

DENTAL MIRROR

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Faculty of Dentistry

Celebrating



Years of Achievement



Dean's Message



In this and the upcoming issues, we will be highlighting some of our dedicated Part-Time Teachers, who have so generously sacrificed their time, to share their talents and expertise with our students. Clinical skills training is core in the education of dental surgeons. Our clinical teachers form a pillar in supporting clinical training in the Faculty. Sharing their wealth of clinical experience with both our postgraduates and undergraduates, these teachers have enriched our students' learning experiences.

This year is a very special year – the Faculty celebrates its 85th anniversary. We are very proud that we have illustrious alumni like yourselves, who continue to provide high quality dental care locally and abroad. Many of our alumni have planted roots overseas and they too have done very well. The School's good reputation is because our alumni, staff and students have always committed themselves to high standards in whatever they pursue.

As part of our year-long celebrations, two events were organised in March. The first was a community oral health screening and the other was the Resilience Run, which was a combined 85th celebration for 3 faculties in NUS (FoS, FASS and FoD). But, the best is yet to come... The highlight of our celebrations will be the Gala Dinner on 30 August 2014. We look forward to see you for an evening of celebration, renewing friendships and great fun. This Gala Dinner will be a fundraising raising event in support of our new Centre for Oral Health.

Associate Professor Grace Ong
Dean

Community Oral Health Screening — 22 March 2014

Themed "Make Oral Health Care a Family Affair," this event reached out to about 260 participants. Many of them visited the Faculty as a family to find out more about their oral health condition. They also received customised oral health advice.

Apart from the screening, dental health talks and games were organised to provide a day of "edu-tainment" to heighten the participants' oral health awareness and empower them to take better care of their teeth and gums. It was certainly an opportunity for the undergraduates, staff and alumni to share their knowledge and expertise and make a contribution towards improving the oral health of the community. Chief Dental Officer, Clinical A/P Patrick Tseng graced the occasion. Together with A/P Grace Ong, Dean, they helped out with the screening that day.

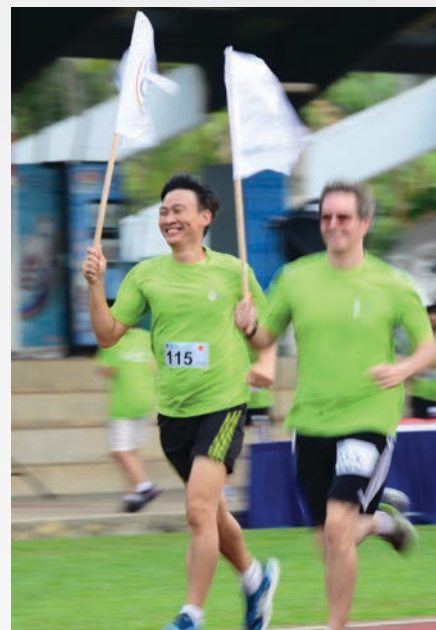


Resilience Run — 29 March 2014

The Faculty of Dentistry (FoD) together with the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) and Faculty of Science (FoS) jointly organised the Resilience Run to commemorate the 85th Anniversary of these faculties. Held at the NUS running track, it was also a fundraising event in support of Enablers, a non-profit student-interest group that helps students with special needs integrate into campus life. Over 500 staff, students, alumni and supporters participated in the 5-hour run. Prominent paraplegic athlete, Dr William Tan completed 85 km around the track.

Participants were flagged off in groups hourly from 7am to 10am. In tandem with the

event's theme, they pushed themselves to the limit of their endurance and clocked the furthest distance they could. We applaud Dr Benny Goh (BDS '99) who completed 34 km (or 85 times round the track!) and several others who completed more than 5 km. NUS provost, Professor Tan Eng Chye was the event's Guest-of-Honour and together with the Deans of FASS, FoS and FoD displayed inspirational leadership as they led the relay teams in their final laps with Dr William Tan across the finishing line. This was indeed the crescendo of the event as it symbolically demonstrated the resilience of the three faculties in overcoming the challenges they faced in the early years and their journeys to present day achievements.



