

Archives

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Appointments

Romer A. Ocanto, DDS, MSPH, MEd, was recently appointed associate professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, Nova Southeastern University (NSU), College of Dental Medicine. Dr. Ocanto obtained his dental degrees from the Central University of Venezuela and Creighton University School of Dentistry. In 1984 he received a master's in dental public health and a certificate of advanced graduate studies in pediatric dentistry from Boston University School of Graduate Dentistry. He completed his residency in dental public health and received a master of education degree from the University of Florida in 1989. Prior to his current position at NSU, Dr. Ocanto was assistant professor of community and preventive dentistry at Creighton University School of Dentistry.

Harold S. Goodman, DMD, MPH, has joined the faculty at the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, University of Maryland School of Dentistry, as an associate professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry. Prior to this appointment, Dr. Goodman was the director of the Division of Oral Health in the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. He earned his dental degree from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and an MPH from the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health. Dr. Goodman also completed a dental public health residency at the University of Michigan and a one-year geriatric fellowship at the University of Maryland. Previous positions include director of the Dental Public Health Residency Program at the VA Medical Center, Perry Point, MD; he was Maryland's state dental director from 1990 to 1992; and he was the dental director of a multicenter urban family health center in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

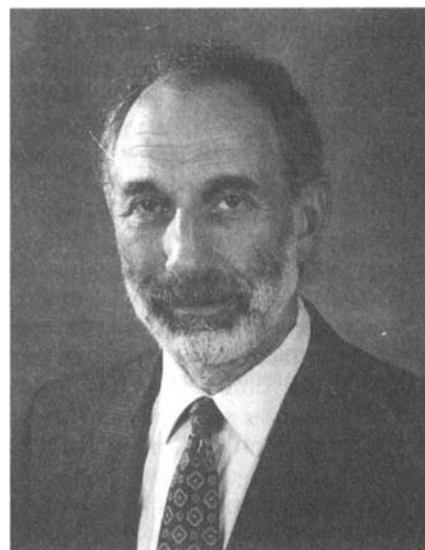
Stuart A. Lockwood, DDS, MPH, was appointed dental director of the Alabama Department of Public Health. For the past 12 years, Dr. Lockwood

was with the Division of Oral Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Dr. Lockwood is a sixth generation native of Alabama, and a graduate of Auburn University and the University of Alabama School of Dentistry. Following a general practice residency at Huntsville Hospital, Dr. Lockwood practiced general dentistry in Union Springs, AL, from 1980 to 1984. He then returned to University of Alabama and received a master's in public health degree with a double major in dental public health and epidemiology. He was a National Research Award fellow in oral epidemiology at the University of Michigan School of Public Health before joining CDC in 1989. At CDC, Dr. Lockwood was involved in a variety of issues, including coauthorships of the US Public Health Service Oral Cancer Monograph and the Report on the Risks and Benefits of Fluoride. He was a coinvestigator in the project on percutaneous injuries and HIV exposure among dental health care workers. Since 1995, he was the CDC representative for the Healthy People oral health chapters, and the CDC staff lead in the development of the state-based National Oral Health Surveillance System. A diplomate of the American Board of Dental Public Health, Dr. Lockwood was also the director of the dental public health residency program at CDC.

Awards

Myron Allukian, Jr., DDS, MPH, received the 2001 Sedgwick Memorial Medal for Distinguished Public Health Service at the 129th American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA. The Sedgwick Memorial Medal is the APHA's oldest and most prestigious award, and is given to an individual who has demonstrated a distinguished record of service to public health and who has tirelessly worked to advance public health knowledge and practice. It is the first time that this medal is awarded to a dentist.

Dr. Allukian is the director of the



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Bureau of Community Dental Programs at the Boston Public Health Commission. An internationally recognized public health expert, he served as chair of the US Surgeon General's Work Group on Fluoridation and Dental Health for the 1990 Prevention Objectives for the Nation; he also was in the Dental Advisory Committee for Healthy People 2000 and Healthy People 2010, the Nations' Health Objectives. He was elected to the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine in 1991 and served on its Future of Dental Education Task Force. Dr. Allukian received his BS from Tufts University, his DDS from the University of Pennsylvania, and his MPH from the Harvard School of Public Health.

While with the 3rd Marine Division in Vietnam, he set up a "people to people" program in the orphanages, schools, and villages in the Danang area. Board certified in dental public health, he is a past president of the American Association of Public Health Dentistry, American Board of Dental Public Health, Harvard School of Public Health Alumni Association, Massachusetts Health Council, Massachusetts Public Health Association,

the Public Health Museum (of Massachusetts), and past chairman of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Dentistry.

