University of Iowa

Congratulations to Drs. Tanner Clark, Russell Guymon, Andre Jham, Michelle McManus and Maura Vroman for completing their orthodontic education and receiving their Master's degrees this June! Congratulations also to Drs. Jason Schmit, Clayton Parks and Kirk Davies who became Board Certified this year by The American Board of Orthodontics!

The 32nd Iowa Winter Orthodontic Seminar will be held January 23-29, 2011, at the Lion Square Lodge and Conference Center in Vail, Colorado. This seminar, spearheaded by Dr. **John Casko**, hosts clinicians from across the nation and internationally and offers orthodontists and surgeons the opportunity to interact closely in diagnosing and treatment planning a spectrum of orthognathic surgery cases. Further information on the course may be obtained by contacting **Linda Keller** at linda-keller@uiowa.edu.

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University of Manitoba

A contingent of ten from the University of Manitoba attended the WFO meeting in Sydney, Australia, in February – an all-time record attendance at a conference on foreign soil! Four oral presentations were given by Drs. Billy Wiltshire, Sercan Akyalcin, Eileen Lo and Amanda Huminicki. Four poster presentations were presented by Drs. Andy Ho, Catherine McCleod, Amanda Huminicki and Mr. Bob Ward. The Department is grateful to Drs. Charles and Milos Lekic, Frank Hechter, Chung Yue, Wayne Frostad, Patricia Mc Dermott and Warren Cohen and the Canadian Foundation for the Advancement of Orthodontics for funding assistance.



University of Manitoba attendees at WFO in Sydney

Spearheaded by our alumnus Dr. Martin Fine, our five Australian alumni – Drs. Martin Fine, Grant Duncan, David Tate, Warren Duff and Michael Counsel – arranged and kindly hosted a historic alumni get-together on Sydney's harbor front for a delicious dinner. This was the first time ever that all five Australian alumni of the program have gotten together. Canadian alumni who also made the trip to Australia and enjoyed the alumni function were Drs. Roger Moir from Winnipeg and Sonia Lapointe from Montreal. One of our new residents, Dr. Nicholas Playfair, also from Sydney, Australia, who will be joining us in July 2010, arranged an interesting tour of scenic Sydney and environs, followed by a delicious dinner ocean-side. All-inall the WFO meeting was a historic, memorable and educational trip that was enjoyed by everyone.

Drs. Wellington Rody and Billy Wiltshire from orthodontics were recipients of a \$20,000 Manitoba Medical Service Foundation grant, *Understanding the Biological Differences Between Juvenile and Adult Patients Undergoing Orthodontic Treatment*.

Drs. Wellington Rody and Billy Wiltshire both presented papers at the AAO Annual Session in Washington, D.C., Dr. Rody in the "Rising Stars" section and Dr. Wiltshire at the Educator's meeting. In addition, two of our residents participated – Dr. Catherine McCleod presented a poster and Dr. Xiem Phan presented in the Charlie Schultz competition. Dr. Wiltshire also was a keynote speaker at the Greek Orthodontic Society Scientific Conference held in Athens, Greece, in May.

Our external examiners for our first-year residents' Diagnosis and Treatment Planning Exam in June will be alumni Drs. **Nick Karaiskos** (Ottawa) and **James Noble** (Toronto).

We will be saying farewell to our three third-year residents who complete their 36-month program on June 30 and are presently wrapping up their patient and thesis requirements. Dr. **Eileen Lo** will be moving to Calgary, Alberta; Dr. **Andy Ho** will be moving to Toronto, Ontario; and Dr. **Catherine McCleod** is exploring various options in North America and abroad.

The program is excited to announce that we have started renovations on our fourth floor which will include three dedicated offices for our nine residents as well as a new seminar room which will be shared with the Periodontic and Oral Surgery residents. Renovations are expected to be completed by August 2010, in time for the start of our new intake of residents who commence their 36-month program the first week of July. Manitoba's new Graduate Pediatric Dentistry Program also has received final approval and we expect to take in our first new students in 2010.

