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Our New Vision and Mission -Outcomes from the Strategy Review

In preparation for the Corporatisation of NUS, a university-wide strategy review exercise was initiated in March 2005. In tandem, the Faculty conducted a strategy review, consulting all major stakeholder groups and held a Faculty Retreat, to align with the University's strategy plans. Upon completion of the strategy review in November 2005, the Faculty adopted a new Vision and Mission to guide it in its constant quest for excellence in an ever changing environment.



Vision

To be a dental institution of international distinction

Mission

Improve oral health through academic excellence, high impact research and quality clinical service.

Our mission will support the three thrusts of NUS: quality education, high impact research and entrepreneurship, in service of country and society.

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

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

 to be continued...

2006 brings about new challenges for our Faculty. In line with NUS corporatization, the Faculty has come up with a strategic plan to become THE LEADING dental institution in the region. To get the ball rolling, the Faculty welcomed an International Advisory Panel last February. The panel examined the Faculty's various programmes under a microscope and with input from alumni, staff and students, gave their recommendations. Armed with the panel's expert advice the faculty hopes to achieve its goal of providing top quality education, research and clinical service. Read more about the faculty's new Vision and Mission in the cover article.

This issue also features an expanded Alumni Section. Aside from the Spotlight on Alumni column, we've added a section for alumni events. Check out the reunion photos of the Class of 1979 and 1985! We would like to call on all others who celebrated their class reunions – share your photos with the Dental Mirror! Also, if you want to nominate a colleague to be featured in the Spotlight on Alumni, do drop us a line.

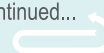
This year's Dental Society Dinner and Dance was held at Raffles the Plaza. Have a look at the flamboyant characters who turned up at the Odyssey Around the World party. Both students and staff seemed to have loads of fun! Browse through these and other interesting events in this issue of the Dental Mirror!!! Happy reading!!!

Dr Joanne Uy

Our New Vision and Mission

-Outcomes from the Strategy Review

continued...



Objectives and Strategic Priorities

The Faculty will be guided by 8 objectives to achieve our Vision to be a dental institution of international distinction:

1. To be the educational hub for dentistry in the region, being a confluence where the very best dental students, staff and faculty interact and learn from one another.
2. To establish a vibrant and conducive environment for high impact research, excellent teaching, and professional clinical service.
3. To produce clinically competent graduates with a sense of professionalism, ethical and social responsibility.
4. To develop peaks of excellence of high impact research.
5. To be the regional centre for postgraduate clinical specialty training programmes that are recognised for their excellence and graduates who are leaders in their clinical specialties.
6. To strengthen bonds with students, alumni and other stakeholders; building bridges that transcend the academic experience.
7. To provide leadership in the development of the profession.
8. To contribute towards life-long learning for the dental profession.

Faculty's three main strategic initiatives for the next three years are:

1. Building on key research strengths, the Faculty will set up three research centres/units, namely:
 - Centre for Cranio-facial and Regenerative Biology (CCRB)
 - Dental Biophotonics and Biomaterials Programme (DBBP)
 - Cranio-facial Clinical Research Unit (CCRU)
2. To raise the profile of dental education, the Faculty will heighten its role in providing continuing professional education through the establishment of a Centre for Advanced Dental Education (CADE)
3. To support the Faculty's objective to be a regional centre for postgraduate clinical specialty training, programmes that are recognized for their excellence and good potential for growth will be expanded.

Besides focusing on research and postgraduate specialist and continuing education programmes, plans include strengthening bonds with alumni. To spearhead this initiative, the Alumni Mentorship Programme will commence this academic year.



With university-wide strategy plans in place, NUS was poised for corporatisation which took place on 1st April 2006.

The NUS Corporatisation Committee, chaired by the Provost, has engaged the NUS community, partners and stakeholders over the course of corporatisation to ensure that issues and concerns relating to this exercise are addressed. With a new model for governance, NUS has greater autonomy to chart its own destiny, differentiate itself and pursue new heights of excellence in education, research and service.

