

DEAN'S UPDATE

It is my pleasure to update you about some significant activities and accomplishments during October and several things coming our way.

On the horizon

We are close to finalizing a contract for a **new clinic management system** – axiUm. The system promises to move us light years ahead of our current reality. Once negotiations are complete we will develop a transition timeline and keep everyone apprised of our plans for the installation, training and deployment.

axiUm

freshOutlook 
Enhancing & Upgrading IT Service & Security

Another IT change includes implementing a move from Groupwise to **Outlook**, which will be housed and serviced through the Health Science Center's IT group. Outlook allows our email system to sync with smartphones and other technologies, a change requested by many faculty and staff. For the latest information or to

learn how to get your computer ready for the change, click on <https://www.dental.ufl.edu/IT/FreshOutlook/>.

The Strategic Planning Committee is putting the finishing touches on a new **College 2009-2012 Strategic Plan**. We are also working with the Health Science Center's strategic planning group to ensure our plan is consistent with goals in the HSC's plan which is currently in development.



If you're tired of looking at bare walls in our hallways, clinics, classrooms and waiting areas or if you've got photographic skills you'd like to put to the test, you'll be pleased to hear about a **photography contest** that's coming in the spring. We will ask faculty, staff and students to submit photos for our use that will be framed and hung in different areas of our buildings.

The three categories are "People helping people," "The beauty of science," and "Bringing the outside in." We'll accept color or black and white shots, and the details will be announced in the coming months.

Warm welcomes

Please join me in welcoming **Ronald Cigna** who was chosen after a national search to fill the position of Information Technology Director for the college and started with us on Friday, October 30. He brings with him a great deal of experience in the university environment and throughout his professional history he has demonstrated strong abilities in creating cohesive teams, opening lines of communications and mentoring his staff.



As the college's IT Director, Ron will be responsible for overseeing all aspects of our information infrastructure with responsibilities ranging from clinical management systems to end user support, and everything in between. Ron has a warm and engaging personality and I am sure we will enjoy having him as a member of our team.

Warm welcomes *continued*

Christopher King, Ph.D., was recently appointed research assistant professor in the Department of Community Dentistry and Behavioral Science where he has been working as a post-doc associate since 2008. King completed his undergraduate studies in Psychology at Arcadia University in Glenside, Pa., before coming to the University of Florida where he completed his Ph.D. in Neuroscience and also completed a post-doctoral fellowship in interdisciplinary and translational pain research with the Comprehensive Center for Pain Research.



Maggie Ribeiro-Dasilva, D.D.S., M.S., Ph.D., has also been appointed research assistant professor in the Department of Community Dentistry and Behavioral Science. Ribeiro-Dasilva completed her D.D.S., M.S. and Ph.D. in Clinical Prosthodontics at the Piracicaba Dental School – State University of Campinas in Brazil. She also recently completed a fellowship in the Department of Community Dentistry and Behavioral Science. Her combination of education and experience will allow her to provide clinical care in her new appointment and maintain her research interests which include facial pain, sex differences and genetics.



Honors & Awards

Congratulations to **Henrietta L. Logan, Ph.D.**, who was named the UF Research Foundation Professor for the college by the UF Research Foundation. She is one of 30 UF professors to receive the honor this year and was selected because of her notable record of research and a strong research agenda which is likely to lead her to further distinction in her field. This is a three-year award and garners a \$5,000 annual salary supplement and a \$3,000 grant.



Glenn Turner, D.M.D., M.S.D., is serving as President of the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics and will preside over the AAMP's 57th Annual Meeting in San Diego, Ca. Glenn has served on our faculty since 1984 and consistently sets the standard for his field which is the art and science of reconstructing head and neck defects caused by cancer surgery, traumatic injuries or congenital defects. His skills allow people to regain their normal lives after life changing injuries and events – an invaluable service.

Team learning in the clinics

By all measures, our **clinical enterprise** continues to be a major success for the college. Results from student, patient and faculty surveys all point to high satisfaction thus far with the change to our new D.M.D. clinical education program. Clinical productivity has increased in terms of numbers of patients seen, revenues and chair utilization.

Many of the students have cited the benefits of increased peer-to-peer learning they're enjoying with upper level students serving as mentors for the newer students as they transition from the classroom to the clinic. The new system creates a real team learning environment that enhances educational outcomes.

