

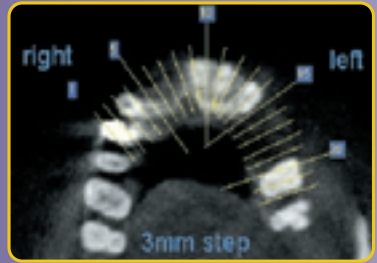
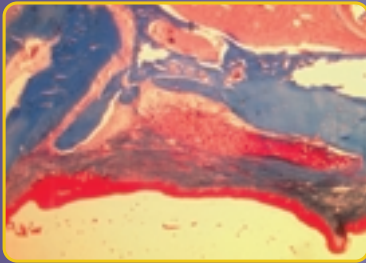


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To Clinical Practice

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Report from Israel Kaffe

Head of the School of Dental Medicine

At a time when Israel is struggling with security and economic problems, it is increasingly difficult to maintain higher educational standards. Cutbacks in manpower and streamlining have become necessary and at Tel Aviv University, the School of Dental Medicine is the first to be required to cut its operating costs. All universities in Israel are public, and as a result tuition is uniform and equal for all students, regardless of the costs to the University. Due to the Dental School's higher per student costs, a situation developed where there was a threat to close its doors, even though we have never exceeded our operating budget. The potential savings from closing the School are small and will not solve the University's financial problems. I personally, and the faculty and staff, have fought against the University's intention to close the School and I am happy to inform you that the results of our efforts are positive. In spite of the fact that we have agreed to painful cuts in staff and faculty in the forthcoming academic year, we have prepared ourselves for changes that will allow us to continue the high academic and clinical standards that the School has set and maintained over the years.

The new academic program and curriculum which will accommodate the cutbacks, are being developed. We will need the support of the Faculty of Medicine to continue our high academic standards. The preclinical studies, *i.e.*, Oral Biology, Oral Microbiology, Immunology, basics in Radiology, Cariology, among others, will be moved to the third year (in a six year program). The structure of the School is also evolving, *e.g.*, re-arrangement of departments, to prepare the School for the future and taking into account the cutbacks. Most of the clinical teaching from the Department of Oral Surgery will be moved to affiliated departments in hospitals in the Tel Aviv area. However, coordination will remain at the University, and the Dental School will still provide lectures and teach certain subjects. The Departments of Restorative Dentistry, Prosthetic Dentistry, and Occlusion and Behavioral Sciences will be merged. This will save tutoring positions and make teaching more efficient. The Department of Orthodontics with its excellent postgraduate course will continue to operate. However, tuition and cost of services will both be raised. These steps will enable the School to continue functioning and to flourish, while solving some of the School's financial problems. Unfortunately, it is not possible to take these steps with our undergraduate students as tuition is decided by the Government, but an increase in the number of accepted students from forty to fifty five per year will increase the income from tuition.

A generous donation by Dr. Gerald Niznick was made for a new floor, which is needed to expand postgraduate studies and specialization, and to build a profitable intramural clinic. However, because of the financial situation of the University, construction has not started. We hope that it will soon.

In addition to the above steps, there have been serious negotiations to enter into a



partnership with The Maccabi Health Fund. We are hopeful that this will bring new opportunities to our School.

Even at these difficult times, there are bright spots. **Dr. Gerald Niznick was presented with an honorary doctorate by the University. This was a significant event for the School and for the dental profession in Israel and worldwide.**

In spite of all the problems in Israel and the financial crisis of the University, the School operated as “usual” last year. All postgraduate courses continued and dentists from all over Israel came to the School for continuing education in all the latest developments in dentistry. Involvement in the community continued and faculty participated in several important projects, such as the treatment of children suffering from leukemia in the Schneider Hospital for Children, the Price Brodie project, Special Olympics, and others. A generous gift by Ralph and Bette Rothstein has enabled the Department of Restorative Dentistry to assist their faculty with research and study projects. During the current academic year (2003-2004) there have been two recipients. In addition, a lectureship has been created, to be known as “The Ralph and Bette Rothstein Lecture”. The first lecture will take place on May 21, 2004, with Mr. Adrian Jurim of Great Neck, New York, who is a leading dental technician in the United States. He will make an unusual presentation indicating what is necessary from the dentist to enable a technician to produce superb restorations. In an age where the demand for ‘esthetic dentistry’ has increased, this should be a lecture of much value to the participants.

This year a grant of \$11,000 from the Tova and Ernst Turenheim Clinical Research endowment Fund in Dentistry was divided among four young researchers. The Sonny Lefco Research Fund (\$8,600) and Marek Fischel Fund (\$2,000) also supported researchers of the School with grants. The yearly allocation of AO was used to improve and renew research facilities of the School and is important for continuation of regular activities. We hope the new academic and calendrical year will bring good news, and a renewed strengthening and development to the School and that we can say we look forward to a brighter future.

Upon her retirement I would like to thank Mrs. Tzila Yaniv for her many years of dedication to the School and wish her success in her future endeavors.