NUS Corporatisation – A New Phase For All

Objectives of Corporatisation

- Allow NUS to chart its own directions and enable NUS to be much more nimble
- Better position NUS to further enhance dynamism and sense of ownership
- Allow NUS to be much more competitive in the pursuit of our vision

Rationale for Corporatisation

- Rapid change in the global economy
- Transition into a knowledge-based economy
- Higher education fast becoming a global industry
- Increasing competition in higher education landscape
- NUS needs to respond to these external changes

Under Scrutiny - International Advisory Panel Visits Faculty Of Dentistry

The Faculty was honored with the visit of the International Advisory Panel (IAP) comprising Professor David Johnsen, Dean of the College of Dentistry, University of Iowa and Professor Edwin Yen, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, University of British Columbia. The IAP was tasked to provide expert advice on major trends and directions in education and research, improvements on curriculum, teaching methodology and external relations as well as a review of our Faculty's strategic plans.

The 5-day visit was packed with interviews with academic staff, part-time teaching staff, alumni, students as well as administrative, professional and non-academic staff. A comprehensive report on the IAP recommendations has been submitted to the Provost's Office and the report has been shared with major stakeholders to shape the Faculty's Strategy Implementation Roadmap.

The faculty would like to thank all stakeholders for their participation in the IAP discussions.

Dr Anil Kishen (centre) interacts with the IAP



From left to right:
Assoc Prof Kelvin Foong, Prof David Johnsen,
Assoc Prof Keson Tan, Prof Edwin Yen and
Assoc Prof Keng Siong Beng

Centennial Charity Car Rally

Dr Joanne Uy

Our final year students emerged victorious in the Centennial Charity Car Rally organized by the NUS Motoring Club on 18 February 2006. The team beat 34 others in the Inter-Faculty Category to win the Challenge trophy and \$1000 in cash!!!

The rally was a treasure hunt with "Amazing Race" and "Fear Factor" style obstacles. Teams traveled all around Singapore searching for clues and tackling challenges such as eating maggots, riding the reverse bungee and fighting the freezing temperatures of Snow City! When asked for their winning formula, team leader Kelvin Khng says: "I guess being used to taking multiple competencies in dental school sort of prepared us for this event. We thought the race was over when we had to make a big detour back to the starting point of the race. However, we pressed on and didn't give up!!! We also owe our thanks to friends who helped us search for answers on the internet - without them, our victory would not have been possible."

Congratulations to our winning team and all those who participated in the event!!!



The winning team – Dr Chelsia Sim, Khu Jia Ching, Ooi Jing Liang and Kelvin Khng (clockwise from top left) pose with the Challenge Trophy and prize awards.



We are ready to reverse bungee!

NUS Centennial Roving Exhibition

Ms Jacey Yeh

The Centennial Roving Exhibition, which aimed to promote awareness of NUS among the public, was officially opened by Deputy Prime Minister Professor S Jayakumar at the Raffles City Shopping Centre on 24 February 2006. Assistant Dean Assoc Prof Keng Siong Beng along with Dental Society President Mr Bey Yee Hau were at the Opening Ceremony to receive Prof Jayakumar as representatives for Dentistry. The roving exhibition was subsequently displayed at five other venues, namely Jurong Point, East Point Mall, National Library, Junction 8 and finally the Singapore Science Centre.



The Dentistry Panel – "Training dental professionals for Singapore and the region"

Assoc Prof Keng briefing Prof Jayakumar on Dentistry's 77 years of dental education.



NUS Centennial Open House

Dr Rashid Tahir



This year's NUS Centennial Open House held at the Sports & Recreation Centre was extra special! For the first time, the Open House, which is organized to attract prospective students to our university, was held over two consecutive days (11-12 March 2006). NUS President Professor Shih Choon Fong was the Guest-of-Honour at the launch of the event. The Faculty of Dentistry's booth was well attended by prospective students who came to enquire about the Dental Undergraduate Programme. Over 500 people also attended talks on admission to the dental faculty and dentistry as a career. A food bazaar added to the carnival atmosphere of the NUS Open House, which students have come to look forward to each year.



Dr Cao Tong (extreme right) explains to President Prof Shih Choon Fong (second from left) on the recent research findings on R-Scaffold.



The Open House team - ever ready to share on dentistry as a career to smile about.

