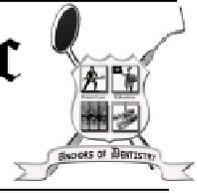




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The Department of Periodontics and Allied Dental Programs
(DPADP)



Ribbon Cutting/Alumni Day Issue November 2008



Chairman's Corner:

I decided to make this a mini issue of the regular newsletter to capture the excitement and energy that was evident on October 25th. As you know we had our 2nd Annual Alumni Day combined with the ribbon cutting ceremony for our new Graduate Clinical Facility. We had three excellent speakers in Drs. Hancock, Kepic and Hagedorn. Dr. Hancock spoke on 'Periodontal Histology', Dr. Kepic spoke on 'Anterior Implant Esthetics' and Dr. Hagedorn spoke about 'The Role of Organized Dentistry in Periodontal Practice' All the presentations were excellent. Following this we had a recognition ceremony of many of our generous donors and supporters. We then followed this by going up to the fourth floor where a formal ribbon cutting ceremony was scheduled along with time for the alumni and other faculty to walk around the new clinical facility and re-visit and reminisce about the times when they walked the hallways here in our department. The new clinical facility was universally appreciated by one and all. Our thanks and our gratitude goes out to all of you who supported the project.

I am including pictures from the occasion and extend an invitation to those of you who could not be there to

come down and visit our clinical facility if you happen to be driving through Indianapolis and or happen to be in our neighborhood.



Drs. Hancock, Goldblatt and Hagedorn do the honors

Welcome to Our New Clinical Facility

The following images serve as a brief snap shot of our superb new clinical facility. We have a total of 14 open operatories with 2 enclosed surgical suites. We will be utilizing digital radiography throughout the entire clinic with direct digital capabilities in the surgical suites. With this technology and the soon to be introduced 'cone beam CT unit' on the first floor, we will be offering state of the art treatment to our patients. The multi use clinical facility will also proudly be utilized by the hygiene and assisting students.

Our New Reception Area



Drs. Robbins, Amos, Goldblatt and Gillette



Above- Dean Goldblatt admiring the new clinical facility

Below-Drs. Sarbinoff, Kepic, Hindman, Gillette, Diana Yates and Jamie Fields on the non-surgical side



Drs. Hagedorn and Zakaria visit with each other on the non-surgical side



Drs. Kowolik, Toloue and Kaeley counting down the minutes to the start of the presentations



Dr. Blanchard thanks Dr. Phillips for his support

New Chairperson of the Department of Periodontics and Allied Dental Programs Announced
Michael Kowolik- Chair of the Search and Screen Committee

Over the past few years there has been mounting concern within US universities that well-qualified dental clinicians are not seeking full-time careers in Academia. When we at IUSD attempt to fill faculty vacancies in pre-clinical disciplines, we may receive applications from literally dozens of PhD-toting scientists. In the case of clinical appointments the situation is quite different and we conform to the national trend.

Dr. Brady Hancock's retirement in July 2007 created a vacancy in a pivotal position for both the Department of Periodontics and Allied Dental Programs and the School. Dr. Vanchit John, Associate Professor, nobly accepted the Dean's invitation to stand in as interim chair, while the Search and Screen Committee went to work in trying to identify individuals most suited to take over the reins and provide the leadership necessary to continue building and shaping the Department.

The search for candidates was truly international, extending to 3 continents and seeking the advice of prominent members of periodontal academia in the US. The process also had to strictly adhere to guidelines and regulations laid down by Indiana University and thus, took time. When all was written, heard, considered, said and done, it was clear that Dr. Hancock's fitting successor was the 'temporary' occupant of his former office, his own former graduate student, Vanchit John.

Why, you may ask, was Vanchit not simply given the job at the outset? Well, for several reasons. Firstly, he was initially a somewhat reluctant interim chair but, over the months, came to realize that he possessed qualities fitting to leadership and specifically, to this position. Secondly, it permitted those around

him, faculty, staff and students, to also appreciate these positive attributes. But above all, through the sterling work of the Search and Screen Committee, we all came to see and confirm that Vanchit's qualifications for the role withstood scrutiny alongside his national and international peers.