I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy, healthy, peaceful, and fruitful, New Year.

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Message from Dov Lichtenberg

Dean of the Sackler Faculty of Medicine

The Goldschleger School of Dental Medicine is an important division of the Sackler Faculty of Medicine. The School excels in research and conducts its own outstanding programs of continuing dental education, for both Israeli dentists and foreign professionals.

Our Dental School is a source of pride. Dental medicine is not only an important part of health care, it is a discipline of medicine where preventative medical approaches have been most successful. Fluoride in the water, better toothpastes, toothbrushes and appropriate public education has made a strong contribution to dental health. Dental medicine is also a major benefactor of the development of interdisciplinary, problem-oriented approaches to science. Newly developed, diagnostic procedures, treatment of Oralanc, complex materials have made a major contribution to dental treatments, from simple procedures to the most advanced dental surgery.

All of the above factors have affected the interrelationship between the training of physicians and dentists. Our ongoing efforts to adapt the training of all the health professionals to our “era of explosion of information” has yielded an improved curriculum of the basic medical science studies based on an interdisciplinary approach. Introductory courses in the respective disciplines in the first two years are followed by studies of the various bodily systems, in their pathological and normal states, in the third year. According to our evaluation, the change in the curriculum improves the training of our future physicians. However, the training of future dentists can still be improved by designing a special program of studies in the third year, so as to combine an introduction to the specific basic sciences significant to dentistry with a shortened program of studies of the other systems.

The Dental School, even as a division of the Faculty of Medicine, conducts joint programs with several national and international organizations, independent of the faculty's Administration. Such programs enhance the reputation, not only of the Dental School but also of the entire faculty. In turn, the Dental School gains much from the reputation of the faculty. Altogether, the Dental and the Medical School enjoy a fruitful and frank collaboration and we look forward to advancing our achievements to the full capacity of our potential.

In spite of the difficult financial state of affairs of the University and the high expenses of dental education, the University is committed to do the utmost to preserve the activity and quality of the Dental School. With the help of the personnel of the School and of its many friends, I am quite confident that we can succeed.



Dov Lichtenberg, Ph.D.
Dean, Sackler Faculty of Medicine

The Executive Director of the Dental School retires after 30 years of service

Tzila Yaniv has served as the Executive Director of the Maurice and Gabriela Goldschleger School of Dental Medicine since its inception in 1973. She has applied her knowledge, expertise and enthusiasm to the building of the School over all the years and has been the “right hand” of each and every one of the deans of the School from the word go.

Tzila, despite her busy and even hectic daily schedule, managed to find time to study and was awarded a BA in 1986 and an MA in Hebrew Literature in 1992. She always managed to make herself available to meet with faculty and staff in order to address and assist in problems of a more personal nature. Furthermore, Tzila participated in numerous courses in organization and administration, budgeting, finance, computing and the like, which have added to her natural talent for management. She has served on all the major committees of the School and has always played a role in the planning and development of all the major events, scientific meetings, fund raising campaigns and planning of two Alpha Omega International Conventions which took place in Israel. In 1995 Tzila received a citation from Alpha Omega for outstanding services rendered. She has received several other prizes and distinctions over the years.

We shall all miss Tzila enormously and will have a very difficult time replacing her. This is particularly true these days when Israel is in the midst of a most difficult economic crisis which has taken its toll on all educational institutions in the country, and particularly the universities.

We all wish Tzila well in her retirement and feel sure that we will still be able to call on her for advice and guidance in the future.

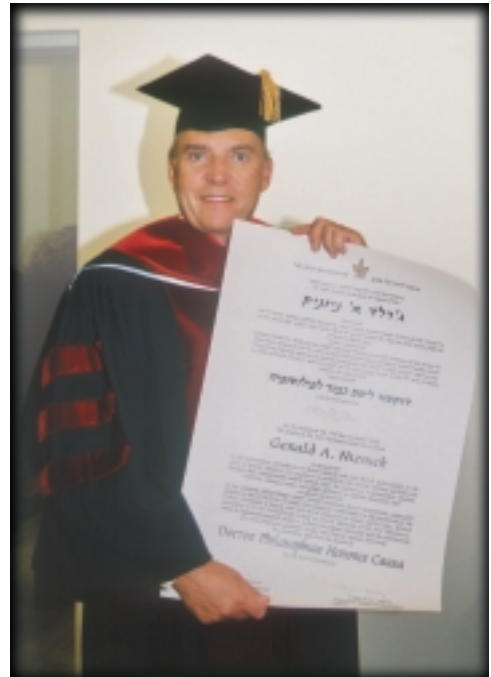


Dr. Gerald Niznick

Receives Honorary Doctorate from Tel Aviv University

On March 13, 2003, the Senate of Tel Aviv University conferred upon Dr. Gerald Niznick the degree of Doctor Philosophiae Honoris Causa.

