

REPORT OF THE ALPHA OMEGA LONDON CHARITABLE TRUST 2015 - 2016

The Trustees have met regularly and are pleased to report yet another extremely active year.

Following dedication of the '*Advanced Restorative Treatment Clinic*' at the Tel Aviv University Dental School, during Professor Ilana Eli's deanship, the Trustees are in regular discussion with the new Dean, Professor Ervin Weiss, regarding potential projects. The Trust has committed to jointly sponsor a surgery in the new '*Special Care Dentistry Centre*' for a total of \$30,000 to be dedicated next summer in honour of Emil and Suzy Landes in recognition of their many years of service to Alpha Omega and on Emil's retirement as a Trustee.

After many years of collaboration with the recently retired Dean of the Hadassah School of Dental Medicine, Professor Adam Stabholz, the Trust is delighted to be working closely with the new Dean, Professor Aaron Palmon. Following last year's donation to purchase a '*Mobile Operating Microscope*' to enhance the teaching of clinical dentistry for both undergraduates and postgraduates, we are thrilled to be supporting the establishment of a '*Digital Laboratory*' for \$20,000 and also the purchase of essential sterilisation cassettes for \$5,000. Also at Hadassah, the Ino Sciaky Prize for Oral Medicine was awarded to Dr Ori Finfter together with a \$500 bursary.

Further to extensive discussions with Professor Eli Machtei, Head of the School of Graduate Dentistry at the Rambam Medical Centre in Haifa, the Trust is delighted to sponsor the new '*Maxillo-Facial Reconstruction Department*'. Specialists work closely with other healthcare professionals to produce artificial prostheses (eg maxilla, nose, ear and certain extra-oral prostheses) and this complex care enhances the quality of life and self-esteem for soldiers, victims of terror and cancer patients. To support this key development for the region, the Trust has agreed to provide \$37,500 and await confirmation that the project is to proceed. This facility will be one of only three in the country and the only one that also runs a highly regarded postgraduate training programme.

In association with Mrs Susan Zamet, the Trust continues to offer the '*Dr John Zamet Memorial Prize in Periodontal Research*' in recognition of John's significant contribution to clinical periodontology. Strict criteria have been established for award of the prize and two senior academics assess the submissions. We are delighted that the 2015 prize was awarded to Lewis Winning of the Belfast Dental School. Lewis presented a summary of his research '*the association between subgingival periodontal pathogens and systemic inflammation*' at the Alpha Omega London Annenberg Meeting on 3rd June 2016 when Mrs Zamet presented Lewis with his award and four runners up were highly commended. Moving forward, the Trust is delighted to confirm that the Zamet family have kindly agreed to sponsor the award again in 2017 with a prize fund of \$3,000.

In addition to the above, the Trust is supporting the following projects:

Aleh Negev	Suction system for new dental clinic	\$5,200
Beit Issie Shapiro Clinic	Oxygen unit, anaesthetic equipment and supplies	\$10,000
Emunah Afula	Orthodontic treatment for children	\$6,500
Norwood	Oral hygiene care for residential special care patients	\$7,500 / annum
Poriya Hospital	Piezosurgery equipment	\$4,000
Shaare Zedek Hospital	Patient bed stretcher in the emergency room	\$5,000

The Trust continues to offer awards to both undergraduate students and postgraduate specialist trainees, the latter being in association with the UCL Eastman and KCL Dental Institutes. This year, two awards of \$500 each were made to Dr Saoirse O'Toole and Dr Vinod Patel, both of the KCL Dental Institute, who presented papers on their research (dental erosion and osteoradionecrosis) at international meetings.

Royalties of about \$540 from the BDJ book "*Tooth Surface Loss*" by Andrew Eder and Richard Ibbetson have once again been generously divided between the BDA Benevolent Fund and the Alpha Omega Charitable Trust.

Following a very successful and innovative Alpha Omega London Chapter programme under the Chairmanship of Dr Andrew Dawood, and with the support of our colleagues in the Dental Trade, the Trust has this year received \$35,000 in support of its charitable activities. Henry Schein additionally kindly donated \$15,000.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of our many friends and colleagues who give so freely of their time on behalf of the Alpha Omega London Chapter and Trust. We offer grateful thanks to our retiring Trustee, Emil Landes, who has given years of service to Alpha Omega and we mourn the loss of Jeremy Barnett, a former Trustee and Treasurer. We also welcome Aron Marcus and Eddie Scher as new Trustees and I offer sincere thanks to all my fellow Trustees for their continued and devoted service to Alpha Omega.

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