

Good IMPRESSIONS 41

Winter 2005: 3 Dean's Message 4 Faculty Impressions 8 Student Impressions
9 Development Impressions 10 Alumni Impressions 11 Our Dental Family 12 Calendar



The Root of Excellence
Faculty of Dentistry
The University of British Columbia
www.dentistry.ubc.ca



Beam Me Up

By Dr. David MacDonald, Associate Professor and Chair, Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology

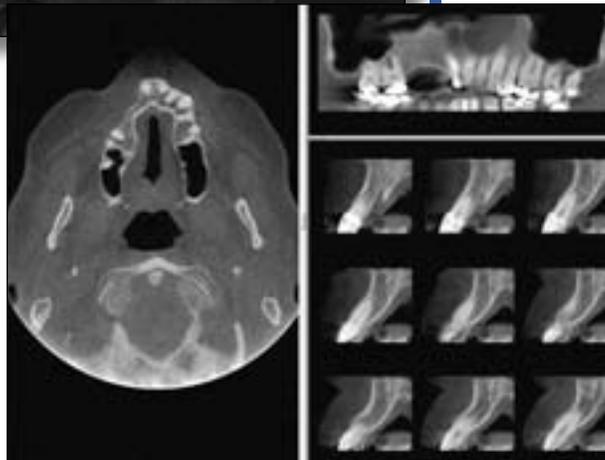
UBC Dentistry is home to the first cone-beam CT unit in a dental institution in Canada. This has been achieved thanks to Dr. Orpe, the unit's owner, by relocating her private practice to UBC, where she is also a clinical assistant professor.

Until very recently, clinicians relied on both clinical examinations and conventional radiology to assess and diagnose lesions affecting the jaw bones or to assess them for oral surgery procedures such as impacted tooth removal or implant placement. Unfortunately, radiographs generally reveal only a coarse image of the region, partly due to the lack of sensitivity to display small changes in the bone and partly due to the superimposition of all structures within the 3D volume of bone, displayed only as a 2D image.

Spiral CT has assisted to some extent, but its spatial resolution (the ability to identify separately two minute points very close together) is still not adequate for many dental applications. This shortcoming has now been addressed by a revolution in CT technology, the cone-beam CT (CBCT). Spiral CT uses a planar geometry and 2D reconstruction, whereas CBCT performs non-planar geometry and a 3D reconstruction. As CBCT interrogates a much smaller volume of tissue, i.e. part of a human, it is also called micro CT.

The advantages of CBCT are the superior spatial resolution of tissues with high contrast (mineralized tissue such as teeth and bone), and a much lower radiation dose than spiral CT. To date, over 95% of cases imaged by the iCAT at UBC Dentistry have been for implants. The CBCT is a great addition to our clinic for both patients and clinicians alike.

Dr. Elaine Orpe and Dr. David MacDonald with the iCAT CT unit installed in UBC Dentistry.



Reformatted axial, panoramic, and cross-sectional images created by the iCAT.

U.B.C. Billboard

Contessa™ Alumina or Zirconia

Optimal anterior or posterior all-ceramic restorations

Life-like results every time!

- Coping stopped one mm short of margin. Porcelain then pressed from margin to incisal edge for unsurpassed esthetics.
- Traditional, conservative preps.
- Cement with preferred C&B cement.



Contessa™ Alumina - Pressable ceramic over aluminous oxide core

- Indicated for single crowns and max. 3-unit anterior bridges (from second bicuspid forward).
- Created using Wol-Ceram Technology.
- Intimate fit all around preparation for stress-free restorations (ensures optimal pressure distribution).

Contessa™ Zirconia - Pressable ceramic over zirconia core

- Indicated for single crowns and up to 48mm anterior or posterior bridges (max. 4 unit bridges if ceramic pressed over framework, 6 units if veneering porcelain stacked conventionally).
- High flexural strength (900 MPa)
- Milled with Cercon Technology.

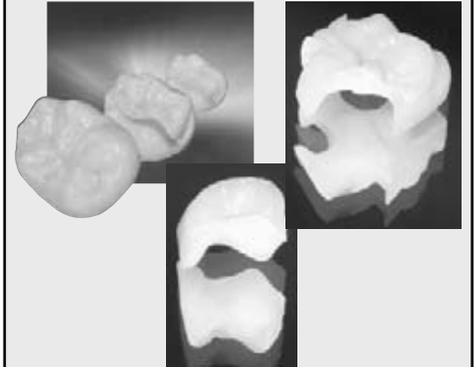
The Magic of a Captivating Smile

At Aurum Ceramic Dental Laboratories, we're proud of our reputation as a leading supplier for all aspects of esthetic and restorative dentistry. In combination with our affiliated company, Space Maintainers Laboratories Canada Ltd., we offer unsurpassed Crown & Bridge, Denture/Cast Partial, Implant and Orthodontic services for patients of all ages.

- IPS Empress®
- IPS Eris™
- Concept® HP
- Contessa™
- Cristobal® +
- Arizona™
- Princess™
- NaturalGold™
- Implants
- NaturalTemps™
- NaturalLook™ Dentures
- Eclipse™ Dentures
- BPS® Dentures
- NaturalFlex™ II
- Saddle-Lock®/Vitallium® 2000
- Orthodontic Appliances
- Splints
- Mouthguards

Product Profile

Concept™ HP



New Concept HP maintains the high performance levels of original Concept, with even better wear resistance, unparalleled precision, proven longevity and outstanding esthetics.

Proven microfill technology

- Laboratory polymerized with high heat and pressure in nitrogen atmosphere.
- Ensures more dense material, high strength, long-term durability and excellent marginal integrity.

