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The Jones Family Bequest for Research

Mrs Margaret Mimie Jones, the widow of Dr Richard Dudley Jones, a Trinity graduate, left a generous bequest to be used for research. Dr Jones's family was originally from Drogheda. He qualified in 1939. After setting up practice in Dalkey in 1940, Dr Jones and his family moved to the UK where he worked for the rest of his professional life. The bequest enables the School to build up its research further and we are extremely grateful.

Dental Hygiene Class of 1980 Reunion

On May 19 we were delighted to welcome the Class of 1980 who held their reunion at the DDUH, which included a tour of the new part of the building and a lunch.



Alumni Sponsored Bursary for US

We are delighted to announce that the funds received through the Alumni Appeal 2011 from our graduates were used to sponsor a travel bursary for our students to undertake a dental summer elective at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, USA. Thank you for giving our students this invaluable opportunity.

Alumni Evening – Perpetual Teaching Award

On April 19 the DDUH hosted an alumni evening, which was an opportunity to visit the Hospital, meet old friends and take a tour of the new Lincoln Place building. On the night, we also presented the Perpetual Teaching Awards to Dr Colette Boothman and Professor Liam McDevitt. The Rodney Dockrell travel bursary was awarded to Dr Anne O'Connell.



Dr Barry Harrington & Dr Collette Boothman



Mr Derek Dockrell, Dr Anne O'Connell & Mrs Adrienne Dockrell

In Memoriam

It is with regret that we report the passing of Dr Patrick Cahal Owens in March 2012. Dr Owens was both a dental and medical graduate. Dr Frank Allen, an oral surgeon, also died in 2012, in Australia.

To support DDUH through the Alumni Appeal please visit
www.tcd.ie/alumni/appeal/index.php



Dublin Dental University Hospital Newsletter

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As we look back at the 2011/12 academic year, it has been a significant one for us with a Dental Council accreditation visit, an unprecedented number of Trinity Scholars awards to 2nd year dental students, the completion of our first intake to the Diploma in Clinical Dental Technology and a stellar number of research grants and scientific publications. This June, 29 students graduated from Trinity with honours.



Professor June Nunn, Dean, School of Dental Science, Dublin Dental University Hospital

We have rolled out many areas of our Strategic Plan with developments in the recruitment of mature students and will shortly introduce a portfolio of experience for clinical students, to better capture their comprehensive care of patients. As a hospital we lead in delivering secondary and tertiary level clinical services nationally and as an institution we were recognised recently with an Irish Architecture Award for the best health building, presented by the Minister for Education and Skills, Ruari Quinn TD.

Despite the challenging times and decreasing resources, the Dublin Dental University Hospital (DDUH) staff and community have responded to adversity in imaginative ways. There is

very much a philosophy of 'can do', which is so exhilarating.

And our alumni are playing a role by supporting the School. We are grateful for the opportunity that your contributions have given to the students in enhancing their educational experience. Our special thanks to the family of Dr Richard Dudley Jones for their very generous bequest that has enabled us to undertake an innovative research project.

We were delighted to see so many of you here at our first alumni event in April and hope that you will continue to keep in touch.

Recent Research Awards

- An Health Research Board (HRB) award of a three-year project to Professor Brian O'Connell for 'The Development of a Predictive Model for the Treatment of Edentulous Patients' in a collaborative study with Professor Charles Normand (TCD) and Professor Finbarr Allen University College Cork.
- An Enterprise Ireland award to Dr Padraig McAuliffe and co-investigators Professor Brian O'Connell, Dr Ramesh Babu and Professor Richard Reilly for the development of a novel device to measure and diagnose bruxism.
- An HRB-funded project grant to Professor David Coleman on applied and translational microbiology to further develop environmentally-friendly approaches to minimizing microbial biofilms in water networks and clinical washbasins in healthcare facilities.
- Science Foundation Ireland project grants to Professor Derek Sullivan and Dr Gary Moran to continue their ongoing research into the biology of pathogenic *Candida* species.

