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Bob currently serves as the chair of the Department of Dental Public Health, director of the Dental Public Health Residency Program, head of the Division of Pediatric and Developmental Sciences, acting chair of the Department of Behavioral Sciences, and director for the Center for Oral Health Research in Appalachia, all at the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine. He also serves as associate professor of epidemiology at the Graduate School of Public Health at the University of Pittsburgh. He has published extensively and is very active in research. His research interests include oral health disparities, social epidemiology, the systemic effects of oral disease during aging, and com-

munity outreach programs.

Bob is extremely active outside of the University of Pittsburgh. For the ADA, he is consultant to the Commission on Dental Accreditation and, as such, serves as the Public Health Dentistry Graduate Program site visitor; as consultant to the ADA Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations: Dental Public Health/Occupational Safety Test Construction; and as a member of the Continuing Education Certification Program (CERP) Committee. He is on the advisory board for Bridging the Gap, Community Health Internship Program, and is the epidemiological/statistical editor for the *Journal of Evidence-based Dental Practice*. Despite these and many other activities, he has still made time to be active with his children's sports teams

and in his community.

Bob has served on the AAPHD Executive Council, chaired the Communications Committee, created the AAPHD homepage, and developed and maintained dental public health list-serves, including those for all of dental public health, for the Executive Council, for the dental public health residency directors, and for the dental public health residents. He took the lead on the Third Annual Dental Public Health Residency Directors' Workshop and report, the first Dental Public Health Residents' Workshop, and the recent joint Dental Public Health Directors/Residents Workshop. We recognize him today for his tireless efforts and many contributions to public health dentistry.

Remarks on Receiving the 2002 Special Merit Award

Robert J. Weyant, DMD, DrPH

This appears to be an award for having fun. All the projects that I worked on with AAPHD, including the Web

site, the list-serv, the Executive Council, and the Residency Director's Workshops were not only a great

learning experience, but also a lot of fun. Thanks for the award; it is greatly appreciated.

AAPHD 2002 Special Merit Award for Outstanding Achievement in Community Dentistry—International: Patricia Main, DDS, DDPH, MSc

Presented by Rebecca S. King, DDS, MPH

The Special Merit Award in Community Dentistry—International is presented for dental public health contributions by individuals outside of the United States. The 2002 recipient is Dr. Patricia Main.

Pat became interested in dentistry as a high school student when a Dr. Hutchinson, the dean of the Dental School in Edinburgh, Scotland, came

to speak at career day. Pat was unsure what she wanted for a career, only that she wanted to do something in math and science that involved people. Dr. Hutchinson "chatted her up," and encouraged her to consider a career in dentistry. She submitted her application as he was retiring. Dr. Hutchinson left his successor an incoming dental school class that was one-third

women, which at that time in the 1950s was very unusual. Pat felt that he thought he did his successor a bad turn, but it turned out to be quite good. Of the 80 students who began the program, only 33 of those graduated, and half of those were women.

Pat married during dental school, and after graduation remained in Edinburgh, where her husband was on