



FACULTY OF  
DENTISTRY



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
SYDNEY

# THE ORAL HEALTH FOUNDATION 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

Mission to

- support education and research activities at the Faculty of Dentistry
- unite Faculty and Alumni and the general community in the support of the Dentistry profession
- promote the profession of oral health in the community

THE ORAL HEALTH  
FOUNDATION

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“Oral health is a state of being free from chronic mouth and facial pain, oral and throat cancer, oral sores, birth defects such as cleft lip and palate, periodontal (gum) disease, tooth decay and tooth loss, and other diseases and disorders that affect the oral cavity. Risk factors for oral diseases include unhealthy diet, tobacco use, harmful alcohol use, and poor oral hygiene.”

World Health Organisation

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Foundation extends sincere thanks to all those who have contributed to the Foundation’s income, and events, including those who have compiled information for this report.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



*Douglas Stewart BDS, DipGDP,  
GradDipSciMed (Pain), MScMed, FRSPH*

The Oral Health Foundation (OHF) entered its twelfth year of operation in 2010/2011 and has continued to promote education and research activities in the Faculty of Dentistry. The OHF continues to promote the advancement of oral health of the community in conjunction with the Faculty's alumni.

A planning meeting was held during March of this year to discuss matters, including:

- Ensuring that the Foundation is focused on supporting the strategic directions of the Faculty/Dean.
- The Foundation needs to consider the granting of proposals associated with numerous individual discipline areas in order to promote its activities.
- The Foundation needs to produce a quality magazine that incorporates the activities of the OHF and the Dental Alumni Society.
- The Foundation should revamp the website and outline project successes and promote involvement with various disciplines.
- The Foundation should consider inviting high profile membership to the Council.
- The Foundation should consider new marketing approaches.
- The Foundation should design and implement a standard electronic application for future funding of projects.
- To evaluate the potential for a virtual or physical museum; this is for the purposes of housing the contents of the old dental museum, and subsequent acquisitions.

### **SUPPORT OF THE FACULTY**

The Foundation totally supports the strategic directions of the Faculty and sincerely welcomes the new Dean, Professor Chris Peck, with enthusiasm.

On behalf of the Foundation I would also like to express a vote of appreciation for the efforts of our past Dean, Professor Eli Schwarz.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the members of the OHF Council and Executive, the Australian Dental Association (NSW), the Australian Dental Industry Association, the Dental Board of NSW and other sponsors for their generous support of the Foundation.

I look forward to a year of progress in our aims and strategies of the Oral Health Foundation and I thank everybody for their support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Stewart'.

**Douglas Stewart**  
**President of the**  
**Oral Health Foundation**

## UNIVERSITY OFFICER'S REPORT



Chris Peck, BDS, MScDent, PhD (Brit Col),  
GradDipSciMed (Pain)

In January 2010 I was appointed to the roles of Dean in the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Sydney and University Officer for the Oral Health Foundation. I am looking forward to working with our Foundation to help further the Faculty's research and education strategies.

We are in an exciting period with oral health undergoing major changes.

The Review of Australian Higher Education chaired by Professor Bradley and published in December 2008 highlights the need for more well qualified people. Dentistry is no exception – with the need to increase our workforce and investigate different delivery care models. Here at Sydney we proudly offer a comprehensive suite of undergraduate and postgraduate courses to meet the demands of the community. These courses are extremely expensive and it is with the help of the Foundation that we are able to deliver these to the high standards that we do. We continue to

investigate ways we can improve our operational effectiveness and efficiencies and we are in the final stages of a review of our dentistry degree. Proposed changes to this degree will not only help develop the clinical practitioners of tomorrow, but also provide research pathways so that we can develop the future academic leaders.

The National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission has made recommendations to strengthen our Health System. There is a strong recommendation to improve access to dental health care with a new universal scheme for basic dental services – “Denticare Australia”, and internships for graduating dentists and oral health professionals. Such recommendations will have profound changes to our activities and how dentistry is delivered in the future.

Locally, this year has seen the release by the Vice Chancellor of the University's strategic planning discussion document (the “Green Paper”), which has made all faculties reflect on their visions and strategic directions. We will be following up with strategic planning in the Faculty to improve research collaboration and reform our curricula to meet the community's needs.

The expensive nature of dental education and research underscores the need for an effective Oral Health Foundation. The Foundation, established by the Senate of the University, aims to foster and develop dental practice and community dental health; unite alumni and the community in the support of the Faculty, encourage and promote improvement in the community's oral health and promote the profession of Dentistry. It does this primarily through increasing the resources of the Faculty and providing advice on the use of those resources. The Foundation's Council

has a broad range of expertise and is certainly up to the challenges outlined above. Importantly, the President of the Oral Health Foundation is also the President of the Alumni Association, which helps coordinate the activities of both groups who are committed to the Faculty's mission and ethos.

In 2009, the Oral Health Foundation was instrumental in providing resources for students to undertake international externships and cutting-edge research, a strong promoter of the Noel Martin Professorial Chair. These activities help enrich the students' experience and will enable the Faculty to create a sustainable cadre of highly skilled academics, which ultimately benefits the community, Australia and the wider world.