Dental Council Visit

In March 2012 the Dental Council undertook an inspection of the Dental Science programme in the DDUH. The visitors were the President of the Dental Council, Dr Eamonn Croke, Professor Malcolm Jones, formerly Pro-Vice Chancellor in the University of Wales, Cardiff and Dean of Dentistry, Cardiff Dental School, Dr Marjoke Vervoorn, Director of Education, Academic Centre for Dentistry, Amsterdam, and Mr David O'Flynn, Registrar, Dental Council. In addition there were three observers, Ms Susan Matheson, Director of the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada, Professor Claude Lamarche, member of the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada and Dr Robert Broadbent, CEO of the Australian Dental Council. We hope that the observers' visit will lead to reciprocal recognition of the programmes between Ireland and both Canada and Australia.



Awards to Dental Students

Five 2nd year students were named 2012 Trinity College Foundation Scholars at a ceremony on April 16. Aisling Cant, Ji Ding Ho, Lilia Collazo, Nusaybah Elsherif and Olivea Mourice Guirguis Gad Morcos demonstrated exceptional knowledge and understanding of their subjects and will now avail of the privileges awarded to Trinity Scholars.



Aisling Cant, Nusaybah Elsherif, Lilia Collazo, Ji Ding Ho

We're also proud of the students who received other awards:

- Rebecca Courtney – the Irish Endodontic Society Prize for her project on the single use of endodontic files.
- Rebecca Doyle, David Naughton and Ronan O'Leary – the first recipients of the GlaxoSmithKline undergraduate research scholarship.
- Alero Boyo – a Wellcome Trust Biomedical Vacation Scholarship to allow her to pursue a research project in Oral Biosciences.
- Shawn Shelly, Davina Graham and Michelle Dunne – the Royal Academy of Medicine Odontological Section Medal for 'their polish and expertise'.
- Ciara Ni Uallachain – the Royal Academy of Medicine Odontological Section Medal for her work.
- Liam McElvanna – the 2012 Irish Society of Dentistry for Children 'O'Mullane Award'.

Erasmus 2012

2012 has been a great year for the DDUH Erasmus programme. Two of the 4th year students were at the University of Oslo and two studied at the Karolinska Institute in Sweden. In our turn, we were delighted to welcome students from Norway, Sweden, United Arab Emirates, Poland and the USA.

Professor Derek Sullivan Appointed Associate Dean for Research in TCD

Congratulations to Professor Derek Sullivan on his appointment as Associate Dean for Research in TCD. This is a most prestigious appointment, recognising Derek's high achievements in research.



Talk by Professor Mark Ferguson

Professor Mark Ferguson, Director General of Science Foundation Ireland, delivered a lecture entitled 'Scar Wars' on his research into wound healing and scar prevention at a postgraduate research session at DDUH in April.



Molar Rollers & Mouth Cancer Awareness

As part of an awareness programme for head, neck and mouth cancers, members of DDUH's bike club, 'Molar Rollers', took to their bikes in August 2011 and cycled 600km from Dublin to London. Over 35 staff, family and friends took part in the week-long charity cycle to London. Its objective was to raise funds to support further projects by the Irish Mouth Cancer Awareness Programme. In September of 2010 and 2011, DDUH organised free mouth check days, with over 2,500 members of the public being examined for mouth cancer. A number of those people, who received a positive diagnosis have since been treated. Funds raised were allocated to St Francis Hospice, Donegal Action for Cancer Care, South East Radiography Trust and Dr Derry Daly GP to assist and improve the welfare of a patient with cancer of the larynx.



Prestigious Award to Professor David Coleman

Professor David Coleman has been awarded a Sc.D. This is only the third time in 50 years that this prestigious award has been made in the Dental School. Since joining the DDUH in 1988, Professor Coleman has made a significant contribution in several fields of microbiology including oral *Candida* biology, MRSA research and applied and translational research on biofilm control in large water distribution networks in hospitals and other healthcare facilities. In recognition of his achievements Professor Coleman was awarded a personal chair in Oral and Applied Microbiology by TCD in 2006.