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From the Desk of the EAD/ADFA



Starting where I left off last month, I am excited to inform you that the visit to the Tehran University of Medical Sciences was extremely interesting, opening doors to several potentially fruitful opportunities on both sides. As reported in previous letters, the visits of both Chancellor Ali Jafarian and Dr. Mohammad Nekoofar in May and July respectively, certainly helped to pave the way for many productive meetings during my week-long stay in Iran.

I could write at great length, but will simply summarize my overall impressions and conclusions. I was provided with the most generous hospitality, as a backdrop to an intense and expertly planned agenda of meetings in two dental schools, including their own well-established IDP, two general hospitals and their OMFS residency program. With trauma, mostly related to road traffic accidents as the number two cause of death in Iran, there is, sadly, a wealth of experience in training. The Tehran Heart Center, and state of the art medical research facilities, were just a few of the facets of their

academic health care programs that I had time to visit.

The [visit](#) was documented in detail by my hosts who also managed to confer upon me an elevated status of which I had not been aware!

With several decades of economic sanctions having prevented their purchasing much of the technology we can access, they have in most part solved that issue by employing a small army of specialized engineers to simply build what they have needed, including robotic surgery equipment, portable electron microscopes and electrospinning machines, to name but a few.

The enthusiasm to further develop partnerships, hopefully with the growing support of our respective politicians, should be harnessed.

The initiative to determine an IU wide strategy for establishing academic ties with institutes of

higher education in Cuba is underway. The steering committee met in Bloomington this past week, and I will be reporting on updates as they become available. I reported to the group that the result of my canvassing provisional interest from dental school faculty had produced a small, but enthusiastic response. Again, I encourage anyone; faculty, staff or students, with an interest in exploring options, to let me know.

I am delighted to report that once again, we have been going through a period of considerable activity with new faculty joining us. We held a "new faculty orientation" followed by a social event, hosted by Dean and Mrs. John Williams in their home. Our mission in the OFA is to help the school and departments to make the best strategic hires and then do all we can as a school and campus, to nurture those careers.

In that same vein, we have had some discussion with a few individuals and chairs about encouraging full-time, particularly mid-career faculty, to think seriously about taking advantage of sabbatical leave, which can be utilized in a wide variety of ways, and there is more about this process on page 5 of the OFA newsletter. ☞



Dr. Platt Elected Vice Chair of ADA Council

Dr. Jeffrey A. Platt, Associate Professor and Interim Chair of the Department of Biomedical and Applied Sciences was recently elected to serve as Vice Chair of the American Dental



Association's Council on Scientific Affairs. The Vice Chair of the Council ultimately succeeds to the Chair position. The Council on Scientific Affairs is one of eleven councils of the ADA. Most councils are composed of one member from each of the seventeen Trustee Districts of the Association.

Dr. Platt is completing his second year of a four-year term. His election speaks to his many contributions, leadership and expertise in serving on this prestigious ADA Council. Please join the Office of Faculty Affairs in congratulating Dr. Platt on this important national leadership position. ☞☞☞

Faculty Development Opportunities

There are many opportunities for professional development during the month of September. The following list of programs were selected from a variety of resources on the IUPUI Campus including the Center for Service and Learning (CSL), the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL), Office for Women (OFW) and the Indiana University School of Medicine, Office of Faculty and Professional Development (OFAPD), the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and IUSD Office of Continuing Education. Programs are free for all faculty to attend.



*ENHANCE
YOUR
TEACHING
AND
RESEARCH
SKILLS.*

Wednesday, September 2nd

Canvas Pages: Content in Context (CTL)

Time and Location: 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm via Adobe Connect (Online)

Presenters: M Leach, Kimmaree Murday

Register: <http://ctl.iupui.edu/>

Thursday, September 3rd

Teaching at IUPUI: Creating Rubrics (CTL)

Time and Location: 11:30 am to 12:15 pm via Adobe Connect (Online)

Presenters: James Gregory, Douglas Jerolimov

Register: <http://ctl.iupui.edu/>

Friday, September 4th

OVCR Research Orientation (OVCR)

Time and Location: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in University Library, Room UL 1126

Presenter: OVCR Staff

Registration [Registration](#)

