



President's Message

Greetings once again to all of the nearly eight thousand PFA Fellows in 50 countries—and counting!!

Korea—Yes, the PFA is alive and well in this beautiful country. Our Fellows in South Korea are very well-educated, dedicated and sophisticated.

The South Korean Fellows, about 50 in number, flew to Jeju Island, the “Honeymoon Island,” located an hour southeast of Seoul. This was an excellent venue for the occasion.

The group was greeted by KPFA President, Prof. Dr. Kim Jong-Won, DDS, MS, PhD, an Oral/Maxillofacial Surgeon. The Occasion—it was the 30th Anniversary of the KPFA held in honor of the Founder, Prof. Dr. Kim Hong Ki, DDS, PhD. The Scientific Program began in the morning with a violin, cello, and piano trio playing for us.

Prof. Dr. Wilfried Schilli (Germany), President of the International Humanitarian Aid and of his SIC Implant Company was the first Lecturer. His lecture was entitled “The State of the Art of Implant Dentistry.” This was the theme of the day. Two of Dr. Schilli's associates accompanied him, and they exhibited the products of the company.

Three lectures were presented in the morning. After a lunch break, four more lectures were presented by Korean and Japanese PFA Fellows, all experts in the field of Implantology.

The Korean PFA meets during the summer, and the Japanese PFA during the autumn months. Fellows from both countries are in attendance with translators, of course. Dr. Kim Hyoun Chull, Secretary-Treasurer of the KPFA, translates in Korean and Japanese. His sister-in-law, Kim Jin Young, has lived in the U.S. and was my English/Korean translator.

The Reception/Dinner Party in the evening was a tribute to the elegance of our Korean Fellows and their guests, nearly 100 in attendance.

The evenings' entertainment included an opera singer with a marvelous voice and a well known poet who gave a very expressive reading (translation on a big screen in three languages). Both the singer and the poet are Korean PFA Fellows. Next, 12 gorgeous Korean ladies who escaped from North Korea (they certainly must have had a great story to tell!), dressed in beautiful traditional Korean silk dresses, performed elegant dances and traditional Korean songs followed by one of the ladies who played the accordion for a sing-along. It was a festive evening. Another excellent example of what other PFA Sections are doing, world-wide!

Prof. Dr. Kim Hong Ki was presented with the PFA Certificate of Merit for all of his efforts for the Academy. Fifteen new Fellows were installed. Each Fellow was given a new briefcase and an umbrella, the latter a necessary adjunct to your personal wardrobe in Korea. Fortunately, not needed at this time!

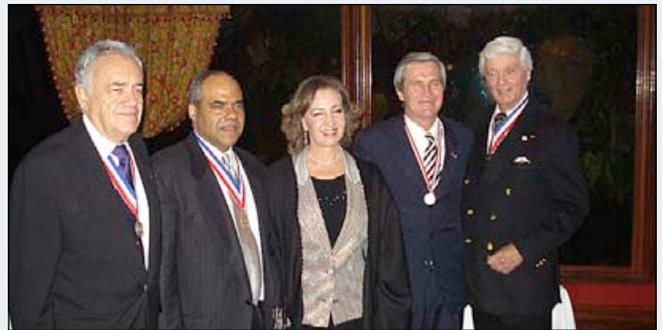
Dr. Lee Soo-Ku, President of the Korean Dental Association, wished to meet us to learn about our Academy. We spent a pleasant time with him in his office at the Korean Dental Association Headquarters building.

The Koreans are a very “giving” people. They conduct dental humanitarian trips to Cambodia, Vietnam, Uzbekistan, Mongolia and North Korea. The latter is on hold for the time being because of the “present tension.” They have lived with this for over 60 years and do not appear to be concerned about the present situation.

As a personal note, my wife, Gloria, and I have visited Korea about fifteen times over the years and I can say this without contradiction. The Koreans and the Japanese are the only people whom we have met in our world travels who make the rest of us look lazy.



