

Archives

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Appointments

Cynthia M. Pine, PhD, was appointed dean of dental studies at the University of Liverpool. She is the first woman to hold this position in the United Kingdom. She was a professor at the University of Dundee before joining the University of Liverpool in January 2002 as professor of dental public health and primary dental care. She became director of the World Health Organization Center for Oral Health in Deprived Communities in 2003 and is an honorary professor at the University of Dundee. Professor Pine graduated with a degree in dentistry from the University of Manchester and earned a PhD degree at Manchester and an MBS from the University of Dundee.

Awards

David Heisel, DDS, MBA, received the Ohio Dental Association's 2003 Achievement Award on September 12, 2003, at the association's Callahan Celebration of Excellence Dinner. For 20 years, Dr. Heisel has been a leader in efforts to provide greater access to care for some of central Ohio's most vulnerable populations. He received his bachelor of science degree from Ohio State University (OSU) in Columbus and earned his DDS at OSU College of Dentistry. He received his MBA from Capital University in Columbus. He left private practice in Gahanna to work full time for the health department in 1985. He had been volunteering for the health department one day each week, and he found himself more and more drawn to service the public. His persistence has resulted in an expansion of the health department's school-based sealant program and direct dental care. In a recent effort, Heisel brought together Columbus City Council, other state and city elected officials, philanthropic organizations, and organized dentistry to increase the number of chairs in the health department's treatment centers. A member of the Columbus Dental Society since 1985, Heisel has served in a number of offices, in-

cluding its presidency. At the Ohio Dental Association, Heisel currently chairs the Subcouncil on Access to Dental Care. Also, he has served on the Annual Session and Bylaws Committees and the Ohio Medical Workgroup. Heisel also served as an alternate delegate to the American Dental Association. He is a member of the American Public Health Association, AAPHD, and the Pierre Fauchard International Dental Honorary Society.

Obituaries

Michael C. Arra, DDS, MPH, died in Phoenix, Arizona, on May 11, 2003, at the age of 91. Dr. Arra was born on June 28, 1911, in New London, CT. He received his DDS from Loyola University and his MPH degree from the University of Michigan in 1959. A World War II veteran, Dr. Arra served as a major in the US Army-Air Force Medical Corps from 1943-47. Upon his discharge, he began a private practice in Chicago, IL, and served as supervisor of the Children's Dental Clinic at Cook County Hospital. In 1959, he was appointed chief of the Dental Health Division of the Wisconsin Health Department, a position he held until his retirement in 1976. He also served as an associate professor at the Marquette School of Dentistry. He then assumed the position of chief of dental services for the Mount Sinai Medical Center in Milwaukee, and later director of public health for Lake County, IL. Among his many accomplishments as state dental director were the establishment of the first nonuniversity, two-year, dental hygiene program through funding by the Kellogg Foundation, the development and initiation of one of the country's first dental Medicaid programs in 1965, and the publication of the Antigo Study in the *Journal of the American Dental Association*. It is one of a few studies that demonstrated the deleterious effects on oral health of discontinuing fluoridation, and is still widely quoted in the dental literature. He was extremely proud of Wisconsin's high national standing as to the percent of persons

in the state served by fluoridated water. Dr. Arra received numerous awards during his public health career including "Dentist of the Year" by the Wisconsin Dental Association, and another for his outstanding service to the migratory agricultural children. Dr. Arra was a life-time member of both the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, the American Association of Public Health Dentistry, and the American Dental Association. He served on the Executive Council of AAPHD from 1969-71. Dr. Arra also was an active member of the Wisconsin Public Health Association and served as its president. Dr. Arra is survived by his second wife, Antoinette, six children from his first marriage, eight grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. The family has established a college scholarship fund for underprivileged high school students in Dr. Arra's name. Donations may be made to: The Sons of Italy-Western Foundation, 12881 Knott Street, Suite 209, Garden Grove, CA 92841.

Herschel S. Horowitz, DDS, MPH, died in Bethesda, MD, on August 10, 2003, at the age of 71. Dr. Horowitz was a native of Detroit who attended Wayne State University. He received a dental degree and master's degree in public health from the University of Michigan and served in the Army Dental Corps in Japan in the 1950s. Prior to being commissioned by the Public Health Service in 1960, he worked as a senior dentist with the Department of Health in Detroit. Dr. Horowitz, whose name is synonymous with fluoride research, was a commissioned officer in the US Public Health Service for 26 years. He served in a number of positions, all of them in the areas of epidemiology and prevention of dental disease, most notably dental caries. Among his positions were chief of the Epidemiology Branch at the Dental Center in San Francisco and chief of the Community Programs Section, Caries Prevention and Research Branch, at the National Institute of Dental Research. During