Tuesday, September 8th

New Faculty Plan Now for Success (AO) Lunch Provided

Time and Location: 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in Campus Center, Room 405

Presenters: Melissa Lavitt, Gail Williamson

Register: <http://ctl.iupui.edu/>

Wednesday, September 9th

Basic Proposal Development (OVCR)

Time and Location: 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in University Library, Room UL 1126

Presenter: OVCR Staff

Registration [Registration](#)

Monday, September 14th

Peer Assessment in Canvas (CTL)

Time and Location: 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm via Adobe Connect (Online)

Presenter: Lauren Easterling

Register: <http://ctl.iupui.edu/>

Wednesday, September 16th

Documenting Your Teaching (CTL)

Time and Location: 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm in University Library, Room UL 1116

Presenters: Richard Turner, Douglas Jerolimov

Register: <http://ctl.iupui.edu/>

Thursday, September 17th

Lecturing with the Lecturer in Mind (CTL)

Time and Location: 11:30 am to 12:15 pm via Adobe Connect (Online)

Presenters: James Gregory, Anusha Rao

Register: <http://ctl.iupui.edu/>

Friday, September 18th

Teaching International Students: Q&A Session for Improved Intercultural Education (CTL)

Time and Location: 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm in University Library, Room UL 1126

Presenters: Estella Ene, Pratibha Varma-Nelson

Register: <http://ctl.iupui.edu/>

IUSD Continuing Education 2015-2016 Courses <http://ce.dentistry.iu.edu>

You Gotta Regatta



The 7th-Annual Regatta will be held **Saturday, September 19, 2015**, at the downtown canal between 10th and 11th Street. The first heat occurs at 10:00 am with championship heats held around 3:00 pm.

IUSD has been the winner of the men's category and runner-up in the women's category for the past two years. In 2012, IUSD was the overall winner, meaning that our men's team can make IUSD a four-peat Regatta Champion!

In late August, Terry Wilson notified the IUSD family that [registration](#) for the event is open. IUSD

will cover registration costs for all teams but team captains initially will need to register via credit card with subsequent reimbursement available. Paperwork to receive registration reimbursement must be submitted to Terry Wilson.

Once each team is registered, team members must complete waiver forms to submit to Regatta officials. One member of each team must attend one of the two team orientation meetings.

The Regatta organizers will send more information to the Team Captains directly after registration is complete. The last date to make lineup changes to an already registered team is September 11. If you have a team member in doubt, go ahead and register on Monday to secure your spot.

Those who prefer not to paddle

but rather want to volunteer under the "big tent" to proudly support and cheer on IUSD teams to victory should contact Terry Wilson.

Important dates for IUSD Teams:

- Team Orientation Session 1 September 4th from 6:00-7:30 pm
- Team Orientation Session 2 September 8th from 3:00-4:30 pm
- First Practice Session, September 12th from 10:00 am-3:00 pm
- Second Practice Session, September 13th from 10:00 am-5:00 pm



Faculty Development Continued

Monday, September 21st

NIH Officials Present Initiatives Supporting Women Researchers in Health/Life Sciences (OVCR)

Time and Location: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm in University Library, Room UL 0130

Presenters: Jennifer Plank-Bazinet, Reiko Toyanna

[Registration](#)

Tuesday, September 22nd

Canvas Assignments and Grading (CTL)

Time and Location: 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm via Adobe Connect (Online)

Presenters: Cordah Pearce, Kimmaree Murday

Register: <http://ctl.iupui.edu/>

Thursday, September 24th

Making the Most of Your Presentation (OFAPD) Dinner Provided

Time and Location: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in Glick Eye Institute, Room 103

Presenter: Jean Luc Dumont

Registration is closed; waitlist request contact ofapd@iupui.edu

Friday, September 25th

Making the Most of Your Presentation (CTL)

Time and Location: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in University Library, Lilly Auditorium, Room UL 0130

Presenter: Jean Luc Dumont

Registration: <http://ctl.iupui.edu/>

Tuesday, September 29th

Peer Assessment in Canvas (CTL)

Time and Location: 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm via Adobe Connect (Online)

