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Dear Colleague,

Another National Fluoridation Conference is behind us, and a most successful one it was. Where else can you find people still enthusiastically embroiled in discussions at 6:30 p.m. when the meeting was scheduled to end at 5 p.m.? It is to our credit that we have people of this caliber among our ranks.

As with most conferences of this sort, there was not enough time for everyone to ask all the questions of the speakers as they would like. Several conference attendees expressed an interest in contacting speakers at the conference to ask questions, express comments, and clarify positions. Included in this issue, you will find the names, addresses, and phone numbers of most of the speakers at the conference for those who want to make further contact.

Also included in this issue is an announcement of two new films about fluoride produced by the National Institute of Dental Research through a grant from Colgate-Palmolive. The films were shown at the Kansas City conference and are a valuable addition to the information on fluoridation. They should be especially helpful to those seeking information for educational purposes.

We appreciate the kind words spoken about the Dear Colleague letter at the conference. We feel it is a useful publication and we would like to see it as widely distributed as possible. We ask that you share your copy with anyone on your staff who you feel would benefit from receiving the information included in the Dear Colleague.

Thank you for your contributions to the letter. We look forward to receiving more of them.

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COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION KIT DEVELOPED BY DDPA

A comprehensive fluoridation kit, developed by Dental Disease Prevention Activity, CDC, contains the following publications:

."Caries-Free Teenagers Increase with Fluoridation." (An article which lists studies in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Connecticut, Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, and Canada of caries-free teenagers.)

."Summary of Studies and Evaluations Since 1976 Refuting Allegations of An Association Between Cancer and Water Fluoridation"

."Evaluatory Surveys of Long-Term Fluoridation Show Improved Dental Health"

."Annotated Bibliography on Adult Benefits from Fluorides"

."A Two-Part Report on Fluoridation" (from Consumer Reports)

."Fluoridation Facts: Answers to Questions About Fluoridation"

. "Some Facts About Water Fluoridation" (a health education brochure developed by DDPA. Prepared in black and blue on white. Cover is illustrated with color drawing of DDPA logo.)

. "Principal State Water Fluoridation Contacts 1984" (Prepared by DDPA, CDC in same color design as health education brochure.)

. A list of organizations endorsing and supporting fluoridation as of January 1983.

. Statistics sheet listing total U. S. population and selected subpopulations on fluoridated water supplies.

. A full-color poster, "Over 120 Million People Do It Every Day. Drink Fluoridated Water." Colors are blue, black, white, and yellow. Illustrated with large drawing of DDPA logo.

. Sheet of DDPA logo stickers in color.

. Color slide of DDPA logo.

The materials are enclosed in an attractive folder which echoes the color scheme & the DDPA logo inside. A master sheet suggests appropriate uses for each of the items.

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BRAINERD, MINNESOTA DISAPPROVES ALTERNATE PLAN TO FLUORIDATION

After being reviewed by five nationally recognized authorities, Brainerd, Minnesota's alternative dental health plan has been rejected in favor of the currently operating fluoridation system.

In a letter written to Mildred Michaelis, president of Brainerd City Council, Commissioner of Health Sister Mary Madonna Ashton states: "Based on expert advice from the best sources available, I must conclude that the City of Brainerd is currently operating the most effective, efficient, and safest dental health program known to scientific medicine today. Brainerd's

alternate dental health plan does not measure up to these conditions. I, therefore, have determined that this plan is not an acceptable substitute for Brainerd's current water fluoridation program and have disapproved it."

Brainerd's alternative dental health plan proposed to: a) provide free fluoride tablets to all children from birth to age 12, for voluntary home use; b) provide free fluoride tablets to pregnant mothers upon request; c) distribute the tablets through area dentists and/or the City's Medical Officer; and provide a free fluoridated water tap.

The alternative health plan was developed by the Brainerd City Council after a 1983 rider on the Health Department's biennial budget appropriation stipulated that, if the Commissioner of Health entered into an agreement with the City of Brainerd to provide an alternative dental health plan, then the city would be exempt from the Minnesota Fluoridation Law, passed in 1967.

According to an Associated Press article, the group, Minnesotans Opposed to Forced Fluoridation, plans to file a class action lawsuit against the governor and the commissioner of health, charging them with acting in bad faith by naming fluoride proponents to the panel which reviewed the alternate dental health plan.

For copies of the decision and letters from the experts, contact Dental Disease Prevention Activity, Center for Prevention Services, Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, Georgia 30333.

FLUORIDE FILMS AVAILABLE

Two new films, "Fantastic Fluoride" and "Fluoride: The Magnificent Mineral," both oriented toward the general public, are available from the National Institute of Dental Research. The films were produced by NIDR through a grant from Colgate-Palmolive.