Forging links with China – Peking University visits the Faculty of Dentistry

The 2nd Singapore-China Clinical Symposium was held on 4 March 2006 at the Faculty of Dentistry Auditorium. The theme was "Reconstructive and Cosmetic Aspects of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery". The symposium attracted around 100 surgeons, orthodontists, general practitioners, postgraduate and research students and dental nurses.

The speakers comprised local as well as international dental experts. Professor Yu Guangyan, a world renowned specialist on salivary gland and microvascular surgery and Dean of the Peking University School of Stomatology shared his expert knowledge on functional reconstruction of defects in the jaws. Also from the same school, Professor Xu Tianmin, Chairman of the Orthodontics Department gave the audience an insight on different perceptions of facial attractiveness by Chinese and American orthodontists. The local speakers on the other hand addressed the various aspects of the "Business of Saving Face". The full-day symposium ended with the humorous and informative session by Dr Lawrence Ng on "How to Avoid Medico-legal Pitfalls in Aesthetic Surgery". Participants walked away with new knowledge, new friendships and old ties renewed.

Ms Ng Bee Wee



Speaker Prof Yu Guangyan (5th from left) and participants at the symposium



One last shot before parting ways (first row, from left 2nd and 3rd are Prof Xu Tianmin and Prof Yu GuangYan respectively)

University Medical Centre Groningen

Delegation visits the Faculty of Dentistry

Dr Cao Tong (extreme right) guides our visitors for a tour of the stem cell laboratory.



Dr Cao Tong

Delegates from the University Medical Centre Groningen (UMCG) visited our faculty last 13 March 2006. The 5-member delegation was headed by Dean of UMCG, Prof Dr Sibrand Poppema. The aim of the visit was to establish strategic research collaborations in the areas of stem cell and tissue regeneration.

Among the highlights of the whole-day programme was the signing of the Letter of Intent. Seminars on stem cell research and tissue engineering were also given by delegates Dr Marco Harmsen, Head of the Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Dept of Medical Biology and Dr Theo van Kooten, Head of the Section of Biocompatibility and Biomaterials, Dept of Biomedical Engineering. Both talks were well-attended by research staff and students as well as colleagues from the School of Medicine, Faculty of Science and Faculty of Engineering.

This visit and the letter of intent form the basis of a closer working relationship between the two universities, allowing for sharing of information and research findings and offering opportunities for further exchange of academic activities.



Signing the Letter of Intent - Prof Dr Sibrand Poppema (left) and Assoc Prof Keson Tan (right)

International Visitors

Vietnamese dentist visits under the ETTP

Dr Nguyen Quoc Trung (first from the right) from Vietnam was here on the Education-Train-the-Trainers Programme (ETTP) from 21 February to 10 March 2006. He was attached to the Department of Restorative Dentistry specifically in the speciality of Endodontics. He is the Faculty's sixth visitor under this MOE programme, which aims to bring lecturers and trainers from Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam to local institutions for training attachments.



FY2005 Dentsply Dental Visitorship Programme : University of Indonesia



Touring of clinic by delegates from University of Indonesia (front to back : Prof Yosi Kusuma Eriwati, Dr Evy Savitri, Dr Maria Francisca Lindawati Soetanto and Dr Anggraini Margono)

The delegation, led by the Vice-Dean of Non-Academic Affairs, Prof Yosi Kusuma Eriwati came to be exposed to the programmes, research, clinical practices and administration of our Faculty. Prof Yosi thanked the Faculty for the open discussions and sharing of information, proposing future collaborations with the Faculty. Welcoming these interactions, Dean Assoc Prof Keson Tan expressed that establishing a close working relationship with participant institutions is a main aim of the visitorship programme.

HMDP Visiting Expert in Orthodontics



Dr. Soh Jen

Professor Kyung Hee-Moon (left picture), Head of the Department of Orthodontics, School of Dentistry, Kyungpook National University in Korea was the HMDP Visiting Expert at the Faculty. He conducted a 5-day course entitled "Various Minor Tooth Movements Using Microimplant Anchorage" from 16-20 January 2006. Prof Kyung Hee-Moon is one of the pioneers who developed the application of Absoancho® Orthodontic Microimplant system in orthodontic treatment. The scientific programme included a series of lectures that showcased the use of these implants in the management of difficult orthodontic cases. Real-time live demonstrations of implant placement procedures were also conducted by Prof Kyung as he shared his wealth of experience with the participants.

