

DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

Ms. Cathy Skotowski, RDH, MS

The Iowa Academy of Pediatric Dentistry held its annual meeting and continuing education course in Des Moines on March 24-25. Dr. Mike Kanellis presented the majority of the course speaking on the topic of advancements in pediatric dentistry. Dr. Steve Levy and Dr. John Warren (Preventive and Community Dentistry) also presented on the topic of fluoride. A reception and dinner were held the evening before, which provided an enjoyable setting for our faculty to interact with the pediatric dentists from throughout the state. Dr. Todd Hoepfner (DDS 99', Certificate 01') was recognized at the meeting for his 10 years of community outreach service. Dr. Kanellis presented Dr. Hoepfner with a plaque from our department and praised him for his commitment to community service for his leadership with an ongoing outreach program in Forest City coordinating dental care for adults with special health care needs. Twice a year, Dr. Hoepfner, Dr. Richard Burke, Jr., and three residents travel to a Krysilis facility in Forest City to provide on-site dental care. Thank you, Dr. Hoepfner!

On April 9, Dr. Richard Burke, Jr., Drs. Hilary Reynolds and Patrick Bowman (first-year residents) and Ms. Gayle Gilbaugh participated in a Hemophilia Outreach Clinic for the Amish community. The clinic was held at the McCreery Cancer Center in Ottumwa, IA. As a member of the University of Iowa Regional Hemophilia Treatment Center, the pediatric dentistry staff provided screenings, education and referrals for children and adults.

Dr. Tad Mabry has been selected as a recipient of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Master Clinician Scholarship for 2011-2012. The scholarship provides all fees for the *Institute for Teaching and Learning* (ITL) program as well as the course fee to participate in any upcoming *AAPD Comprehensive Review of Pediatric Dentistry* classes. Dr. Mabry will attend

the Academy for Academic Leadership's Institute for Teaching and Learning (ITL), to be held at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry. The 2011 dates for Phase I are August 18-21, and Phase II will be held October 21-23. He will also have the opportunity to attend the AAPD Comprehensive Review of Pediatric Dentistry course in the location of his choice.

Ms. Cathy Skotowski presented an honor table clinic on May 7th at the Iowa Dental Association's Annual Meeting in Coralville. She discussed the pediatric oral health resources available on our department website (<http://www.dentistry.uiowa.edu/pediatric>). She also distributed DVDs appropriate for viewing by pregnant women and parents/caregivers of young children. The DVDs contain educational videos both in English and Spanish and are also available on the department website

Two dental students working with Ms. Skotowski also presented a table clinic at the IDA meeting which received second place honors in the dental student division. Ms. Cherie Senger (D3) and Mr. Jason Rogers (D3) presented a table clinic entitled "Pediatric Educational Oral Health Resources in Spanish." Representing IASDA (Iowa branch of the American Student Dental Association) and HDA (Hispanic Dental Association-student chapter), the two applied for and received funding from the Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation to produce and distribute the third edition of a Spanish educational flip chart developed by Dr. Karin Weber-Gasparoni. At their table clinic, Ms. Senger and Mr. Rogers reviewed and distributed the flip chart as well as brushing calendars translated in Spanish.

Fourth-year dental student, Drew Goebel, recently was awarded the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Certificate for Outstanding Senior Undergraduate Award in Pediatric Dentistry. We are happy he will be entering our residency program.

Drs. Karin Weber-Gasparoni and John Warren (Preventive and Community Dentistry) were in San Francisco, CA on May 17-19 leading a caries exam training and calibration session for three NIDCR Disparities Centers – University of California San Francisco; University of Colorado; and Boston University. The training session provides information and clinical calibration on the use of criteria for caries epidemiological exams in young children. As part of an NIH cooperative agreement, examiners from the three Early Childhood Caries Collaborative Centers must be trained to provide standardized, uniform, dental examinations for research projects involving Early Childhood Caries. The NIH Program Official has recommended that Drs. Weber-Gasparoni and Warren be responsible for the training and calibration for the next 5 years.

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry held their 64th annual session in New York City, NY May 26-29. Presenting their research in the poster division were residents Drs. Tyler Driggers, Teresa Geneser, Chris Myers and Jill Shonka. As usual, on Saturday evening of the AAPD meeting, an Iowa reception was well attended by Iowa alumni traveling from all over the US. The evening provided an opportunity for alumni, current residents and faculty to reminisce, share good times, and of course, sing a rendition of the Iowa Fight Song!



Dr. Rebecca Slayton presenting Drew Goebel (D4) with his AAPD Certificate for Outstanding Senior Undergraduate Award in Pediatric Dentistry.



Ms. Cathy Skotowski pictured in front of her IDA Honor Table Clinic.