Latest resin material advances

- New micro-hybrid "dentin" base material increases bond strengths.
- Microfilled "enamel" layer maximizes polishability, surface smoothness and natural customized esthetics.

Your Concept HP Specialists

- Aurum Ceramic's LVI-trained AE (Advanced Esthetic) Team™'s unique fabrication and layering techniques make your Concept HP inlays and onlays virtually disappear.

Aurum Ceramic Dental Laboratories



Faculty of Dentistry
The University of British Columbia
Partners in Excellence

PRIORITIES 2005

Aurum Ceramic Dental Laboratories is proud to be a participant in the University of British Columbia's Partners in Excellence program.

Vancouver 1-800-663-1721
Victoria 1-800-663-6364
Kelowna 1-800-667-4146
Vernon 1-800-663-5413



The Aurum Group of Companies are proud to be a "Distinguished Partner" of the Association of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia.

One Global Dental Community: One Tsunami

By Dr. Edwin Yen, Dean

The December 26 "harbour wave" or tsunami was devastating to the countries immediately in its path, and it also touched the lives of the global dental community—as far away as UBC.

In direct response to the disaster, all members of the UBC community have participated in a fundraising campaign to assist designated aid agencies and to promote greater awareness of global issues by UBC students through educational programs. Dr. David Sweet, UBC's dental forensic science expert, and other colleagues associated with BOLD (Bureau of Legal Dentistry) are playing roles in victim identification through DNA and more traditional techniques. Dr. Nathan Maltz, one of our part-time faculty members who has had a continuous relationship with Thai colleagues, was on site during the disaster and remains there to help with the rebuilding.

While the media have shown images that will be forever imprinted on our minds, faculty, staff, students and the general dental community will look back at this event as pivotal in our understanding of the fragility and interdependence of our worldwide health community.

As part of UBC's global citizenship activities, the Faculty of Dentistry has various programs with people from the Indian Ocean Rim area. We have promoted innovative undergraduate dental degree completion programs with students coming from India and Sri Lanka, dental student exchanges, hospital general practice residency rotations to Viet Nam (with proposed extensions to Thailand), academic exchange agreements with all the major dental schools in Thailand and Malaysia, and we were about to respond to invitations from Indonesia.

Our students and faculty who visit Southeast Asia and similar locations are quick to learn how populations suffer the same risks to oral health disease as Canadians, but often have to find unique and innovative solutions, many of which could be adapted to Canada. Equally important, our dental degree completion students and graduate students from the affected areas have much to teach us about conquering disease and the limitations of socio-economic factors in dentistry. Many of our graduate students and visiting scientists return to their homelands to become leaders in their own institutions. Others continue to contribute as faculty and researchers in Canada.

The Faculty participates in numerous international consortia and collaborations leading to research partnerships in areas such as biomaterials, connective tissue biology, early childhood caries, geriatric care, craniofacial embryology, clinical ergonomics and cross-cultural sensitivity.

The thirst for knowledge knows no boundaries. Our understanding of UBC's goal of a greater sense of global citizenship challenges us to respond, not only to a tsunami, but to every opportunity to promote oral health.

Related stories on pages 6

Part-Timer Nathan Maltz in Thailand
BOLD Lab and TST's response



UBC Dentistry Welcomes ACFD in June

By Bev Davis, Manager of Curriculum and Faculty Development

In early June 2005, we are honoured to be hosting the **Biennial Conference of the Association of Canadian Faculties of Dentistry** (ACFD) here in Vancouver. Organized by Dr. Lex MacNeil, Dr. Joanne Walton and myself, the conference will feature a full slate of business meetings plus a two-day seminar titled Practical Communication Issues in Dental Education. The seminar will feature leading expert speakers from UBC, SFU, University of California San Francisco and University of Western Ontario.

All of the deans, associate deans of undergraduate academics, clinic directors, elected faculty representatives and development officers from dental schools across Canada will be part of this important conference. Our dean, Dr. Ed Yen, is currently serving as president of the ACFD and will preside over the annual general meeting.

The two-day seminar is open to full-time and part-time faculty. If you would like more information please contact me at (604) 822-6746 or bevDavis@interchange.ubc.ca.

Welcome Back: Dr. Markus Haapasalo



Dr. Markus Haapasalo, head of the Endodontics Division.

Great memories from his time as a visiting scientist in the early '90s and the beauty of British Columbia were important factors in Dr. Markus Haapasalo's decision to return to Vancouver.

Going back a little further, Dr. Markus Haapasalo received his dental degree from the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Helsinki, Finland in 1978. He received his PhD (odont) from the University of Helsinki in 1986 on the microbiology of endodontic infections, and completed his specialization in endodontics the year after. Markus taught and practiced endodontics in private practice and at the university.

Since 1995 he has been a professor of endodontics and, since 1999, the head of the Endodontic Department and director of the Postgraduate Program in Endodontics (from 2001) at the Faculty of Dentistry in Oslo, Norway.

Last fall, he returned to UBC in his new position as the head of the Division of Endodontics, Department of Oral Medical and Biological Sciences. Dr Haapasalo has authored or co-authored roughly 80 scientific articles in peer-reviewed journals. His main interest is in the field of endodontic microbiology, disinfection, and instrumentation. He serves on the editorial board of International Endodontic Journal, and as a referee in several other scientific journals. He is also an editor-in-chief of an international endodontic multimedia program, Visual Endodontics and Traumatology. Dr Haapasalo has received teaching awards and is actively lecturing worldwide.

Dr. Haapasalo's outside interests are NBA basketball and other sports, nature and photography. He and his wife Hanna have three grown children and a grandchild.