I look forward to working closely with the Foundation's Council to build on it's past achievements and to achieve Faculty goals in line with the University's statement of strategic purpose: to create and sustain a university in which the brightest researchers and most promising students, whatever their social or cultural background, can thrive and realise their full potential.

I would like to sincerely thank the members of the Oral Health Foundation for your continued support of, and hard work for, our Faculty.

**Chris Peck**  
**Dean of Dentistry**  
**University Officer for the**  
**Oral Health Foundation**



## TREASURER'S REPORT



Simon Taggart, MBus, BCom

During 2009, the Oral Health Foundation received income totalling \$156,306, compared to \$190,808 received in the previous year.

### INTEREST AND INVESTMENT INCOME

The financial crisis and lower interest rates affected the return on investments significantly. The Oral Health Foundation earned lower interest and investment income totalling \$147,349 in 2009, compared to \$170,808 received in the previous year.

The interest and investment earnings for 2009 included:

- \$91,360 from accumulated funds
- \$41,802 from the Corbett Bequest
- \$14,022 from the Dental Board Trust and
- \$165 from the Hansen Bequest

### DISBURSEMENTS

The disbursements for 2009 totalled \$67,623. The major payments for 2009 included:

Student grants of \$8,000 towards four Elective Student Scholarships.

Contribution of \$5,000 as research grant to the discipline of Population Oral Health to monitor dental practice in New South Wales.

Contribution of \$3,000 for the Faculty Research Day.

Payment of \$12,000 towards visiting scholar Professor Mark Herzberg's travel and accommodation costs in Sydney.

Oral Health Foundation Scholarship stipends of \$19,452 and fee waiver of \$20,700 for Dr Amit Arora.

### INCOME STATEMENT

The 2009 operating surplus of \$88,683 is lower than the previous year surplus of \$166,864 reflecting the reduced investment returns on the one hand and the greater support for the Faculty initiatives on the other hand. No transfers of funds were made towards any other significant Faculty projects during the period, other than for the contributions noted.

The accumulated funds of the Foundation increased from \$2,704,276 as at the beginning of the year to \$2,792,959 at the year-end.

### BALANCE SHEET

The net assets of the Foundation totalled \$3,092,959 as at 31 December 2009, with a market value of \$3,065,714. The corresponding book and market values of the Foundation at the beginning of the year were \$3,004,276 and \$2,862,089 respectively. The net assets as at 31 December 2009 included the following:

The Dental Board Trust, with a book value of \$381,199 (market value \$394,695).

The LA Hansen Bequest, with a book value of \$2,920 (market value \$2,920).

The Rowland Corbett Bequest, with a book value of \$858,716 (market value \$885,421).

Other accumulated funds, with a book value of \$1,850,124 (market value \$1,782,678).

### THE YEAR AHEAD

#### Future Allocations for 2010

The approval of funds to move the Biomaterials laboratory to the Research Institute at Westmead, is not reflected in the financial statements as this is a project which has not been activated yet. This project will be tied into further University and Westmead Hospital infrastructure upgrades.

The Oral Health Foundation Scholarship for Dr Amit Arora progresses to the second year.

The undergraduate Elective Student Scholarships are expected to be enhanced as the number of students participating is anticipated to increase this year.

2010 represents a year the Oral Health Foundation looks to continue to capitalise and further build on its investments, with a view to contributing significantly towards various strategic initiatives of the Faculty.

**Simon Taggart**  
Treasurer of the  
Oral Health Foundation

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY ORAL HEALTH FOUNDATION

## INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER CALENDAR YEAR 2009

	31 December CY2009 \$	31 December CY2008 \$
<b>INCOME</b>		
Scholarships, Donations and Bequests (note 1)	0	20,000
Business and Investment Income	147,349	170,808
Internal Income (note 2)	8,957	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>156,306</b>	<b>190,808</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Salaries	179	792
Services and Utilities	292	152
Contributions to University areas (note 3)	67,152	5,000
Other expenses (note 4)	0	18,000
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>67,623</b>	<b>23,944</b>
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>88,683</b>	<b>166,864</b>
Accumulated Funds brought forward	2,704,276	2,537,412
<b>Total accumulated funds</b>	<b>2,792,959</b>	<b>2,704,276</b>

<b>NOTES</b>	31 December CY2009	31 December CY2008
<b>1. Scholarship, Donations &amp; Bequests</b>		
Australian Dental Association	-	\$20,000
<b>2. Internal Income</b>		
Distribution from Martin Halas Prize fund	\$8,957	-
<b>3. Contribution to University Areas</b>		
Research grant to Population Oral Health	\$5,000	\$5,000
Contribution towards the faculty research day	\$3,000	-
Graduate fee scholarship and stipends	\$40,152	-
Undergraduate elective student scholarships	\$7,000	-
Funding for visiting scholar	\$12,000	-
<b>4. Other Expenses</b>		
Undergraduate elective student scholarships	-	\$18,000

