COMING UP

Indiana University School of Dentistry
Calendar of Events

August 2011

DDS Class of 2015 to Be Welcomed into the Profession of Dentistry at 11th Annual White Coat Ceremony

Dr. Jeffrey Dean to Head American Board of Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Martinez-Mier’s Research Team Plays Leading Role in Developing
the “Gold Standard” for Fluoride Analysis

1 (Mon.)

Deadline to submit nominations to the IUPUI Office of Human Resources Administration for the 2011 GLENN W. IRWIN, JR., M.D., EXPERIENCE EXCELLENCE AWARDS, which are presented each fall to full-time faculty and staff for service “above and beyond the call of duty.” Nominees must have worked for IU for at least 12 months: http://www.hra.iupui.edu/irwin-award.asp.

2-5 (Tues.-Fri.)
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ESTHETIC DENTISTRY annual meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico

4, 5 (Thurs., Fri.)
ORIENTATION for dental assisting campus students

5, 6 (Fri., Sat.)
Dental and dental hygiene orientation and retakes for NORTH EAST REGIONAL BOARDS, IUSD

5-21 (Fri.-Sun.)
FAIR WEATHER: http://www.in.gov/statefair

12 (Fri.)
PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE for Student Research Subcommittee’s Aug. 26th meeting

SUMMER SESSION ends for fourth-year dental and graduate students
Members of IU’s DDS Class of 2015 will be welcomed into the profession at the 11th annual WHITE COAT CEREMONY this afternoon, says Michele Farris of the Student Office. The new students will gather with their families and friends at 1 p.m. in room 405 at the Campus Center, where each student will be coated with an IU clinic jacket by Indiana leaders in the profession as a symbol of the student’s commitment to professionalism and dentistry’s high ethical standards.

Dean John Williams will preside over the celebration, which will include a keynote address by IUSD Professor Timothy Carlson, president-elect of the American College of Dentists’ Indiana Section. Joining Dr. Carlson to coat the students will be Dr. Terry Schechner, president of the Indiana Dental Association; IUSD Professor Steven Dixon, manager of the Comprehensive Care Clinics; and IUSD Professor Theresa Gonzalez, president of Theta Theta Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon national dental honor society.

A reception will follow the program at about 2 p.m.

13, 20, 27 (Saturdays)

15 (Mon.)
FIRST SEMESTER BEGINS for fourth-year dental, all dental assisting, and graduate students

17, 18 (Wed., Thurs.)
ORIENTATION for first-year dental hygiene students
18 (Thurs.)
ORIENTATION for second-year dental hygiene students

19 (Fri.)
CLINICAL FACULTY APPRECIATION AND ORIENTATION PROGRAM, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at University Place and Hotel. By invitation. RSVP – please include your shirt size – to the Dean’s Office by August 1: 317-274-5403.

22 (Mon.)
FIRST SEMESTER BEGINS for dental hygiene students and IUPUI

26 (Fri.)
STUDENT RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE, 8 a.m. in DS B29

FACULTY AND STAFF ENRICHMENT programs, 9 a.m.-noon (rooms TBA)

IUSD FACULTY COUNCIL, noon-1 p.m. (room TBA)

September 1 (Thurs.)

Save the Date: 9-1, 2-5 pm • GARFIELD PARK • Student Appreciation Picnic!

People, Places, and Things

No, You Don’t Have to Zip It. But Please Try Perfecting Your Stage Whisper When You’re in the Vicinity of Occupied Lecture Halls and Classrooms. The oh-so-narrow stretch of hallway that runs between lecture halls 114 and 115 is IUSD’s version of Grand Central Station, especially
whenever one lecture ends and 100+ students instantly flood the area. With no noise buffer zone in these tight quarters, even a handful of people laughing and talking in full voice while they wait for Elevator C – or just one person bellowing down the hallway to grab the attention of a friend – can sound like a party in a high-decibel echo-chamber to students who are trying to concentrate in class just a few feet away. Please do your part to tone down the volume wherever classes are under way, but especially when you’re passing by these particularly noise-vulnerable lecture halls.

