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# Regent's Review

Dr. William J. Bennett, Regent, District 16



I hope you will be pleased with a regular District 16 newsletter. Dr. Richard Roadcap of Virginia, the Editor, willingly took on the challenge and his efforts are appreciated. District 16 has strong ICD leaders and activities. Getting the news out to our District 16 Fellows and others on a regular basis will be of benefit to us in the District and the entire ICD. Thanks a million, Richard!

As we enter the new year, I must say: North Carolina in 2011 was our District star with sixteen new Fellows, a student exchange program and more. Way to go, NC! I challenge Virginia and South Carolina to top them in 2012. Our NC colleagues are already off to a good start for 2012.

There are individuals worthy of the honor of being an ICD Fellow. Remember, it takes your nomination for it to occur. The process and considerable other valuable information is available on the ICD website, [www.usa-icd.org](http://www.usa-icd.org), or you may contact your

state Deputy Regent or ICD office. A listing of present Fellows should be helpful in determining possible new honorees.

A new ICD program helps the families of wounded military personnel. Fisher Houses ([www.fisherhouse.org](http://www.fisherhouse.org)) are located near several hospitals in our District. Families of service personnel undergoing care can reside in a Fisher House to be close to their loved one. ICD is setting up a program for ICD Fellows located nearby to donate emergency dental care to the families during their stay. This is a great way for us to use our talents to assist the families of those that have sacrificed on behalf of our country. If you are near a Fisher House your Deputy Regent will be contacting you as a volunteer and discussing the program further.

The first ICD-ACD C.E. Conference will take place March 30-31 in Savannah, Georgia. You will receive further information but mark your calendars, especially if you hold a leadership position. This is a time we can show what it means to live in the South and our commitment to community and dental leadership. As you know, that's the focus of ICD and it will be here in District 16 along with the American College of Dentists.

I wish you the best in 2012 and look forward to more from the greatest District in the ICD!!

*On the cover: L-R, Drs. Ricardo Padilla, Stephen Mackler, Valerie Murrah, David Frost*

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## The First ICD-ACD C.E. Meeting!

March 30-31, 2012 at the  
Westin Savannah Harbor  
Golf Resort and Spa



See [www.usa-icd.org](http://www.usa-icd.org) for details



## Dr. Laskin Receives AADE Award

Dr. Daniel Laskin (L) of Richmond, Virginia, Chairman Emeritus of OMFS at Virginia Commonwealth University received the 2011 ICD/USA award, "Outstanding Newsletter", for *AAOMS Today*. Presenting the award is Dr. Leighton Wier, Past-President, International College of Dentists. The award was given at the annual meeting of the American Association of Dental Editors, October 7-8, 2011, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

*Photo courtesy of Dr. Michael Nash,  
Pearl, Mississippi*

## **2011 District 16 ICD Fellows Virginia**

Lanny R. Levenson, Richmond

Michael O. McMunn, Richmond

Randy J. Norbo, Roanoke

David Carlisle Sarrett, Richmond

### **North Carolina**

Amy Michelle Batten, Goldsboro

N. Bill Blaylock, Jr., Rocky Mount

Scott William Cashion, Greensboro

Richard T. Cooke, Goldsboro

Wiley Simeon Cozart III, Brevard

David Earl Frost, Chapel Hill

Ronald I. Hutton, Winston-Salem

Wilson O. Jewell, Wilmington

T. Harold Lancaster, Kinston

Ricardo J. Padilla, Durham

R. Anthony Porter, Jr., Winston-Salem

John Christian Sheaffer, Raleigh

Robert P. Stowe, Winston-Salem

Keith A. Taylor, Chapel Hill

J. Jackson Teague, III, Asheville

Paul N. Tolmie, Charlotte

### **South Carolina**

Thomas E. Harvey, Greenville

David W. Jones, Spartanburg

Marc E. Levitan, Mount Pleasant





Four Virginia dentists were awarded fellowship in the International College of Dentists in October 2011 at Las Vegas, Nevada. Pictured left-to-right are Doctors David Sarrett, Michael McMunn, Lanny Levenson, Randy Norbo, and District 16 Regent Dr. Bill Bennett.