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In 2011 our Orthodontic Graduate Program will be celebrating its 45th or "sapphire" anniversary. Plans are underway for celebrations to mark this milestone. So far, Dr. **Wick Alexander** has agreed to visit the program and present an all-day lecture in November 2011, kindly sponsored by American Orthodontics.

Another successful academic year would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our full-time and part-time instructors. In particular, our thanks go to our part-timers who continue to give so generously and unselfishly of their time to the graduate orthodontic program: Drs. Jeff Bales, Tim Dumore, Gerry Solomon, Milos Lekic, Frank Hechter, Gary Levine, Herman Lee, Kris Row, Susan Tsang, Lee McFadden and Anastasia Cholakis.

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University of Minnesota

Once again I was thrilled to see all the alumni who gathered at our reception at the AAO Annual Session in Washington, D.C. I never get tired of thanking Dr. **Steve Litton** and his wife, **Bonnie**, for organizing this wonderful event. I met several alumni whom I had not seen before and renewed acquaintances with many others.

I was very pleased that Dr. **Jim Miller**, one of our outstanding full-time faculty members, was selected to give one of the "Rising Stars" lectures at the AAO Annual Session. Jim presented findings from his research into information-seeking and decision-making in orthodontic patients. This is a unique area of research that has many ramifications for how we deal with treatment planning and informed consent. Look for it to be published soon.

Each year the School of Dentistry Alumni Society



(l to r) Steve Litton, Mike Fuchs, Arnie Hill and Bob Isaacson

gives a
Distinguished
Dental Alumnus Award.
This year the award went to
Dr. Michael
Fuchs from
Huron, South
Dakota. Mike
has been active

in the MSO and also recently received the MSO's Earl E.

Shepard Distinguished Service Award. The accompanying photo was taken at the alumni event where the award was given and captures three other orthodontists who have won that award. Joining Mike are Drs. **Steve Litton**, **Arnie Hill** and **Bob Isaacson**. Congratulations, Mike!

Over the past year we have had some changes in our full-time faculty. Last fall Dr. John Beyer left the full-time ranks after many years of contributing in numerous ways. We are grateful that John continues to spend Fridays with us and still manages to be involved in resident research projects as well as clinical teaching. The second full-time departure was Dr. Ben Pliska who returned to Canada with his wife, Roxanna, and their daughter. Ben had been a faculty member since his graduation in 2007 and has done a great job of directing the pre-doctoral orthodontic courses over the past year. Fortunately for all of us, Ben is remaining in academics as a faculty member at the University of British Columbia. We wish both John and Ben the best and are grateful for their contributions during their time here.

The good news is that I also can announce the arrival of two outstanding new full-time faculty members. Dr. Nanci De Filippe joined us at the end of May as a Clinical Assistant Professor, and Dr. Thorsten Gruenheid will be on board as of July 1. Nanci is originally from Brazil and did her orthodontic training at University of Illinois-Chicago. She spent some time on the faculty at UIC and, thankfully, ended up moving with her husband to Minnesota. Nanci's enthusiasm and energy will be much appreciated as she takes responsibility for the pre-doctoral program as well as contributing to the residents' education. Thorsten is originally from Germany but has spent the last few years on the faculty in Amsterdam. He will bring his research and clinical expertise to our faculty.

Our 2010 graduates are Drs. Amanda Romsa, Dustin Hollovoet, Adam Ostby, Gary Warner, Jacquee Schieck and Matt Sievers. I always will fondly remember this group as the ones who planned and executed an outstanding GORP program in Minnesota last summer!

Keep in touch and stop by for a visit when you are in Minneapolis!

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University of Missouri – Kansas City

As of July 1, 2010, the UMKC Orthodontic Clinic

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will be using paperless charting. Dr. **Don Thompson**, Postgraduate Clinic Director, and Ms. **Michele Elmore**, Administrative Assistant, have been working hard to get the newly acquired ORTHO II software operational. We are eager to have the system in place.

Drs. **Brad Smith** and **Kurt Hoffman** recently have integrated themselves into their duties as part-time teaching faculty. Dr. Smith will be supervising the grad clinic on Tuesday afternoons, while Dr. Hoffman will contribute his efforts on Wednesday afternoons. We are very fortunate at UMKC to have the help of 14 dedicated part-time faculty in the training of our residents.