Spotlight on Alumni

Do you have somebody in mind to call the spotlight on? Write in your nominations to us today!

Dr Vijayan Loganathan

Dr Kaan Sheung Kin (BDS 1982)

Dancer, Counsellor, Volunteer, Yoga trainer..... AND Dentist

I have known Sheung Kin (or Sheung, as he likes to be called) for many years now. I've had the pleasure of working with him and know him to be a very good orthodontist. But dentistry is not his only talent.

Many D & D functions have seen his skills as a dance choreographer, creating exciting and avant-garde dance numbers. Sheung is also a certified yoga instructor, so for those of you who feel pressurised from the daily trials and tribulations of being a dentist, make an appointment to see him and he may give you a few pointers on how to relax. To those inclined to more subtle movements, ask him about the Tai Chi that he is doing. Sheung is an active volunteer at the Action for Aids, where he does counseling work. He also organises dental mission trips to Indonesia, Thailand, Myanmar and even places as far as Madagascar!

When I asked Sheung about his latest achievements, he said it was finally learning how to swim. His wish for this year? To be an unconventional role-model to the younger people in our profession. Sheung is truly a reminder that there is more to life than dentistry!



Dr Djeng Shih Kien (BDS 1971)

Prof Loh Hong Sai



Many would agree that the BDS Class of 71 was an outstanding one, with many of its alumni going on to be successful dental practitioners and leaders in our profession. Dr Djeng Shih Kien is one such person!

"Djengo" was his nickname, and he stood out as a far-sighted student with a wide knowledge of medical subjects which he demonstrated again later in life by his involvement in the healthcare and health food business in Singapore and the region. As one of the few lucky undergraduates then who drove a car, he was knowledgeable on the nuts and bolts of automobiles. So, it was no surprise to us that he ventured into this business as well. He is also one of the best known dental surgeons amongst the medical and business communities, with a very successful group practice downtown. He is indeed an entrepreneur extraordinaire from our profession.

Djengo is an accomplished orthodontist as well, and has contributed immensely to the undergraduate and postgraduate programs since his days with the Faculty. He was in the pioneering group that developed cleft lip and palate management and orthognathic surgery in Singapore. He has a warm and generous disposition with a ready support for students' activities and was a prime donor for the Class of 71 Faculty Bursary Award. Dr Djeng is an exemplary alumnus for dentistry, in fact outstanding as a role model for future generations to emulate.

Did you celebrate your class reunion lately? We would love to hear from you. Share your photos with fellow alumni through the Dental Mirror! Please email Miss Jacey Yeh at Jacey@nus.edu.sg for more information.

Class Reunions



Class of 1979

The BDS class of 1979 celebrated their 27th anniversary reunion when classmate Tan Poh Hong (left picture, front row, 4th from the right) came back from Iowa for a visit. The class also met earlier in March 2005 when classmate Ho Soke Mun came back from England (right picture, 2nd from right, second row).



Class of 1985

The Class of BDS 1985 celebrated their 20th anniversary reunion in August 2005



Get connected!

Guild of Dental Graduates

Prof Loh Hong Sai

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Your 14th Executive Committee 2005/6

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Dr Chye Chuan Hee, Kelvin (Hon Treasurer)

Dr Keng Siong Beng

Dr Soh Jen

Dr Ho King Ping

Dr Seow Yian San

Dr Susan Ang (Mrs Ng)

2006 Bowling Good Times

The Guild of Dental Graduates (Singapore) and the Dental Society (National University of Singapore) are organizing the 2006 Bowling Good Times which will be held on 29 July 2006, from 9 am - 12 pm at the West Bowl. The event aims to provide opportunities for friendly competition as well as to foster and promote goodwill, friendship and sportsmanship amongst the dental fraternity in Singapore. Family, friends & members of the Guild of Dental Graduates, Dental Society, Singapore Dental Trade Association and Faculty of Dentistry are welcome to participate in this event.

There will be 2 events: Team (Trios) and Singles (Men/Women) and the registration fee is SGD30.00 and SGD10.00, respectively. Each bowler will bowl 3 games based on a 9-pin Tap format.

