSEF) is a national competition organized by the Ministry of Education (MOE), the A*STAR, and the Singapore Science Centre (SSC). The chief judge is a 2003 Nobel Laureate and the judging criteria consisted of "Creative Ability, Scientific Thought, Thoroughness, Skill, Clarity and Teamwork". One of our research projects, entitled "In vitro study of the Inhibiting Effect of Er: Yag laser on Enamel Demineralisation in Adverse pH Condition" was selected for one of the 11 gold awards, out of the 258 entries in the competition.

The project team I mentored consisted of Ms Shen Peiling, Amelia and Ms Sim

Yilin, Eileen from Victoria Junior College.

The process of coaching two JC students for about nine months was not uneventful. The greatest joy of a mentor came at the end not from the visible/temporal award but from the invisible one as stated by one of the students,

"One very important thing I learnt from Prof Hsu was that results may not go to your liking or your hypothesis. But the actual aim in your research is to find the truth, not the truth in the way you like it to be. This has taught me to look at life from different perspectives, sometimes instead of enclosing yourself in your own thoughts of how you want things to be,

you can open your arms to things and people around you and accept them for the way they are."

It was certainly a pleasure coaching and moulding these young minds! 🗨️



A/P Stephen Hsu with the two JC students.

NUS

Open House 2005

The NUS Open House 2005 was held on 12 March 2005 (Saturday) from 9.30 am to 7.00 pm at the Sports and Recreation Centre. The booths allocated for the various Faculties were all decked out and ready to welcome the potential students by 9.30 am. The guest-of-honour for the Open House, NUS President Prof Shih Choon Fong visited the Dental Booth at mid-morning and took part in the "Guess the number of teeth" contest organized by the Faculty. The Dental booth, manned by both staff and students received a great number of visitors and enquires. Most of the visitors were Junior College students accompanied by friends or parents. Many of the visitors received souvenirs including dental stickers, badges and balloons. A great number of the visitors also signed up for the Job Shadowing Programme at the Faculty of Dentistry. The Faculty admission talk held in the late afternoon was also well attended. Overall, this was a very successful event with the visitors to the Open House understanding more about the Dentistry course, which we hope would guide them in choosing the right course of study / career. 🦷



The Dental booth.

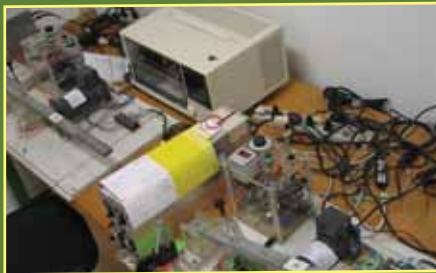


Guest-of-honour Prof Shih speaking to the staff manning the Dental booth.

SITP Award

Organised by the Office of Safety, Health and Environment (OSHE), the focus of the Safety Innovation Team Programme (SITP) is to encourage staff members to come up with innovative solutions to eliminate or minimize workplace risk. SITP aims to encourage NUS staff with the motivation to play a proactive role to bring about improvements with regards to safety at their workplace. The Faculty of Dentistry participated in the 2004 SITP programme by submitting three projects to OSHE. Two of the teams won a consolation prize of \$300 each.

The first consolation prize-winning team was the research team championed by Dr Cao Tong. The team comprises of Ms Han Tok Lin, Ms Hemamalathi d/o Govi and Mr Chan Swee Heng. They brought to the forefront hazards posed by electrical wires in the laboratory. The team proposed that an electrical wire conduit be used as a cover to protect electrical cables. A measured conduit with marked holes for the wires to safely flow through not only gives the place an aesthetic look, but also reduces threat to safety and health standards.



Look at the mess of wire!



So much neater now!

The other consolation prize-winning team is from Dental Laboratory 3. Championed by Dr Soh Jen, the team comprises Ms Ng Chor Eng (Leader), Mr Ho Weng Siak, Mr Sim Chee Hwee, Mdm Hazel Wong, Mdm Regina and Mdm Seetho. The team experimented with a shaped metal wire attached to the bunsen burner. When heated up, the wire becomes red, enabling the technician to have a much better visibility of the flame from the bunsen burner, preventing them from getting burnt accidentally.