Building a Philosophy

By Dr. Ravi Shah

Philosophy is the beginning of what we need to know about the world around us, not the end. Ultimately, our outlook, attitude and action shape the end.

The new Oral Health Centre at the UBC Faculty of Dentistry is one such idea that will contribute toward the world around us. The building is in an advance stage of construction. It signifies hope.

By developing a brand new, modern dental clinic with cutting edge concepts of 21st century design for learning in an open environment, the Faculty of Dentistry is demonstrating its commitment to a value system for the common good of the society.

We hope that the new Oral Health Centre will:

- (1) provide the environment for students to have higher aspirations in learning and confidence in their future;
- (2) accord centrality to the issues that are of concern to the patients with dental disease in British Columbia and around the world; and
- (3) allow the faculty and students to set the agendas and priorities for a creative precursor of new ideas.

In the end, everyone will be better off: the patient, the student, the faculty, the university and the society.



Construction continues on the new Oral Health Centre.



Rainbow Smiles: Happy Ending

The Rainbow Smiles team celebrates the project's success.

Early childhood caries (ECC) take a toll on health, especially the health of low-income, immigrant children in British Columbia. Dr. Rosamund Harrison, Chair of the Division of Pediatric Dentistry in the Faculty, has been an investigator for more than five years on a research project to determine whether a behavioural intervention would have a positive effect on the dental health of young children at risk to ECC. South Asian children from the Surrey-Delta area of the Lower Mainland were recruited for the project. The purpose of the study, called "Rainbow Smiles," was to compare the effect of a type of counseling called Motivational Interviewing (MI) to traditional health education for parents of young children at high risk for early childhood caries. This randomized controlled trial was funded by a grant provided by the NIH in the U.S. Dr. Phil Weinstein, professor in Dental Public Health Sciences at the University of Washington, was the project's other principal investigator. Tonya Benton, also from U of W, was the research coordinator.

A partnership with the Progressive Intercultural Services Society (PICS), a community organization for South Asian families in Surrey-Delta, ensured the success of this ambitious project. The project manager from PICS, Monika Laul Verma, and the ECC coordinator, Iti Chandra and their many volunteers enrolled over 240 children, aged 6-18 months, and their mothers in the trial. By project's end, an amazing 205 of these children had had a two-year follow-up examination. The task of tracking and maintaining this large number of young children in a research trial was extremely challenging and involved countless hours of paid and volunteer time. The success of the project was a testament to the diligent and meticulous efforts of everyone involved, but particularly to the PICS staff and their many volunteers.

By project's end, an amazing 205 of these children had had a two-year follow-up examination.

The dentists who did the outcomes examinations on the very young children in the trial were all UBC graduates: Dr. Stephen Johal (DMD '99), Dr. Dal Nagra (DMD '02) and Dr. Nav Johal (DMD '02). These young dentists, who all have successful dental practices of their own, made themselves available to the project on weekends and evenings to ensure that children could be seen for their "dental check-ups" at convenient times for busy parents.

Funding for this trial ended in the summer of 2004. A community get-together was held on October 29 to celebrate the success of the project. All the partners in this collaboration between university and community hope to continue to work together on future projects that will focus on improving the dental health of young children.

Results of the trial, at this time the only dental study using MI counseling, suggest that MI has an effect on child health which is significantly greater than traditional health education. The MI approach features brief counseling and emphasizes patient choice. The exciting promise of this "first-ever" application of the technique to a serious child health problem like ECC is being further extended to other at-risk children in other research by both Dr. Harrison and Dr. Weinstein.

TST & BOLD Partner With RCMP To Identify Tsunami Victims

By Keith Munro, Director, Technology Support Team

The tsunami disaster of December 26 affected many people and triggered a global outpouring of relief effort and fundraising never seen before on such a large scale. The families impacted in Southeast Asia and their relatives and friends around the globe were initially in a state of shock. Many people interviewed by the media said they didn't know if their loved ones were alive or not. They didn't know whether or not to grieve. They wanted closure.

On January 5, the RCMP established a Tsunami Missing Persons Task Force to help family and friends of Canadian citizens who were still unaccounted for. But there was a problem getting accurate forensic information to Southeast Asia because the limited numbers of airports were congested.