Presenter: Lauren Easterling

Register: <http://ctl.iupui.edu/>



Labor Day Holiday, September 7th



Dr. Walters Recognized by AAP

In case you missed the announcement in IUSD's News Bites from Leslie Flowers, Dr. Carol Walters this past April received an American Academy of Periodontology Educator Award for Outstanding Teaching and Mentoring in Periodontics. Dr. Vanchit John



was privileged to present the certificate to Dr. Walters. The American Academy of Periodontology Educator Award for Outstanding Teaching and Mentoring in Periodontics is presented annually at each institution to the periodontal educator who has demonstrated a commitment to excellence in providing education in the full scope of clinical periodontics and relays that enthusiasm to students. The AAP seeks to accom-

plish providing this award by promoting advocacy, awareness, collaboration, education, leadership, outreach and science. Congratulations Dr. Walters for fulfilling AAP's vision of having an IUSD educator who demonstrates commitment to excellence in providing education in the full scope of clinical periodontics and relays that enthusiasm to both pre and post-doctoral dental students. Thank you Dr. Walters. ☺

White Coat Ceremony Recap

The School of Dentistry's White Coat Ceremony marks a profound progression in the life of each student who participates in this momentous occasion commemorating his/her acceptance into the profession. The perfect tone of solemnity and excitement was set by the White River Brass Quintet and elevated by the words of wisdom, knowledge, and experience each program speaker shared to emphasize to each student the ethical and professional standards associated with being a health care professional. On August 16, 2015, students from

IUSD's DDS Class of 2019 and International Dentist Program class of 2017 heard from keynote speaker Dr. Michael Rader, Chairman of the Indiana Section of the American College of Dentists gave a moving presentation on ethics and responsibility. Mr. Kendall Frazier, President of the American Student Dental Association, also spoke, sharing with our new students that dental school is just the start



on the path to an exciting profession. It is important, as he shared from Ferris Bueller, "to make the most of school and not focus on one area of your experience too heavily. We are all here to become dentists, but IUSD has much more to offer, like taking international service trips, participating in clubs like the American Student Dental Association or the American Dental Education Association, or playing intramural sports." But, "if you don't stop and look around for a while, you could miss it." Congratulations to all of our new students!

IUSD New Faculty Profiles

Dr. Thankam Thyvalikath expands her research team this month with the addition of a new post-doctoral fellow, Dr. Zasim Siddiqui. Dr. Siddiqui comes to the IU School of Dentistry from the University of Texas at Dallas, where in May 2015 he completed a MS degree in Healthcare Administration. While at the University of Texas, Dr. Siddiqui worked as a support analyst and record maintenance student worker in the Bursar's Department and as a medical administrator in the Impression Specialty Dental Clinic. Prior to that Dr. Siddiqui was a clinical and research intern at Swargiya Dadasaheb Kalmegh Smruti (SDKS) Dental College and Hospital in India. He obtained his BDS from



SDKS Dental College and Hospital in September 2011. Here at the IU School of Dentistry in the division of Dental Informatics, Dr. Siddiqui's role will include conceptualizing an appropriate research and development program on the reuse and secondary analysis of electronic patient record data for the purpose of quality improvement and additional research. In fulfilling those functions he will conceptualize research questions; develop research protocols; study data collection and analysis; develop and manage data management plans, manuscript writing and publications; and participate in grant writing.

Dr. Juan Yepes this month also welcomes a new colleague, Dr. Xianghui Xing from Xi'an, China. Dr. Xing (MD), will be here through July 31, 2016, as a visiting interna-

tional scholar learning about our clinical, research, and DDS teaching system.. He has over 15 years of clinical work experience in pediatric dentistry, is an Associate Professor of Pediatric Dentistry in the School of Stomatology at the Fourth Military Medical University in Xi'an, China, and has written or contributed to several publications. Dr. Xing's research interest is in the basic research of pediatric dentistry, i.e., dental stem cells in translational medicine, with a focus on periodontal ligament stem cells and anti-resorption treatment after dental trauma.



Please join the Office of Faculty Affairs in welcoming Dr. Siddiqui & Dr. Xing to IUSD!