Cannot really see the flame very well.



Wow! So much more obvious!

Well done and congratulations again to the winning teams! 🎉

Dentsply Asia Visitorship Programme

In the first quarter of 2005, delegations from four dental institutions visited the Faculty of Dentistry under the auspice of Dentsply Asia Visitorship Programme. Delegates from Triksakti University and Prof Dr Moestopo University visited the Faculty from 31 January to 4 February 2005 while delegates from the Institutes of Dental Medicine of Yangon and Institute of Dental Medicine of Mandalay visited from 14 to 18 March 2005.

The five day programme was packed with briefings, discussion sessions and working luncheons on Dental Education, Research, Clinical Services and Administration. Delegates also visited our clinical, teaching and research facilities, as well as went on a campus tour.

This is the second year running, which Faculty of Dentistry, NUS played host to the programme. In his welcome speech, the Dean, A/P Keson Tan said "Through this programme, we hope to promote mutual understanding and development of each other's



Visitors from Indonesia with staff of the Faculty.

schools ... It is hoped that this programme will result in future collaborative academic projects...

Indeed, it was an enriching experience for the delegates comprising mostly of Vice Deans and Department Heads. In their feedback, the delegates were happy and grateful for the opportunity to visit. They were also eager to apply what they have learnt here back in their home countries. ■

NUS-SDA Distinguished Speaker Programme 2005 at Faculty of Dentistry

Dr Andrew Robinson & A/P Yeo Jin Fei

The NUS-SDA Distinguished Speaker Programme 2005 was organised jointly by the SDA and the Faculty of Dentistry. The Distinguished Speaker this year was Professor Stephen Challacombe from Guy's, King's and St Thomas' Medical and Dental School, UK, a well-known expert in the field of Oral Medicine and Immunology. After speaking for a full day at the SDA Convention 2005 held on 9 to 10 April 2005 at the Ritz Carlton, Prof Challacombe then spoke at the Faculty of Dentistry from 11 to 13 April 2005.

Staff, students and other interested groups were treated to an excellent series of lectures on various topics in Oral Medicine during the three-day programme at the Faculty of Dentistry.

On the first day at the Faculty of Dentistry, Prof Challacombe covered in detail, the newest research findings, controversies and molecular techniques available in Oral Medicine. The second day was devoted to various aspects of research, including current research areas, protocols, methodology and issues pertaining to the development of a world class research centre in an academic setting. He even included a lecture on "Candida" and had a lively discussion with staff on the management of a few Oral Medicine clinical cases which the Department of OMS presented. The theme on the third and last day was HIV. Prof Challacombe described the alarming HIV situation in Asia and the rest of the world. The day ended with a visit to the Communicable Disease Centre, Tan Tock Seng Hospital.

These series of lectures certainly left the audience enthralled by how important Medicine, Immunology and Microbiology are in the field of Dentistry. ■



Prof Challacombe delivering the "HIV lecture".

Dr Myra Elliott

(B.D.S. 1968)

Everybody in the dental community has heard of Dr Myra Elliott. An oral maxillofacial surgeon, Dr Elliott practices in Mount Elizabeth Medical Center and is an honorary consultant in several other hospitals in Singapore. Since 1987 she has taught part-time at the Faculty of Dentistry, NUS. Few people are aware that this very accomplished oral maxillofacial surgeon is also a qualified orthodontist.

Dr Elliott believes in practicing 'Dentistry without Borders'. Apart from her busy practice, Dr Elliott carries out numerous charity works including dental treatment for animals in the Singapore Zoological Gardens. Over the years, she has treated animals ranging from slow lorises and pink dolphins to tigers. Since 1997, Dr Elliott has been actively involved in dental volunteer work. Together with other volunteers, she has traveled to places such as Sabah, the Riau islands in Indonesia, Northern Thailand, Myanmar and Philippines to offer free dental treatment. Her latest trip to Madagascar saw around 1500 patients treated in one week. When asked why she does the work, Dr Elliott spoke about the sense of fulfillment in helping people. It is truly inspiring to know people like Dr Myra Elliott, who take public service in dentistry to a new level!!

Dr Joanne Uy



Dr Elliott (far left) treating a patient during her latest volunteer trip to Madagascar.