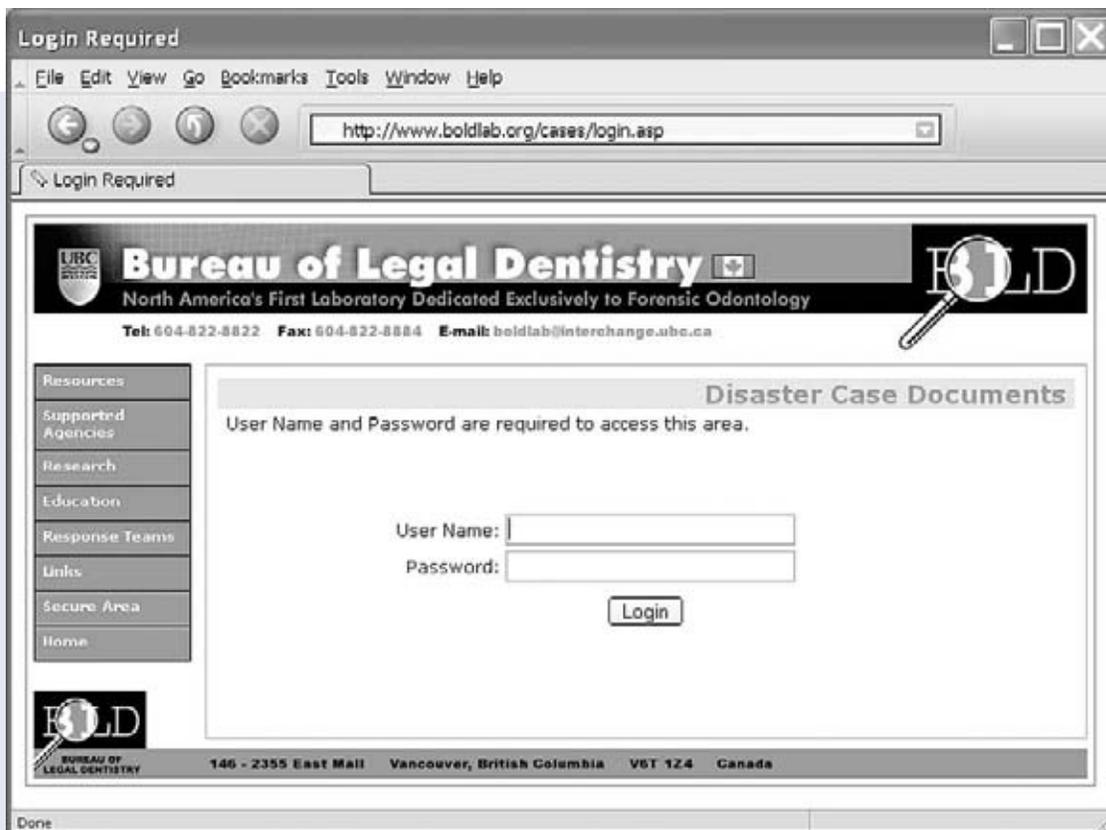
UBC's BOLD lab is taking a leadership role in the disaster response. It has been designated as the point of contact to administer the dental records for missing Canadians. Dr. David Sweet, head of BOLD, is a member of the RCMP Tsunami Task Force. Because of the problems in getting records to the disaster victim identification centre, Dr. Sweet contacted the Technology Support Team (TST) around 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 13. Was there a secure way of viewing large

digital dental images from the disaster victim identification centre in Thailand? A small team was put together including James Pagnotta our webmaster, and Wei Zhang our senior programmer, and by 8:30 that evening they had a simple prototype working with test data.

After some discussion, the next day they created a full solution that would enable the RCMP and Interpol team in Thailand to view a modified BOLD website with a secured login area. The site was designed to allow for efficient download at remote locations. On the BOLD website a list of links was created to view a text description of each victim (name, address, photo, etc), along with digital images from the victim's dental record.

Within about 24 hours from its inception, the system was working as expected, and TST received many thanks from Dr. Sweet.

This technology enabled the RCMP in Thailand to help identify victims and notify next-of-kin. The previously unknown status of possible victims was now a certainty and it enabled the start of the grieving process for family and friends, and in time, this will eventually lead to closure.



BOLD's special web page was designed to display Tsunami victim identification information.

Nathan Maltz: UBC Part-Timer in Thailand

Dr. Nathan Maltz is a part-time faculty member with the UBC Faculty of Dentistry. Every year he travels to Thailand and spends two or three months there. Linda Gerow, our Part-Time Faculty Administrator, knew he was in Phuket, so she contacted him to find out if he was okay. The following are excerpts of emails from Dr. Nathan Maltz.

December 31, 2004

I am in Thailand and by now you can fully understand the gravity of the situation here. I am safe and in no danger, period. I had to evacuate Patong but am living with a good friend of mine. The Thai people have suffered the most, they have lost everything and yet they are still giving, unbelievable people and unbelievable spirit.

To this end, I am trying to organize a relief fund which will go directly to aid victims. There are local agencies on the ground here that I have identified where the money can be used in the most efficient manner possible.

January 7, 2005

Today we, (Bill, Chim and Pranom) went 100 km up the coast to Nam Khem, a coastal fishing village. Along the way we passed many communities that were ravaged by the tsunami. Even having lived it and been through it, I was totally shocked at the devastation. Words can never describe what we saw, and the TV does not give the depth and the length, the mile after mile of the destruction we saw. The land is now desolate, totally devoid of animal life. Trees were uprooted, broken in two and in instances carried for over a kilometer. In some places the water came inland 1.5 km and at one spot that was particularly hit hard (Kao Lak, where Scandinavians by the thousands are still missing), there is a Thai navy boat in a coconut grove that is over 1.5 km inland!

New five star resort hotels that were brand new were smashed to wood kindling. When we arrived at Nam Khem, we were again absolutely astonished. The community lost 2,000 of their 4,000 families, 500 of their 700 boats, and their village was gone.

We went to a central "command post" and were directed to a smaller community that was equally hard-hit. We went to find a tent city of about 300-400 people who all had a story to tell. Of the people that we interviewed we discovered (and witnessed) the hardship that they went through and are still experiencing. They have little, and I mean exactly that! These people are "Mohr Gaans" and in certain Thai communities, they are revered because they are people that respect and live in harmony with their environment.

It looks like the Thai government will be donating the land where these people can build their houses and their future now. They will need about 100 homes. Each home costs about 100,000B (about \$3,200 Cdn), so that multiplies out to about \$320,000 Cdn or the cost of a modest home in Vancouver. For this money we can build an entire community. I can think of no greater cause than to allow



Dr. Nathan Maltz was in Phuket when the tsunami struck.

a people a way to get back to their way of life. The customs are radically different here and we do not want to step on anybody's toes.

"...they have lost everything and yet they are still giving, unbelievable people and unbelievable spirit."

January 9, 2005

Please note that I will be incommunicado for up to three weeks. The RCMP has asked me to join the forensic team and will be going to Krabi, a neighbouring province. Exactly what I am going to be doing I do not know, and exactly for how long, again I do not know, but I hope I am up for it. Wish me luck, I may need it.