Dr. Charles Eller



Dr. Ernesto Acuna, Dr. Joe Harris, Drs. Emilio and Nilse Kegler, Dr. Eller



Dr. Kegler, Dr. Acuna, Dr. Antonio Nicolas Pangrazio (89 years young), Dr. Eller



Dr. Victor Raul Vera-Viererci, Dr. Acuna, Dr. Eller



Iguasu Falls, Paraguay



Drs. Keigler, Dr. & Mrs. Acuna



The PFA Korea Section 30th Annual Meeting

I will have personally contacted every Section Chairperson in the U.S. Hopefully, I have inspired them to have a better understanding as to their position as Section Chairpersons and to heighten their dedication to our Academy, unique in our beloved profession as the largest dental honorary philanthropic Academy in the world.

It has been an honor and a privilege to have been able to serve you as President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy International. I am certain that we are now truly

“Dentistry’s Handclasp Around the World”

My wife, Gloria, and I send our very Best Wishes to each and every one of you.

*Charles G. Eller
President, PFA International*

Next stop—Paraguay, a country where tourists from the U.S. rarely travel. You should know that the Paraguay PFA is a very active and vital Section of our Academy. It is an excellent example of who and what we represent.

The Installation Ceremony was held at the Yacht and Golf Club Paraguayo, a magnificent 5-Star setting complete with a Casino. The emcee for the evening festivities was a local television celebrity. There were close to 100 Fellows and guests in attendance.

Dr. Emilio Kegler, the Paraguay PFA Section Chairman was introduced and gave the Welcome address. Trustee Ernesto Acuna (Region 7) gave a powerful Power Point presentation about the PFA, its organizational structure, its purpose and aims. It was extremely informative and well-received. Trustee Acuna will be able to use this production in all of the Latin countries.

As your President, I gave an overview of the Academy and the Foundation, including the Scholarship and Grant Program as well as telling how other Sections of the Academy function.

Dr. Victor Raul Vera-Viererci, the Founder of the Paraguayan PFA Section, was presented with a plaque in recognition of his work with the Academy and our Profession.

Twenty-four new Fellows were inducted into the Academy. An excellent banquet was enjoyed by all.

The surprise of the evening—Dr. Kegler’s wife Nilse, also a dentist, inducted her father, Dr. Antonio Nicolas Pangrazio, as a new Fellow. He is 89 years young and still practices Dentistry. A real charmer! She also inducted her brother, Natalio Pangrazio-Ruoti as a new Fellow.

The twin sons of the Keglers are dentists also. Marcello is just finishing his Implant Specialty Program in Brazil and his brother, Emilio, recently graduated from the University of Detroit, Mercy Orthodontic Program. There are now 10 dentists in the family.

The family is eagerly looking forward to being in their new dental offices with seventeen operatories, white marble floors, a full two-story glass front and two two-story waterfalls facing the operatories. The Kegler family has set a new high standard for the practice of dentistry in Paraguay.

Those are the gracious hosts who took the time to take the Acunas and the Ellers to visit Iguasu Falls, one of the mighty Wonders of the World.

During the past two years, your PFA Academy has united the Latin Sections, thanks to the efforts of Trustee Acuna. The European Sections were united in March at the huge Cologne Dental meeting due to the efforts of Trustee Jose Dahan (Region 1) and German Section Chair Frank Braun. These groups will continue to meet every other year.

Our current challenge is to unite the Asian Sections as well. If Korea hosts the FDI in Seoul in 2013, they have promised an all Asian PFA Congress. We wish them well in this project!

Still on our schedule is Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, for a new PFA contingent from the North and Western parts of the country and then to Poland to present the Elmer S. Best Award to recipient Prof. Dr. Zbigniew Janczuk.

Then it is to Hawaii for the annual meeting of the PFA. By that date,

The Academy Regrets the Passing of Past ADA President Joseph Cappuccio

Dr. Joseph Cappuccio passed away last May 23rd after a heart attack at the age of 87. He was an energetic person always taking the lead in establishing new ideas and pioneering frontiers. Dr. Cappuccio had led the American Dental Association (ADA) as President. He was a pillar of strength as a PFA International Trustee in the “formative years” of the Academy. His input on the Board of Trustees led to many new ideas and in particular to the founding of the International Hall of Fame and subsequently the International Hall of Fame concept. His personal contacts committed the PFA and Bud Tarrson to funding the Wall of Fame at the Samuel Harris National Dental Museum in Baltimore, Maryland, at his Baltimore College of Dentistry, where he was on staff. With major assistance from International Trustee Pierre Marois of Paris, France, Joe was able to establish our global venue at the Conseil des Chirurgien Dentistes Headquarters in Paris.