2011 District 16 Fellows in Las Vegas, Nevada

*Pictured left to right:  
Sarah Lee (DDS3),  
Dr. Delgado, Dr. DeKok,  
Hoda Bassiri (DDS4)*



## Practicing in Venezuela

### Drs. DeKok and Delgado give first-hand accounts

*By: Sarah Lee, UNC School of Dentistry, Class of 2013*

Dental practice in oil-rich but politically-troubled Venezuela was the subject in UNC's Brauer Hall on November 21, 2011. UNC GHSA (Global Health Student Association) continued the International Faculty Lecture Series, hosting Dr. Ingeborg DeKok, faculty member in the Department of Prosthodontics and Dr. Alejandro Delgado, graduate student of the Dept. of Operative Dentistry. Both dentists are from Venezuela, where they received their dental education and practiced. They described dental education, explaining that students attend specific high schools that emphasize a science curriculum and, once they graduate, they attend either public or private dental institutions for a five-year dental degree. A typical dental student will focus on studies and clinical experiences within the realm of his or her institution,

but the fifth year of schooling is dedicated to rotations that span from military sites to the rural and under-served countryside. Dr. DeKok and Dr. Delgado also touched base on their experiences in the private practice sector.

Dr. DeKok had rented her own fully equipped office and based her work schedule on the patient's availability while Dr. Delgado worked in an office that offered all the different specialties in-house, but at different times of the week. Both dentists discussed the importance of educators in dentistry as well, mentioning the passion for teaching that is universal to all teachers and mentors within the dental field. They commented on the significant differences they experienced in Venezuela and Venezuelan dental practice before and after Hugo Chavez came to power. GHSA thanks these members of UNC SOD for their participation and sharing their global perspective of dentistry.

## From Moldava to UNC: A Week on Campus

*By: Dr. Corina Mihailovici, 5th Year Student, Department of Dentistry, State Medicine University, Republic of Moldava*

Our trip started on October 19, 2011. The flight was long but the experience we received at UNC School of Dentistry was worth it! At the Raleigh Airport Dr. Roman Lupan and I met Dr. Rick Mumford, and from the first moment we spoke I understood that we'd be treated very well in Chapel Hill. We were hosted by Ariel Levy, third-year student at UNC School of Dentistry, a very hospitable, positive and smart person.

On Friday, October 21, we participated in the Annual Hinman Lecture: "A Day with Terry Donovan". During the lecture I found out some new, practical things about diagnosis and management of dental erosion, and the role of all-ceramic crowns in contemporary restorative dentistry. All weekend we explored Chapel Hill and the surrounding area; also, we visited The State Fair in Raleigh with Ariel and Radovan, a fourth-year dental student.

On Monday, October 24, we had a great day in OMFS with Dr. Glenn Reside. He showed us the newest techniques used

in OMFS. I learned from him that speaking with patients is an art. On Tuesday we had lectures on Oral Pathology, with Dr. Murrah, and Dental Implants with Dr. Cooper. In the afternoon we spent some time with the fourth-year dental student practice groups. It was very interesting to observe how they work with the patients and to compare with students from our country. I learned some useful things from them. After school fourth-year students Elise and Brittany prepared a yoga class for us. It was an amazing way to relax, because I'm practicing yoga at home.

On Wednesday our day started with a dental school tour, and a tour of UNC Hospitals with Dr. Rick Mumford. After that we had the honor to meet Dr. Jane Weintraub, Dean of UNC Dental School. During this



*L-R: Drs. Lupan, Weintraub, and Mihailovici*

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meeting we discussed prevention and public health developments in the Republic of Moldova and the importance of this UNC Dental School visit. That afternoon we participated in the Global Health Student Association meeting where we met Dr. Stephen Mackler, a very open person with whom it was a pleasure to speak. Also, we met the UNC Dental Students from the Spring Break 2012 Moldova Project. The next day they took us out for a dinner. We had a great time, and it was a good opportunity to know them better.