FACULTY OF DENTISTRY

85th Anniversary

Gala Dinner

**30 August 2014 (Saturday)
Pan Pacific Grand Ballroom**

Join us for an evening of rekindled friendship
and fond memories

Tickets at \$250 per person
To book your tickets, please visit us at
www.dentistry.nus.edu.sg/85/
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Celebrating 85 Years of Achievement
"Building the future of Dentistry"



Recognition of our Dedicated Teachers

In this and subsequent issues of Dental Mirror, we recognise the contributions of our part-time teaching staff who have helped to train and develop future generations of dentists.

Adjunct Associate Professor Teresa Loh

Discipline of Oral Sciences

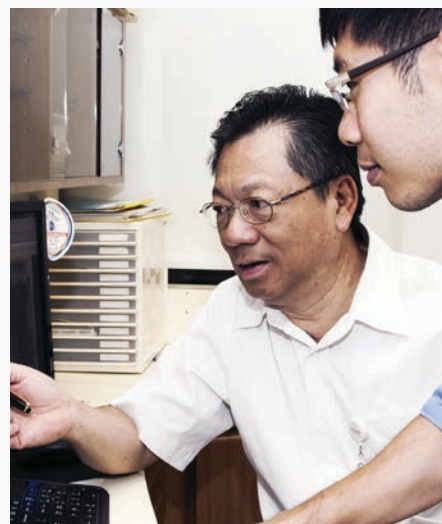
- Dr Teresa Loh has been a part-time teaching staff with the Faculty for the past 17 years.
- Her specialty lies in the area of Dental Public Health. She brings with her a wealth of experience and knowledge that she readily shares with the undergraduates. This has greatly helped them to better appreciate the preventive and public health perspectives of dentistry.



Adjunct Associate Professor Loh Fun Chee

Discipline of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

- Dr Loh Fun Chee was a full-time staff with the Faculty from October 1981 till March 1994. He was later appointed an Adjunct Staff in 2011.
- He currently teaches the Year 2 undergraduates Oral Radiology. Besides undergraduate teaching, he also contributes towards the Residency Training Programme for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Residents have commented on his ability to inspire learning among them and consider him a role model in terms of his patient management and surgical skills.



Adjunct Associate Professor Chung Kong Mun

Discipline of Periodontics

- Dr Chung has been involved in part-time teaching in the Faculty for more than 20 years.
- Presently, he contributes to both undergraduate and postgraduate teaching in periodontics.





Adjunct Associate Professor Lim Kian Chong

Discipline of Endodontics, Operative Dentistry and Prosthodontics

- Dr Lim has been a part-time teaching staff with the Faculty since 1984.
- Despite a busy private practice schedule, Dr Lim still finds time to indulge in his passion for teaching in the didactic and clinical undergraduate Operative Dentistry and Endodontics programmes. Students have constantly provided feedback that his classes are interesting and he is able to explain concepts clearly through effective use of animation and illustrations. He is also an active Problem Based Learning (PBL) tutor.



Dr Lim Ching Chiat

Discipline of Endodontics, Operative Dentistry and Prosthodontics

- Dr Lim has been teaching at the Faculty on a part-time basis since 1998. She is involved in the teaching of Pre-Clinical Operative Dentistry for the first and second year undergraduates.
- She is a dedicated teacher and this is clearly evident in the positive feedback that she receives from the students annually through the NUS student feedback exercise.



Clinical Associate Professor Chen Nah Nah

Discipline of Endodontics, Operative Dentistry and Prosthodontics

- Dr Chen, a Senior Consultant with the National Dental Centre, is a senior part-time teaching staff and has been the Associate Programme Director for the Residency Training Programme (Endodontics) since 1999.