Then with private funding, he had the PFA help establish the National Dental Museum venue. Later Joe, Pierre, and Richard Kozal set up a Hall of Fame TV kiosk at the ADA Headquarters in Chicago.

Dr. Cappuccio headed up the Hall of Fame Committee with many prominent international dental leaders who set up guidelines for nominating dental greats for the Hall, established a list of such, scheduled prominent locales for their national induction, and then created recognition for the PFA Hall.



Paris Hall of Fame with (L-R) PFA President Shig Kishi, Trustee Pierre Marois, past ADA President Frank Bower, Chairman Joe Cappuccio, PFA President Nicholas Saccone, and Secretary General Richard Kozal



Dr. Cappuccio chairing the Hall of Fame Committee Meeting at the Chicago ADA Building with past ADA Presidents James Saddoris, Frank Bower, Trustee Pierre Marois, ICD past President Joseph Tomari, PFA President Foster Bens, and Trustee Nicholas Saccone in 1991

When Dr. Cappuccio retired from the established Committee, he turned it over to prominent dental leader Dr. H. Raymond Klein (past PFA President, 1991–92) to carry it on, followed by past Canadian Dental Association President Kevin Roach (past PFA President 2003–04).

Former Hall of Fame Committee member, past President Nicholas Saccone (1995–96), remembers, “(Dr.) Joe wanted the Wall of Fame to be composed of the giants in the history of the dental profession without politics being involved.”

Dr. Cappuccio also conceived of setting up mobile placards with the Hall of Fame dentists on them for temporary display at airports and other museums. He also wanted us to produce a booklet with a brief synopsis of the lives of these giants in dentistry for distribution. His idea captured the imagination of dental leaders around the world as the Hall of Fame grew internationally with many dental professionals being honored from around the globe. Even as Joe left us he was arranging to have the Hall of Fame U.S. venue located at his alma mater, the University of Maryland.

Dr. Cappuccio, born in Rhode Island in 1921, received his undergraduate degree from the University of Rhode Island in 1943, and his DDS degree from the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery in 1946. He served as an Army Battalion Commander (1943–45) at the University of Maryland and earned an Oral Surgery Fellowship (1947–48) there. He was President of the Catholic Youth Organization for the Archdiocese of Baltimore (1943–48) and chaired the Youth Delegation of Americans at the 1948 London Youth Conference sponsored by the National Welfare Association of England.

He was accepted to the Faculty of the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery in 1950 in the Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery where he taught for some 37 years until becoming Professor Emeritus in 1987. He then became Special Assistant to the Dean for Alumni Affairs from 1987 until 1997. He had served as President of their Alumni Association (1961–62) and was Executive Director of the Alumni Association for 20 years.

He received the Rhode Island Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1977 and the University of Maryland Distinguished Alumni Award in 1978. He was past President of the Baltimore City Dental Society, of the Maryland State Dental Association, of the Middle Atlantic Society of Oral Surgeons, of the Maryland State Dental Society of Anesthesiologists, ICD Regent for the Maryland Section, ACD Chairman of the Maryland Section, ACD Board of Regents (1980–84), and served as the staff oral surgeon for the Maryland Penitentiary Hospital for 20 years.

He was honored with the Maryland State Dental Association’s 1975 Distinguished Service Award, Honorary Kentucky Colonel (1979), the State of Arkansas’ Arkansas Traveler Award (1979), State of Oklahoma’s Honorary Indian Chief Award, Honorary Member of the Panama Dental Association (1980), the Republic of Panama’s National decoration of the Order of Vasco Nunez De Balboa, Honorary Member of the Virgin Islands Dental Association (1979), Honorary Member of the Puerto Rico Dental Association (1979), and Honorary Member of the American Dental Society of Europe (1980).

He became PFA Section Chairman for Maryland, founder and Chair for the PFA Hall of Fame Committee, and lost by one vote to become a PFA Trustee of the International Board.

He was ADA 4th District Trustee (1971–77) and ADA President (1978–79). His honors and achievements fill pages of his C.V. His wife Rocella of 49 years passed away in 2005. They had one daughter Mary Louise Cappuccio.

He was further honored by PFA in 2007 by receiving the PFA 2007 International Distinguished Service Award at their 71st annual Awards Banquet in San Francisco by then President William Winspear (DW, Nov/Dec, p. 5–6).