Dr. Allukian is the dental clinical director of the New England AIDS Education and Training Center, a member of the Northeast Regional Board of Dental Examiners, and a trustee of the New England College of Optometry. He has received numerous awards and honors, including both the Distinguished Faculty and Distinguished Alumni Award from Harvard, the Alumni Merit Award from the University of Pennsylvania, the John W. Knutson Distinguished Service Award from APHA, recognition from the American Dental Association, the US Department of Labor and the US Public Health Service, and Honorary Fellowship in the Royal Society of Health of Great Britain. Dr. Allukian has been a faculty member at several schools of public health and has written more than 100 publications and abstracts, as well as 10 chapters in books. He has extensive experience in access, policy, vulnerable populations, prevention, and delivery systems.

Alice Horowitz, PhD, MA, RDH, received the Champions Against Oral Cancer award from the Division of Oral Health at the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for her efforts on oral cancer prevention and early detection. Dr. Horowitz is a senior scientist at the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. She earned her dental hygiene, undergraduate, and master's degrees at the University of Iowa and her PhD in health education at the University of Maryland. Dr. Horowitz is a dedicated public health practitioner, researcher, educator, and mentor, who has pursued and led multiple investigations and activities in the oral health field. She led the NIH in the development of a consensus development conference on dental caries management throughout life and has spearheaded workshops focused on achieving a more accurate definition of early childhood caries. Dr. Horowitz is the NIDCR lead both for the oral health chapter of Healthy People 2010 and the Task Force on Community Preventive Services. She has published more than 70 articles in national and international peer-reviewed journals. Dr.



Dr. Robert Mecklenburg (center), with former US Surgeon General C. Everett Koop (left) and Mr. John Garrison

Horowitz is past president of AAPHD and currently is the chair for the International Relations Committee of AAPHD.

Robert Mecklenburg, DDS, MPH, received the C. Everett Koop Unsung Heroes in Tobacco Control award at the American Lung Association annual meeting in San Francisco, CA. This award is intended for individuals who have made major contribution to the anti-tobacco effort. This year, Dr. Mecklenburg also received the Bill Tuttle Award. The inscription of the Bill Tuttle award reads, "Presented in memory of the courage and inspiration of Bill Tuttle to Robert Mecklenburg in recognition of his leadership and dedication in raising awareness of the dangers of tobacco use." The Tuttle award was presented by Joe Garagiola, chairman of the National Spit Tobacco Education Program, Oral Health America. Dr. Mecklenburg also is the recipient of the 2001 John W. Knutson Award for Distinguished Service in Dental Public Health, presented by the Oral Health Section of the American Public Health Association in recognition of his many outstanding contributions to improving the oral health of the United States. Presently, Dr. Mecklenburg is the coordinator for tobacco and oral health initiatives for the Tobacco Control Research Branch at the National Cancer Institute. He received his DDS from the University of Minnesota and his MPH from the University of California

at Berkeley, and is a diplomate of the American Board of Dental Public Health. He served as chief of the Dental Services Branch of the Indian Health Service from 1971-85 and as chief dental officer, US Public Health Service, from 1981-87.

Other

Andréa Azevedo, DDS, MPH, has successfully passed her state dental license exam in California and received her DDS degree in July 2001. Dr. Azevedo completed dental school in Brazil, received an MPH in international dental public health at the University of Alabama, Birmingham, and completed a dental public health resi-



Dr. Andréa Azevedo

dency at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She is the dental health policy consultant for the Maternal and Child Health Branch of the California Department of Health Services. Dr. Azevedo is the chair of the Oral Health Section of the American Public Health Association (APHA) and the APHA liaison with the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors.

Deuk-Sang Ma, DDS, PhD, is spending one year at the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) as a special volunteer. He

received his DDS and PhD from the College of Dentistry, Seoul National University. He also completed a preventive and public health dentistry residency at the same university.

Jonathan D. Shenkin, DDS, MPH, is pursuing postgraduate training in pediatric dentistry at the University of Iowa. He received his DDS degree from Columbia University and MPH degree and certificate in Health Care Finance at Johns Hopkins University. He also completed a general practice residency at the Northport VA Medical Center, and a dental public health

residency at the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. He worked in private practice in Connecticut for two years, during which time he was an attending dentist in the general practice residency at the Yale-New Haven Medical Center.

AAPHD members **Dr. Donald W. Johnson, Dr. Thomas L. Loudon, and Dr. Robert E. Mecklenburg** were honored at the 129th annual meeting, of the American Public Health Association (APHA) as 2001 Forty-Years members of that association.