

1997 AAPHD ANNUAL MEETING

Special Recognition of the National Institute of Dental Research on the Occasion of its 50th Anniversary

Presented by Robert (Skip) J. Collins, President

President Collins introduced Dr. Harold Slavkin, the sixth director in the history of the NIDR, an institution celebrating its 50th anniversary in 1998 and whose history is closely linked with public health dentistry. Dr. Slavkin received his undergraduate (1961) and dental (1965) degrees from the University of Southern California (USC), and an honorary doctorate in science from Georgetown University in 1990. He directed the Center for Craniofacial Molecular Biology at

USC before coming to NIDR in 1995 and is a past president of the American Association for Dental Research. His own research focuses on processes underlying congenital and acquired craniofacial and oral defects.

Dr. Collins noted that Hal is a warm human being, full of enthusiasm with a deep sense of the relationship between science and the public good. Dr. Slavkin shared some of his visions about dental research and its application to public health dentistry as the

NIDR turns 50 and moves into a new millennium. Following Slavkin's presentation, Dr. Collins presented him with an AAPHD plaque commemorating NIDR's 50th anniversary and citing the strong relationship between dental public health and the research and science transfer conducted under the auspices of the NIDR. He noted that it seemed fitting that the AAPHD and the NIDR should share 10-year anniversaries, NIDR's 50th and AAPHD's 60th.



Dr. Hal Slavkin, director of NIDR, accepting plaque commemorating NIDR's 50th anniversary from Skip Collins, president of AAPHD.



Gabriele Glang receiving the Special Recognition plaque from Gary Rozier, JPHD editor.

Special Recognition of Gabriele Glang, Publications Manager, JPHD

Presented by Gary Rozier, DDS, MPH

I am pleased to have the opportunity to recognize the contributions of Gabriele Glang to the American Association of Public Health Dentistry.

Gabriele has been the publications

manager for the association's journal since the summer issue of 1985. In this capacity, she designs the *JPHD* layout, copy edits manuscripts and other features, prepares galley proofs and

sends them to authors and coordinates their corrections, proofs the final pages, and prepares camera-ready copy for printing the journal in Michigan.

She manages this flow of paperwork from her home in Germany. Although many of you feel like you know her because you have corresponded with her on many occasions, this is probably the first opportunity most of you have had to meet her in person. We are fortunate that one of her infrequent trips to the United States coincided with our annual meeting and she could be with us.

Gabriele has contributed more than most anyone else to the association. According to my count, she has read and reread—at least twice—close to 500 manuscripts and other features in the *JPHD* during the 12 1/2 years since

she started working for the association. Obviously, she could not do this without some philosophical alignment with dental public health, and I consider her an honorary dental public health practitioner.

Personally, she has been a great help to me as I have tried to learn the business. I remember the conversations in the Executive Council when she left the American Association of Dental Schools and moved to Germany. Dennis Leverett, the *JPHD* editor at the time, was insistent that, even though Gabriele was moving out of the country, she continue her work with the journal. I now see why Dennis felt so

strongly about her work.

The *JPHD* is an important part of her life, but not life itself. She has a husband and two young children, and is both an artist and a poet. She currently has a show of over 30 of her paintings hanging in Germany and is a published poet. She has even written a poem on gingivitis that is dedicated, I believe, to one of our own—Dr. James Bader.

So it is with great pleasure that I present this plaque of appreciation to Gabriele Glang in recognition of her many years of service to the association.

President's Award: Dr. Raymond Kuthy, DDS, MPH

Presented by Robert J. (Skip) Collins, DMD, MPH

The President's Award was presented by President Collins to Ray Kuthy for his service to the AAPHD as secretary-treasurer and member of the Executive Council. President Collins noted that the secretary-treasurer's position is one of the most consistently demanding in the AAPHD; yet its importance often goes unnoticed. Ray

has worked quietly behind the scenes for his terms as secretary-treasurer; nevertheless, he has distinguished himself through his consistently high commitment to these duties. Whether the task at hand was ongoing analysis of the budget, completion of meeting minutes in record time, or exploring the issues underlying the replacement of the National Office, Dr. Kuthy never

failed to respond. He is a master at questioning underlying assumptions, prompting other members of the council to respond, and ensuring that actions being taken were clearly understood by all. I thank him for his many contributions and am pleased to recognize Dr. Ray Kuthy today with the AAPHD President's Award.



The President's Award being presented to Dr. Raymond Kuthy by President Collins.



Congressman Steny Hoyer.