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY ORAL HEALTH FOUNDATION

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER CALENDAR YEAR 2009

	31 December CY2009 \$	31 December CY2008 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Funds Participating in University Pool Interest	2,157,447	2,100,764
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>2,157,447</b>	<b>2,100,764</b>
<b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Investments	935,512	903,512
<b>Total Non Current Assets</b>	<b>935,512</b>	<b>903,512</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>3,092,959</b>	<b>3,004,276</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>3,092,959</b>	<b>3,004,276</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Capital	300,000	300,000
Accumulated Funds	2,792,959	2,704,276
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>3,092,959</b>	<b>3,004,276</b>

*I certify that the Income Statement and Balance Sheet of the Foundation have been prepared in accordance with the University's accounting practices and procedures. These Foundation accounts form part of The University of Sydney's financial reports which have been audited by the Auditor-General, New South Wales.*



Dominic P Curtin  
Finance Director, Faculties of Health  
31 March 2010

### NOTES:

#### 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

- (a) Income Tax is not applicable to activities of the Foundation.
- (b) The accounts have been prepared on an accrual basis and amounts are stated at historical costs.
- (c) All fixed asset are expensed in the year of purchase.

#### 2. Non Current Assets - Investments

Investments are recorded at book value

	31 December CY2009	31 December CY2008
Market value of Investments	\$908,268	\$761,325

## 2009 ACTIVITIES



*Left to Right: Louise Costello, Daniel Schlosberg, Adrian Montalto, Amelia Wood, Douglas Stewart, Michelle Foster, Natasha Satti, Jacinda Matthews, Iris Buenaventura.  
(Absent: Meg He, Regina Lee)*

### Bachelor of Oral Health

First year students were required to conduct a project to engage with the community to deliver a promotional message in oral health.

The theme was "Tooth decay can be stopped, reversed and prevented".

Students were required to conduct literature research to collect information about their given target audience and to create and convey the message effectively.

Students awarded the Oral Health Foundation prize for high performance in Communication and Behaviour Change were:

- Michelle Foster, Jacinda Mathews and Natasha Satti for communication with school girls
- Iris Buenaventura, Meg He, Adrian Montalto for communication with school boys
- Louis Costello, Regina Lee, Vanojeniya Raveindiran and Amelia Wood for communication within the Indigenous Community



*Left to Right: Benjamin Austin, Leah Morgan, Jessica Wong, Karina White, Emily Lockley, Douglas Stewart, Stephanie Little, Benjamin Hargreave, Tanya Wiendels, Megan Thomas, Daniel Faraj.*

### **Bachelor of Dentistry**

Third year students were supported by the Oral Health Foundation to conduct projects to promote and deliver oral health programs in Australia and overseas. These projects expose students to a wide range of community health issues from which they gain valuable experience to bring back to their studies.

- Megan Thomas and Tanya Wiendels: "Tooth Aid" an organisation providing dental treatment to remote villages in Laos.
- Karina White and Leah Morgan: 'Project Cambodia' organisation to promote oral health to groups of children.
- Jessica Wong, Stephanie Little and Zoe Commandeur assisted Dr Graham Toulmin (OA), in his work in Kenya, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo to conduct needs analysis for a third dental clinic.
- Ben Hargrave and Emily Lockley assisted in dental treatment and the delivery of health promotion programs within schools in Cambodia.
- Daniel Faraj joined an urban area health promotion program for disadvantaged children in Columbia.
- Ben Austin conducted a field study of the oral health and oral health services and experiences for two different indigenous populations.



## 2009 ACTIVITIES

### SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FOR PHD STUDIES TO DR AMIT ARORA



Dr Amit Arora gained a Master of Dental Science (Honours) in Community Oral Health and Epidemiology in 2007. His work focused on the prevention of dental health in school-aged children and was used in the promotion of water fluoridation in Lithgow, a town in rural New South Wales.

Dr Arora's PhD research is supervised by Professor Anthony Blinkhorn, NSW Health Chair of the Population Oral Health. His PhD has two main phases. The first, is a systematic review of dental decay in pre-school children. The second phase is a research project exploring risk factors, health education relating to the feeding practices and quality of life of pre-school children. In addition, the research investigates the parental health literacy for those living in disadvantaged areas of New South Wales.

This second phase is a large primary prevention program: ultimately, Dr Arora hopes his findings may influence health care policy development for the prevention of dental caries in disadvantaged areas of New South Wales. The realities of this research involve collecting feedback on a regular basis from 1000 mothers on the feeding habits of their infants. During the course of this study Amit predicts that he will have conducted 8000 interviews.

His PhD is part of a joint venture with other researchers from the Universities of Adelaide, Flinders, Griffith, Newcastle, and Sydney within Australia, a research scientist from Eli Lilly and Company (USA), and an advisor from the University of Iowa (USA).

Dr Arora is due to present the pilot work for this program at the International Association of Dental Research (IADR) meeting in Barcelona in July.

## OHF MEMBERS AND EXECUTIVE

### OHF Members

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Faculty Manager, the University of Sydney

DR CAROLINE NGUYEN  
Dentist and recent graduate committee representative

### OHF Executive

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR DOUGLAS STEWART  
President of the Oral Health Foundation

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Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry and  
University Officer for the Oral Health Foundation

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