Maryland Chair Joe Cappuccio presenting their Distinguished Service award to Dr. Brotman with PFA President Foster Bens

FDA: AMALGAMS ARE NOT HARMFUL

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued a news release on 21 July 2009 stating that dental fillings containing mercury are safe for patients, thus reversing an earlier caution against their use in certain patients.

“While elemental mercury has been associated with adverse health effects at high exposure levels, the levels released by dental amalgam fillings are not enough to cause harm in patients,” the FDA stated, citing some review of some 200 scientific studies.

Millions of Americans have such fillings to patch cavities in their teeth. The FDA does NOT recommend patients have them removed.

In 2006, Moms Against Mercury and other misguided groups sued the FDA to have amalgam fillings removed from the U.S. market based on scant scientific data. Instead of pursuing studies to prove their point of view, these groups jumped to conclusions not supported by science. Susan Runner, acting Director for the FDA Division on Dental Devices, said in the press release there was no casual link between amalgam fillings and health problems.

The ADA agreed with the FDA decision not to place any restriction on the use of dental amalgam.

The AMA Journal of April 2006 published two large clinical studies indicating that dental amalgam is a safe, effective, cavity-filling material for children and others. The ADA Council of Scientific Affairs did a 2009 review of all literature on the safety of amalgam and came to the same conclusion that amalgam is a valuable, viable, and safe choice for dental fillings.

But all the professional endorsements, all the scientific data that unequivocally support amalgam use are being ignored by such groups as Moms Against Mercury and Consumers for Dental Choice, stating that they have already filled a new petition with the FDA to change their stand. I guess if you do not like the experts' research, you can change it by law without any shred of evidence.

GOV. TIM PAWLENTY (MINNESOTA) SIGNS DENTAL THERAPIST BILL

Minnesota has created the new position of dental therapist, a licensed provider with a bachelor's degree in dental therapy who will work with Minnesota licensed dentists to provide care for underserved patients in the State. They will provide preventative dental services, restorations of primary and permanent teeth, extractions of primary teeth and other selected dental treatments.

Minnesota Dental Association President Lee Jess stated, “Regardless of the procedure or setting, it will be the dentist who completes the examination, makes the diagnosis, and formulates the treatment plan. For restorative and surgical procedures, the dentist must be on-site to provide intraoperative diagnosis and to assist when treatment complications arise. We are confident that this well-defined scope of practice, level of supervision, and patient population, will permit dental therapists to help contribute to aggraving the access to dental care challenge faced by many in Minnesota.”

This bill also creates an “advanced dental therapist” who must have a bachelor's degree in dental therapy, practice for 2,000 hours as a dental therapist, graduate from an advanced dental therapy master's level program, and pass a board-approved competency examination. They will be able to practice of-site without licensed dentist supervision, but will need a licensed dentist's approval to do restorative and surgical procedures. They will also be able to do non-surgical extraction of advanced periodontally involved permanent teeth.

The University of Minnesota School of Dentistry's Dean Patrick Lloyd announced that they will start a dental therapy education program. Their program will commence in September 2009. The initial bachelor's program will be of 40 months duration, while the master's level program will be 28 months. Ten applicants will be accepted to begin the program provided that the funding necessary will be obtained by the State/Governor. This new concept will now fall on the State Dental Board to develop standards for approving educational Programs, licensing, and rules and regulations.

The ADA provided legislative consulting research and communications assistance to the Minnesota Dental Association through the State Public Affairs Program.

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FOUNDATION of the Pierre Fauchard Academy



Dr. James Long

From the Desk of the President... **Dr. James Long**

Dear Fellows,

Your Board of Trustees had a very productive mid-year meeting in Chicago last June. The main item of business was to interview candidates for the Executive Director position. After three very good interviews, the Board elected to offer the job to Mrs. Laura Fleming Doyle, Certified Association Executive (CAE), of Herndon, Virginia, who has subsequently accepted the job. Laura will begin work on August 1, 2009, with Dr. David Campbell, our Interim Executive Director. Dr. Campbell has worked hard and diligently for your Foundation as Interim Director. His help has been invaluable to me and words cannot express my thanks. Laura, we look forward to working with you in the years to come,

Up until now our Executive Director has always been a Board member. Last year your Board of Trustees voted to go "outside the box," so to speak, with its search for someone with Foundation and fundraising experience. Mrs. Doyle is a very outgoing and energetic person; in fact, she challenged the Board regarding our participation in fund raising before we even hired her. This year should be an exciting one for the Foundation, which has exhibited tremendous teamwork on the part of its members.

