From the Chair's Desk

What a busy start of summer! I just came back re-energized from the European Organization for Caries Research (ORCA) meeting that took place in Cartagena, Colombia. It was only the 3rd time that this event took place outside of Europe in its 66 years of history. Just before the meeting we had a Symposium where we launched the “CariesCare Practice Guide: Consensus on Evidence into Practice”. I look forward to sharing this information with you. The International Association of Dental Research (IADR) meeting in Vancouver took place in June with great representation of our students. These meetings are always fertile ground for collaborations and we will have some new research projects starting soon. If you want to participate let me know!

We have a new faculty member in our department, Dr. Ilenia Gonzalez Gusmao, our newest PC on the 4th floor. When you have a chance introduce yourself and welcome her to our department.

We just had our 1st PC retreat! It was wonderful spending the day with this amazing hard-working group of faculty that plays a major role in the clinical (and emotional!) mentoring of our students. Lots of discussions about procedures at the different group practices and new paradigms on caries management. We will be having some lunch and learn sessions talking about these new paradigms coming up in August and September.

“*You have the power to motivate and inspire. Let your enthusiasm shine.*” J D. Crighton

Mini Medical School at the Museum of Science

On July 16, Melissa Ing, Shubha Nanda, Jim Theodore, Leo Whitworth, Natalie Hagel from Comprehensive Care and Kathy Dolan from the Department of Public Health & Community Service and some of our own dental students represented Tufts Dental School to present a mini-medical school for children at the Museum of Science in Boston.

The children had presentations and activities such “Build a Blood Vessel” ticks and mosquitoes, suturing a banana learning about dental caries and head and neck anatomy.

It was a very informative day with the children and maybe inspired a few future medical, dental, and nursing students.
Faculty Accomplishments

Presentations

Richard Harold presented a CERP continuing education webinar sponsored by American Dental Association on June 18 titled: “GPS Managing Professional Risks: Legal Updates for Dental Practitioners.” The program is the eighth in a series of webinars based on content from the ADA’s Guidelines for Practice Success (GPS) and recapped some of the information available in the GPS module including review of dental regulations, patient record documentation, board of registration discipline, and social media privacy concerns. The program is now available for on-demand viewing at www.ada.org.

Melissa Ing presented “Silver Diamine Fluoride and Fluoride Updates” on June 21, 2019 at Hartford Hospital General Practice Residency Program, Hartford CT.

Andrea Ferreira Zandona presented “2nd D: Detect and Assess Lesions. Experience from the USA (Staging and Progression)” on July 2, 2019 at the Pre-ORCA Symposium, in Cartagena, Colombia.

Andrea Ferreira Zandona presented “ICCMS™ Implementation and Experiences” July 3, 2019 at the ICDAS Meeting, Cartagena, Colombia.

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Personal News

Welcome Dr. Ilenia Gonzalez Gusmao to the Comprehensive Care Department. Ilenia will be the new Practice Coordinator for the Fairfield Group.

Dr. Ellen Patterson is transitioning to a new role as Director of Behavioral Sciences Education.

Dr. Eileen Doherty got promoted to Associate Professor.

In Memoriam

Dr. Melvin Miller passed away on June 29, 2019. Dr. Miller was a member of the General Dentistry Department (now known as Comprehensive Care) from 1998-2006. He also taught on a part time basis for 30 years.

Dr. Kenneth Berman passed away on July 1, 2019. Dr. Berman served as Head of the Division of Diagnosis and Treatment Planning from 1994 to 2001. He was a member of our faculty for 33 years prior to his retirement in 2001.

Join us in congratulating Karishma Manji, an International Student in the DMD Class of 2021, who has been awarded the 2019 Dental Trade Alliance (DTA) Foundation Scholarship. This competitive recognizes academic excellence in dentistry, financial need, and a commitment to community service. 34 Scholarships are available nationally; one per school, and Karishma was exclusively nominated for Tufts, from the Dean and from Dr. Ronald Perry, the course director for the Dental International Students Program at Tufts.