Ordering information for both films is as follows:

"Fantastic Fluoride"

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Estar*</u>	<u>Acetate</u>
1 print	43.60	40.40
2-10 prints	39.12 each	35.92each
11-25 prints	36.56 each	33.36 each
26-50 prints	35.28 each	32.08 each
51 or more prints	34.00 each	30.80 each

"Fluoride: The Magnificent Mineral"

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Estar*</u>	<u>Acetate</u>
1 print	64.60	59.78
2-10 prints	57.85 each	53.03 each

11-25 prints	54.00 each	49.18 each
26-50 prints	52.07 each	47.25 each
51 or more prints	50.14 each	45.32 each

Add \$5.00 per print for UPS shipping and handling.

Order From :

ATTN: Jan Perry
 Colorlab
 5708 Arundel Avenue
 Rockville, Maryland 20852

301/770-2128

Colorlab requires that a check, purchase order, or purchase order number accompany each order.

*Estar base film is rapidly replacing acetate base film as the film stock of choice, because it is less likely to need repair. However, your choice of estar or acetate base film is mostly dependent on the type of film repair equipment to which you have access. Acetate base film can be repaired with a standard hot splicer, and estar film requires special splicing equipment (which many agencies already have.)

Both films are also available on short-term free loan from:

Modern Talking Pictures
 5000 Park Street North
 St. Petersburg, Florida 33709

813/541-6661

NOTE: Use of trade names is for identification purposes only and does not represent endorsement by the Centers for Disease Control or the U.S. Public Health Service.

MATERIALS AVAILABLE

"Understanding AIDS: Information for Dentists." 7-page booklet prepared by the Provincial Committee on AIDS, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Describes acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, patient population, and precautions health workers should take in treating AIDS patients. For more information, contact Ministry of Health, 15 Overlea Boulevard, 5th Floor, Toronto, Ontario M4H 1A9. Telephone: 416/963-2238.

"Fluorides: Effects on Vegetation, Animals, and Humans." Proceedings of an International Symposium on Fluorides held at Utah State University, Logan, Utah, May 24-27, 1982. Available for \$27.50 by check, money order, or

purchase order from International Fluoride Symposium, c/o Dr. J.L. Shupe, UMC 56, Utah State University, Logan, Utah 84322.

Fluoride Census, 1980. Dental Disease Prevention Activity, Center for Prevention Services, Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, GA 30333. Telephone: 404/329-1830 (FTS: 236-1830).

FLUORIDATED WATER WINS TASTE TEST

Three judges participating in a water taste test at the opening session of the American Water Works Association's annual convention in Dallas in June pronounced the water of New Orleans as having the best taste of eight samples tested. Miami was rated second, and Dallas came in third.

New Orleans was fluoridated in 1974, Dallas in 1967, and Miami in 1952.

Other cities submitting water samples for the test were New York, Chicago, Toronto, Los Angeles, and Seattle.

The water samples were judged for clarity, aroma, flavor, and the taster's "sixth sense of feel" (whether soapy or hard).

The taste-off was the result of a challenge by Dallas Mayor A. Starke Taylor, who claimed his city's water was the best in the nation.

Judges for the contest were Gustav Goger, Dr. Michael Collins, and Hugh Fish.

PART 1 OF ST. REGIS HEALTH STUDY RELEASED

Health and Welfare Minister Monique Begin has released the first part of a study on the effects of environmental contaminants on the health of the residents of the St. Regis Reserve.

Volume I of the study deals only with medical survey findings related to fluoride.

"We are releasing this first part now because its findings are of concern to the people who live there and who, like us, have been waiting a long time for this report," the Minister said.

Volume I reports no detectable health problems attributable to fluoride. Some elevated blood fluoride levels and other health conditions were found in some individuals. These will be investigated further. The report will also serve as a basis for future health programs on the reserve.

The St. Regis Reserve is located on the St. Lawrence River with parts in Ontario, Quebec and New York State; it includes Cornwall Island.

For more information, contact, Joan Eddis-Topolski, at (613) 995-8465.

NOTE: The 400-page fluoride report is available for study by contacting the Public Affairs representative mentioned above.

A summary is available on request.

NEW ORGANIZATION FORMED BY JOHN YIAMOYIANNIS

The Center for Health Action is a new organization formed by John Yiamoyiannis, Ph.D. The goal of the new organization is to stop fluoridation within the next 4 years.

According to an information sheet, a concentrated effort will be made to educate the public "by providing information about the effects of fluoride on health and by providing guidance that shows communities how to stop fluoridation by changing their state laws through the legislature or through statewide votes."

Nuts and bolts expertise will be provided to other organizations and individuals in setting up state and local organizations, developing contacts, effectively using the media, publicity, fund raising, neighborhood meetings, lobbying, writing legislation, and putting the issue on statewide ballots.

The Center will also act as a central clearinghouse for information, will establish a professional advisory board, and will prepare audiovisual presentations for radio and television programs and public service announcements.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Dental Disease Prevention Activity Dear Colleague Letter is prepared for the Dental Disease Prevention Activity by Technical Information Services, Center for Prevention Services, Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, Georgia 30333. Materials and suggestions for articles should be addressed to Caffilene Allen at the above address. Ms. Allen's phone number is 404/329-1819, (FTS: 236-1819).

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