Dr. Niznick received this honor in recognition of his outstanding contribution to dental medicine and oral health, particularly in the field of dental implants; his ingenuity in pioneering new dental implant methods and designs that transformed modern dental care; his success as a researcher, teacher, inventor, manufacturer, and global authority in implant dentistry; and in special recognition of his generous philanthropic spirit toward numerous Jewish institutions, especially Schools of Dental Medicine in Israel; his exemplary commitment to the promotion of the highest standards of dental care and dental education in Israel; and his long, devoted friendship with the Goldschleger School of Dental Medicine at Tel Aviv University, where he supported research projects, a Chair for Implant Dentistry and the construction of a new floor for graduate studies and clinical implant dentistry.



Dr. Gerald Niznick (l) receives his doctorate from Prof. I. Rabinowitch, President of Tel Aviv University.



Department News

Department of Oral Pathology and Oral Medicine

Oral cancer in 2003

Within the framework of the "Fourth Research Fair of the Sackler Faculty of Medicine" members of the Department of Oral Pathology and Medicine presented a symposium entitled "Oral cancer in 2003". The symposium was chaired by **Prof. Amos Buchner** and **Prof. Dan Dayan**. Papers were also presented by **Dr. Avraham Hirshberg** and **Dr. Ilana Kaplan**. The program of the symposium encompassed the following papers: Overview and new trends in oral cancer; new diagnostic methods in oral precancerous lesions: histopathology vs. molecular biology; FISH in precancerous conditions; organotypic cell culture model and oral carcinogenesis; microarray DNA analysis in a model of oral carcinogenesis; saliva and oral carcinogenesis.

Prof. M. Littner, **Prof. I. Kaffe** and **Prof. A. Buchner** were speakers at the annual meeting of the Dept. of Oral Pathology and Oral Medicine in collaboration with the Israel Dental Association held in Eilat in April, 2003.

Prof. I. Kaffe, Head of the School, was elected member-at-large of the Diagnostic Systems Group of the IADR for 2003-2004.



Oral Cancer Symposium From left to right: Dr. Hirshberg, Dr. Kaplan, Prof. Buchner, Prof. Dayan



Prof. Buchner presenting a seminar on "The tongue in health and in disease".

Department News

Department of Endodontology

Seven research abstracts were presented by the department faculty together with undergraduate and graduate students at the Israeli section of the International Association of Dental Research held in June in Jerusalem.

Five research posters were presented by the Department faculty at the Biannual Congress of the European Society of Endodontology held in October in Athens. **Dr. Z. Fuss**, the Department Coordinator, presented a key lecture in this congress and **Dr. E. Stamou**, a graduate student in the Orthodontic Department, presented with **Prof. Tamse** a free lecture. **Prof. Aviad Tamse** was the keynote speaker at the Massachusetts Society of Endodontists last May in Boston. He presented a seminar on the differential diagnosis of vertical root fractures in endodontically treated teeth.

Dr. Esther Rosenberg, one of the Department's senior faculty was elected Outstanding Volunteer of the Year.



Hands on course in rotatory NiTi instruments to the senior students with Dr. O. Zuckermann.

Department of Occlusion and Behavioral Sciences

Prof. Ilana Eli, Head of the Department of Occlusion and Behavioral Sciences, was invited by the Turkish Dental Association to present a guest lecture at Dentalya 2003, the T.D.A. 10th International Dental Congress, which took place in Antalya, in June.

The topic of the lecture was "Psychophysiological issues associated with the evaluation and management of breath odor in adults".

Prof. Ilana Eli, Head of the Department, received a research grant from the Chief Scientist of the Ministry of Health for a study of the effect of antipsychogenic drugs on dental health in adolescence. The study will be conducted at the Nes Ziona Psychiatric Hospital in collaboration with Dr. Rachel Blunensohn, Head of the Dept. of Adolescent Psychiatry.

During the last closed meeting of the European Academy of Craniomandibular Disorders (EACD), which took place in Bordeaux, France in September, 2003, Israel was accepted as a full member of the Academy.

Israel has the greatest number of members in the EACD and was represented in this meeting by 5 faculty members: **Prof. Gazit**, **Dr. Winocur**, **Dr. Gavish**, **Dr. Emodi-Perlman**, **Dr. Reiter** as well as by 2 past members (**Dr. Halachmi** and **Dr. Cohen**).



Prof. I. Eli presenting the guest lecture at the 10th International Dental Congress - DENTALYA

Department News

Department of Orthodontics

Dr. Andy Vardimon and Dr. Tamar Brosh, together with their colleague Dr. Cristophe Bouranel of the University of Bonn, received the prestigious G.I.F. (German Israel Foundation) grant.

Dr. Stathis Efstathiou recently finished his Master's thesis in Orthodontics summa cum laude. He is the fourth postgraduate student to finish the Master's program. It should be emphasized that three of these students received an outstanding grade for their research achievements from the School of Continuing Education of the Sackler Faculty of Medicine.

