



The Canadian Foundation for Dental Hygiene Research and Education Announces New President

Ottawa, October 19, 2009 — The Canadian Foundation for Dental Hygiene Research and Education (CFDHRE) is delighted to welcome Dr. Laura Dempster as the new President of the Board of Directors. In this role, Dr. Dempster will promote the development of a body of knowledge for the dental hygiene profession to help advance clinical practice, education, and oral health outcomes.



Dr. Dempster is an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto, and the inaugural holder of the Kamienski Professorship in Dental Education Research. She received her PhD from the Institute of Medical Science, University of Toronto; MSc from the Department of Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, McMaster University; and BSc in Dentistry (Dental Hygiene) from the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto.

Her research focuses on both clinical and educational issues related to characterizing dental anxiety, the contribution of clinician interpersonal skills on client anxiety, and the impact of stress and anxiety on the cognitive and behavioural skills of oral health professionals.

"The Foundation's impressive record of raising funds and awarding grants to dental hygienists has generated a new emphasis on research that will help advance the profession. I am deeply committed to the mission of the Canadian Foundation for Dental Hygiene Research and Education, and I am honored to become part of its legacy," Dr. Dempster said.

Dr. Dempster succeeds Salme Lavigne, who has served as CFDHRE's President since the Foundation's inception in 2002. Ms. Lavigne's dedicated leadership helped position CFDHRE as a well respected organization that plays a unique role in shaping the future of the dental hygiene profession.

CFDHRE exists to develop a fund to enable / enhance dental hygiene research and education in Canada, in order to enhance the oral health and well-being of Canadians. To learn more, visit: <http://www.cfdhre.com>.

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