Our incoming class of 2010 are dental graduates of UMKC. Drs. **Genavieve McGivern**, **Lauren Gossett** and **Ashlee Williams** start their postgraduate education on July 1. These doctors form the first class to enroll in the new CODA-approved 30-month program and are expected to graduate in December 2012.

Each year UMKC Graduate Orthodontics organizes the Eric J. Schweitzer ('92) Memorial Symposium. The purpose of the symposium is to have recent orthodontic graduates make presentations to current orthodontic resi-



Attendees at the Eric J. Schweitzer Memorial Symposium

dents on the joys and difficulties they encountered while embarking on their careers. On March 17 our two guest speakers were Dr. **Jeff Barlow** and Dr. **Travis Nash**.

The first-year residents Drs. Jodi Hentscher-Johnson, Stephen Darmitzel, Julie Olson and Dustin Wilson, attended the Tweed Study Course in Tucson in April. Many thanks to our alumni for providing financial help for their trips. Both classes attended the AAO Annual Session in Washington, D.C. Funding from the new Sperry Zervas Memorial Scholarship helped with travel expenses for the second-year residents, all of whom presented cases at the CDABO Case Display.

Second-year residents Drs. Blake Borello, Llon Clendenen, Ben Frandsen and David Ries are working diligently on finishing up their MS theses and orthodontic program requirements as well as planning the next phases of

their lives. We are excited for them and look forward to calling them alumni in the future!

Congratulations to Dr. **Ling Ye,** Assistant Professor, Departments of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics and Oral Biology, who was recently awarded the 2010 Tuncay Orthodontic Teaching Fellowship from the AAOF. He also was named "Lecturer of the Year" by the UMKC dental class of 2012.

The UMKC Alumni Reception at the AAO in Washington, D.C., was held May 2. Although the AAO program incorrectly identified the location, at least 40 people managed to find our party amongst all the other parties taking place in the sprawling D.C. Convention Center. UMKC Orthodontic Alumni came from as far as Australia and Germany. During the 2010 AAO Annual Session, Dr. Laura Iwasaki, Leo Rogers Chair of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, gave a presentation entitled, *Differences in Joint Loads and Energy Densities*, as part of the "Rising Stars" program. This work was supported by a grant from the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. William Hoffman was recognized as the 2010 Distinguished Orthodontist during the Orthodontic Alumni Luncheon at the March Midwest Dental Convention. Dr. Hoffman completed his orthodontic training at UMKC in 1968 and has been in private practice and taught part-time at UMKC. Also during the luncheon meeting, Dr. John Roth, incoming president of the UMKC Orthodontic Alumni Board, congratulated Dr. Scott Francois for his work as the 2009-2010 president.

Our guest lecturer was Dr. "Wick" Alexander. He reviewed the 12 Steps of the Alexander Technique. The staff program was presented by Dr. Gary Johnson. Dr. Iwasaki gave her annual state of the department address. Duly noted were the successful 2009 graduates Drs. Paul Anders, Ian Ballou, Jason Burckhard and Chuck Schumacher. Other highlights included an expression of thanks to the dedicated part-time graduate orthodontic instructors, and our appreciation of the generosity of donations by the Kansas Society of Orthodontists and Missouri Society of Orthodontists.

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University of Nebraska

Dr. **Michael Molvar**, Assistant Dean for Patient Services and Quality Officer, continues to serve as our —continued on next page

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program's Interim Chair until his retirement on June 30. Dean **John Reinhardt** named Dr. **Curtis Kuster**, Assistant Dean and Professor, Department of Growth and Development, as our new Interim Chair as of July 1, 2010. Dr. Kuster is one of the most trusted and well-liked individuals in the College and we look forward to working with him.

This March the Nebraska Society of Orthodontists continued its generosity and support of UNMC's orthodontic program. Faculty and residents attended the educational event. Dr. **Sundaralingam Premaraj** is currently the 2010-2011 president of the NSO. He also received one of the Orthodontic Faculty Development Fellowship Awards from the AAOF – the 2010 Eugene E. West Memorial Fellowship.