Closing date for registration is 14 July 2006.

If you have any enquires, please contact Mr Varian Han Teck Siu at 6516 4710 or denhtsv@nus.edu.sg

For more information, visit http://www.dentistry.nus.edu.sg/bowling_goodtimes_2006.htm

Dental Students celebrate at Raffles the Plaza

Vanessa Chia • DENSOC Social Secretary



The Year ones



Year twos



Year threes

On 7 January 2006, staff and students of the Faculty made their way down to Raffles the Plaza for the annual Dinner and Dance. The theme was "Odyssey around the World", which pretty much gave everyone an excuse to dress up and party the night away. Who can forget the vibrant costumes that livened up the atmosphere that night? Ranging from the oriental beauty Chang-Er (which bagged Marianne a best costume prize), to a few swashbuckling Englishmen sauntering around, to the flamboyant RRRRumba costume that Prof Neo wore that practically stole the show that night. And let's not forget our two witty hosts who donned skin tight Superman and Wonder Woman costumes that showed off every 6-pack and curve to perfection.

Although the party wasn't held in a catamaran as intended, the night was no less successful and no less enjoyable as we were in the company of great friends, good food and a never-ending flow of beer (just kidding!). Indeed, the night was livened up with games, lucky draws, and a pageant - all thanks to the generosity of our sponsors. The games involved beer guzzling, fishing for racy underwear in garbage bags, AND putting them on! Dentistry's "famous couples" tried to remove clothes pegs pinned to their partner's clothes while blindfolded, and people ran around garnering as many lipstick kisses on their shirts as possible, certain parts gained more points! The winners for the pageant, Mr and Ms Dentistry were Maojie and Wanyi. They certainly had a tough time answering questions such as- "What is your favored choice of protection - the rubber dam, latex gloves, or safety goggles?" What a tough choice indeed!

All in all, it was a night to remember, and I'm definitely looking forward to the next one!

By Popular Vote - Mr & Miss Dentistry!



The best costume award goes to Chang-Er!

Superman & Wonder Woman (centre) were emcees for the night

Dental Students demonstrate their sporting excellence at the Inter-Year Games!

The Inter-Year Games (IYG) was held on Saturday, 26 November 2005. The Games started early as teams from each of the 4 years gathered at the Sports and Recreation Centre to contest in street soccer. The weather, a blend of warm sun and slight breeze, was perfect as teams tried to emulate their favorite soccer teams. Adept at manual dexterity and now eager to prove their skill with their feet, the action on the court was fast and furious with frequent changes of possession and many opportunities to score. Eventually, the second years emerged the champions from the closely contested game!

Badminton was next. With few students adept at badminton, the lineup for the doubles introduced an element of strategy to the game. Another closely contested game, the first years emerged the eventual winners.

By the time the badminton games were over the skies turned dark and it started raining cats and dogs. Basketball, which was supposedly the third sport to be played, was cancelled and replaced by Captain's Ball. Despite the teams being of mixed genders, the games were fast-paced and ended up very high scoring. Eventually, the third years emerged the victors of the game with their aggressive running and good coordination.

The day concluded with a BBQ at the Prince George's Park. It was a nice end to the day as students from the various years mingled over dinner. Besides providing a chance for dental students to take a break from their busy schedules, the games also promoted interaction and bonding among the students. Such is the spirit that makes the IYG a success year after year!!!



Student receives praises from a satisfied patient

Dr Joanne Uy

Professionalism is one of the many qualities the Faculty wishes to imbue on the dental students. Recently, a satisfied patient wrote a letter of appreciation for the good service that he received from Ms Phang Hui Jing, a fourth year dental student. Mr Song Lai Hee wrote:

"I am a businessman whose business's philosophy is to give good and satisfying service to all my customers. However, when I encounter a situation where I took on the opposite role of receiving a good service, my spirit within me will resonate strongly and I will feel good. In this respect, I was feeling extremely good and satisfied with the

high and professional standard of dental service given to me by Ms Phang Hui Jing. It is this satisfaction that led me to pen this letter of appreciation to this wonderful dental student"

In response, Hui Jing thanked Mr Song and wrote, "...you have reaffirmed that I have chosen the right career path in my life and all the work had been worth the effort. Indeed the greatest reward in dentistry itself is putting a smile on our patients' faces".