On our last day of the program we went to the UNC-Wake Forest football game with SOD host students.

It was my first football game, but definitely not the last. The adrenaline was all over the place – I could almost smell it! Before the football game we visited the new building at the Dental School, a large project that will be finished next year.

Finally, I'd like to say that the UNC-Moldova student exchange program was a unique experience that will help us in our dental activities and our personal lives. During these two weeks I discovered new practical abilities, teachers who can help you with good advice, new friends, and one of the most important things, American culture and traditions.



*Drs. Mihailovici (L) and Lupan at the UNC-Wake Forest game*

## Photography a serious hobby for dentist

*BY: Robert Parlier (Correspondent)*

*Published: November 10, 2011*

PETERSBURG - "About three years ago I got very serious about photography," Dr. Raymond Meade revealed.

He had attended a camera club in Richmond but he came to the conclusion that it was inconvenient, so he joined the camera club in Petersburg, which meets at the Petersburg Area Art League once a week. "My wife saw a notice regarding the Petersburg Camera Club," he said. Meade started at one of the club's first meetings. For the past few years, he served on the board.

He had the honor of displaying his photographs at one of the meetings. He had the privilege of giving presentations twice. One presentation was about studio lighting and one was about international photography, telling how to prepare and hints on how to get better photography.

Meade enjoys working with photography models. He has shown his work on a Model Mayhem page. Additionally, he worked with models in several projects involving airplanes and classical automobiles. Meade declares he is an opportunist looking for pictures all the time and he carries his camera most of the time. Actually, he has a



small studio in his home and is in the process of expanding.

His other hobbies include aviation. He has a pilot's certificate and is a flight instructor in both powered and glider aircraft. Another interest he has is ball room dancing. He has appeared in several movies, including "Sally Hemmings, an American Scandal" and "The Wright Experience" as a pilot and a resource person.

Meade is a dentist who has practiced in Colonial Heights for almost 40 years. In his office is a gallery of his photography for his patients and friends. He lives in Chester. "I do my own printing, matting and framing," he said.

Meade has been around the world, including all 50 states, with extensive photography in Alaska that includes whales, glaciers and the North Slope oil fields, two trips to England, touring Greece, Israel, Jordan and Turkey, and two trips to China. Last January, Meade toured northwestern Thailand for two weeks, with day trips to Laos and Burma.

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*L-R: Drs. Stephen Mackler, Francis Serio, Valerie Murrah*

## Volunteers Needed Abroad

### Dr. Serio Speaks to GHSA

*By: Shenan Bradshaw, UNC School of Dentistry, Class of 2012  
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On Wednesday October 26th the Global Health Student Association hosted a dinner meeting with Dr. Francis Gerard Serio, International College of Dentists member and Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs at East Carolina University School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Serio has many years of experience volunteering internationally providing dental care around the world. Dr. Stephen Mackler started the evening with an award presentation to fourth year dental student and GHSA member Anna Shope, who received the Paul Harris Award for support to Rotary International. Over 50 students and faculty gathered to enjoy dinner and an inspirational talk given by Dr. Serio encouraging sustainable international volunteerism. Dr. Serio highlighted the need for dental care that exists around the world and the wonderful benefits of volunteering, both to the patient and the provider, while sharing some of his own personal experiences. Thank you to all the students and professors who attended the meeting and to Dr. Serio for an entertaining and inspiring talk!

During his presentation Dr. Serio referenced several helpful websites for those interested in pursuing international volunteer work, they are included below.  
<http://internationalvolunteer.ada.org/>  
[www.hvousa.org](http://www.hvousa.org)  
[www.travmed.com](http://www.travmed.com)  
<http://medjetassist.com>

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