A wonderful trend in research funding

During the last fiscal year, we received about \$17 million in research awards. We were proud of that total and saw it as a strong statement about our college's research program. This year it's possible, despite the current economic challenges of the United States, we expect to exceed last year's total. During the first four months of this fiscal year we've been awarded almost \$11 million in research funds. Roger Fillingim, Ph.D., received the largest award of \$712,744 from the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research for one year for his study "Ethnic Differences in Responses to Painful Stimuli." That is one of the two awards Fillingim received so far this year.

The following is a list of the awards that came in during September and October:

Office of Admissions and Financial Aid

Dr. Venita Sposetti

"Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students"

from Health Resources and Services Administration, ARRA Supplement
\$24,144 for one year

"Loans for Disadvantaged Students"

from Health Resources and Services Administration
\$9,311 for one year

Community Dentistry and Behavioral Science

Dr. Roger Fillingim

"Ethnic Differences in Responses to Painful Stimuli"

from the National Institutes of Health / National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research,
ARRA Funded
\$712,744 for one year

Dr. Barbara Hastie

"Ethnic Differences in Acute Pain and Analgesic Response"

from the National Institutes of Health / National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research,
ARRA Supplement
\$104,716 for two years

"Sex Differences in Acute Pain and Analgesic Responses: Psychosocial and Genetic Influences"

from the National Institutes of Health / National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research,
ARRA Funded
\$436,990 for two years

Dr. Joseph Riley

"Role of the Endogenous Opioid System Underlying Modulation of Experimental Pain"

from the University of Florida College of Dentistry
\$10,000 for one year

Endodontics

Dr. Roberta Pileggi

"Canal Cleanliness and Antimicrobial Efficacy of a New Irrigation Method"

from a corporation
\$7,313 for one year

Research funding continued

Oral Biology

Dr. Robert Burne

"Oxygen and Streptococcus Mutans Virulence"

from the National Institutes of Health / National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research,
ARRA Funded

\$586,000 for two years

Dr. Richard Lamont

"Proteomics of P. Gingivalis Interactions with F. Nucleatum and S. Gordonii"

University of Washington

from the National Institutes of Health / National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research
Consortium

\$87,900 for one year

Dr. N. Ingvar Magnusson

"A Study to Assess Plaque After Using a Combination of Marketed Oral Hygiene Products for One Day"

from a corporation

\$35,000 for one year

Dr. Ann Progulski-Fox

"Interactions Between Oral Pathogens and Vascular Cells"

from the National Institutes of Health / National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research,
ARRA Supplement

\$182,725 for two years

"Small Non-coding RNAs in Porphyromonas Gingivalis"

from Virginia Commonwealth University, National Institutes of Health / National Institute of
Dental and Craniofacial Research, ARRA Consortium

\$69,693 for two years

Orthodontics

Dr. John Neubert

"Placebos as Insights into Intersections of Pain and Reward in a Preclinical Model"

from the National Institutes of Health / National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial
Research

\$424,813 for two years

Dr. Charles Widmer and Dr. Joyce Morris-Wiman

"Androgen-Mediated Reversal of Muscle Wasting"

from the National Institutes of Health / National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial
Research, ARRA Funded

\$146,497 for two years

Periodontology

Dr. Ozlem Yilmaz

"Modulation of Epithelial Cell Response by P. Gingivalis"

from the National Institutes of Health / National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial
Research, ARRA Supplement

\$84,636 for two years

UF Community Campaign

I was proud of our college's annual event to raise money for UF Community Campaign. Jacob Burks and Lorie Primosch, who represented our college to the UF planning committee, and the Special Event Planners coordinated our first book/media sale which raised more than \$1,600 with the help of many of you who donated books, cds, dvds and other items to benefit the campaign. It is evident that we're a college of people who care – whenever we organize something to benefit the community the response is always more than expected. Thank you to everyone who worked on the event, who donated items, and to those of you who stopped by with cash in hand the day of the sale.



Dental Fall Weekend

Our annual alumni event was a great opportunity to welcome our alumni and friends back to campus. We sold 250 football ticket packages that included block seating for Gator Growl and the football game, bus tickets to and from the game, plus a tailgate with the Psi Omega Dental Fraternity. A CE course on Saturday morning updated 75 attendees about oral cancer diagnosis and treatment. Special thanks to Don Cohen, D.M.D., M.S., M.B.A., who volunteered to lead the program and

share his expertise with our alumni and friends.

As always, I congratulate everyone for their efforts and dedication to the college and our mission. Have a great Thanksgiving holiday!

Sincerely,
Dean Teresa Dolan