Dental Screening @ Pelangi Village — 2-3 December 2013

In collaboration with the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF), NUS Dental Society organised a dental screening at welfare homes in Pelangi Village. 67 residents were offered oral health screening by the third and final-year undergraduates. Second-year undergraduates gave the residents oral hygiene instructions. Simple tooth extractions were rendered on-site by the final-year students under the supervision of an Oral Surgeon.

We would also like to acknowledge the support of our sponsors who generously contributed towards this meaningful cause.



Project Sa'bai — 14-22 December 2013

In December 2013, 8 Dental Officers and 36 dental undergraduates reached out to about 500 patients over 5 days in Cambodia. The undergraduates were exposed to the values of integrity, compassion and altruism. The experience also widened their clinical exposure as they assisted and supported the clinical work of the Dental Officers.



Visitors

10th NUS-SDA Distinguished Speaker Programme — Professor Syngcuk Kim

Professor Syngcuk Kim spoke at the 10th NUS-SDA Distinguished Speaker Programme held on 17 November 2013.

Prof Kim is the Louis I. Grossman Professor and Chairman of the Department of Endodontics at the School of Dental Medicine, University of Pennsylvania. He is well-known for his research in dental pulp physiology and microcirculation. He is the primary author of the book titled “*Color Atlas of Microsurgery in Endodontics*”.

MOH HMDP Visiting Expert — Professor Barry Sassle

Prof Barry Sassle was the Faculty’s HMDP Visiting Expert in Orofacial Pain from 27 November 2013–6 December 2013. During his visit, he gave several lectures as well as exchanged ideas with students, faculty staff and clinicians. He also conducted a scientific workshop on Orofacial Pain on 5 December 2013 in NUS. The workshop provided a clearer understanding of oro-facial pain, and seeded a dialogue between clinicians and scientists towards collaborations on translational research in this field.

MOH HMDP Visiting Expert — Professor Dimitris Tatakis

Prof Dimitris Tatakis was the Faculty’s HMDP Visiting Expert in Periodontology from 10 February 2014–14 February 2014. He is Professor and Director of the Advanced Education Programme, Division of Periodontology, College of Dentistry, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. He shared about state-of-the-art management in periodontal plastic surgery and current updates on periodontal risk factors as well as his experience in animal research models.

Dr Ng Chin Siau (BDS '92)



“Paying It Forward, Having Once Received”

Dr Ng Chin Siau (BDS '92) is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of one of Singapore’s largest dental groups, Q&M Dental Group. He attributes much of his success to the education he received at NUS, the opportunity to study Dentistry, and the annual bursaries worth S\$1,500 that covered his hostel fees and daily expenses. His desire to give back to NUS led him to establish the Ng Chin Siau Dental Bursary for NUS Dentistry students in financial need.

He says, “I am forever thankful to NUS for giving me a place in Dentistry. What I have gained today is a result of what I have received, and the financial aid I received throughout my undergraduate years in NUS really enabled me to get the most out of my education.”

The Bursary, which will have a value of S\$5,000, will be available to one Dentistry student in financial need per year and will run for the next nine years.

What advice does Dr Ng have for the beneficiaries of the Ng Chin Siau Dental Bursary? “Beyond excelling in school, make it your priority to be a good person. Be honest, have integrity and be nice to people around you. Compassion for others will take you far in life,” he shares.

He is proud to be an NUS alumnus and hopes that other alumni will step forward to give back to their alma mater in various ways.

For information on making a gift to NUS, contact us at 1800-DEVELOP (1800-338-3567) or email askdvo@nus.edu.sg.

If you have a story to share, please contact us at whatsyourstory@nus.edu.sg.