In closing I would like to thank all of you Fellows who have responded financially to Dr. Larry Barrett's fundraising letter with a record-breaking response. This is very heart-warming to your Board to know you care enough to share with others less fortunate than we are.

Take care – I look forward to seeing you in Hawaii and introducing Laura to all of you.

*Sincerely,
Jim*



Foundation Trustees and Officers. (L-R) President Jim Long, past President David Campbell, Larry Barrett, William Kort, James Englander, Gary Lowder, Howard Mark

The Foundation Selects new Executive Director: Laura Fleming Doyle, CAE

By Dr. Howard Mark



New Foundation Executive
Director Laura Fleming Doyle

The Board of Trustees of the PFA Foundation is delighted to inform the PFA Fellows across the globe of the selection of Laura Fleming Doyle, CAE, of Herndon, Virginia, as its new Executive Director. After an exhaustive search, underway since December 2008, and the review of many resumes by the Search Committee, chaired by Dr. Kevin Roach of Canada, with the addition of Drs. Michael Perpich of Minnesota, James Englander of Wisconsin, and Howard Mark of Connecticut, and the interview of three finalists in Chicago on June 26–27, 2009, by the Board of Trustees, Ms. Doyle was unanimously chosen to assume this position. The enthusiasm for this fine lady was most palpable and allowed the Board a collective sigh of relief as it ended this most important task.

The Board of Trustees is most grateful to past President Malcolm David Campbell, who took over the reins of the office in October on an interim basis after the San Antonio Meeting. For those of you who cannot appreciate the complexity of the Executive Director position, consider the following: review and stabilizing the financial structure of the Foundation; interacting with the Board; looking into new sources of funding; sending letters to all the dental schools earmarked for the receipt of scholarships (some 85 across the globe); the receipt of grant applications, coupled with the full review of all applications, sending copies to all of the grant reviewers with appropriate summarization of these projects; enabling the scheduling of the Annual Meeting in Hawaii; working with the Academy to be certain of its schedule as well; and, at the same time, doing all the preliminary legwork for the Executive Director search that took an inordinate amount of time to coordinate for the Search Committee. It was, and is, truly mind-boggling, and we are indebted to David for his willingness to undertake this when he should be doing less work!

The three finalists were indeed worthy candidates. Their resumes were outstanding and the reaction of all the references that were called for each one was absolutely incredible. Anyone of the three could have been selected, but Ms. Doyle made the deepest and most laudatory impression on the Board members. Now, the work begins in earnest, as the Board has elected to expand and grow in outreach, in sustainability, and in its development of a truly international organization, more representative of the scope of Fellowship, and even more dedicated to service, leadership, and scholarship. Ms. Doyle has already requested that the Board pursue a strategic plan, applicable to the next 3–5 years, which will set a new direction and emphasis on its functioning. AND, WE ARE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THIS AGENDA! —even though it means much preparation and work on the part of each of us.

We anticipate that Laura will be with us in Hawaii, where, we hope, many of the Fellows will come by to meet her at the various PFA functions—the Awards Luncheon, the President’s Reception, and the President’s Dinner. It will be worth your while to do so!

The Board of Trustees of the Foundation urges all Fellows to look over the request for donations as part of the dues mailing by the Academy. We would appreciate all of you to seriously consider making a donation to the fullest extent you can when you receive the request. Your funding increases the ability of the Foundation to fully fund the scholarship program, which identifies the third-year dental student considered of high leadership and scholastic qualities by his/her dental school, for this award (which this year, should be in the amount of \$1500.00). Over \$1.4 million has been expended in this manner since 1996. In addition, any monies are applied to the Grants Program for support of the project applications the Foundation receives each year. Over the past 12+ years, the Foundation has given out some \$2.7 million to assist these projects, which materially aid those in need as regards oral health across the world, we want to expand these efforts, in both cases, because they are well deserving of our help.

These are exciting times for the Foundation, despite the downturn in the worldwide economy. An opportunity exists for the Foundation to become a force to be reckoned with on many levels—won’t you join us to make this a reality?!