his successful career, Dr. Horowitz studied the caries prevention efficacy of self-applied fluoride toothpastes, fluoride mouthrinses, and professionally applied topical fluoride agents and the systemic benefits of school-based fluoride supplement and water fluoridation. He wrote and co-authored numerous journal articles, chapters in textbooks, and monographs. Because of his work, he is considered one of the foremost authorities in the world in the areas of clinical caries prevention research. Dr. Horowitz was a tireless advocate of community water fluoridation and his work influenced the dental health of communities nationally and internationally. He received many honors, including the H. Trendley Dean Award from the International Association for Dental Research, the Distinguished Service Award from AAPHD, and the John Knutson Distinguished Services Award in Dental Public Health from the American Public Health Association. He was a consultant to the Food and Drug Administration, the World Health Organization, and the Pan American Health Organization, and worked extensively in Central and South America, Japan, South Korea, and China. In addition, he served as a consultant to the American Dental As-



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sociation (ADA) and was a member of the ADA Council on Access, Prevention, and Interprofessional Relations' National Fluoridation Advisory Committee. In April of this year, Dr. Horowitz received the 2003 Fluoridation Merit Award from the ADA, the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Horowitz was a life-time member of

the American Public Health Association, a member of AAPHD, and a diplomate and past president of the American Board of Dental Public Health. Besides his expertise in research and dental public health, Dr. Horowitz had an engaging personality and was knowledgeable about a great number of subjects such as art, music, and politics. His mastery of the language contributed to very colorful and vivid descriptions of situations and places. Dr. Horowitz was an excellent singer and an avid art collector of American prints from the first half of the 20th century. He was an officer of the Washington Print Club. Survivors include his wife of nearly 33 years, Dr. Alice M. Horowitz of Bethesda; two stepchildren, Robert L. Johnson and Jan J. Coulter, both of California; and three granddaughters. A memorial symposium in celebration of his science and legacy was held on December 17, 2003, at the National Institutes of Health campus. The family has established the Herschel S. Horowitz Scholarship Fund, and donations can be made to the AAPHD Foundation, c/o Herschel S. Horowitz Fund, 1224 Center West, Suite 400B, Springfield, IL 62704.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Editor, *Journal of Public Health Dentistry*

The American Association of Public Health Dentistry is seeking an editor for the *Journal of Public Health Dentistry*. Founded in 1940, the *JPHD* is dedicated to the advancement of public health dentistry through the dissemination of information resulting from population-based research, practice, and policy development.

The editorship is a part-time position with an honorarium and some funds for administrative support. The editor is responsible for the full range of editorial duties, including review and acceptance of manuscripts. The editor works closely with the publisher, and provides advice and consultation regarding the *JPHD* to association officers, the Executive Council, and the Finance Committee. The editor attends all Executive Council meetings and the annual scientific session.

The editor must have a distinguished record of scientific accomplishments in public health reflected in the number and quality of peer-reviewed publications. Experience in editing is desirable. The position is available in September 2004. Additional information is available from the chair of the search committee upon request.

Interested parties should submit a letter of application, a comprehensive curriculum vitae, and contact information for two colleagues who will provide letters of reference if contacted by the search committee.

Applications or nominations should be submitted by March 15, 2004, to the chair of the search committee: R. Gary Rozier, DDS, Department of Health Policy and Administration, 1105F McGavran-Greenberg Hall, CB #7411, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7411.

NIDCR/CDC Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Data Resource Center Releases Four New Products

The Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Data Resource Center (DRC) recently released four additional products to support the dissemination of oral health data. These products are available through the DRC Web site at <http://drc.nidcr.nih.gov>.

- The NIDCR/CDC Data Query System (DQS) now includes oral health indicators based on data collected in the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS), 2000, and the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), 2000. The DQS is an on-line interactive data analysis tool that makes customized analysis of national oral health data readily available.
- Survey data and documentation from three National Institute of Dental Research (NIDR) surveys are now available on CD-ROM for single-use research purposes, free of charge. These surveys include the National Dental Caries Prevalence Survey (1979-80), the National Survey of Oral Health in US Schoolchildren (1986-87), and the National Survey of Oral Health of US Employed Adults and Seniors (1985-86). CD-ROM copies can be ordered on the DRC Web site or by e-mail at oralhealthdrc@ngc.com.
- A compilation of dental and oral health questions included in national health surveys has been added to the DRC. Survey questions can be reviewed by survey and by topic. CD-ROM copies can be ordered free of charge on the DRC website or by e-mail at oralhealthdrc@ngc.com.
- The Catalog of Surveys and Archive of Procedures Related to Oral Health was updated in September. The Catalog and Archive is a two-part database linking descriptions of data sources with descriptions of procedures used in the data sources. This searchable database is updated on the DRC Web site every six months. CD-ROM copies can be ordered free of charge on the DRC website or by e-mail at oralhealthdrc@ngc.com.

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