Gift Received

Donations Received (Jul–Dec 2013)

Breakdown of donations received	S\$
FoD Development Fund	23,900
Bursaries & Scholarships	25,562
Dental Research Fund	10,000
PG training funds	5,000
Total donations received	64,462

Funds Utilisation (Jul–Dec 2013)

Breakdown of what has been funded from donations	S\$
Student Development and Research	5,710
Staff Development and Research	10,000
Continuing Dental Education (NUS-SDA Distinguished Speaker Program)	17,524
Others	2,549
Total expenditure funded from donations	35,783

New Appointments (AY2013 to current)

	Staff Name	Position
Prof	Mandeep Singh Duggal	Visiting Professor (July–August 2013)
Prof	Sven Kreiborg	Visiting Professor (November 2013)
Prof	Gunnar Robert Ivar Bergenholtz	Visiting Professor (January–March 2014)
Assoc Prof	Yip Kwai Keng Julie	Visiting Associate Professor (March 2014)
Assoc Prof	Patrick Tseng Seng Kwong	Associate Professor
Dr	Chew Shen Hui, Bertrand	Adjunct Lecturer
Dr	Leong Woei Jian Elvin	Adjunct Lecturer
Dr	Kwek Swee Nguang Henry	Adjunct Senior Lecturer
Dr	Chiew Yim Tho	Assistant Professor
Dr	Dephne Leong Jack Xin	Assistant Professor
Dr	Joanne Ngo Uy	Assistant Professor
Dr	Joao Ferreira	Assistant Professor
Dr	Khng Kwang Yong Kelvin	Assistant Professor
Dr	Loh Ser Pheng John	Assistant Professor
Dr	Lu Xiaotong Jacinta	Assistant Professor
Dr	Raymond Wong Chung Wen	Assistant Professor
Dr	Sim Chien Joo	Assistant Professor
Dr	Sylvia Tan Sill Way	Assistant Professor
Dr	Tan Hee Hon	Assistant Professor
Dr	Tang Kok Siew	Assistant Professor
Dr	Tay Chong Meng	Assistant Professor
Dr	Toh Wei Seong	Assistant Professor
Dr	Soh Shean Han	Instructor
Dr	Tan Ming Yi	Instructor
Dr	Gao Rong	Research Associate
Mr	John Chan	Associate Dean
Miss	Ng Ai-Leen	Manager
Mdm	Azlia Binte Abdul Aziz	Management Assistant Officer
Miss	Betty Chum	Management Assistant Officer
Miss	Ti Kai Xin	Management Assistant Officer
Mr	Peter Ting Cherng Jein	Laboratory Technologist
Mr	Lu Qiqi	Research Assistant
Miss	Cai Meijin	Research Assistant
Miss	Lim Chu Ai	Research Assistant
Miss	Elicia Chan Jia Ying	Trainee Dental Laboratory Technician
Miss	Nareema Binte Mohmad Ibrahim	Trainee Dental Laboratory Technician

Promotions (AY 2013 to current)

Dr	Asher Lim	Associate Professor
Dr	Andrew Tay Ban Guan	Clinical Associate Professor
Dr	Lee Chee Wee	Adjunct Senior Lecturer
Ms	Perina Chiang	Senior Manager
Ms	Nurazreen Binte Mohd Zaid	Senior Assistant Manager
Ms	Angela Sim	Assistant Manager
Ms	Boh Siew Thang	Laboratory Technologist
Mr	Mohd Khair Bin Abu Yamin	Laboratory Technologist

Long Service Awards 2014

	Staff Name	Years of Service as at 31 Dec 2013
Ms	Woo Fong Kuen	10
Assoc Prof	Lim Lum Peng	20
Ms	Kou Keat Ing	25
Mrs	Gopu Govindamal	30
Mdm	Regina Tan Siam Kiang	30
Mr	Mohd Khair Bin Abu Yamin	30
Assoc Prof	Yeo Jin Fei	35
Prof	Chew Chong Lin	40

Staff Award

- 1 Dr Roxanna Jean Esguerra received the NUS Annual Teaching Excellence Award (ATEA) AY 2012/13.
- 2 Dr Fu Jia Hui was awarded the 19th André Schroeder Research Prize 2014 for her paper "A Randomised Clinical Trial Evaluating the Efficacy of the Sandwich Bone Augmentation Technique in Increasing Buccal Bone Thickness During Implant Placement Surgery. I. Clinical and Radiographic Parameters".

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