Well done Hui Jing!



Faculty of Dentistry wins at the NUS Annual Safety and Health Awards



Assoc Prof Yeo accepting the award from the Guest of Honor, Professor Tan Chorh Chuan, Deputy President & Provost.



Mr Francis Ang accepting the award from Mr Ameer Ali Abdeali, General Manager, Occupational Health and Training Centre, Ministry of Manpower.

The Office of Safety, Health and Environment (OSHE) held a ceremony for two of its Safety and Health Awards Scheme on 21 February 2006.

The first award that was given out was the Annual Safety and Health Performance Awards (ASHPA), in which our Faculty won the Merit award. The ASHPA awards are conducted with emphasis on the ability of departments to conduct sound and comprehensive audits in the workplace.

The second award was for the Safety Improvement Team Programme (SITP). The focus of this programme was to encourage staff members to come up with innovative solutions to eliminating or minimizing workplace risk. One of our FOD teams, FOD Maintenance (Team leader – Mr Francis Ang, Member – Mr Lai Yong Lim) clinched the bronze award for their project “Implementation of Lockout/Tagout Procedures”. Two of our SITP teams also received certificates of participation for their projects. They are WONDERS (Team leader – Mdm Tan Sok Lan, Members – Mdm Goh Kim Ing and Mdm Chu Li Shen) and DENTLAB 3 (Team leader – Ms Ng Chor Eng, Members – Mr Ho Weng Siak, Ms Regina Tan Siam Kiang and Ms Hazel Wong).

Congratulations to all award winners and keep up the good work!

NUH Dental Health Month-April 2006

Dr Joanne Uy

Healthy Teeth is the Key to your Beautiful Smile!!!

This was the slogan for the NUH Dental Health Awareness Month!!! Jointly organized by our faculty, NUH Dental Services and the NTLC Club, this programme aimed to promote dental health as well as to create awareness of the dental services in NUH.

For 4 weeks exciting activities such as dental educational talks, oral care demonstrations and product road shows were held at the Health Education Hub in NUH. A free dental screening was conducted for both NUS and NUH staff. There was also a ‘Bright Smile Contest’ where the staff with the most dazzling smile was selected through online voting.

The programme culminated on 27 April with numerous prizes and oral care products given to the contest winners. All in all around 90 staff went for the free dental screening and over 200 people attended the educational talks. Congratulations to the organizers for making this affair a success!!!



To our donors & sponsors...

Thank you for supporting the Faculty of Dentistry, NUS!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following donors for their constant support and contribution to the Faculty.

Donors towards Student Bursaries

For the Academic Year 2005/6, the Faculty gave out a total of six Faculty Level Bursary awards of \$1,500 each. The bursaries were:

- Q & M Dental Surgery Bursary (2 awards)
- Dental Bursary (3 awards)
- SmileWorks Bursary

Donors of new medals

For the Academic Year 2005/6, the Faculty of Dentistry received donations from two organisations who contributed towards the establishment of new academic medals for the Final MDS Examination.

• Society Of Endodontists, Singapore Medal

Donated by The Society of Endodontists, Singapore in 2006, a medal is awarded annually from the proceeds of a capital sum of \$30,000. The medal is awarded to the best student in Endodontics in the Final M.D.S. Examination.

• Prosthodontic Society Singapore Medal

Donated by the Prosthodontic Society Singapore in 2005, a medal is awarded annually from the proceeds of a capital sum of \$30,000. The medal is awarded to the best student in Prosthodontics in the Final M.D.S. Examination.

