



First Friday.....February 1, 2013

Winter continues in Indiana, but Friday is the “1st” so this edition of First Friday literally lives up to its name! With [Groundhog Day](#) before us (February 2nd), we will soon learn the prognostication of a fabled furry animal regarding our winter fate for the next six weeks of endurance to spring. I prepared most of this edition of First Friday from Africa where I experienced an amazing Interprofessional primary care health program in Western Kenya known as AMPATH: Academic Model for Prevention and Treatment of HIV/AIDS. (see related article below)

Thank you for the start of our spring 2013 term by attending the fourth Clinical Orientation program held in early January. We started this program in August 2011 to improve the common understanding of a vast variety of clinical responsibilities and departmental policies and procedures. One take away for me is the need to expand our faculty development activities in the area of patient assessment and general medicine. Dr. Jeff Bennett, chair of oral surgery, presented several patient scenarios which as a faculty, we need to know in order to provide better comprehensive patient care. Addressing medically complex patients and Interprofessional education will be essential components of any dental school of the 21st century. I appreciate your support of these topics as our journey continues to advance the Vision and Mission of IUSD to make *Indiana University School of Dentistry one of the best dental schools of the 21st century.*

- **IU International Spotlight – IU Kenyan Partnership: AMPATH**

Indiana University continues to expand its global presence to strategic locations and works with key institutions to advance the International mission of IU under the leadership of a President McRobbie. The [IU International Office](#) is a well developed unit at IU and structured to promote these International programs. Several members of the Bloomington and Indianapolis International office were in attendance with the IUSD delegation to Western Kenyan which included me, Drs. Michael Kowolik and Karen Yoder. I gained a wonderful perspective on US medical and dental education by observing this program as well as learned about the East African culture and a little Swahili along the way (Karen Yoder is the Swahili expert and was invaluable in negotiating and communicating for us on this trip--*Asante, Dr. Yoder*).

The [IU-Kenya Partnership](#) began with the IU School of Medicine some 20 years ago working with its counterpart medical school in Kenya at Moi University in Eldoret, Kenya. The program has expanded to include a number of other medical education programs from the US and Canada in a comprehensive primary care program known as [AMPATH](#): Academic Model for Prevention and Treatment of HIV/AIDS. Oral Health is an emerging component of the program. The IU dental school has benefitted from the efforts of Drs. Larry Goldblatt and Karen Yoder who have worked to support our Kenyan dental colleagues at Moi University

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School of Dentistry. The Moi dental school is new within the last 5 years and has just graduated its first 11 students. IUSD is exploring opportunities to mutually advance our respective programs. One significant breakthrough was the literal connection of IUSD and Moi dental schools through video conferencing during this trip. AMPATH is a fascinating program designed to have significant population health improvement with the use of minimal of resources to address the major health issues of the Kenyan people namely HIV/AIDS, malaria, diabetes and tuberculosis. The dental schools involvement to date has been bi-lateral student and faculty exchange. The [ADA News](#) had a wonderful article in this IUSD-Moi dental project in April of 2012.

- **Interprofessional Education Initiative Announced-Faculty Enrichment Feb 1st**

In January, Dr. Brater in his role as IU Vice President for University Clinical Affairs announced the formation of a comprehensive InterProfessional Education (IPE) Center initiative for IU. Under the leadership of Dr. Judith Halstead, (School of Nursing), all health professions schools have the opportunity to participate. Drs. Chris Guba and Laura Romito (IUSD-Oral Biology) have been working in this area at the campus level for some time. Dr. Romito will present IPE and the new IU initiative (check here for [FAQ about the new IU IPE Center](#)) on Friday, February 1, 2013 as the Faculty Enrichment Seminar. In addition to the IU campus activity, IPE is now part of the new CODA accreditation pre-doctoral Standards which directs dental education programs to be actively engaged in the IPE process. A good Journal of Dental Education survey article on IPE for dentistry is located [here](#).

- **Indiana Legislature – State Budget and Dental Board Legislation**

January 2013 starts the biennial legislative process for the state. The state budget is determined every two years and includes approval of University Capital Construction projects, allocation of state funding for higher education and new or amended laws for the state. The Capital Construction request for our new building is before the legislature this time awaiting approval. The Indiana Board of Dentistry has also introduced a Senate bill to address corporate dentistry, charitable licensing, and another pathway for licensure of foreign trained dentists.

- **IUSD-Accreditation Update—Mock Site Visit Feb 5 & 6**

As we continue our preparation for the CODA September 2013 site visit, IUSD hosts two experienced mock site visitors the first week in February. Having attended the site visitor training program in Chicago this week, I know there are several items IUSD must focus on such as documentation & assessment to demonstrate compliance with the new pre-doctoral Standards. IUSD will benefit greatly from the Mock site visit experience.

- **Upcoming Events**

- Feb 9th: IUSD Florida IUSD Reception hosted by Dr. & Mrs. Lloyd Hagedorn, Bonita Springs, FL
- Feb 21st: Oral Health Policy Forum-Indianapolis
- Feb 22nd: Chicago Mid-winter Alumni Reception McCormick Place 5 to 6:30pm

Thanks to each of you for your dedication and support of the Vision and Mission of IUSD. I will be back in March with another edition of *First Friday...Dean's Update*. Meanwhile, enjoy donuts and coffee this morning and Groundhog Day on Saturday!



-John

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