January 14, 2005

I will be meeting Prime Minister Paul Martin tomorrow. He has requested to visit with all the volunteers personally, so I will tell him about my experiences and will tell him about our charity/reconstruction. To update you on that, it looks good. We finally have the OK from the Canadian organization (and it looks like the Canadian Red Cross) and we have the OK from the local Thai organization (even may have the Princess' blessing on the project, no small feat) and all we have to do is put the pieces together.

I hope that you can help me realize the dream that I have and help these kind people go back to the lives that they once cherished. If you would like to participate, you can contact Connie Lau, my assistant at (604) 432-7613 or email her at connie_lau@telus.net. Please make a difference.

Student Impressions

International Notebook

By Dr. Ravi Shah

Four senior dental students from the University of Hong Kong visited UBC Dentistry for their elective program during 2004. Following their visit, the students submitted a report to the University of Hong Kong. Here are some excerpts.



Exchange students from the University of Hong Kong.

Leung Chin Fung.

The elective period spent at UBC was a pleasurable, meaningful and an educationally broadening experience. Although it lasted for only a week, I had an overview of the dental educational system. I now feel more confident as a future dentist about procedures that we are doing everyday in Prince Philip Dental Hospital.

We attended a prosthodontic treatment planning seminar where groups of students presented their cases. Through this kind of seminar, students then have chance to critically think about what they have done. When I am in practice in the future, I will have regular clinical audits to improve the quality of care.

Li Hiu Pan.

When I first stepped on the land of the UBC campus, the boundless area impressed me, endless roads with trees on both sides and the low buildings with their own features. We visited the Museum of Anthropology, campus libraries, a church, a sports centre and the Student Union Building where there is a food court, post office and even a cinema!

Dental students there are diligent. They are very creative and express their ideas enthusiastically during a seminar, lecture or even in clinical sessions. When we attended a lecture on addiction medicine, they responded quickly to the lecturer's questions and asked many questions. Coincidentally, the day we attended the lecture was a student's birthday and everybody, including us, sang a birthday song in the lecture theatre. That was really unforgettable. We made friends with the dental students and had dinner together before we left Canada.

Poon Pik Wan.

Staff and students worked in a friendly environment. The students would never hesitate to seek help from their clinical tutors or to voice their opinion. Their frankness and boldness are still a bit astounding to me. The UBC dental students are trained to work harder than the dental students in Hong Kong. They are required to work without help from dental assistants and they have to manage their bay, from setting up to cleaning up. They also have to do part of their laboratory work and they have to work for longer hours.

It was a great opportunity to learn from each other and to discover one's strengths and weaknesses. Living in a multicultural community, the Canadians are not only respectful and friendly with people from all nations; they are also keen on learning about worldwide heritages and customs.

Yip Hill Ying.

We got an overview of the undergraduate teaching program in UBC, and compared it with the teaching program at HKU. Patient management is one of the major keys to success in dentistry. I found that students at UBC spent lots of time formulating the treatment plan. After that, the patient participated in decision making and finally a consent form was signed. Good communication and documentation minimize the misunderstanding of both parties. During the elective period, I was impressed by the friendly atmosphere in the dental school. Besides, I observed lots of things which helped me to improve my skills.



Third-year DMD student, Christine Lee receives her white coat from fourth-year Kevin Lauwers during the White Coat Ceremony in the fall.



Maryam Sharifzadeh-Amin and Jennifer Chung (Bisco).



Saloumeh Pourmalek and Joe Tonzetich.

Graduate Dean's Night

Graduate Dean's Night was celebrated on October 18, 2004. The event welcomed our newcomers and honoured the many achievements of our graduate students.

This academic year (2004/2005) we have 41 graduate students (14 PhD, 21 MSc, 6 combined MSc/Dip Grad Perio). In addition to the graduate students, we have 16 postdoctoral fellows, seven general practice residents, three in the international degree completion program, two oral medicine/oral pathology residents, one pediatric resident, and a partridge in a pear tree!

S. Wah Leung Scholarship

Matana Pruksapong

George S. Beagrie Scholarship

Shiva Khatami

William W. Wood Memorial Scholarship

Mario Brondani

Bisco Dental Products (Canada) Inc Award in Dentistry

Maryam Sharifzadeh-Amin

J. Tonzetich Scholarships

Sean Maurice Saloumeh Pourmalek

J. Tonzetich Fellowship

Heider Alimohamad Bahador Baharloo

Ameneh Eslami Juliana Kim

Min Li Heather Szabo

Yi Yang

Kathleen McNulty Memorial Prize in Graduate Periodontics

Andrea Ciszar

3i Implant Innovations Canada Inc Prize in Graduate Periodontics

Sarah Kate Johnston

Nobel Biocare Achievement

Giorgio M. Petricca

Best MSc Summer Seminar

Samson Ng

Best PhD Summer Seminar

Heather Szabo

Community Partnerships: Variety—and the Special Children’s Dental Program

The Faculty of Dentistry recognized the outstanding commitment of Variety–The Children’s Charity on October 20, 2004 at a gathering of faculty, Variety staff and board members in the main UBC dental clinic. A plaque was unveiled by Dean Yen commemorating Variety’s support of the Special Children’s Dental Program. The plaque will be on display in the clinic waiting room. Dr. Rosamund Harrison, Chair of the Division of Pediatric Dentistry, made a moving speech outlining the impact that this program has had on the lives of children from all over the Lower Mainland.

The Special Children’s Dental Program initially began in 1974 as a 6-week intensive clinic held at UBC. However, because of the extensive dental needs of the children, and the need to provide a more comprehensive educational experience for students, the program now offers free children’s dental treatment services from September to June. For the last three years, services have also been offered at Douglas College in New Westminster in a collaborative program with the Douglas College Health Sciences Faculty.