Laura Fleming Doyle, CAE

Ms. Fleming Doyle was founder of Doyle Association Consulting, LLC, of Washington, DC, since 2007. She is an independent association consultant offering specialized services in all areas of association business operations and management, including serving as an association interim Chief Staff Officer, conducting operations analysis, policy development, branding, staff recruitment, and staff training.

She served as Interim Executive Director for the Foundation for Physical Therapy; did cross-functional analysis for the American Society of Consulting Pharmacists; did staff training for the American Thyroid Association; and established managerial positions for the Society of INDEPENDENT GASOLINE MARKETERS of AMERICA. She was Executive Director (2001–06) for the American Academy of Audiology of Reston, Virginia, where she did legislation/lobbying, financial management & investments, strategic organization, board relations, membership growth & services, communications, legal management & compliance, conventions, and e-commerce. Before that (1997–2000) she was Executive Vice President of the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy of Falls Church, Virginia. From 1985 to 1997, she was Director for the American College of Radiology of Reston, Virginia.

Laura Doyle earned her undergraduate degree (BA) at the University of North Carolina and her masters at George Washington University in Washington, DC. Her certificate is from the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) as a Certified Association Executive.

Grants Presentation

By Dr. Gary W. Lowder

(as presented to the Washington State PFA Section Meeting)

The purpose of the Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Academy is to administer the funding of Grants for worthy projects involving dental care for the low income and underserved populations throughout the world. That being said, the accumulation of funds for the fulfillment of that purpose becomes a major function of the Foundation. Each year approximately 57 U.S. and 28 non-U.S. dental school student scholarships in the amount of \$1500 are presented to third-year dental students who are selected by their deans as recipients. They are awarded on the basis of leadership, scholarship, and need. The funding is designated for fourth-year tuition costs.

Additionally, approximately \$180,000, in available grant funding monies are awarded to deserving projects throughout the U.S., Canada, and the world. These then are used to assist in the acquisition of materials and supplies and small equipment needed to operate clinics and programs for providing needed dental care. The awarding of grant funds is focused first on those worthy grants deemed as most impacted by the grant money. Those projects whose successful accomplishments of their stated purposes are most dependent on FPFA funding receive the most favorable status for grant acceptance. The application process and funding eligibility criteria are available online. All grant applications must comply with stated criteria found online at www.fauchard.org in order to qualify for review and possible funding.

As a result of the recent financial changes in the U.S. and throughout the world, the corpus of the Foundation has decreased from approximately \$7 million to just over \$5 million. This results in a decrease of available funds for the scholarships and grants. The Foundation has recently hired a new Executive Director, Laura Fleming Doyle, with successful background in organizational leadership, fundraising and financial management. Her past experience with other medical and professionally orientated organizations is seen as a positive benefit for furthering the purpose of the Foundation. Through increasing our corpus and the growth of funds available for the increasing numbers of worthy grants applying for Foundation funding we will be more enabled to meet the growing need.

In 2009, by the June 1st deadline, 45 grants were received for review. The average request was for the full \$10,000 limit. Because this year's available funds amounted to only \$163,450.00, only a portion of the grants will be funded and none of them for the full amount of the request.

Because of the increased need, the Foundation has launched a campaign to raise the available funds through individual and corporate donations. All monies donated will be carefully managed to achieve the maximum effectiveness for providing dental care.

Years ago, Dr. Wayne Dyer introduced the thought, "If you are what you do, then when you don't, you aren't" any of us, whether still producing income through dental services to patients, education, research, or who are now retired are orientated toward production or doing. Personal donations to the Foundation enable us to extend our positive input to the world around us. This allows being more than just what we do and extends our contribution to the profession of dentistry and the public it serves.

Thank you in advance for your caring enough to contribute both with your personal involvement and financial support.

Dr. Robert Shira Fellows

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FOUNDATION NEWS

MEXICO

International Trustee for Latin America Ernesto Acuna last May presented the Foundation Scholarship Award to Universidad Intercontinental dental student Zaett de la Torre with the school's Principal Juan Jose Corona L. and dental school Dean Yolanda Valero assisting.