Prof. Y. Shapira, who retired after serving our Department for over 30 years has agreed to continue to contribute his knowledge and expertise to the Department. He recently lectured at dental schools in Buenos Aires, Argentina and Sydney, Australia.

Dr. Vardimon presented a lecture to the Bulgarian Orthodontic Society in Sofia, Bulgaria in September.

Dr. Nir Shpack was elected President of the Israel Orthodontic Society.

The 5th class of the International Postgraduate Program in Orthodontics will open this coming November, and we wish them success.

Dr. Scher presents the seminar on Advances in Implant Dentistry.

Department of Periodontology

Visit and lecture of Dr. Scher

The **Gerald A. Niznick Chair of Implant Dentistry** hosted **Dr. Edwin C. Scher** for a one day seminar on Advances in Implant Dentistry. Dr. Scher, BDS,LDS, RCS,DGPS (UK) is a visiting Clinical Associate Professor, Prosthodontic and Implant Department, Temple University, Philadelphia, USA, and a Diplomate of the American Society of Osseointegration. He has lectured worldwide and published extensively in the field of Implant Dentistry.

Dr. Scher's lectures were well accepted and he was invited to present more of his excellent material in the annual meeting of the Israel Association of Periodontology.

Prof. Haim Tal, Head of the Department of Periodontology, was elected member of the Award Committee of the Academy of Osseointegration.



Department News

Department of Pediatric Dentistry

Interaction with the community

The Department of Pediatric Dentistry has been involved throughout the years with community projects with both undergraduate and postgraduate students, as well as faculty taking part.

1. Examining and instructing kindergarten children from low socioeconomic areas in Tel Aviv
2. Treating children from Jaffa under the auspices of the Price-Brodie project.
3. Participation (for the 5th time) in the Special Olympics-Special Smiles project. Examining and instructing mentally retarded persons.
4. Didactic teaching of public health issues and the effect of socioeconomic conditions on dental health and disease.

Dental students and dentists should be aware and knowledgeable regarding public health issues and be involved and contribute to the community in which they serve.



Group picture of the members of the Dept. of Pediatric Dentistry who participated in the Special Olympics-Special Smiles held at Wingate on May, 2003. Shown are the Chairman Prof. H. Sarnat and faculty members, postgraduate students and 5th year undergraduate students.

Admission Committee Report

**Prof. Mark M. Littner,
Chairman**

The University Authorities have approved an increase in the number of students accepted for the first year from 42 to 55 for the coming academic year 2003-2004. Out of the 500 candidates, 55 students will begin their studies. We hope that this increase in number of students will assist in solving the financial problems of the Dental School.

Among the 55 students accepted, 12 will have an obligation to serve in the army as dentists after graduation, due to the increase shortage of dentists in the Medical Corp of the IDF expected in the future.

Faculty & Research News

ALPHA OMEGA TEL AVIV BRANCH Receives The Mayor's Award

The Tel Aviv branch of the Alpha Omega Fraternity has been selected as the most worthy recipient of the Mayor's award for outstanding volunteers for their wide range of impressive and unique volunteer activities.

The ceremony took place on Monday, December 30, 2002 in the Dohl Auditorium, Tel Aviv, in the presence of Tel Aviv Mayor, Ron Huldai. The ceremony was conducted by Mr. Uri Yaffe, municipal coordinator of volunteer activities. Mr. Yaffe described the fraternity in the following words:

"The Tel Aviv Mayor's Award for outstanding volunteers for the year 2003 was presented to a group of volunteer dentists, members of the Tel Aviv branch of the Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity". Dr. Ephraim Winocur represented the members of the group.

The Tel Aviv branch of the Alpha Omega Fraternity has been active for the last four years, in cooperation with the Department of Social Services of the city of Tel Aviv. Dental treatment was provided, free of charge, in the private clinics of over 20 volunteer dentists with kind hearts.

A wide variety of restorative treatments were provided to the needy, including fillings, root canal treatments, extractions, as well as rehabilitative care, such as crowns, bridges, prostheses, periodontal treatment, etc.

The Tel Aviv branch of the Alpha Omega Fraternity is the largest branch in the country. The dentists

are continually active in promoting public welfare: supporting needy students, establishing a lending library for students who cannot afford to purchase expensive textbooks, etc. The branch also contributed towards the establishment of a dental clinic for the needy in Jaffa. In addition, the branch contributes to projects such as "Perach" for teeth – instruction on maintaining oral and dental health in schools and in Pediatric Oncology Departments in hospitals. The branch also contributed to the project "Special Smiles", offering examinations and instruction on oral health to mentally disabled youngsters. The members of the branch also carry out volunteer activities such as lecturing in schools, closed institutions for juvenile delinquents, etc. They also provide free treatment to blind patients referred to them by the League for the Blind.



Mayor Huldai (r) presents the award to Dr. Winocur (l)

Faculty & Research News

Outstanding Teachers and Volunteers – 2003

This year, **Dr. Ronit Bar-Ness Greenstein** of the Dept. of Oral Biology and **Dr. Esther Rosenberg** of the Dept. of Endodontology were chosen as Outstanding Teachers of the year by the students and faculty of the School of Dental Medicine.

