Looking for a Few Good Women and Men

We have really good students. They come from everywhere. Each fall a new group comes to campus to enrich the Division and the University. They come to discover. They come to learn. They come to improve the lives of the patients they treat. Ultimately they leave for a successful life. From here they go everywhere.

We are always looking for our next class of good students. The faculty know that great students mean a great program.

As a result we spend a lot of time searching for those students who can come to OSU and be successful. But we believe when more people search, more good things can happen. Therefore, we request your help in finding those students who have the credentials and spirit to be a graduate student in this august program. For every open position we have 10 applicants but some of our best students have been recommendations from our alumni. So send us your thoughts and some future Buckeyes.

From the Editor

It was just two years ago in my first year when I was reading the The Cutting Edge newsletter, and here I am in my third year writing the editor's letter!

Our family has been leaping into their various endeavors with the fervor that is expected from all OSU graduates. Congratulations to the class of 2015. Dr. Dimitrios Malamis, Dr. Nicolas Robitaille, Dr. Christopher Ludden, and Dr. Pin-Chuang (Patrick) Lai. It has been a joy being your colleague and friend. Best of luck on your respective careers but don't forget about your OSU roots!

This year, a new class of very bright future-periodontists have joined the program. Welcome to the family Dr. Sukirth Ganesan, Dr. Christina Zachariadou, Dr. Vrisiis Kofina, and Dr. Reem Andijani.

Our perio family has been very active over the past year with participation in many major international conferences such as AADR, AAP, EuroPerio 8, as well as hosting the prestigious VOLPE Prize awards.

With that in mind, I don't see us slowing down any time soon. After foreseeing the need to treat periodontology as a specialty on its own, the first program of its kind in the country was born inside the walls of OSU. Sixty-six years later, the pioneering vision is still alive, and is still cutting edge!

Best regards,
Dr. Khaled Altablbaei

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Since our last communication a little over a year ago, the Program and our graduates have continued to make strides in all facets of our mission.

This past June we celebrated the graduation of the class of 2015: Dr. Pin-Chuang “Patrick” Lai is in the process of completing his PhD dissertation and after his defense he will continue his academic career as a periodontal faculty; Dr. Chris Ludden successfully defended his MS thesis and is back in his native Appleton (Wisconsin) where he is pursuing private practice; Dr. Nicolas Robitaille, who also successfully defended his MS thesis, returned to his native Montreal (Canada) and is in private practice; Dr. Dimitrios Malamis, our 2014-2015 Chief Resident, returned to his native Athens (Greece) after defending his MS thesis and joined his father’s private practice. Congratulations to the class of 2015!

In July, the Division of Periodontics hosted the 2015 VOLPE Research Prize competition. The VOLPE Prize, which is named in honor of Dr. Anthony Volpe, is a $3,500 award presented for the best clinical research in periodontology by students in dentistry. Twelve finalists representing nine different dental schools or periodontal programs, from the US and Canada, presented their research. Dr. Rana Tarzemanay (University of British Columbia) was this year’s winner. Drs. Nina Cunningham (Nova Southeastern University) and Guy Aboodi (University of Toronto) received the 2nd and 3rd place award, respectively. Congratulations to all the finalists!!

We feel great pride in the several notable accomplishments of our alumni during this past year. Drs. Munirah Burashed (’14), Ming Chien (’14), Rachana Hegde (’14), and Matthew Lemke (’14) attained ABP Diplomate status this past May. Dr. Rachana Hegde presented her research as a Balint Orban Memorial Competition finalist at the 2014 AAP meeting in San Francisco, while Dr. Patrick Lai was a finalist at the 2015 VOLPE Prize competition. Dr. Shaun Rotenberg (’10) was featured in the most recent issue of the AAP Periodontics magazine, under the Part-Time Educator Spotlight section. Congratulations to all our alumni for their successes!

In late June we welcomed the newest members of our Buckeye Periodontal family, the class of 2018: Dr. Reem Andijani, a graduate of the King Saud University School of Dentistry (Riyadh, Saudi Arabia); Dr. Sukirthmurthy Ganesan, a graduate of the Tamil Nadu Medical University (Chennai, India) and an Oral Biology PhD student at the OSU College of Dentistry; Dr. Vrisis Kofina, a graduate of the University of Athens School of Dentistry (Athens, Greece); and Dr. Christina Zachariadou, a graduate of the University of Thessaloniki School of Dentistry (Thessaloniki, Greece).