Sponsors towards the Student Exchange Programme

Faculty would also like to thank all sponsors for their support towards the programme. The following organisations sponsored selected students from the Faculty for their trip on the Student Exchange Programme to the respective Universities:

- **Dentsply (Return airfare)** – University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada
- **Shofu Inc (Return airfare)** – Tokyo Medical and Dental University, Japan
- **GC Asia (Return airfare)** – Tokyo Medical and Dental University, Japan
- **Kavo (Return airfare)** – Loma Linda University, California, USA
- **Office of Alumni Relations (2 Travel grants of S\$2,500)** – University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada
- **Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (Travel Assistance Grant of AUD500)** – University of Sydney, Australia

If you are interested in making a contribution to the Faculty of Dentistry, please contact Mrs Gn Soon Lay, Senior Manager (Tel: 6772 4902 or email: dengnsl@nus.edu.sg)

Alumni Mentorship Scheme

Alumni invited to mentor dental students

Ms Selene Tan

The Faculty, together with the Guild of Dental Graduates, are partnering to embark on the Alumni Mentorship Scheme, to be launched in Academic Year 2006. Through a meaningful mentorship, interested and committed alumni can contribute by coaching and guiding students as they develop in their professional life and forge bonds of friendship and collegiality. For a start, each alumni mentor will be assigned 2 mentees for the entire duration of the scheme, but this will be dependent on the actual number of volunteers. A sharing and briefing session for all Mentors was held in early June 2006 to enable an exchange of ideas on mentoring skills and strengthening of alumni-student links. Alumni interested in volunteering for this scheme can visit the Faculty website for more information.

Christmas cum Welcome Year Lunch

Staff gathered to celebrate the December festivities and to welcome Year 2006 with good food and company on 30 December 2005.



Dental Annual Party

This year's annual party, held on the evening of 18 January 2006, was themed "Wild Wild West". Both teaching staff and non-academic staff alike participated enthusiastically in the games organized by the Social, Sports and Welfare Committee to hearty cheers and applause. The highlight of the night was surely the top prize of the Lucky Draw – which went to Nurse Swee Siang.



Lunar New Year Celebrations

Loh Hei– A Singaporean lunar new year tradition of tossing food for good luck and a popular staple at the Faculty's lunar new year celebrations. Staff filled their happy bellies and received mandarins for prosperity during the lunch on 10 February 2006.

Continuing Professional Education Seminars

For a listing of upcoming seminars, please visit our website at www.dentistry.nus.edu.sg

Past Events:

| Date | Event Name/ Lecture Title(s) | Speaker(s) |
|------------------|---|---|
| 7 January 2006 | Workshop on Minimal Intervention in Clinical Practice | A/Prof Stephen Hsu Dr Rashid Tahir A/Prof Jennifer Neo Dr Hien Ngo |
| 17 January 2006 | Various Minor Tooth Movements using Micro-Implant Anchorage | Prof Kyung Hee Moon |
| 21 January 2006 | Workshop on Minimal Intervention in Clinical Practice | A/Prof Stephen Hsu Dr Rashid Tahir A/Prof Jennifer Neo Dr Hien Ngo |
| 23 February 2006 | Oral Disease as a Risk for Systemic Diseases | Prof Ray C Williams |
| 4 March 2006 | 2nd Singapore –China Clinical Symposium on Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery – Reconstructive and Cosmetic Aspects of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery | Dr Victor Fan Prof Yu Guangyan Dr Andrew Tay Dr Cao Tong Dr Chan Siew Luen Prof Xu Tianmin Dr Tan Hwee Hiang A/Prof Kelvin Foong Dr Lawrence Ng |
| 21 March 2006 | World-Wide Orthodontics | Prof Toshio Deguchi |
| 10 April 2006 | Changing Paradigms in Oral Microbiology: Its Growing Significance in Systemic Diseases | Dr John G. Thomas |
| 19 May 2006 | Treatment Planning in the Complex Implant Patient | Prof Richard Palmer |
| 28 May 2006 | 10th NUS Clinical Dentistry Symposium | Prof JP McDonald Prof Derrick Setchell Prof Christian Lindqvist A/P Keng Siong Beng A/P Varawan Sae-Lim Dr Neo Tee Khin Dr Rashid Tahir |

Upcoming Events:

| Date | Event/Venue | Speakers |
|------------------------|---|--|
| 13 and 14 January 2007 | Second Faculty of Dentistry Symposium Grand Ballroom, Grand Corphorne Waterfront Hotel | Prof Steven Morgano Prof Maurizio Tonetti Prof Chew Chong Lin Dr Victor Fan |

Faculty of Dentistry sets up Centre for Advanced Dental Education

In the coming academic year, the Faculty of Dentistry will be establishing the Centre for Advanced Dental Education (CADE) as part of its strategic initiatives to contribute towards life-long learning for the dental profession. The main focus of the centre is to provide training for dental practitioners and auxiliaries in the form of lectures, hands-on courses and Graduate Diploma courses. Through the Centre the Faculty hopes to raise the profile of dental education through a heightened role in providing continuing professional dental education.