In March 2010, Dr. Premaraj presented a research paper titled, *Mechanical Strain Activates B-Catenin Signaling in PDL Cells*, at the AADR Annual Meeting. Dr. Premaraj gave a presentation entitled, *Molecular Mechanisms of Tooth Movement: Emerging Concepts* at the 2010 AAO Annual Session as a part of the "Rising Stars" program. **Jessamy Stengle**, who worked with Dr. Premaraj, will be presenting research entitled, *Prostaglandin E2 Activates Wnt/Beta-Catenin Signaling in Periodontal Ligament Cells*, at the IADR Annual Meeting in Barcelona, Spain, in July.

Dr. Peter Spalding also presented a paper at the AAO Annual Session entitled, rhBMP-2 May Replace Autologous Bone Grafts to Permit Orthodontic Tooth Movement. It also was published in the AAO Book of Abstracts. Second-year residents Drs. Ann Granicz, Shawn Powell and Thyagaseely (Sheela) Premaraj participated in the ABO Case Display program. Dr. Premaraj represented our program as the Charley Schultz Resident Scholar and won second place in the basic science research category of the competition.

Dr. Premaraj trained this spring and accepted the

role of an ADA Evidence Reviewer. Dr. Spalding became a Referee for the *Journal of Prosthodontics* this year. He currently is revising a chapter entitled, *Craniofacial Growth and Development: Current Understanding and Clinical Considerations*, in the third edition of Peterson's *Principles of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*, to be published in 2010.

UNMC dental school graduate and local orthodontist Dr. **Paul Rallis** and program graduate and part-time clinical faculty member Dr. **Robert Schoettger** are helping our program for a second consecutive summer by teaching two orthodontic classes to the 47 sophomore dental school students. These are large classes with multiple hands-on experiences. We greatly appreciate the gift of time and expertise these two dedicated orthodontists are providing.

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Matthew Ames, a graduate of the UNMC College of Dentistry, to our program's part-time faculty. Dr. Ames trained at The Ohio State University's orthodontic program and joined an orthodontic practice in Norfolk, Nebraska, with our 1973 program alumnus, Dr. Phil Samuels. He will teach both Principles of Mechanics and Orthodontic Lab Technique to new residents in July/August and a new post-graduate orthodontic course in the spring semester of 2011. We are delighted to have Dr. Ames and feel especially fortunate to have him working as an instructor in our program.

We wish to welcome the members of the new class set to join us on July 1, 2010 – Dr. Elizabeth (Glenn)

Katzberg, a 2010 graduate of UNMC; Dr. Vivian Luong, a 2010 graduate of UCLA; and Dr. Tram Nguyen, a 2010 Meharry Medical College graduate. This group is making history as it is the first time since our program began in 1954 that all three new residents are female. We are very pleased to have such exceptional applicants match with our program.

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Bailey Jacobson (l) and son, Ron Jacobson

Congratulations, John.

Dr. Bailey Jacobson, Illinois, was awarded the Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award from the American Board of Orthodontics at the CDABO luncheon. The award recognizes an individual for outstanding dedication and advancement of the ideals and mission of the ABO. Congratulations, Bailey. The award was shared with Dr. **P. Lionel Sadowsky**.

Last but not least, the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists was recognized by the AAOPAC for being the constituent with the highest percentage of contributors to the AAOPAC. Thank you to all of the MSO members who have contributed to AAOPAC.

The MSO is fortunate to have so many individuals who give of themselves to make this a better profession for all of us. You, too, need to get involved! To volunteer, contact the MSO at msortho@charter.net.