During this ceremony, awards were presented to two Outstanding Volunteers, **Dr. Dorian Hatchuel** of the Dept. of Periodontology, and **Dr. Evelyn Weshler**, of the Dept. of Occlusion and Behavioral Sciences.



Dr. E. Weshler (r) receives her award from Prof. I. Kaffe and Prof. I. Eli.



Left to right: Dr. R. Bar-Ness Greenstein receives her award from Prof. I. Kaffe. Also shown are Dr. E. Winocur (l) and Prof. M. Rosenberg.



Dr. D. Hatchuel receives his award from Prof. I. Kaffe and Prof. Tal.



Dr. E. Rosenberg receives her award from Prof. I. Kaffe and Prof. A. Tamse.

Faculty & Research News

New Immigrants Preparatory Course for Israel Dental License Examination

In order to be allowed to practice dentistry in Israel, all graduate dental students in Israel must pass a national Board examination, organized by the Ministry of Health. The aim of this written and practical exam is to standardize the level of the dental practitioners in Israel in order to assure a high, Western level of dentistry in Israel and protect public health. In order to assist immigrant dentists who have arrived in Israel from various parts of the world to succeed in the examination, the Maurice and Gabriela Goldschleger School of Dental Medicine founded by the Alpha Omega International Fraternity, established a special post graduate course, aimed to prepare the new immigrants for the test. The course includes 2 parts:

1. A theoretical part, in which the faculty of the Dental School covers the syllabus requirements specified by the Israel Ministry of Health. The lectures are in Hebrew, but special emphasis is given to the language, so every one is able to understand. A pre requisite to be accepted to the course is to pass a prior basic course in Hebrew (general and professional).
2. A clinical part in which the dentist practices "hands on" dentistry on plastic teeth, in the various fields of dentistry (prosthodontics, restorative dentistry, endodontics, etc).

At the end of the course the participants take a test similar to one given by the goverment. Their grade in the preparatory course is taken into consideration by the Israeli Ministry of Health when calculating their final grade in the official Board Exam, thus helping the immigrant dentists to receive their dental practitioner license in Israel.

On June 1, 2003, a new course was opened in the School, under the coordination of Dr. E. Winocur, of the Department of Occlusion and Behavioral Sciences. The course included 350 hours of theoretical lectures and 150 hours of clinical practice. 34 dentists participated from Argentina, France and the former Soviet Union countries.

The Belgian TV Program on Halitosis

In January, 2003, a 4 member crew from VRL(The Belgian Television), arrived in Tel Aviv to prepare a special tv program on halitosis, and to interview and film Prof. Mel Rosenberg and Prof. Ilana Eli, who have been working on this subject for almost 2 years. The crew stayed in Israel for 4 days, during which they visited and filmed the laboratories in the Dental School, and interviewed Profs. Eli and Rosenberg about their work.

The result of this visit was a 45 minute program which was broadcast in Belgium on March 30th, 2003 aroused tremendous interest in Belgian Society. Following the broadcast, an internet chat was arranged between Profs. Rosenberg and Eli and the Belgian audience. The chat received a record 700 questions from around Belgium, indicating the high level of interest in the program.

