**Members’ Corner: Dr Stuart Johnston**

In this issue of WDC, we are pleased to have FDI Dental Practice Committee and Dental Amalgam Task Team (DATT) member, Dr Stuart Johnston discuss his involvement with FDI World Dental Federation and share his vision for oral health.

**FDI’s Dental Practice Committee (DPC)**

Members of the FDI Dental Practice Committee (DPC) are committed to raising professional standards and to achieving appropriate legislative changes. The FDI also supports the FDI Dental Amalgam Task Team (DATT) in its work to promote proper amalgam disposal, including in developing countries.

**Spotlight on World Dental Development Fund**

For more than a decade, the FDI’s World Dental Development Fund (WDDF) has made a difference to the lives of disadvantaged people in many places around the globe through its support of oral health education and outreach programmes.

**FDI Revisits Suntec Center, Singapore**

Dr Roberto Viana, FDI President, was present at IDEM Singapore to promote FDI and to underline FDI’s spirit of partnership among dental professionals.

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**What plans does the FDI Dental Practice Committee (DPC) have for 2010?**

I have been a Member of DPI for just over a year. I became involved with colleagues and saw how we could improve dental care so when we produce a statement it is even more satisfying. It is nice to meet people and colleagues and see how we approach problems differently. It can be difficult to produce the consensus statements due to different legal systems and philosophies of care, so when we produce a statement it is even more satisfying. Benefits of being part of the DPC include meeting more of the people involved in dental work, and feeling more that I am part of the team.

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towards improving oral and general health. Together with the Singapore Dental Association, FDI develops outstanding Continuing Education programmes—based on relevant and timely topics for the profession—which not only play an important role in the development of dentistry and dental professionals, but also in advocating the importance of oral healthcare to the population,” said Dr Yvanna at the IDEM opening ceremony.

Organised by Koelnmesse and the Singapore Dental Association (SDA), in cooperation with FDI World Dental Federation, the 2010 edition of IDEM in Singapore delivered cutting-edge insights into the very latest in dental technology, techniques and patient treatment. The 2010 Scientific Conference at IDEM Singapore, which featured 18 international thought leaders in their respective fields, brought to the fore new protocols in patient treatment. Moreover, the most recent innovations that help dentists minimize the risks involved in advanced procedures, while enhancing the results for patients, were showcased by 552 exhibitors from 51 countries.

Participants equally benefited from a Consumer Education Forum, organized by the Singapore Dental Health Foundation, in conjunction with IDEM Singapore. The forum sought to update the public beyond the basic principles of good oral care, exploring topics such as the relative advantages and disadvantages of implants, what patients should ask their dentists about implants and the intriguing ‘Teeth-in-an-hour. Participants went away with valuable insights into the challenges and limitations of dental implant procedures.

Looking forward, the theme and speakers for IDEM 2012 Scientific conference have been chosen. IDEM 2012 will focus on ‘Advances and Controversies’. It will have the following personalities as keynote speakers: Dennis Tarnow from the Columbia School of Medicine, New York; and Dr Michel Magne and Dr Pascal Magne from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

Friday 23 April 2010 saw the official opening on the new FDI World Dental Federation head office and the start of a new chapter in FDI’s evolution. FDI’s secretariat has been settling in to the new location since the move from Ferney-Voltaire, France, last September immediately following Congress.

The move from France to Switzerland reflects the diversity of FDI membership. Geneva is international crossroads with its multicultural population, in a country with four official languages, located in heart of Europe and well connected to rest of the world. Also significant is the fact that Geneva is a Capital of Health, with FDI neighbours including the World Health Organization, World Heart Federation, International Federation of Red Cross, and Medecins sans frontiers. Furthermore the consolidation of FDI businesses under a single entity provides more simplified management and a favourable taxation environment.

Attending the ceremony were FDI Council members and staff, FDI members, corporate sponsors, partners and other NGO’s. Mr Stéphane Graber, Délégué au Service de la Promotion Economique du Canton de Genève, and Mr André Klopman, Chargé des ONG internationales, Canton de Genève, represented the Canton de Genève.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was performed by FDI President, Roberto Vianna. FDI Executive Director, David Alexander; and for the Canton de Genève, André Klopman. Guests enjoyed a brief tour of the office on the 5th floor having a sneak peak of FDI’s new “home” and FDI’s colourful windows.

The Grand Opening ceremony coincided with FDI Council meeting. Despite the Icelandic volcanic ash incident which made traveling difficult, a good voice for oral health; to promote oral health globally; and to deliver excellence in continuing professional education and access to care to communities worldwide.”

Social Events Schedule for FDI 2010 Congress now available

The social programme for the 2010 FDI Annual World Dental Congress which will be held from 2-5 September in Salvador, Brazil, is now accessible for participants to familiarise themselves with what awaits them in the exotic Bahia state. The programme has been carefully developed to show the various aspects of the local culture.

Visit the FDI website to access the social programme.