

Department of Endodontics

Dr. Mohamed Fayad, Clinical Assistant Professor, was installed as the President of the Edgar D. Coolidge Study Club in May. He also was elected into faculty membership in Omicron Kappa Upsilon in May and will be inducted next year. In November, he was the guest speaker for the North Suburban Branch of the CDS and presented "Root Canals or Implants: Let's Stop the Debate and Understand the Rationale." He will present at the annual session in April 2009 in Orlando on "Decision Making and Treatment Planning of Root Canal Failures."

Dr. Brett Gilbert, Clinical Assistant Professor, is treasurer for the Illinois Association of Endodontists. Dr. Gilbert and **Dr. Kevin King** (Endo '81) opened a new facility in Niles, IL, this past May.

Dr. Robert Goldberg, Clinical Assistant Professor, was reappointed to the Clinical Practice

Committee of the American Association of Endodontists. He also gave a presentation on office design at the American Association of Endodontists' (AAE) annual session in April of this year in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Dr. Robert Hawkinson, Clinical Assistant Professor, traveled to Blowing Rock, NC, in June to preside for the fourth year as President over the 31st meeting of the Motorcycling Doctors Association. He and his wife, **Susan**, also attended the Fifth Summer Conference of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Endodontics in Lenox, MA, in August. Susan is the Administrative Secretary of the College. As he did for the previous four summer conferences, he traveled to and from Lenox by motorcycle. The sympathy of the department is expressed to Dr. Hawkinson, who lost his mother this past August.

Dr. Brad Johnson, Associate Professor and Postdoctoral Director, was appointed by the AAE to serve on one of four subcommittees charged with preparing background information for the AAE's Consensus Conference of Diagnostic Terminology. He attended the conference on Oct. 3. Dr. Johnson gave two presentations on Nov. 18 to endodontic residents and faculty at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry. He is Immediate Past-President of the Edgar D. Coolidge Endodontic Study Club for 2008-2009.

Dr. Michael Mintz, Clinical Assistant Professor, was an alternate delegate to the Illinois State Dental Society (ISDS) meeting in St. Louis in September, representing the South Suburban Branch of the Chicago Dental Society (CDS).

Dr. Marty Rogers, Clinical Assistant Professor, was appointed Chair of the Clinical Practice Committee of the American Association of Endodontists.

Dr. Christopher Wenckus, Associate Professor and Department Head, was appointed by the AAE and the American Board of Endodontics (ABE) to the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) as a commissioner, term starting in October and going until 2012. Dr. Wenckus also was appointed to serve out a term as a Director, College of Diplomates, of the ABE, taking over the term of a Director who could not complete his term. In addition, he was appointed to chair the Mentoring Committee of the College of Diplomates. In August, Dr. Wenckus served as a consultant to the Written Committee of the American Board of Endodontics

test construction meeting. He attended the Summer Conference of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Endodontics Aug. 6 through 9 in Lenox, MA, which focused on regenerative endodontics and persistent infections. Dr. Wenckus was invited as a participant to the Consensus Conference on Endodontic Terminology in Chicago, Oct. 3, sponsored by the American Association of Endodontists. In October, Dr. Wenckus attended the ADA Annual Session in San Antonio, TX, from Oct. 16 through 19.

Publications

The following publications were the product of recent research performed in the Department of Endodontics by **Drs. Rebecca Prescott**, '05, MS Oral Sciences '07; **Rajaa Alsanea**, Oral Sciences '08; and **Brigitte Bigras**, Endo '06, under the supervision of Endodontics faculty Drs. Fayad, Johnson, Wenckus, and **Ellen BeGole**, and **Drs. Anne George** and **Jianjun Hao** from the Department of Oral Biology:

Bigras B.R., Johnson B.R., BeGole E.A., Wenckus C.S. "Differences in Clinical Decision Making: A Comparison between Specialists and General Dentists." *Oral Surg. Oral Med. Oral Pathol. Oral Radiol. Endod.* 2008; 106: 963-8.

Prescott R.S., Alsanea R., Fayad M.I., Johnson B.R., Wenckus C.S., Hao J., John A.S., George A. "In vivo Generation of Dental Pulp-like Tissue Using Dental Pulp Stem Cells, a Collagen Scaffold and Dentin Matrix 1 Following Subcutaneous Transplantation in Mice." *J. Endod.* 2008; 34: 421-26.

Department of Oral Biology

Dr. Anne George, Professor, was awarded a U24 Rapid Response Seed Grant of \$5,000 for tissue engineering. Dr. George will use real-time PCR arrays to identify and monitor the expression of specific genes in tooth organogenesis, a complex developmental process.

Dr. Jianjun Hao, Research Assistant Professor, visited five Chinese dental schools and delivered lectures there over the summer. The schools are the University of Hong Kong Faculty of Dentistry, the Fourth Military Medical University College of Stomatology in Xi'an, the Peking University School of Stomatology, the Wuhan University School of Stomatology, and the Sun-Yat-Sen University Guanghua School of Stomatology in Guangzhou (Canton). His wife, **Dr. Lihong Lin**, MS Oral