L-R, Dean Yolanda Valero, Trustee Ernesto Acuna, recipient Zaett de la Torre, and Principal Juan Jose Corona

UNITED STATES

Massachusetts

Chairman Norman Becker reports having the Foundation Scholarship presented to Tufts University School of Dental Medicine student Meghann Dombrowski last May at their 16th Annual Graduation Dinner.



L-R, Dean Lonnie Norris, recipient Meghann Dombrowski, & Associate Dean Katherine Vosker

Texas

Associate Dean H. P. Pierpont of the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston reports presenting the Foundation Scholarship award to student Steven Chumbley by interim Dean John Valenza.



Dean John Valenza presenting the scholarship award to student Steven Chumbley with PFA Fellow Dr. Philip Nauert assisting

SECTION NEWS

AUSTRALASIA

International Trustee Mark Sinclair completed the Perth ADA Congress where their PFA Section held a breakfast and Induction Ceremony.



Chair Mark Sinclair & new Fellow John Owen



Trustee Mark Sinclair & inductee Tom Jenkins

PARAGUAY

The Paraguay Section hosted their first Induction Ceremony last July to bring in 20 new Fellows. With those inducted last year at the First International Latin Induction Ceremony in Sao Paolo, their Section now has 34 active members. Trustee Ernesto Acuna presided in honoring Dr. Victor Raul Vera Vierci, their Founder and Section Chairperson. PFA President Chuck Eller also attended.

POLAND

Chairman Professor Eugeniusz Spiechowicz held their Section Meeting last September in Poznan to honor Mrs. Anna Deja-Berdula, President and co-owner of the Exactus Company (organizer of the event), with Honorary PFA membership during the opening of the XVIII Central European Dental Exhibition with some 800 attending.



Dr. Eugeniusz Spiechowicz presents the PFA Honor Membership Certificate to Mrs. Anna Deja-Berdula

UNITED STATES

Illinois

The University of Illinois, College of Dentistry, presented their Constituent Leadership Award to past PFA President Dr. William Kort, '61.

Fellow Gordon Dammann of Lena, Illinois, was named the Illinois State Dental Society Historian in 2000 and founded the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick, Maryland, that now displays his extensive collection of Civil War medical and dental instruments. Gordon could be identified at the Illinois State Dental Meetings in his Union blue uniform exhibiting his dental/medical tools. He is extremely knowledgeable about that time of history and the medical procedures. A practicing dentist for some 40 years, Gordon is now a certified tour guide for the Antietam Battlefield (Sharpsburg to Southerners).

Iowa

Dr. Kathryn Kell, a PFA Fellow and former ADA Trustee, has been elected to the National Museum of Dentistry's Board of Visitors. Dr. Kell was also a featured speaker at the 92nd University of Iowa College of Dentistry Alumni Reunion on Friday, September 18th discussing "Evidence-Based Dentistry for the General Practitioner."

The Iowa PFA Section Luncheon was held Friday, September 18th.

Maryland

Dr. Leslie W. Seldin has been elected Chair of the Samuel Harris National Museum of Dentistry Board of Visitors last June. During its annual Meeting. Dr. Seldin has served as ADA 1st Vice President, President of the Dental Society of the State of New York, and President of the New York County Dental Society. He recently served as General Chairman of the Greater New York Dental Meeting—the largest dental convention in the country. He is the recipient of the prestigious Jarvie Burkhart Award from the New York State Dental Association. He is a PFA Fellow as well as ACD and ICD.

The Museum celebrated its 13th anniversary last June with past Chairman Roger Levin opening their new "Smile" exhibit and introduced its new Web site, "Get Mouth Power!" sponsored by Colgate-Palmolive.

Executive Director Rosemary Fetter retired last July.

The National Museum is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institute and designated by the U.S. Congress as the official museum of the dental profession in the United States. It is located on the campus of the University of Maryland–Baltimore in the old dental school building.

Wisconsin

Fellow Denis P. Lynch, Professor of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at Marquette University School of Dentistry was the 72nd recipient of the University of California, San Francisco, Medal of Honor, which is the highest award given by the Dental Alumni Association last June. This distinguished recognition is bestowed upon a member for outstanding accomplishments in advancing the quality and standards of the dental profession. The Award was presented by previous recipient Dr. Sol Silverman, Jr., UCSF School of Dentistry Professor Emeritus.



L-R, Dr. Denis Lynch receiving award from Dr. Sol Silverman

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