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Obituary

Edward Della Maggiore, DDS, PhD died January 24, 2007. He was 73. Dr. Maggiore was an outstanding dental educator at the University of Michigan, the University of California-Los Angeles, and the University of Southern California. He was the director of the Venice Free Clinic and was on staff at the Los Angeles Free Clinic and the Los Angeles Rescue Mission. He was also the director of Project Hope for 7 years.

Appointments

Isabel Garcia, DDS, MPH was appointed deputy director of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) on January 2, 2007. Dr. Garcia succeeds Dr. Dushanka Kleinman, who retired from government service to enter the academia.

Dr. Garcia brings to the position 26 years of experience in dental public health practice, research, and administration at the local, state, and national levels. She also brings a deep knowledge and appreciation of

NIDCR and National Institutes of Health (NIH) research and issues, gained over 12 years working at the agency. A captain in the US Public Health Service (USPHS) Commissioned Corps, Dr. Garcia is also the director of the dental public health residency program at NIDCR.

Before joining NIDCR, Dr. Garcia was a health scientist administrator in the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, where she managed research on health services and primary care. Prior to her career in the USPHS, she held local- and state-level health management positions, including county health director for the Virginia Division of Dental Health and director of dental research and evaluation in the Ohio Department of Health. During the early 1980s, Dr. Garcia was in private practice in Richmond, Virginia.

Dr. Garcia earned a dental degree from the Medical College of Virginia and a master's degree in public health from the University of Michigan, where she also completed a residency in dental public health. She also completed a USPHS fellowship in primary care policy. Active in many professional organizations, Dr. Garcia gained diplomate status in the American Board of Dental Public Health, the certifying body for the specialty of dental public health. In 2003, she was elected to a 6-year term as one of the Board's directors.

Michelle M. Henshaw, DDS, MPH, director of Community Health Programs and associate professor in the Department of Health Policy and Health Services Research at the Boston University School of Dental Medicine, has been promoted to assistant dean for Community Partnerships and Extramural Affairs.

In this new role, Dr. Henshaw will oversee the expansion and integration of the dental school's activities in service learning, community services, community-based and translational research, and experiential education. She will facilitate the collaboration between the dental school and other Boston University Schools and Colleges, with the aim of more effectively advancing the strategic goals of Boston University. Dr. Henshaw earned her dental degree from the University of California-San Francisco in 1993. She later completed a master's degree in public health and a dental public health residency at Boston University.

Susan G. Reed, DDS, MPH, DrPH was recently appointed associate professor at the College of Dental Medicine within the Medical University of South Carolina. She is the director of the Dental Public Health and Oral Epidemiology section.

Maureen Johnson, RDH, CDHC received a Certificate in Dental Public Health from the Northeast Wisconsin Technical College in May 2006. She is the coordinator of a safety net dental clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Awards

Marsha Cunningham, RDH, MS was named the 2006 Dental Educator of the Year by the University of Iowa College of Dentistry Alumni Association. Dr. Cunningham, an associate professor in the Department of Preventive and Community Dentistry, is director for two courses during the freshman year that introduce dental students into the clinic. One of her colleagues noted that she is a model teacher who is extremely patient, incredibly orga-



nized, very knowledgeable about course content, and fair and even-tempered with novice practitioners. She also directs a graduate course in Teaching Methods and Evaluation. Dr. Cunningham has been previously honored as Collegiate Teacher of the Year and is the recipient of the national ADEA/GlaxoSmithKline Excellence in Teaching Award.

Alice Horowitz, RDH, MA, PhD received the Foundation of Excellence in Research Award. Dr. Horowitz is a senior scientist within the Division of Population and Health Promotion Sciences at NIDCR. She has been a highly dedicated, behind-the-scenes national and international stimulus and resource for better oral health and overall health. Her imprint has been consistently seen on many oral

disease prevention initiatives promoted across the country over the past 25 years. Most recently, Dr. Horowitz has played a critical role in building and implementing a strategic national plan for oral cancer prevention.

Retirement

Dushanka Kleinman, DDS, MScD, NIDCR deputy director, retired from government service on January 1, 2007, to assume the position of associate dean for Research and Academic Affairs, College of Health and Human Performance, University of Maryland-College Park. The College is transitioning to a School of Public Health. She will also have an appointment as professor in the Epidemiology and Biostatistics Department.

Dr. Kleinman has served in the government for 28 years, of which 26 were spent at NIDCR. During her early career, she conducted research on oral mucosal tissue diseases and conditions, directed planning and evaluation activities, and managed the institute's epidemiology and oral disease prevention program. She was named deputy director in 1991. Since that time, Dr. Kleinman has assumed the role of acting director of NIDCR twice during leadership transitions.

A rear admiral in the USPHS, Dr. Kleinman spearheaded the first-ever Surgeon General's Report on Oral Health, which was published in 2000. In 2001, she was named chief dental officer for the USPHS, the first woman to hold that position since its establishment in 1923. In that capacity, she coordinated dental programs for the Office of the Surgeon General and advised the Surgeon General on issues related to dental practice and personnel in the PHS. Most recently, she was on a detail to the Office of the Director at the NIH. During this time, she was the assistant director for the NIH Roadmap for Medical Research Initiative, an effort to accelerate progress in biomedical research.

Dr. Kleinman is a diplomate of the American Board of Dental Public Health. She is active in many professional organizations and has served as president of the American Association of Women Dentists, the American Association of Public Health Dentistry, and the American Board of Dental Public Health.

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