The program allows student dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants the opportunity to become competent in the skills needed to deliver quality dental services to children. As well, the program allows students in these dental professions the opportunity to gain a better understanding of their role as health professionals in fulfilling the social contract by providing needed treatment to disadvantaged children.

We thank Variety–The Children’s Charity for the integral role they play in supporting this essential program.



Variety board member Barbara Stuart accepts a plaque from Dean Edwin Yen.

Donor Corner

Putting Students First: Dr. Betty Lin

UBC Dentistry alumna Dr. Betty Lin (DMD '69) recently established the **Betty Lin Bursary in Dentistry** in an effort to support dental students throughout their studies. The faculty was overjoyed by Dr. Lin’s initiative and generosity in supporting the faculty and—more importantly—our students, who are really the foundation of what we do.

Dr. Betty Lin was the first female DMD graduate from the UBC Faculty of Dentistry and has been practicing in the Lower Mainland since the mid-'70s. Dr. Lin expressed an interest in giving back to the profession that gave her so many opportunities and felt that the bursary program would be an ideal fit.

The Big Picture: Dr. Douglas Conn

UBC Dentistry alumnus Dr. Douglas Conn (DMD '82) recently made a generous contribution to the new **Oral Health Centre Fund**. Setting the precedent for other friends and alumni, Dr. Conn recognizes the importance and value of realizing a vision as ambitious as the new oral health centre and hopes his peers will also want to be part of this project.

Dr. Conn practiced General Dentistry in Vancouver and Cloverdale after graduating. In 1993 he went to Boston University to study endodontics and returned to Vancouver in 1995 to practice as a certified specialist in endodontics. He is married to Dr. Kerstin Conn (DMD '81), and they have two children (Jason 21, and Britta 16). The Conns have been consistent supporters of the faculty, and we thank them for their generosity and ongoing commitment to advancing dentistry.

Faculty of Dentistry Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament

Alumni and friends of the faculty put down their drills and took up their clubs for a picture perfect day on the links on October 1, 2004 for the Second Annual Faculty of Dentistry Golf Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament held at the University Golf Club. The weather could not have been better; it felt more like summer than fall. Competition was fierce and ended in a tie between these two foursomes: (1) Ali Nowtash, Ron Suh, Brian Tkatch, and David Tobias and (2) Robert Abercromby, Greg Chang, Joe Germaine, and Allan Woo.

We would like to recognize our valued sponsors who made the day a success and continue to support the faculty in so many ways.

Registration and Hole-In-One Sponsor

Aurum Ceramic Dental Laboratories

Hole Sponsors

Bisco Dental Products Canada
Callaway Golf
Madaisky & Company
Scotiabank
Sinclair Dental Company Ltd.

Prize & Special Event Sponsors

A-dec
Dentsply Canada Ltd.
Martin & Henry Chartered Accountants
Nobel Biocare
Patterson Dental Canada Inc.

If you missed the tournament, be sure to register for next year's event, which will be held on September 16, 2005. There's a little Tiger Woods in all of us!



Dr. Ron Corber in fine form at the Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament.



Participants enjoy the "Mini Taste of the South Okanagan" event at the 2004 Okanagan Golf and Wine Weekend in Penticton.

CDE Update

By Donna Dainius, Director CDE

Continuing Dental Education would like to thank the dental community for making our fall 2004 program such a success!

In September, **Dr. Ed McLaren** presented a two-day esthetics program. The second day was a unique opportunity for dental technicians to spend the day with Dr. McLaren for a hands-on All Ceramic Layering Workshop.

We offered our first Okanagan Golf and Wine Weekend, in conjunction with the Annual Okanagan Wine Festival in Penticton. In addition to some outstanding golf and wine tasting, participants attended talks by **Dr. Jeff Coil** and **Dr. Chris Wyatt**, who presented several studies displaying endodontic and prosthodontic procedures. Bisco Dental Products (Canada) sponsored this event, and have generously agreed to sponsor our Second Annual Okanagan Golf and Wine Weekend, along with Dentsply Canada. **Mark your calendar: October 1 - 2, 2005. Dr. Lou Graham** will be our guest speaker.

The Thursday Evening Lecture Series for dental hygienists was extremely well received, and included a wide range of topics: fluoride therapies by **Ginny Cathcart**, TMJ Disorders by **Maria Zerjav**, dental records by **Dr. John Silver**, and popular herbs with **Rola Khalil-Priatel**.

Dr. Brett Finlay presented a fascinating evening lecture on emerging infectious diseases. **Dr. David Isen** did a one day hands-on advanced local anaesthesia course for dentists and dental hygienists. Septodont Canada generously sponsored this course.

Medical Emergencies with **Dr. Dan Haas** was a popular course for the entire dental team, particularly owing to the emergency kit that participants took home with them. Dentsply Canada sponsored both **Lisa Supeene's** ultrasonic lecture and hands-on course for dental hygienists, and **Dr. Sam Low's** periodontal care lecture in November. **Dr. Terry Tanaka** presented a one-day program on treating restorative and prosthodontic problems.

Our annual CDA Day was held in October at UBC Robson Square. **Dr. Don Brunette**, **Lexie Martin**, **Deborah McCloy** and **Dr. Jeff Coil** were our presenters. Door prizes were generously donated by Butler John Company, Henry Schein Arcona and Patterson Dental.

Dr. Richard D. Tucker will continue in his father's tradition and teach a hands-on clinical five-day Cast Gold Restoration Course this summer.

