

REPORT OF THE 2009 COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION OF CANADA (CDAC) MEETING

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1. **Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC) Meetings**

The 2009 meetings of CDAC were held November 13 to 16, 2009 in Ottawa, Ontario.

INFORMATION ITEMS

2. **Report of the Documentation Committee**

The Documentation Committee has circulated for comment proposed changes to the Relationships with Health Care Facilities accreditation requirements 7.2.1 and 7.2.2 to address experiences in long-term care facilities and interprofessional relationships respectively. The comments received will be reviewed by the Committee in 2010.

The Documentation Committee has circulated for comment proposed revisions to the DDS/DMD accreditation requirement 2.1.2 referencing the administration of the

Canadian Dental Association Dental Aptitude Test (DAT) at the request of the Association of Canadian Faculties of Dentistry (ACFD). The comments received will be reviewed by the Committee in 2010.

The Documentation Committee has circulated the nine dental specialty accreditation requirements to the communities of interest for comment as part of the ongoing review and revision of the requirements. Comments received will be reviewed by the Committee in 2010.

3. **Report of the Planning Committee**

The CDAC revised its terms of reference for submission to the Canadian Dental Association (CDA). The CDAC exists within the by-laws of the CDA. As the CDA is revising its by-laws; the references to CDAC within the CDA by-laws were reviewed and approved by CDAC members. The references to CDAC have been revised to reflect more general terminology; therefore permitting any minor changes to the CDAC membership in the future to be approved directly by the CDAC.

4. **Report of the Finance Committee**

The 2010 budget was approved by CDAC. The following regulatory authority grant amounts were approved for 2010:

\$18.62 per licensed dentist; \$11.45 per licensed dental hygienist; and \$7.22 per licensed dental assistant.

5. **Report of the Nominating Committee**

The following nominations were approved by CDAC:

- Dr. Mel Schwartz was appointed as a member of the Health Facilities/Dental Residencies Committee
- Ms. Trudy Coughlin and Ms. Doreen Dunkley were re-appointed for a second term on the Dental Assisting Education Programs Committee
- Ms. Patricia Noble was re-appointed for a second term on the Dental Hygiene Education Programs Committee
- Dr. Peter Judd and Dr. Susan Sutherland were re-appointed for second terms on the Health Facilities/Dental Residencies Committee
- Dr. Fran Richardson was re-appointed as Chair of the Dental Hygiene Education Programs Committee
- Dr. Susan Sutherland was re-appointed as Chair of the Health Facilities/Dental Residencies Committee
- Dr. Craig Fedorowich was appointed as a member of the Finance Committee

The following member who completed his term on CDAC was recognized:

- Dr. Hilal Sirhan, member on the Health Facilities/Dental Residencies Committee

6. **Accreditation Surveys**

The following programs had accreditation surveys in 2009 and were granted accreditation status, or were granted Preliminary Approval:

Dental/Dental Specialty Education Programs

Dalhousie University – DDS, Qualifying Program and OMFS
University of British Columbia - Endodontics (Preliminary Approval)

Dental Hygiene Education Programs

Cégep Trois-Rivières
Dalhousie University
Durham College
Ontario Dental Education Institute
St. Clair College
Vancouver College of Dental Hygiene

Dental Assistant Education Programs

CDI College (Winnipeg, MB)
Cape Breton Business College
Durham College
Southern Alberta Institute of Technology
St. Clair College
University of the Fraser Valley

Dental Residency Education Programs

Alberta Health Services – Foothills Hospital
IWK Health Centre
University of Western Ontario

Health Facilities - Dental Services

BCCA Kelowna
IWK Health Centre
London Health Sciences Centre
Princess Margaret Hospital
Queen Elizabeth II HSC
St. Joseph's Health Centre
Sudbury Hospital

The listing of all educational programs accredited by CDAC is available on the website: www.cdac.cda-adc.ca.

7. **Denial of Accreditation/Accreditation Withdrawn**

The following programs had accreditation surveys in 2009 and were denied program accreditation:

Dental Hygiene Education Program

Maxwell College (Belleville, ON)

Dental Assisting Education Programs

Medix School (London, ON)

Red River College (Winkler, MB)

Accreditation Withdrawn - Dental Hygiene Education Program

The accreditation status of the Dental Hygiene program at the Canadian College of Dental Health (CCDH) in Burlington, ON was downgraded in November 2008 to *Provisionally Approved (with specific reporting requirements and with intent to withdraw)*. In November 2009 CDAC withdrew CCDH's program accreditation.

8. **Application for Program Survey**

The following Dental Hygiene programs applied for a program survey and CDAC approved their applications for program surveys:

- Aurora Dental College (Aurora, ON)
- Canadian Business College (Toronto, ON)
- Medix School (Kitchener, ON)

The following Dental Assisting program applied for a program survey and CDAC approved for a program survey:

- Cambrian College (Sudbury, ON)

The following Dental Hygiene program applied for a program survey and CDAC denied approval for a program survey:

- Stafford College of Healthcare and Technology (Toronto, ON)

9. **Reciprocal Agreement between CDAC and Australian Dental Council (ADC)**

Representatives from the CDAC attended an accreditation survey in Australia in October 2009 and the meeting of the Australian Dental Council. The ADC accreditation requirements and the survey visit process are very similar to the CDAC process. The CDAC members reviewed a document comparing CDAC's accreditation requirements with the ADC's accreditation requirements. Representatives from the ADC attended a CDAC accreditation survey visit at Dalhousie University in 2009. In addition the Executive Director of the ADC attended the CDAC Annual meeting in November 2009.

The CDAC approved in principal the establishment of a reciprocal agreement with the ADC for completion in 2010.

10. **CDAC's Constituents' Reports**

The following constituent groups presented reports:

- Association of Canadian Faculties of Dentistry
- Dental Hygiene Educators of Canada
- Dental Assisting Educators
- Canadian Dental Association
- Canadian Dental Hygienists' Association
- Canadian Dental Assistants' Association
- Canadian Dental Regulatory Authorities' Federation
- Federation of Dental Hygiene Regulatory Authorities
- Dental Assisting Regulatory Authorities
- National Dental Examining Board
- National Dental Hygiene Certification Board
- National Dental Assisting Examining Board
- Royal College of Dentists of Canada

11. **Other Reports**

The CDAC received a formal report from the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) highlighting CODA's activities.

12. **CDAC representation on ADA Site Visit – Reports**

The CDAC had a representative participate on the CODA site visit at Columbia University in September 2009.

13. **Request from the Denturist Association of Canada (DAC)**

In 2008, the Denturist Association of Canada (DAC) had requested that CDAC investigate the possibility of accredited denturist education programs. There has been follow up correspondence between CDAC and DAC and the DAC has entered into further discussions with the regulatory authorities for denturism. CDAC accreditation activities are supported by the regulatory authorities and should CDAC continue to investigate the request, it would be expected that denturist regulators would financially support the CDAC. CDAC will provide additional information upon receipt of the outcome of these discussions.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 15, 2010 at the Chateau Laurier in Ottawa.