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Awards

Lois K. Cohen, PhD, MS, received the Distinguished Service Award from the American Association of Public Health Dentistry for her leadership in the sociodental sciences and global health. Dr. Cohen is the associate director for international health, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. Prior to this position, she served as the director of the Division of Extramural Research and the assistant director for international health, National Institute of Dental Research. She graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a BA in sociology and completed an MS and a PhD in sociology at Purdue University. She has served as a consultant to the Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences, the WHO and Pan American Health Organization's oral health units, the American Dental Association's Council on Scientific Sessions and International Relations, as well as ADA's Council on Scientific Affairs, the National Council on International Health and the Fédération Dentaire Internationale's (FDI) Commission and its Congress and Education Committee. She is recipient of many honors and awards, including the IADR Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Cohen coedited four books, including the two volumes of "Social Sciences and Dentistry" and has published over 120 research papers in international and national professional journals.

Herschel Horowitz, DDS, MPH, received the 2003 Fluoridation Merit Award from the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors on April 30, 2003. This award recognizes his efforts and achievements on behalf of fluoridation. Dr. Horowitz received his DDS and MPH degrees from the University of Michigan. During his 25 years with the US Public Health Service, he served in several positions, all of them related to epidemiology and the prevention of dental caries. He has written and coauthored over 150 articles. In addition, he has contributed to



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chapters in textbooks and monographs. He has received many awards and honors, including the Meritorious Service Medal from the US Public Health Service, the H. Trendley Dean Award from IADR, the Distinguished Service Award from AAPHD, and the John W. Knutson Distinguished Service Award in Dental Public Health from APHA. Dr. Horowitz is a diplomate of the American Board of Dental Public Health and past president of the board.

[Editor's Note: We sadly note that Dr. Herschel Horowitz died on August 10, 2003, as this issue of JPHD was in production. A full obituary will appear in the next issue.]

Stanley Lotzkar, DDS, MPH, was awarded the President's Award at the annual meeting of the American Association of Public Health Dentistry held in Milwaukee, WI. Dr. Lotzkar earned his dental degree from New York University and an MPH from the University of Pittsburgh. He is professor emeritus in the Department of Community Dentistry, University of Florida. He is involved in professional organizations at the state and national level and is recipient of the Public Health Service Commendation Medal

and the New York University College of Dentistry Alumni Lecture Award. He recently retired from his position of executive director of the American Board of Dental Public Health, a position he held for 21 years.

Retirement

Robert H. Dumbaugh, DDS, MPH, has retired from his position of dental director of the Palm Beach County Health Department. He has served in this capacity since 1975, overseeing a staff of 50 dental personnel in five facilities. The department's community-based program includes community water fluoridation activities and extensive school-based fluoride mouthrinse and dental sealant programs. Dr. Dumbaugh is a graduate of West Virginia University School of Dentistry. He received his MPH from the University of California at Berkeley, and completed his dental public health residency training in the US Public Health Service. He is board certified in dental public health, and is past president of the board. He is the new executive director of the American Board of Dental Public Health.



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Obituary

Viron L. Diefenbach ("Dief"), DDS, MPH, (1922–2003), died on April 28, 2003, at Holy Cross Hospital after a heart attack. Before joining the world of dental public health, Dief served in the US Army in World War II from 1942–44, attended Western Maryland College, Pratt Institute of Engineering, and completed a pre dental education program at Harvard University. Income from music helped support his dental education. Dief graduated from the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery in 1949 magna cum laude and with the University Gold Medal for Scholarship. After an internship with the US Public Health Service (USPHS), Dief was the first resident in the specialty of dental public health, in a residency in the PHS Regional Office in Kansas City, MO, in 1953. He received his MPH degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1954 and was certified by the American Board of Dental Public Health in 1960. During his career with the USPHS, Dief served in numerous clinical, hospital assignments and a series of regional dental consultant roles in Kansas City, Chicago, and Denver. This phase of his career reached its pinnacle when he was ap-

pointed assistant surgeon general and director of the Division of Dental Health, serving as the chief dental officer of the USPHS from 1966–70. Following retirement from the PHS, he embarked upon a brief second career, serving as assistant executive director of the American Dental Association from 1970 to 1972. His third career was at the School of Public Health, University of Illinois at Chicago, first serving as professor of health policy and administration and then as the first dentist to become dean of a school of public health. He retired from the School of Public Health in September 1988. During his remarkable career, Dief was involved in many important dental public health issues, including early studies on fluorides in preventive dentistry; research into the role of climate on optimum fluoride levels in drinking water; expanded functions of dental auxiliaries; feasibility of insurance for dental care; "Guidelines for Dentistry's Position in a National Health Program"; and administration of the federal Health Professions Educational Assistance Act, which authorized grants to expand and improve education in the nation's dental schools. He was a diplomate of the

American Board of Dental Public Health and past secretary of the American Public Health Association. Befitting such a distinguished career, Dief has been recognized often for his achievements. A long list of honors includes: the USPHS Meritorious Service Medal, the Association of Schools of Public Health Award for Contributions to Academic Public Health, the Golden Apple Award for Teaching Excellence, University of Illinois School of Public Health, Alumni Awards from both the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, Dental School, University of Maryland, and the University of Illinois School of Public Health, as well as the John W. Knutson Distinguished Service Award, the American Public Health Association's highest award for public health dentistry. Dr. Diefenbach, a native of Baltimore, moved back to Silver Spring, MD, last year. Survivors include his wife, Adele, of Silver Spring; two children by his first marriage, Dr. Kathryn Diefenbach of Nova Scotia and Karl Diefenbach of Morgantown, WV; two stepchildren, Sue Hinson of Chesapeake Beach, MD, and Dr. William Henderson of Denver, CO; and four grandchildren.

ERRATA

There were several errors in:

Shiboski CH, Gansky SA, Ramos-Gomez F, Ngo L, Isman R, Pollick HF. The association of early childhood caries and race/ethnicity among California preschool children. *J Public Health Dent* 2003;63(1):38–46.

On p 40, in the first paragraph in the first column, the sentence should read: "Our results also include the proportion of children with dmft <0 ..."

In Table 1 (p 40), the right column should be labeled "non-Head Start (N=1,075)"

In Figure 1, the y-axis labels were cut off and should have read: 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12.

We apologize for any inconvenience caused by these errors.