Faculty Sabbatical Leave

During the IUSD Faculty Welcome and Calibration on August 14th, Dr. Kowolik mentioned the topic of sabbatical leaves. Very few School of Dentistry faculty have taken advantage of a sabbatical leave to learn new skills or pursue a new line of research for which retraining is required. For those faculty who may be interested in taking a sabbatical leave, information about the process and requirements will be presented in the following text.

Tenured faculty and librarians who have completed six years of full-time service at Indiana University are eligible to apply for a sabbatical leave. Sabbatical leaves are an investment provided by the University with the expectation that the leave will significantly enhance the faculty member's capacity to further contribute to the missions and objectives of the University. Time in non-tenure appointments prior to a tenure-eligible position do not count toward sabbatical eligibility. Tenure-eligible faculty and librarians may not be granted sabbatical leave during the probationary period of a tenure-eligible appointment, which means they can apply for a sabbatical leave in their seventh year to be taken during their eighth year.

Ordinarily, sabbatical leaves are approved either one semester at full pay or for the academic year at half-pay. Sabbatical leave proposals must be approved and supported by each administrative level; however,

schools bear the financial responsibility for sabbatical leaves approved by the University. Accordingly, the Dean should forward only proposals to the campus level which the school will support if approved on its merits. The Dean may decline to approve sabbatical leave applications for financial reasons.

If you are thinking about submitting a proposal this fall, there is no time to waste. The faculty member should discuss their project with their Chair well in advance of the application. The process and timeline for a sabbatical leave is a lengthy one beginning nearly a year prior to the actual leave if it is granted. There is a very specific process that must be followed to submit an application for sabbatical leave. The application consists of a searchable PDF portfolio with multiple required documents:

- ⇒Coversheet
- ⇒Dean's Letter of Support
- ⇒Chair's Letter of Support
- ⇒Application/Proposal
- ⇒Faculty Curriculum Vitae
- ⇒Supporting Documentation
- ⇒Sabbatical Leave Declaration
- ⇒Prior Leave Report(s) if applicable

The faculty member completes their portions of the application and submits it to the Department Chair. This should be accomplished no later than October 1st. If the Chair supports and approves the application, the Chair sends it on to the School Dean for review and consideration. By Monday, Octo-

ber 19, 2015, a tentative list of faculty and librarians planning to apply during the 2015-16 year for a Sabbatical Leave to be taken during the 2016-17 academic year should be submitted by the Dean's Office to [Faculty Appointments and Advancement \(FAA\)](#). The list should include the names and University ID numbers of the potential applicants. Application portfolios approved by the School are forwarded by the Dean's Office via <https://www.slashtmp.iu.edu/> no later than Wednesday, November 11, 2015 for consideration by the IUPUI Sabbatical Leaves Review Committee. Applications received after this date will not be considered unless the Dean requests special consideration and documents extenuating circumstances.

All applicants will receive preliminary notification of the campus level decision (usually by the beginning of March). Final letters will be sent after the Board of Trustees meeting in April.

Within three months of returning from a sabbatical leave, the faculty member is required to complete a [Sabbatical Leave Report](#) which must be reviewed and signed by the Department Chair and School Dean before it is routed electronically to FAA. At the Dean's or Department Chair's request, the faculty member presents the results of their sabbatical leave work to the faculty.

[Detailed information](#) is available on the Academic Affairs website including a sample document and application instructions. ☞



UPDATE YOUR CPR SKILLS

This fall faculty, staff and students will have the opportunity to update their knowledge and skills in CPR. Kathy Thompson will be offering several CPR classes beginning this month.

Wednesday, September 9th from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm or 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Monday, September 14th from 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Friday, October 16th from 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Tuesday, October 20th from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

Friday, October 30th from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

Please RSVP via email ktumps@iu.edu or by phone at 274-8841. All classes will be held at Walker Plaza, 719 Indiana Avenue in Room 209. Remember, parking is free behind and adjacent to the Walker building.

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DETAILS

Date: October 25-27, 2015

Location: Marriott Hotel

Register: [Assessment Institute](#)

Fees: Individual \$290 Group \$280
Before September 14th

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IUSD ANNUAL TEACHING CONFERENCE

Date: October 15th, 16th

Location: Woodstock Club