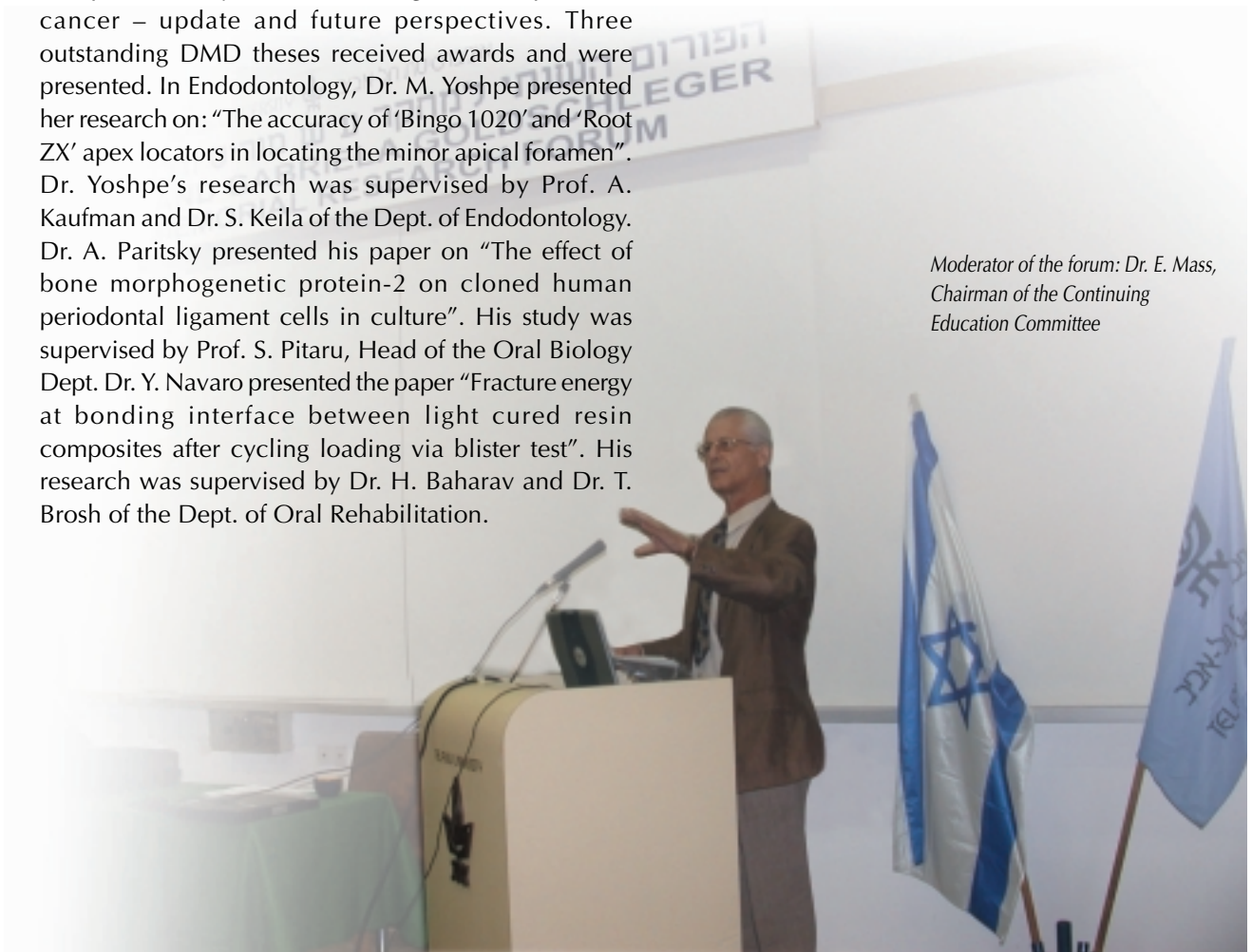


Faculty & Research News

The Maurice and Gabriela Goldschleger Research Forum 2002

Continuing the tradition of the annual meeting devoted to dental research took place in the Sigma Epsilon Delta auditorium in November, 2002. The School faculty and senior class students participated in the event and filled the hall. Following greetings by the Head of the School, Prof. I. Kaffe, the keynote lecture was presented by Dr. A. Hirshberg on the topic: Oral cancer – update and future perspectives. Three outstanding DMD theses received awards and were presented. In Endodontology, Dr. M. Yoshpe presented her research on: “The accuracy of ‘Bingo 1020’ and ‘Root ZX’ apex locators in locating the minor apical foramen”. Dr. Yoshpe’s research was supervised by Prof. A. Kaufman and Dr. S. Keila of the Dept. of Endodontology. Dr. A. Paritsky presented his paper on “The effect of bone morphogenetic protein-2 on cloned human periodontal ligament cells in culture”. His study was supervised by Prof. S. Pitaru, Head of the Oral Biology Dept. Dr. Y. Navaro presented the paper “Fracture energy at bonding interface between light cured resin composites after cycling loading via blister test”. His research was supervised by Dr. H. Baharav and Dr. T. Brosh of the Dept. of Oral Rehabilitation.

*Moderator of the forum: Dr. E. Mass,
Chairman of the Continuing
Education Committee*



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MSc/DMD Program

My name is **Dror Shamir** and I have been asked to tell you about the M.Sc/ D.M.D program that I participated in last year.

The program enables dental students, who have completed their B.Sc. degree, to study towards a Master of Science degree during their dental studies. Each student chooses a research project in one of the many disciplines that is offered by the Sackler Faculty of Medicine.

I chose the area of molecular biology. My supervisor was Prof. M. Weinreb from the Department of Oral Biology of the Maurice and Gabriela Goldschleger School of Dental Medicine, whose field of research is bone biology. The purpose of the research in this department was to obtain a better understanding of bone biology in order to find treatments for bone diseases, such as osteoporosis and periodontitis.

During my studies I attended courses in general science, genetics and molecular biology, in addition to scientific writing and statistics.

During my research I explored the involvement of prostaglandin receptors in the anabolic effect of PGE_2 in bone tissue.

The anabolic effect of PGE_2 on bone tissue was found to be mediated through the prostaglandin receptor, EP_4 . This will hopefully contribute to finding new drugs to treat osteoporosis and promote bone formation in other circumstances.

Throughout my studies I learned many different techniques of molecular biology, such as tissue cultures and protein- and nucleic acid- analyses. I also learned to work with laboratory animals.

The tools and knowledge that I acquired will enable me to participate in any field of research that I may choose in the future. The program enhanced my understanding of science in general and the scientific basis of clinical medicine in particular.

