

World-Renowned Scholar Joins U of T's Faculty of Dentistry

The long-standing relationship between the University of Toronto and Nobel Biocare has brought Professor Asbjørn Jokstad from the University of Oslo, Norway, to join U of T's Faculty of Dentistry as the Nobel Biocare Chair in Prosthodontics. The Chair, created in 2004 through a \$2-million gift from the Swedish-based company, promotes significant contributions to prosthodontics scholarship.

The prestige associated with the Nobel Biocare Chair allowed the Faculty to attract interest from international scholars of the highest calibre to the position, resulting in Jokstad's recruitment. U of T is the only Canadian university with endowed chairs in dentistry, and the Faculty's three such positions attest to its pervasive commitment to research and teaching excellence.

"Dr. Jokstad is among the most highly regarded academic prosthodontists in the world," says Professor David Mock, Dean of Dentistry. "He is devoted to improving the scientific basis for clinical research and teaching in dentistry. His skill in evidence-based dentistry and applying electronic tools to dental education is a welcome addition to our already world-class faculty."



Left to right: David Naylor (President, University of Toronto), Asbjørn Jokstad, David Mock. Seated: Heliane Canepa

Jokstad replaces the Chair's inaugural holder, retiring Professor George Zarb, North America's foremost expert in implant dentistry. Zarb's research and innovative teaching programs for Canadian dental faculty members initially brought Professor Per-Ingvar Brånemark, the founder of Nobel Biocare and inventor of modern dental implants, to work with U of T in the early 1980s.

"We need to partner with universities because we need the dental profession to tell us what patients need," says Heliane Canepa, president and CEO of Nobel Biocare. "We provide and the dental profession, as the experts, decides. Together we are strong!"

President's Prize 2005

Drs. Grace Bradley and Steve Tremblay (Senior Resident) in Oral Pathology and Oral Medicine have been awarded the President's Prize 2005, Section of Odontology, The Royal Society of Medicine, for their poster presentation at the Joint Meeting of the British Association of Head and Neck Oncologists and the Royal Society of Medicine for Oral Diseases: Oral and other Head and Neck Squamous Cancers, May 5 - 6, 2005, London, England.

Scholarship Awarded

Sophia Chan, a biochemistry graduate student in Dr. Bernhard Ganss' lab at the CIHR Group in Matrix Dynamics, has been awarded the University of Toronto Bone and Mineral Group Scholarship for the academic year 2005 - 2006.

New Media Screen Format

The Media Services Department has created a new media screen format for Clinic 2. The LCD data projector, large screen and PA system is used for project presentations, video, DVD and live hands-on instructional presentations. It has proved to be an effective teaching system for students, staff and instructors. The system was funded through the Faculty of Dentistry's Enrichment Endowment Fund.