Dr Sum Chee Peng

(B.D.S. 1978)

Dr Chng Hui Kheng



Dr Sum at work in the lab.

Dr Sum Chee Peng obtained his B.D.S. in 1978 and M.Sc in 1992. He is currently enrolled in a Ph.D program in Restorative Dentistry, Faculty of Dentistry, National University of Singapore. At an age when many people are looking forward to retirement, Dr Sum gave up full-time dental practice to embark on a new journey of searching and learning. This is not totally surprising as Dr Sum has always been interested in research. Soon after he graduated, he organised a Public Health study of the dental treatment needs of the blind. Several years later, he looked at hydrofluoric acid etching of porcelain veneers, as he was not convinced that it could work effectively. These are exactly the traits that would make a good researcher: an enquiring mind and the determination to find the answers or solutions to a problem. Recently, Dr Sum became interested in the biological aspects of healing of periapical lesions as he believes that lots more needs to be done as far as research on the biological aspects of endodontics is concerned. He is currently enjoying his journey in his search for "the truth". Nevertheless, Dr Sum has not severed all ties with Clinical Dentistry. He continues to teach as a Part-time staff at the Faculty of Dentistry, National University of Singapore, and hopes to maintain clinical practice by seeing patients a couple of sessions a week. All these will have to be balanced with his already demanding Ph.D programme. All the best, Dr Sum!

Dr Joanne Uy & Dr Wu Xiaowa

83rd International Association for Dental Research Meeting

The 83rd International Association for Dental Research (IADR) General Session and Exhibition was held in Baltimore, Maryland from the 9 to 12 March 2005. The meeting was an opportunity for dental academics and students to gather and share ideas on research. This event was attended by several dental faculty members as well as postgraduate research students.

Presentations from the Faculty of Dentistry included four oral and three poster presentations. These covered research in various specialties such as dental materials, prosthodontics, endodontics and orthodontics. Among the poster presentations, Dr Wu Xiaowa presented her research entitled "Environmental Index of Resin-based Restorative Materials". Her poster had earlier won the IADR Southeast Asian Division Travel Award Competition held in Koh Samui, Thailand. She was representing the IADR Southeast Asian Division to compete in the IADR Hatton Senior Category Research Competition in Baltimore. Dr Wu's research project was supervised by Dr Adrian Yap and co-supervised by Dr Zeng Kai-Yang.

Overall, it was an experience to represent the Faculty and NUS in this scientific gathering of minds. It is hoped that the Dental Faculty will continue to pursue the advancement of knowledge in the years to come! 🍷



Some of the participants, Dr Saji George and Dr Anil Kishen at the IADR conference.

Mr Alvin Lee Wei Zhi • Dental Year 3

Inter-year Games 04/05

The Dental Inter-Year Games 04/05 was successfully held from 12 to 16 January 2005. The aim of the event was to promote a healthy lifestyle among dental students and staff, as well as to foster strong bonds between the students and staff.

The event kicked off with telematches of basketball and street soccer which were held daily from 6pm-9pm, at the Sports and Recreation Centre, whilst badminton matches were held at Sheares Hall. Basketball and Badminton featured round-robin matches; while the street soccer featured exciting play-off matches. The

event was highly successful with many students and staff turning up and cheering for one another. A few members of our alumni also turned up for the much anticipated basketball match between the seniors and the first year students. The senior team eventually won.

Sports was not the only highlight of the event, as it ended appropriately with a sumptuous BBQ cum prize-presentation on Saturday, 15 January 2005, at BigginHill Bungalow A @ Aloha Changi. The event was graced by Visiting Prof Craig J. Baumgartner and his lovely wife, Prof Loh Hong Sai, A/Prof Jennifer Neo, Dr Ng Chin Siau and Dr Vijayan Loganathan. It was indeed a fitting culmination to a week of competitive games that displayed the very best of sportsmanship and sporting abilities of the dental fraternity. We would like to thank our sponsor, Q & M Dental Surgery. 🍷



Let's feast!



Dental students in action.

Dental Public Health Screening & Exhibition 2005



It was eight in the morning. Amidst the crowd of the Saturday morning rush hour, right in the heart of the oldest precinct in the country, a handful of dental students wriggled their way through the masses carrying two armloads of goodie bags. Yes, the date is 21 May 2005, and the event: Dental Public Health Screening & Exhibition 2005, at Toa Payoh HDB Hub Mall.