**TITLE SWITCH.** The IU School of Dentistry still has an Office of Academic Affairs, but its role, location, administrator, and staff are completely different.

The Office of Academic Affairs that has been under the management of Dr. Jeffrey Dean in room 102 (often referred to as the faculty records office) is now the title of Dr. Christianne Guba’s new office.

As Dean Williams explained in his recent announcement of Dr. Guba’s position as associate dean for Academic Affairs, her office in DS106, formerly the Office of Dental Education, will oversee activities of all the school’s academic programs. Her appointment was announced in July by IUPUI: 
http://newscenter.iupui.edu/5244/IU-Dental-Professor-Christianne-Guba-Is-Appointed-Dental-Schools-Associate-Dean-for-Academic-Affairs.

Dr. Dean has received two new titles: one for himself, associate dean for Faculty Affairs (formerly Academic Affairs); and one for his office, Office of Administrative Affairs. (He continues to retain his title as executive associate dean for the IU School of Dentistry as well.) Dr. Dean’s new office title more accurately describes business that has to do with both faculty and staff, since the Human Resources team of Elizabeth Hatcher and Amanda Suter is a component of that office.

**DR. DEAN WILL TAKE THE HELM OF THE AMERICAN BOARD OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY IN THE NEW YEAR.** On January 1, 2012, Dr. Jeffrey Dean will take over the prestigious job of overseeing the nation’s dental certifying board for the specialty of pediatric dentistry. The 71-year-old American Board of Pediatric Dentistry serves as the governing body for about 3,100 pediatric dentists who have attained certification, the specialty’s most advanced level of training. You can read IUPUI’s full announcement of Dr. Dean’s appointment at http://newscenter.iupui.edu/5263/IU-Dental-School-Professor-and-Administrator-Jeffrey-Dean-to-Head-the-American-Board-of-Pediatric-Dentistry.
Dr. Angeles Martinez-Mier, an associate professor of preventive and community dentistry, recently led a large international research team in an effort to develop simple global gold-standard measurements to enable researchers to more accurately and rapidly analyze and monitor fluoride levels. The team, which was composed of 19 researchers in nine laboratories located in seven countries on four continents, was funded by the National Institutes of Health, with Dr. Martinez-Mier serving as primary investigator. The study, published in *Caries Research*, is yet another example of the longtime leadership of the IU School of Dentistry’s Oral Health Research Institute in this important area of healthcare research. The full details, as published in a release by IU, are available at http://newsinfo.iu.edu/news/page/normal/19168.html.

In celebration of the games, the IUSD Staff Council sponsored a “Fiesta Feast” in the dental school’s lounge and back yard, with the official Pan American Games mascot – an oversized parrot named Amigo – leading a chorus in Spanish ditties.

1987’s **PAN AMERICAN GAMES PLAYED OUT IN THE DENTAL SCHOOL’S “BACK YARD.”** A total of 4,453 athletes from 38 countries converged on Indianapolis for two utterly exciting weeks in August 1987, and it was so much fun for us because the dental school was in the thick of the action. IUPUI hosted nine of the 30 sporting events for the 10th Pan American Games, with the dental school holding a ring-side seat particularly for everything playing out at the Track and Field Stadium.
The nation also had a ring-side seat for watching us: For much of CBS’s network coverage of the Track and Field sports, the dental school sat prominently in the background on TV sets around America – we were there, for example, during the historic and much-hyped coverage of Carl Lewis’s attempt to break Bob Beamon’s world record for the long jump. (Lewis jumped short of Beamon, but set a new Pan American record at 28 feet, 8.5 inches.)

