HKU Faculty of Dentistry welcomes new dean

The Faculty of Dentistry at The University of Hong Kong is pleased to welcome Prof Thomas Flemmig, who took up the post of HKU Dean of Dentistry on 1 July 2014.

Prof Flemmig, previously a professor in the Department of Periodontics, School of Dentistry, University of Washington, Seattle, USA, succeeds Prof Lakshman Samaranayake, who served as the Faculty Dean for 10 years from 2004 to 2013. Prof Edward CM Lo was Interim Dean from 1 January to 30 June 2014.

The Faculty would like to whole-heartedly thank the former Dean, Prof Samaranayake, and wish him success in his new post as the Head of the School of Dentistry, University of Queensland, Australia. Under Professor Samaranayake’s decade of leadership, guidance, and support, the Faculty has become recognised as one of the top dental schools in Asia and the world.

Prof Flemmig was nominated for appointment as the new Dean by an HKU selection committee through a worldwide search that started in 2012. Since taking up the post, he has re-appointed the following Associate Deans at the HKU Faculty of Dentistry from 1 July to 31 December 2014: Prof Lijian Jin (Associate Dean for Research, Innovation, and Enterprise), Prof Gary SP Cheung (Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education), and Prof Nabil Samman (Associate Dean for Postgraduate and Continuing Education).

With his arrival, Prof Flemmig has also been appointed by the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region as the new Director of the Prince Philip Dental Hospital from 1 July 2014. Prof Nabil Samman was the Interim Director of the hospital from 1 January to 30 June 2014.

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Prof Thomas Flemmig (MBA, Dr med dent, Dr med dent habil) is Dean and Clinical Professor in Periodontology at the HKU Faculty of Dentistry.

Prof Flemmig was the first dentist to become a member of the Medical Committee of the German Council of Science and Humanities, and participated in the evaluation and development of strategic recommendations for dental and medical faculties and academic medical centres in Germany. He also served as an officer on the Board of the German Society of Periodontology and the Association of Dental Educators, and has been a member of 29 professional associations in Europe and the United States. In terms of academic management experience, he has held positions as Chairman of the Department of Periodontology at the University of Würzburg, and the University of Münster, Germany, and the University of Washington, and as director of a periodontal specialty clinic and of undergraduate and residency programmes in periodontology. Working extensively with industry, Prof Flemmig has completed 17 industry-funded research projects, and is the inventor of 7 patents.

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