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## 2009 Biennial Conference Summary

### *Dental Education and Access to Care for Special Needs and Geriatric Patients*

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### **Clinical Affairs Committee Workshop:**

On June 17, 2009 the members of the Clinical Affairs Committee attended a one day workshop facilitated by Numan Ashraf of the University of Toronto. The workshop was designed to help directors become more effective managers, reconcile conflicting academic and business priorities, and implement better business plans.

### **Committee Meetings:**

The Academic Affairs, Clinical Affairs, Deans', and Development Directors' Sub Committee met on June 18, 2009. The members met with representatives from CDA and CDAC to discuss areas of interest to their Committees. Dr. Barry Sessle made a brief presentation to each Committee regarding the teaching of pain in dental schools. The Board also discussed the role of ACFD in academic dentistry, ways to incorporate "grass roots" faculty into the Association, and how to return the focus of the Association back to faculty development and educational support.

### **Joint Session:**

Members of the Academic Affairs, Clinical Affairs and Deans' Committees met for a joint session on the *Changes to certification, licensure and labour mobility in Canada* on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Jack Gerrow, Madame Caroline Daoust, and Mr. Irwin Fefergrad acted as panelists for the session and presented the history of certification in Canada, and updates on the Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT), and the Quebec France Agreement.

### **Dental Education and Access to Care for Special Needs and Geriatric Patients**

The morning of June 19<sup>th</sup> consisted of a presentation by Dr. Ron Ettinger a professor of Prosthodontics at the University of Iowa. Dr. Ettinger's presentation focused on the development of geriatrics programs in Canada and the United States and the barriers to further development of programs for dental students. Drs. Barry Waldman, Ross Anderson and Mike Sigal spoke in the afternoon about the changing landscape of care for individuals with special needs, and the need for increased education regarding the treatment of special needs patients in dental schools. Each of the speakers will be publishing an article regarding their presentation in the CDA Journal.

### **Annual General Meeting:**

The ACFD Annual General Meeting was held on June 20<sup>th</sup>. The new Board of Directors was elected with terms beginning July 1, 2009. Dr. Lex MacNeil was thanked for his dedication to ACFD over his years on the Board.

### **2011 Biennial Conference:**

The 2011 ACFD Biennial Conference will be hosted by McGill University.