The Centre aims to increase the frequency of Continuing Professional Education events and hold the Faculty of Dentistry Symposium as an annual event. The Graduate Diploma in Dental Implantology programme has been slated to be launched in AY2006/7. This course will be open to all local dentists and is offered on a part-time basis. Further details on the programme will be mounted on the Faculty website in due course.

Farewell

We wish to bid farewell and thank the following staff for their services and contributions to the Faculty:

- Ms Deng Ying (Research Assistant, Department of Preventive Dentistry)
- Mdm Puspa Binte Satim (Dental Support Officer, Dean's Office)
- Assoc Prof Ho Kee Hai (Associate Professor, Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery)
- Dr Khurram Ataulah (Visiting Fellow, Department of Preventive Dentistry)
- Dr Egwin Yeo (Dental Instructor, Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery)
- Dr John Loh (Registrar, Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery)
- Ms Tan Selene (Administrative Officer, Dean's Office)

Promotions

Our heartiest congratulations to:

- Assoc Prof Varawan Sae-Lim, for her promotion to Senior Consultant, Dept of Restorative Dentistry, NUH.
- Dr Willy Chang, for his promotion to Senior Registrar, Dept of Restorative Dentistry, NUH.

Welcome

A warm welcome to the following new staff:

Department of Preventive Dentistry

- Dr Holy Koh Jr (Adjunct Assistant Professor)
- Ms Rajni (Research Assistant)

Dean's Office (Dentistry)

- Mdm Loo Ah Luan, Sharon (Dental Support Officer)

Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

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Staff Achievements

- Faculty of Dentistry wins the NUS Annual Safety & Health Performance Merit Award (ASHPA)! The ASHPA scheme is initiated by the Office of Safety, Health and Environment to reward and recognize departments that have made or are making significant improvements in their safety management systems (SMS) and safety & health performance.
- Mr Francis Ang and Mr Lai Yong Lim, from team FOD MAINTENANCE, who were awarded the Bronze Award for the Safety Innovation Team Programme (SITP) for FY2004/5. This is the second consecutive year Dentistry has a winning team.
- Mdm Tan Sok Lan was awarded the Certificate for Excellent Service for having received the most *GEMS cards at the recent GEMS Appreciation Initiative by the Faculty of Dentistry.

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- Prof Loh Hong Sai, a founding member of the International Society for Lasers in Dentistry (ISLD), was honoured with Life Membership for his outstanding contributions to international laser education and leadership at the recent 10th ISLD Conference in Berlin, Germany (May 2006). He was its Secretary General since 1988 and served as President from 2004-06.

Research Achievements

- Mr Loke Wei Qiang, Mr Alvin Lee, Mr Terence Jee and Ms Bien Lai were Champions in the Oral & Poster Presentation competition (International Students category) at the 7th Dental Students' Scientific Conference, held at University of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur, M'sia (9 to 10 December 2005). They beat a total of 13 participants from 5 participating universities and were awarded the coveted Hashim Yaacob Award and Challenge Trophy.
- The team comprising H.P. Ng, K.W.C. Foong, S.H. Ong, P.S. Goh, W.L. Nowinski, whose paper entitled "Moving Towards the Construction of a Highly Realistic Pre-surgical Facial Model" won the Outstanding Paper Award at the recently concluded 12th International Conference on Biomedical Engineering.
- The Victoria Junior College students who worked with Dr Anil Kishen on the project entitled "Investigation into utilising visible light for the diagnosis of incipient enamel caries" won the Bronze Award in the 2006 Singapore Science and Engineering Fair (SSEF).
- The project titled "Effects of Non-Surgical Periodontal Therapy on Lipid Levels in Diabetics" presented by Dr Chee Hoe Kit was awarded the best poster award for the Officer/Registrar category in the SGH Annual Scientific Meeting on 22 April 2006.