Vanchit John brings ability, youthful energy and enthusiastic commitment to this role. We, his colleagues, look forward to working with him as he leads and mentors the department in further developing its successful commitment to the mission of the school through teaching, research and service.

Dean Goldblatt made the following announcement to the School:

As most of you know, Dr. E. Brady Hancock retired from our faculty on June 30, 2007 after a long and distinguished career as a professor of periodontics and as Chair of the Department of Periodontics and Allied Dental Programs for many years.

Following an extensive and lengthy international search, I am very pleased to announce that Dr. Vanchit John has been appointed as the new Chair of IUSD Department of Periodontics and Allied Dental Programs, effective September 1, 2008.

Dr. John has served as Interim Chair of the Department since July 1, 2007. He is also Director of Predoctoral Periodontics and Associate Professor, a position he has held since 1998.

Dr. John received his B.D.S. and M.D.S. (*Periodontics*) degrees from Madras Dental College. He then earned an M.S.D. degree and Certificate in Periodontics at Indiana University School of Dentistry, following which he earned his D.D.S. degree, also at our school. From 1995-96 he served as a postdoctoral research fellow at IUSD, working closely with investigators at Eli Lilly Research Labs. Then from 1996-98 he served as a part-time faculty member at IUSD.

Vanchit has been extensively involved in teaching dental professionals at all levels and is highly respected as both an educator and

clinician both inside and outside our school. He is the author or co-author of numerous papers, abstracts and book chapters in the professional literature and has given many presentations to professional audiences locally, nationally and internationally. In recognition of the quality and depth of commitment of his educational efforts he has also been the recipient of many honors from his students, faculty peers and professional colleagues across the nation and the world. These include numerous Best Faculty awards and other student recognitions, the 2007 Indiana Dental Association/IUSD Outstanding Faculty Member Award, the prestigious Bud and Linda Tarsson Fellowship from the American Academy of Periodontology in 2004 and the 2006 Educator Award, also from the American Academy of Periodontology.

We are of course most grateful to Dr. Hancock for his many years of exemplary leadership and service. We are also thrilled to have been able to appoint Dr. John to lead our achievements in periodontics and allied dental programs into the future.

Please join me in thanking Dr. Hancock and congratulating Dr. John.

Faculty Positions

At the end of this academic year we will have two positions to fill in the department of periodontics. One position will be as result of Dr. Newell's retirement effective end of June 2009. The second position will be for the Pre-Doctoral Director of Periodontics which will be vacated by Dr John. If you are interested or know of anyone who might be interested and would be a good fit in our department, please let them know about these positions.

Listed below is a close representation of the advertisement that we will be posting soon to fill the position currently held by Dr. Newell.

Full time, tenure track or clinical track, faculty position at the Assistant or Associate Professor level in the Department of Periodontics and Allied Dental Programs available July 1, 2009. Review of applicants will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Primary responsibility will include didactic and clinical instruction within the graduate periodontics program, as well as for predoctoral dental students. Intramural private practice is available. Participation in and initiation of research efforts are strongly encouraged. Board Certification or Board eligibility, as defined by the American Board of Periodontology, and current licensure or eligibility for licensure in the State of Indiana are required as is current experience in teaching within all areas noted for this position. Experience in the use of osseointegrated implants and licensure in the use of IV sedation are additional requirements and are necessary for the successful applicant. Salary and rank will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Indiana University is an EEO/AA employer and applications from women and persons representing minorities are strongly encouraged. Please submit electronically a letter of application or nomination, current curriculum vitae, and three reference letters to Dr. Jeffrey Dean, Executive Associate Dean, at jadean1@iupui.edu (Indiana University School of Dentistry, 1121 W. Michigan Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202-5186). Candidates will

be evaluated upon receipt of their letter of application and documentation of credentials.