During this time I came to know the fascinating world of research, where the sky (or should I say the brain) is the limit. I enjoyed meeting and working with researchers from the Maurice and Gabriela Goldschleger School of Dental Medicine and from the Sackler Faculty of Medicine, and I learned from them more than I could have learned by myself.

I would recommend this program to any student with an interest in research.

I call on the Goldshleger School of Dental Medicine and on the Alpha Omega Fraternity to encourage students to participate in the program and to allocate funds for this important program.

Sincerely yours,

Dror Shamir

President of the Tel Aviv Student Chapter
of Alpha Omega.



(from left to right) Dr. A. Feldman, Mr. D. Shamir,
Mrs. Feldman, Prof. I. Kaffe.

Honorary Associate Award



Dr. Itzhak Chen, President of the Israel Dental Association receiving an Honorary Fellowship from the Faculty of Medicine, Tel Aviv University for his contribution to dentistry in Israel and the School of Dental Medicine, Tel Aviv University in particular. From left to right: Prof. Shimon Yenkelevitz, Rector, Tel Aviv University, Prof. Itamar Rabinowitz, President, Dr. Itzhak Chen, Chair IDA, Prof. Dov Lichtenberg, Dean, Sackler Faculty of Medicine.

Members of the Board of Governors Meet with Faculty



Three members of the Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University met with department heads of the Dental School to discuss current issues. Far right: Prof. Kaffe, to his right, Dr. Ben Williamowsky and Mr. Mervyn Druian, and the second on his left, Prof. Leo Sreebny.

Visits by Alpha Omega International Presidents



Dr. Arnold Feldman, (center) current International President of Alpha Omega on a recent visit to our School, seen in front of the Wall of Honor.



Dr. A. Feldman, A.O. International President visited our School in September, 2003. Seen: Seated, Dr. Feldman, (l), Mr. Y. Ben Zvi , Vice President for International Affairs, Tel Aviv University (r). Standing (l), Prof. I. Kaffe, Mrs.Feldman, and Dr. N. Uziel, President, Tel Aviv Chapter of A.O.

R Retirees

Prof. M. Tagger

Prof. Michael Tagger founded the Department of Endodontology in the School of Dental Medicine, and was its first chair until 2001. Prof. Tagger played a major role in shaping the Dental School in its early days, as well as the Dept. of Endodontology. As a result of his efforts and personal reputation, the Department was established as an independent department which is very active in teaching, research, community activities and continuing education.

On a national level, Prof. Tagger's academic and administrative activities have resulted in the recognition of endodontics as a formal specialty, by the Israel Dental Association and the Ministry of Health.

Prof. Tagger served as a member and chair of many of the important committees of the Dental School, such as the curriculum committee, teacher-students committee and continuing education committee. Under his leadership, the teachers of the department are held in high esteem by the students, for the high level of theoretical and clinical instruction.

Prof. Tagger pioneered the way for us to become one of the leading endodontic departments in basic and clinical research. He himself has published numerous publications, including chapters in books and scientific papers in the leading professional journals. He has frequently been invited to lecture on various topics of endodontics throughout the world.

The peak of Prof. Tagger's academic and administrative activities was no doubt in 1995 when he was elected President of the European Society of Endodontology at the Biannual Congress held in Tel Aviv, a position in which he was very successful.

Prof. Tagger is a founding member of the Israeli Endodontic Society, a life member of the AAE and IADR Associations, represents Israel in the dental department of the ISO and is an honorary member of the Israel Dental Association.

If we were asked to describe Prof. Tagger in one sentence, the most fitting one would be – "the founder of modern endodontics in Israel". We are very fortunate to have had him on our faculty.



Prof. M. Tagger, center, with Prof. I. Kaffe (l) and Prof. A. Tamse (r) the department chair.

Prof. D. Moskona



Prof. A. Buchner, Chair, Dept. of Oral Pathology and Medicine (l), Prof. D. Moskona, center, and Prof. I. Kaffe, Head of the School at Prof. Moskona's retirement ceremony

Prof. Moskona has reached retirement after years of dedicated service to the Dental School.

Prof. David Moskona immigrated to Israel from Bulgaria in 1949. After completing his military service he studied at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and in 1962 was awarded a degree in Dental Medicine. This was followed by years of study in the various disciplines of dental medicine, which included a course in Oral Medicine at the School of Dentistry,

University of California at San Francisco, USA.

In 1976 Prof. Moskona joined the faculty of the School of Dental Medicine, Tel Aviv University, teaching Oral Diagnosis and Treatment Planning to undergraduate students. In the ensuing years, Prof. Moskona taught in many of the disciplines of dental medicine at the School and served on several important committees.

Prof. Moskona also spent a two year period in San Francisco at both the University of the Pacific, as Visiting Assistant Professor and the University of California, as a visiting Postdoctoral Scholar in Oral Medicine.