Barely an hour later, the real action started. The mission for the day couldn't be more meaningful: To provide free dental screening and oral health education to the members of the public.

Slowly but steadily the crowds streamed in. At the waiting area, the

visitors had the privilege of being the first to catch the official public launch of the Preventive Dentistry DPH projects, produced by our very own 2nd year students. This exposure brought some of the dental students instant stardom.

While the dental students battled the scorching morning sun and braved the evening downpour, their spirits were kept sky high. There was a constant stream of visitors and the students were kept very busy carrying out dental screening and giving advice. At the close of the event, the final count was 446 screenings. The aim of increasing the public's awareness of Dental Health was certainly achieved! 🎉



Students carrying out dental screening.

Bowling Good Times 2005

The annual Bowling Good Times, co-organized by the Dental Society and the Guild of Dental Graduates, was held on Sunday 20 February 2005. This year, there were 14 teams in all, with strong support from the bowlers of the Singapore Dental Trade Association (SDTA) as well as our very own dental undergraduates. It turned out to be a successful event and the attendance was encouraging despite the fact that the event was close to the undergraduate examinations.

The morning started with a breakfast sponsored by Dr Chua Ee Kiam, and a lucky draw (courtesy of Prof Loh). It wasn't long before the practice session for the 9-pin tap competition begun. The event swung into action with the "Team" competition commencing first, followed by the "Singles" competition. Young and eager hands versus older but experienced ones battled it out, with the expected results at the end. The staff and graduates had always won, and this year was no exception. Like what Prof Loh always say, students need to polish up their skills and moves. However, what the students lacked in bowling skills, they more than made up for it with their skills at ecstatic screaming and cheering for their fellow classmates!

The winning team comprised of Prof Loh Hong Sai, Mr Joseph Baskaran and Mr Raymond Lim. The individual events were won by Dr Chua Ee Kiam and Mrs Catherine Tan. The individual high game winner is Mr T S Tan. He was also the winner of the individual event for the past few consecutive years. Ivan Prabowo, our Publication Secretary of Dental Society "redeemed" the students' drought of awards by clinching the "player with the most potential to improve" award! 🎉

Special guest Dr Chua Ee Kiam (left) with the winning team.



Recent CDE Courses held at Faculty of Dentistry

Date	Title	Speaker
24 Jan 05	Posterior Composites	Dr Gerald Denehy
25 Jan 05	Endodontic Microbiology	Prof Craig Baumgartner
3 Feb 05	Endodontic Bugs & Drugs	Prof Craig Baumgartner
15 Feb 05	Lecture & Workshop - Successful endodontics - coming together of technology and biology	Dr Julian Webber
26 Feb 05	1st Singapore-China Clinical Surgery on Oral & Maxillofacial	Prof Zhang Chen Ping Dr Victor Fan A/P Luke Tan Dr Chan Siew Luen Dr Go Wee Ser Dr Lim Kheng Ann Dr Ansgar Cheng A/P Ho Kee Hai Dr Cao Tong Dr Andrew Tay Dr Myra Elliott

Date	Title	Speaker
11-13 Apr 05	NUS-SDA Distinguished Speaker Programme	Prof Stephen Challacombe
29 Apr 05	Recent Innovations on Self-etch and Tooth etch adhesives: Adper Prompt and Single Bond 2 Adhesives	Dr Steven M Aasen
18 Apr 05	Periodontal Management of Immunocompromised Patients	Prof Jon B Suzuki
22 May 05	RCS Edinburgh Quincentennial Celebrations 2005 Singapore	Prof John Langdon Prof R Ibbetson Prof A Sandham Prof Lim K Cheung A/P Kelvin Foong Dr Go Wee Ser
30 May 05	Oral Health Related Quality of Life	Prof Robert Bagramian
1 Jun 05	Treatment of Complicated Denture Patient	A/P Prof Carl Driscoll



Prof Suzuki



Dr Webber



Prof Baumgartner

Upcoming Events

Faculty of Dentistry Symposium

The Faculty of Dentistry celebrates the NUS Centennial with the hosting of a Faculty of Dentistry Symposium featuring 2 internationally renowned speakers in the field of aesthetics. Dr Wynn Okuda and Dr Cheryl Sheets will provide an update on the latest in Aesthetic Dentistry in a 2-day lecture and a 1-day workshop program.