This past year, residents and faculty enjoyed presentations from some great guest lecturers, including Dr. João Batista César Neto (University of Sao Paulo, Brazil), Dr. Thomas Hart (University of Illinois at Chicago), Dr. Andreas Parashis (Tufts University), Dr. Andrea Pilioni (La Sapienza University, Rome, Italy), and two of our alumni, Dr. Paul (Pao-ying) Lin (’91) and Dr. Jeffrey Wessel (’07). The residents and I appreciate your continued support of the Program and I hope many more of you will join us in such activities. If you would like to do so, please contact me.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our annual Buckeye Reception, which will be held at 6:30 pm on Monday, November 16, 2015, during the upcoming AAP annual meeting in Orlando, FL.

With my warmest regards,

Dimitris Tatakis
It has been more than a year since our last Buckeye Periodontal Alumni Newsletter – the Cutting Edge in September 2014. We are so happy to report that our predoctoral program continues to offer high-quality periodontal education to our dental students. Our students have demonstrated the ability to conduct and accurately record the findings of a comprehensive periodontal examination, arrive at a diagnosis, establish a prognosis, and formulate a treatment plan which is integrated with the patient’s other dental needs. Students continue to perform well on National Board and Regional Board examinations. The National Board scores in Periodontics in the past five years from our students closely mirror how well they have been mentored and prepared by all periodontal faculty members for these examinations. The raw scores of OSU dental students in Periodontics exceeded the national average by 2 to 3 points from 2009 to 2011. After the NBDE part II became pass/fail in 2012, profile reports in Periodontics showed that OSU students scored 1.65 and 1.85 standard deviation higher than the national average in 2013 and 2014, respectively. All periodontal full-time and part-time faculty members, as well as all the periodontal residents were calibrated for this new teaching model.

We implemented the “Focus Periodontal Teaching Model” on August 26th, 2015. This teaching model was piloted by Drs. Leblebicioglu and Messick in Comprehensive Care Clinic 2 for the entire Spring Semester in 2015. The goal of this new teaching model is to utilize our time wisely in periodontal education with dental students. Students need to book a 15 to 20-minute slot for their periodontal D&T, scaling and root planning, maintenance and re-evaluation appointment and get all the required data ready before periodontal instructors begin checking their periodontal procedures. All the periodontal full-time and part-time faculty members, as well as all the periodontal residents were calibrated for this new teaching model.

We had four 4th year dental students from Taiwan’s China Medical University as visiting student externs in August 2015. These students were scheduled to observe in the Comprehensive Care Clinic, Implant Clinic, GPR Clinic, and Postgraduate Periodontology Clinic from August 10th to 21st. The Division of Periodontology hosted a “Dental Implant and Related Surgery” continuing education course for general dentists from Taiwan and the Columbus area. We had 11 dentists from Taiwan and 6 dentists from the Columbus area who attended this course. The course was given from October 19th to 21st. This is our second time to offer dental implant continuing education course to general dentists from Taiwan.

I hope to see you all in the upcoming AAP annual meeting in Orlando soon.

Regards,

Hua-Hong (Ben) Chien
Recent Awards to Faculty and Students

Awards 2014—2015 Academic Year

Dr. Hua-Hong Chien received the “Outstanding Community Service Award” in November 2014 from the Physician CareConnection, Columbus, Ohio, USA.

Dr. Lewis Claman received the College of Dentistry’s “2015 Student Government Teaching Award” from the Dental Class of 2015-Periodonitics.

Dr. Fred Alger is the President-Elect for the Columbus Dental Society and will take office on January 1, 2016.

Achievements

Congratulations to our New Diplomates

Dr. Munirah Burashed (‘14)
Dr. Ming Chien (‘14)
Dr. Rachana Hegde (‘14)
Dr. Matthew Lemke (‘14)

BUCKEYE RECEPTION
Monday, November 16, 2015
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center
Emerald 5 Room
6000 W. Osceola Parkway
Kissimmee, FL 34746
Welcome to the OSU Periodontol Family

Dr. Yun Wang

Dr. Yun Wang was born and raised in Dalian, a major port city in northeastern China. Ever since she was a youngster, Yun wanted to be a dentist. She’s a natural, as it’s in the family: her dad, three uncles and grandparents are also dentists. Dedicated efforts through her childhood gained her admittance to the most prestigious dental school in China, Peking University, where she obtained her BDS degree in 1999. Her curiosity in the biological sciences drove her to pursue a graduate program in Cellular and Molecular Physiology at Michigan State University, where she received her Ph.D. degree in 2008. Later, she completed specialty training in periodontics and dental implants at the University of Southern California in June 2015.

Dr. Wang is proficient in all aspects of periodontics. Clinically, she enjoys working with general dentists and specialists, preferring an interdisciplinary approach to treatment. She has special interests in the periodontal plastic surgery in the esthetic zone, periodontal regeneration, and dental implants with immediate loading.