To view or register for upcoming CDE programs, please go to www.dentistry.ubc.ca, click on Continuing Education then Calendar of Courses.

Professional Posting Services Online

Post or review employment opportunities for dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants and office staff. Use our website to advertise your practice for sale or your interest in purchasing a practice. Check out this new online feature and other alumni initiatives at:

www.dentistry.ubc.ca/alumni/services

Our Dental Family

Alumni, students, faculty and staff... see your name in Good Impressions. Send us your news about: a new baby, a marriage, an award, a new job, an achievement, etc. tstgroup@interchange.ubc.ca.

Welcome

Val Berry is the Program Assistant for the first-year DMD curriculum. From the TEF building, Val supports the course coordinators, tutors and students. This position was created when Medicine expanded, leaving UBC



Dentistry needing a first-year Program Assistant. Val says that the work is exciting and varied because she is closely involved in every aspect of the curriculum. After hours, Val teaches Kripalu yoga and is possibly the only teacher in Canada with a professional designation. Twice a year UBC invites her to give a Stretching & Breathing workshop for the MOST Program and she teaches regularly at Fit City For Women.



From Kelowna, **Jessica Mueller** is the new Program Assistant primarily responsible for all aspects of the complex task of undergraduate scheduling.

You can find Jessica on the main clinic level of JBM.



Dr. Anthony McCullagh, from Manchester, UK, joins us as a visiting scientist. He is trained as a prosthodontist, and his chief interest is in implant borne prosthodontics.

Farewell

Sophie Spiridonoff, the faculty's Media Support Analyst and designer of this newsletter, has moved on. She has taken her expertise to the UBC Faculty of Applied Science where she is working as Educational Technology Consultant in the Centre for Instructional Support.

Media Mentions

B.C. RESEARCHERS MAKE 'LIVING' GLUE, The Vancouver Sun, September 16, 2004. "Vancouver researchers may have found an answer to reducing the 10-per-cent failure rate in hip replacement surgeries. A team of seven researchers from dentistry [**Dr. Don Brunette**],

orthopedics, pharmaceutical science and biomedical engineering are developing a new type of adhesive, using patients' own stem cells, instead of, or in addition to, acrylic glue, to help hold artificial joints in place after they are implanted."

DENTIST BUYS BACK HALLOWEEN CANDY. UBC Dentistry part-timer **Dr. Alan Jeroff** was mentioned in the Vancouver Sun and other local media for his program of offering anyone \$2/lb for their candy, which he would donate to the B.C.'s Children's Hospital. Dr. Jeroff said, "Halloween has always been a dentist's nightmare because it's the prolonged one-week-long or two-week-long eating of all that sugar."

EXPERT DISCREDITS BITE MARK EVIDENCE, The Chicago Tribune, December 14, 2004. "Prominent forensic scientist and UBC Bureau of Legal Dentistry director **David Sweet** has discredited the only physical evidence that linked two men to a 1990 murder and sexual assault case in which the men long have contended they are innocent. Sweet, considered one of the top forensic dental experts in the world..."

MOUNTIES ARRIVE IN THAILAND TO IDENTIFY CANADIAN VICTIMS, CP Wire, January 4, 2005. "A team of RCMP forensic experts has arrived in Thailand to help identify Canadian tsunami victims in what could be a long, painstaking job. **Dr. David Sweet**, a forensic identification expert from UBC, said dental records will likely be the first choice because they are the fastest and least expensive method."

Awards & Achievements

Congratulations to **Prof. Tricia Hughes**, a long-serving part-time faculty member who coordinates the new Communication Skills Module of DENT 410. Tricia was recently named as the recipient of the Roche Award for Excellence in Clinical Skills Teaching, having been nominated by the first year medical students of the class of 2007.

Dr. Chris Wyatt was elected president of the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada and the BC Society of Prosthodontists.

The **Brighter Smiles** program (featured in Good Impressions, spring 2004) received Honourable Mention in the 2004 J.F. McCreary Prize competition for Interprofessional Teamwork in the Health Professions. Brighter Smiles is a collaboration of the First Nations community of Hartley Bay, the Faculties of Dentistry and Medicine, Health Canada, and Northern Interior Health.

Linda Gerow celebrated twenty years with the faculty. She started working in the summer of 1984 as a secretary in what was then the Department of Clinical Dental Sciences. She's still giving it her best after all these years, now as the Administrator for the Part-Time faculty.

Joel Fransens' (DMD '98) was accepted to the Graduate Program in Endodontics, Baylor College of Dentistry, Texas A & M University System Health Science Center. His wife, Dr. Alison Fransens (nee Hill, DMD '97) and their two children (Clive 3, and Chloe 1) will join him in the Lone Star State. They plan to return to Vancouver upon his graduation.

Dr. David Sweet was an invited speaker at the September 2004 meeting of the British Society for Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology. The meeting was held in Madrid as part of the biennial meeting of the International Association of Oral Pathologists.

The Dentistry Men (12 team members) reclaimed the UBC Men's Longboat title, making it Dentistry's fourth title in five years.

Marriages

Cia Harms, CDA in the Division of Orthodontics, and **Rand Barker** (DMD '97) met in September 1995 when Cia was working in the clinic and Rand was a dental student. They were the only 50-year-olds in the clinic, and when his classmates tried to "line them up" they were shocked to find out that they were actually already dating! Cia and Rand were married on August 19, 2004 in a small wedding in Vernon.

Derek Chase and Becky Butchart, (both DMD '03) were married on September 11, 2004 in Qualicum Beach. They are both general practitioners on Vancouver Island; Derek works in Nanaimo, and Becky practices in Parksville.