About a million people attended the Indianapolis-hosted Pan Am games, and on some days it seemed as if every single one of them were either walking or driving down New York Street at the same time. IUPUI’s Parking Services department deserved a medal of its own for managing to accommodate huge throngs of visitors while somehow preserving enough parking spots for students and employees to come to school and work. (continued below photos)

Julie LeHunt fielded an off-the-wall request from one of the Pan Am athletes.

IUSD alum Dr. Ricardo Kriebel (left) took time out from his hectic schedule as Costa Rica’s tennis
coach to visit with then-faculty member Dr. Carlos Munoz in the Prosthodontics department.

There were some poignant moments in the games, such as when swimmer Anthony Nesty brought home bronze and gold medals for his tiny South American nation of Suriname, which had never won a medal before. At the time, there was only one swimming pool for athletes in his country.

And there were also some keen disappointments, including the defeat of the “sure-gold” U.S. basketball team by Brazil, a loss that ended the U.S.A.’s 34-game Pam Am winning streak.

IU School of Dentistry alumnus Dr. Ricardo Kriebel-Coronado (M’81 Prosthodontics) of San Juan, Costa Rica, returned to Indy for the games – not as a spectator, but as a former top-seeded tennis player in his country whose job at the games was to coach Costa Rica’s tennis team. Costa Rica’s efforts at previous Pan Am games brought little victory: just one silver medal in soccer. But 1987 proved to be Costa Rica’s finest hour, and IUSD was very proud of the role our alumnus played: The athletes took home 12 medals, including eight for swimmer Silvia Poll (three of them gold) and a bronze in men’s doubles for Dr. Kriebel’s team.

Many of the dental school’s faculty and staff served as volunteers, performing a multitude of duties at various venues, including, for example, current IUSD staff members Julie LeHunt and Elizabeth Hatcher and current IUSD faculty Drs. Darlene West, Kenneth Spolnik, Neil Pinney, and Jack Schaaf. The dental school teamed up with the Pan American Health Organization to sponsor a symposium on oral facial trauma in sports, and 60 Hoosier dental healthcare professionals staffed a mobile dental unit at the Pan American Village (aka Fort Benjamin Harrison).

The summer of 1987 was unique in the annals of the dental school’s history, creating a host of special memories for faculty, staff, and students. Two of our favorites:

About 200 athletes received dental care, but there was only one significant sports-related dental injury: Ironically, our own (now retired) Dr. Larry Ryan, who served as the games’ Dental Care Committee chairman, fractured his own cheekbone in an informal softball game on the day of the opening ceremony.

At a fencing bout that Julie LeHunt was serving as a messenger for (the bouts were all narrated in French), she was trying to assist a Peruvian weight-lifter with a request, but the language barrier was too great. She finally learned through an interpreter that the gentleman had taken a fancy to Julie’s striking waist-length hair, and he wanted her to sell it to him. Julie’s volunteerism at the Pan Am games included everything from laundering uniforms to rolling and labeling national flags, but the request for her locks was one she politely turned down.

WINSTON CHURCHILL’S BITING WIT.
Lady Astor:  “Winston, if you were my husband I would flavor your coffee with poison.”
Churchill:  “Madam, if I were your husband, I would drink it.”

During photo ops, Sir Winston Churchill seemed to be most at ease posing behind his authoritative scowl, an enigmatic half-smile, or a big cigar. For a man who was famous (among many other reasons) for his ultra-sharp wit, he wasn’t one to flash a toothy smile, and it’s tough to find photos that show his teeth at all. A 2010 report by Simon Hooper at CNN World said the British Prime Minister wore maxillary dentures to mask a speech impediment, and one of these dentures was sold at auction last year for
more than $23,000. You can take a look at them here, since you will be hard-pressed to spot them in Churchill’s photos: http://articles.cnn.com/2010-07-29/world/churchill.teeth.archive_1_allen-packwood-ill-fitting-dentures-churchill-college?_s=PM:WORLD.

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