Faculty of Dentistry Symposium (2-day lecture programme)

4 to 5 November 2005

Suntec Theatre (Level 2, Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre)

Registration Fees: \$300 (for dentists)

Composite Resin Workshop (Limited Attendance Only)

"Achieving Predictable Success with Direct Resin" by Wynn H. Okuda

6 November 2005

Dentistry Lab 2 (Level 1, NUH Dentistry)

Registration Fees: \$350

To register, please download the registration form online from the event website at <http://www.dentistry.nus.edu.sg/centennial/symposium/symposium.htm>. Register before 31 August 2005 to enjoy early bird discounts.

NUS Centennial Homecoming Luncheon Incorporating NUS Centennial Heritage Car Rally

16 July 2005

NUS Centennial Rag & Flag and Homecoming

6 August 2005

Official Centennial website – <http://www.nus.edu.sg/centennial/>

Combined Scientific Meeting (CSM05) – "Shaping a new era in healthcare"

4 to 6 November 2005

Raffles City Convention Centre, Singapore

Organised by SingHealth / National Healthcare Group / National University of Singapore. Register on-line at www.csmsingapore.com (Closing Date: 3 October 2005)

Congratulations

National-level Award:

The team of junior college students supervised by A/P Stephen Hsu, which went on to clinch the Gold Award at the Singapore Science and Engineering Fair (SSEF) for their project "In vitro study of the Inhibiting Effect of Er: Yag laser on Enamel Demineralisation in Adverse pH Condition". The SSEF is a national competition organised by the Ministry of Education (MOE), the Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR) and the Singapore Science Centre (SSC).

Staff Award:

• A/Prof Grace Ong was awarded the Service to Ministry of Education Award, 2004

University Level Award:

The following 2 Safety Innovation Team project (SITP) Teams who have been awarded the CONSOLATION PRIZE at the recent S+H week'05. Their projects have also been mounted on the OSHE's webpage under the SITP

(http://www.nus.edu.sg/osh/training/sitp/teams_04.htm).

•Dentistry Lab 3 – Ms Ng Chor Eng, Mr Ho Weng Siak, Mr Sim Chee Hwee and Mdm Regina Tan.

•FOD Research Lab –Dr Cao Tong, Ms Hemamalathi Govi, Ms Han Tok Lin, and Mr Chan Swee Heng.

Academic Staff of the Faculty of Dentistry

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Assistant Professor	- Dr Chng Hui Kheng
Assistant Professor	- Dr Anil Kishen
Assistant Professor	- Dr Willy Chang Shian Wei
Adjunct Assistant Professor	- Dr Neo Tee Khin
Adjunct Assistant Professor	- Dr Ganesh Vijay Kumar
Visiting Fellow	- Dr Joanne Ngo Uy

Farewell

We bid a fond farewell to the following staff:

Mr Chung Sew Meng	Ms Karen Teo Chieh Yin
Dr Ganesh Vijay Kumar	Ms Lakshmi D/O Selvanathan
Ms Hemamalathi d/o Govi	Ms Suzilawati Binte Jusuf

Welcome

A warm welcome to the following new staff:

Prof Craig Baumgartner

Visiting Professor • Department of Restorative Dentistry

Mdm Haryati Bin Abdullah @Haryati Bin Samad

Dental Support Officer • Dean's Office

Dr John Loh Ser Pheng

Registrar • Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

Prof Michael Vincent Swain

Visiting Professor • Department of Restorative Dentistry

Appointments & Re-appointments

(for the period of Jan 2005 - June 2005)

A/Prof Keng Siong Beng
• appointed President of the South East Asia Association of Dental Education (SEAADE) for 2004-2006.

Prof Loh Hong Sai
• appointed Consultant to the Secretariat of the Steering Committee for the NUS Centennial Celebrations.

A/Prof Teo Choo Soo
• appointed Chairman of the Steering Committee for the NUS Centennial Celebrations.