In 1987, Prof. Moskona took charge of the Geriatric Oral Medicine Clinic at the School of Dental Medicine; in the same year he was appointed as consultant to the Israeli Minister of Health, and was responsible for establishing the policy of the Ministry of Health regarding preventative dentistry in Israel.

Prof. Moskona was a tutor to students for many years, and was also Chairman of the Teacher-Student Committee.

Prof. Moskona was a valued member of the faculty of the school and was regarded by the students as a counselor and mentor par excellence, so much so that he was elected Outstanding Teacher by the students.

Prof. Y. Shapira

Prof. Yehoshua Shapira (also known as Shaika) has retired from the Dept. of Orthodontics at the Tel Aviv University School of Dental Medicine following 25 years of dedicated service.

He was born in Jerusalem in 1934 and received his dental education at the Hebrew University – Hadassah School of Dental Medicine in Jerusalem. He received his postgraduate orthodontic education at Harvard School of Dental Medicine in Boston, and received his specialist certification in Orthodontics in 1977.



Prof. Y. Shapira, center, with Prof. I. Kaffe (l) and Dr. A. Vardimon (r), the Department Chair

Among his many academic and professional achievements, he was awarded the International Association for Dental Research "Edward Hatton's" first prize for meritorious papers

and original research in 1969 and received the B. de Rothchild foundation grant for advancement of science in 1970.

Prof. Shapira served as an Associate Professor at the Dept. of Orthodontics in the University of Louisville, Kentucky between 1979-1981 and has been a Visiting Professor in Orthodontics at New York University College of Dentistry since 1991. He has served as an orthodontic consultant for cleft lip and palate and cranio-facial anomalies at the oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Dept., Barzilai Hospital Medical Center in Ashkelon since 1972.

Prof. Shapira was the coordinator of the graduate orthodontic program at Tel Aviv University between 1984-1987 and he has contributed his knowledge and clinical experience in the education of several generations of dental graduates and specialists in the field of orthodontics.

Prof. Shapira has authored 70 publications in the international orthodontic literature and has presented numerous papers at international and national scientific meetings. In addition, he supervised several postgraduate masters theses.

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Alpha Omega Solidarity Seminar France-Israel

On March 18-20, 2003, Prof. I. Kaffe, Head of the School, and Prof. H. Tal, Chair of the Dept. of Periodontology represented our School in a series of solidarity seminars organized by the three chapters of Alpha Omega France in Lyon, Marseilles and Strasbourg. Together with Prof. J. Mann, Dean of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Faculty of Dental Medicine and Prof. A. Stabholtz, Chair of Endodontics at the Faculty of Dental Medicine, Hebrew University, they presented lectures in the fields of periodontology, radiology, endodontics and public health dentistry in each of the three cities. The lectures were warmly received by the participants who were Alpha Omega fraters.



Prof. I. Kaffe with Dr. Andre Amiach, of Lyon, France, former European Regent of Alpha Omega, France.



During his visit to Strasbourg, Prof. I. Kaffe met with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Mr. Schwimmer.



Left to right: Prof. A. Stabholtz, Prof. J. Mann, Dr. A. Feldman, A. O. International President, Prof. I. Kaffe, Prof. H. Tal.

IN MEMORY

Dr. Shevach Basist

In 2003, our School lost one of the most personable and competent faculty members. Dr. Basist completed his studies at the Dental School of the Karolinska Institute in Sweden in 1971. In 1972 he immigrated to Israel and worked in a private clinic in Jerusalem. By 1973 he was already involved in academics and instructed new immigrants from the former USSR at the Hebrew University.

He was inducted into the Israel Defense Force in 1975, and joined the permanent force immediately after completing his compulsory service. Dr. Basist served as the Chief Dental Officer of the Israeli Air-Force from 1980-1984. In 1984 he was invited to join the faculty of the Dental School in Tel Aviv University. In 1985, he served as the Regional Dental Officer of southern Israel in Kupat Holim Clalit, the largest health fund in Israel. During his period, he spent 2 days a week at the Dental School instructing final year students in restorative dentistry.

Shevach was a modest, sympathetic and understanding teacher and was popular with students, staff and faculty alike. He was always regarded as a gifted and knowledgeable teacher. His presence at the School is sorely missed and he will always be remembered with fondness and respect by all of us.

A generous gift by Ralph and Bette Rothstein

has enabled the Dept. of Restorative Dentistry to assist their faculty with research and study projects. During the current academic year (2003-2004) there have been 2 recipients of such funds. In addition, a lectureship has been created in Ralph and Bette's name, henceforth to be known as "The Ralph and Bette Rothstein Lecture" which will take place for the first time on May 21, 2004; the first lecturer will be Mr. Adrian Jurim of Great Neck, New York, who is one of the leading dental technicians in the USA. We are sure that he will make an unusual presentation, indicating what elements are necessary from the dentist to enable a technician to produce superb restorations. In an age where the demand for 'esthetic dentistry' grows by the day, this should be a lecture of much value to the participants.



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