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MSO Annual Session and Business Meeting

Reserve the dates of September 22 - 26, 2010 to "Explore the Rockies" during peak autumn colors at the first joint meeting of the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists (MSO) and the Southern Association of Orthodontists (SAO) at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Doctor and staff speakers include:

- Charles Alexander, a second-generation orthodontist using the Alexander Discipline
- Brent Larson, interactive program on treatment planning and emerging technology
- Mike McDevitt, orthodontics in patients susceptible to periodontitis
- Rohit Sachdeva, former educator specializing in bioengineering and material sciences
- Uche Odiatu, a health and wellness expert who will help you lose the last 10 pounds
- Leil Lowndes, a speaker on interpersonal communication who will keep you laughing
- Steve McEvoy, a technology expert who will safeguard your office

MSO Business Meeting Notice

The MSO Annual Business Meeting will be held Thursday, September 23, from 7:00-8:00am at the Broadmoor Hotel in conjunction with the 2010 MSO-SAO Annual Session in Colorado Springs.

Since a complimentary light continental breakfast will be hosted by MSO in the business meeting room, attendees need not purchase a separate continental breakfast ticket offered for general meeting attendees. Everyone is invited to attend but only current active members have the right to vote. Attending new MSO members and component presidents will be recognized.

The agenda, along with accompanying background information for the MSO Annual Business Meeting, will be posted mid-July on www.msortho.org under the Annual Sessions section. A highlight of the meeting will be the

presentation of the 2010 MSO Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award to Dr. **Frank Whipps**, from Centralia, Illinois. A reception in Frank's honor also will be held that evening from 6:30-7:30pm.

Three bylaws changes will be presented at the meeting:

• A dues increase is proposed to go from the current \$160 to \$175 with the 2011



J. Franklin Whipps

summer AAO dues billing process. Historically, MSO has presented a modest dues increase every four to five years to keep up with cost-of-living increases. With interest revenue decreases, MSO's budget has relied more on Annual Session income to offset general MSO expenses. MSO is

proposing a break-even budget in 2011 (to be approved at the business meeting) with this dues increase and cost-cutting in other areas, even though there will be no traditional MSO Annual Session revenue in 2011 since the meeting will be held in conjunction with the AAO 2011 Annual Session in Chicago.

- MSO also is proposing changing the bylaws to remove the position of vice president at the time of installation of officers in 2012. This change would reduce the time of service by moving officers through the chairs a year sooner. MSO would experience a savings of approximately \$1,500 in travel/hotel for one less attendee at two annual MSO board meetings.
- A bylaws change related to waivers and assessments is proposed to keep current with AAO bylaws changes made at the AAO House of Delegates in May.

The following 2010-2011 officers and 2011 MSO delegation members will be presented by the Nominating Committee:

President Jacqueline M. Miller
President-Elect Babette Cohen
Vice President Ross L. Crist
Secretary-Treasurer John R. Crawford

MSO 2011 delegation members include Chair Ross Crist, Vice Chair Ara Goshgarian, Paula Harre, Michael Hipp, Deborah Lien, Virginia Mennemeyer, Dennis Sommers and alternate delegates Tim Dumore, James Klarsch and John Kanyusik.

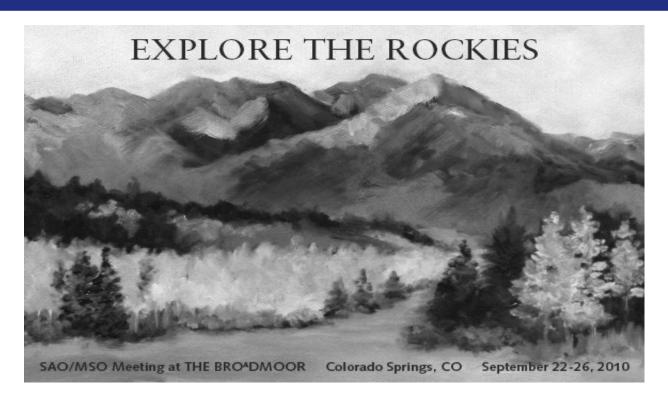
If there are questions about the MSO Business Meeting, please feel free to contact MSO President **John Kanyusik** at kanyusik@hickorytech.net or the MSO office at msortho@charter.net.

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Explore the Rockies September 22 - 26, 2010

The first-ever joint meeting of the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists and the Southern Association of Orthodontists will be at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Participate in lectures and exhibits until 1:00 p.m. and have fun in the afternoon and evening with social events, tours and more!

Registration materials have been mailed or go to www.saortho.org.