Dr. Wang married Dr. Fengyuan Zheng in 2001. He is a prosthodontist who is a full time faculty in the Division of Restorative and Prosthetic Dentistry at The Ohio State University. They have a lovely 9 year old daughter who likes Columbus more than Los Angeles and has the goal to pursue a dental degree at the OSU.

When not practicing periodontics, Dr. Wang enjoys cooking, swimming, practicing yoga, and spending time with her family.
2014 AAP meeting in San Francisco, CA

Division Faculty ‘Selfie’
2015 Periodontal Recognition Awards

Drs. Tatakis, Leblebicioglu, Kumar and Chien
AADR 2015 Boston

Periodontal faculty and residents attending the meeting.
2015 Volpe Prize Competition

Dr. Anthony Volpe

Buckeye Brass Band welcoming participants

Dr. Patrick Lai’s presentation
Drs. Tenenbaum, Mariotti, Hart and Volpe

2015 VOLPE Prize Judges
Drs. Kumar, Tenenbaum and Hart

Dr. Volpe and the finalists
Last day at OSU for Patrick, Dimitrios, Chris, Nicholas
Class of 2015’s Graduation party at the home of Dr. Binnaz.
Class of 2015 Farewell Dinner

Class of 2015 with the Chair, Dr. Angelo Mariotti and Program Director, Dr. Dimitris Tatakis

Class of 2015 with division staff
New Graduate Students Reception (Class of 2018)

Dean of COD
Dr. Patrick Lloyd
welcoming students

Associate Dean of
Advanced and
Graduate
Education,
Dr. John Walters
welcoming students

Class of 2018 with
Program Director
Dr. Dimitris Tatakis
and Chief Resident
Dr. Lamees Alssum
2015 Welcome picnic for first year residents

Drs. Ganesan, Andijani, Kofina, Zachariadou and Tatakis.
Twins Study– Twinsburg 2015

Dr. Kumar and the 'Twins Study' event 'crew'!
2015 Continuing Education with Taiwanese Dentists

Taiwanese dentists and Division faculty at the welcome dinner, in the lab and the group photo in the College courtyard.
Miscellaneous

Residents “selfie” with Dr. Chien

Last Residents dinner with the Class of 2015

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Honor Roll of Giving

Gifts to the Division of Periodontology can be conferred to the following funds:

**Endowed Chair for Periodontology**: To help ensure the long-term health and stability of the Division of Periodontology at The OSU College of Dentistry, alumni and friends of the division have established a campaign to raise $1.5 million to create an Endowed Chair in Periodontology. For the division to not only retain outstanding faculty, but to also recruit new faculty to fill the open positions today and in the future, it must distinguish itself even further from the other periodontal programs across the country. One of the best ways to do this is through the establishment of an endowed chair. For more information on what an endowed chair is and does or to talk about your interest in supporting this campaign, please contact Ted Backus, Senior Director of Development, at (614) 292-9307.

**The George R. App Periodontal Endowment Fund**: Interest from the Endowment is used to support graduate student education and development with special interest in providing funds for travel to meetings by The Ohio State University periodontal graduate students.

**Division of Periodontology Fund**: This fund is used to support a wide variety of periodontal activities by the Division of Periodontology in the College of Dentistry. More specifically this fund is used for but not limited to the purchase equipment for the graduate program, support of alumni activities (e.g. the annual AAP Buckeye Reception, CE courses, mailings, etc.), endowment of graduate research projects, purchase of food for graduate student activities, etc.

**The Lewis Claman Periodontal Endowment Fund**: Interest from the Endowment will be used to support an award for OSU dental students who exhibit clinical excellence in periodontics. Special consideration will be given to students who want to choose a career in academic periodontics.

It’s Noteworthy

**The Cutting Edge** is available electronically! If you would like to receive it by email, please email us at osugradperio@osu.edu and let us know where you would like it delivered. It can also be accessed on the web:

We encourage all alumni of our program to visit The Division of Periodontology on the OSU College of Dentistry Website. The website has been recently updated and is very detailed.

1. The web address of the college is [http://dent.osu.edu](http://dent.osu.edu)
2. Click on Academic Sections
3. Click on Periodontology and you will be on Periodontal Homepage

You can then navigate to the Division of Periodontology’s History, Faculty, Staff, Predoctoral Program, Postdoctoral Program, Research, Service, Continuing Education, Alumni, and Patients.

To access current or past Cutting Edge issues:
1. Click on alumni
2. Click on The Cutting Edge
3. Click on any issue to open or download

The direct Web address for the Cutting Edge is: [http://dent.osu.edu/perio/alumni_the_cutting_edge.php](http://dent.osu.edu/perio/alumni_the_cutting_edge.php)