Cia Harms and Rand Barker



Derek Chase and Becky Butchart

Births

Ann Szeto (MSc '04) and her husband Carlos are the proud parents of their first child, Ethan, born on December 19, 2004.

Leiz Gagnon, Program Assistant in CDE, gave birth to identical twin boys on January 5. They are named Emile Albert and Reynard Louis.



Ethan Szeto



In Memoriam

Edwin Kengo Fukushima (DMD '69) passed away peacefully on November 1, 2004, at age 60. He will be greatly missed by his wife Lyndsay and his three daughters Marnie, Erin, Wendy, and their families and his many faithful patients. Dr. Fukushima was a past President of the Dental Alumni Association.

Good Impressions
Office of the Dean
UBC Faculty of Dentistry
Publication Mail Agreement #1476009
Return Undeliverable Canadian
Addresses to: 217 - 2150 Western Parkway
Vancouver BC Canada V6T 1V6
Tel: 604.822.6886
Fax: 604.228.4288
E-mail: tstgroup@interchange.ubc.ca

Publisher: Edwin Yen
Editor: Laura Rosenthal
Assistant Editor: Andrea Wink
Contributors: Donna Dainius, Beverly Davis, Markus Haapasalo, Rosamund Harrison, Kate Ingram, David Macdonald, Nathan Maltz, Keith Munro, Ravi Shah, Andrea Wink, Edwin Yen
Multimedia: Bruce McCaughey
Design: The Media Group, UBC

The newsletter is for informational and educational purposes only and is not intended for treatment purposes. Good Impressions is published four times annually.

Please let us know if we need to make a correction or delete your name from the mailing list.

Join Us

MARCH

- 9 UBC Dentistry Corporate Reception: Pacific Dental Conference
- 11 Young Alumni CDE: New to Practice? Where do you start... Michelle Bedard, Nadean Burkett, Tim Paziuk, Tom Robinson, at the Pacific Dental Conference
- 11 UBC Dentistry Alumni Reception: Pacific Dental Conference

APRIL

- 2 CDE: Oral Surgery for the General Practitioner, Dr. Kenneth Blankstein
- 23 CDE: Extraction Socket Preservation With or Without Bonegrafting for Future Implant Placement (hands-on course). Dr. Andrea Csiszar, Dr. Dino Georgas, Dr. Tassos Irinakis*

MAY

- 31 Graduation

JUNE

- 7 Part-Time Faculty Recognition Dinner
- 1-15 CDE: Orthodontic Module for CDAs and Registered Dental Hygienists*

SEPTEMBER

- 13 Undergraduate Dean's Night
- 16 UBC Faculty of Dentistry Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament

OCTOBER

- 1 - 2 CDE: Second Annual Okanagan Golf and Wine Weekend (Penticton). Dr. Lou Graham
- 14 - 15 Dr. Richard V. Tucker Symposium 2005
- 18 White Coat Ceremony

* Limited enrollment.

To register for UBC Dentistry CDE courses, call (604) 822-2627 or visit www.dentistry.ubc.ca and click on "Continuing Education" and then "Calendar of Courses".

This calendar is subject to change.

Check Your Bookshelves

We are looking UBC Dentistry yearbooks from the following years:

1984	1990	1995	2000
1985	1992	1996	
1987	1993	1997	
1988	1994	1998	

If you have a yearbook for one of these years, please contact Susanna James at (604) 822-1847 or susannaj@interchange.ubc.ca. We'd like to borrow it to update our historical records. We promise to return it to you in good condition.



Faculty of Dentistry

The University of British Columbia
www.dentistry.ubc.ca

2005 ALUMNI RECEPTION

You are invited to attend the Annual UBC Faculty of Dentistry Alumni Reception

Hosted by

Dr. Edwin Yen, Dean of Dentistry, UBC

Please join faculty and friends at this year's

Pacific Dental Conference
to enjoy hors d'oeuvres, wine
and conversation.

Pan Pacific Hotel
March 11, 2005
5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

This year the faculty will be honouring graduates of the following years with commemorative anniversary photos.

Photos will be taken as follows:

- 6:00 pm DMD & BDS Sc 2004
- 6:10 pm DMD & BDS Sc 2000
- 6:20 pm DMD 1995
- 6:30 pm DMD 1990
- 6:40 pm DMD & DH Dip 1985
- 6:50 pm DMD & DH Dip 1980
- 7:00 pm DMD & DH Dip 1975
- 7:10 pm DMD & DH Dip 1970

Visit Our Booth

When you are at the Pacific Dental Conference, we invite you to drop by our booth at the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre to see the exciting progress of the new Oral Health Centre.

Advance Notice International Education, Faculty of Dentistry

Dr. Richard V. Tucker Symposium 2005 Current Topics In Restorative Dentistry

Dates: Friday, October 14 & Saturday, October 15, 2005

Location: Hyatt Regency Vancouver

World-renowned speakers include:

Dr. Max Anderson, Dr. Winston Chee, Dr. Terry Donovan, Dr. Glen Johnson, Dr. Jeffrey Okeson, Dr. J. William Robbins, Dr. Richard Simonsen, Dr. Richard Stevenson III, Dr. Bruce Small, Dr. Richard D. Tucker, and Dr. Richard V. Tucker.

Book Your Accommodation Early A block of rooms has been reserved at a preferred rate of \$219 /night (single or double) at the **Hyatt Regency Vancouver**. Specify that you are attending the Dr. Richard V. Tucker Symposium. **For reservations call (604) 683-1234 or 1-800-233-1234.**

Please Note: Symposium Brochure will be mailed to all B.C. dentists in May.

www.dentistry.ubc.ca

Publication Agreement No. 1476009