

Department of Prosthodontics raises R32 000 for CANSA!

The Department of Prosthodontics staff from the School of Dentistry set up a challenge amongst themselves for a Shavathon to be held on the 2nd March 2012. They managed to recruit 7 brave / gullible volunteers to go bald for CANSA. The participants included: Profs Sykes and Dullabh, Drs Lekay-Adams, Mzobe and Wild, and Mr. Du Plessis and Motsepe (who agreed to shave off his dreadlocks!). The competition was to see who could get the most sponsorship from family, friends, colleagues, students, dental representatives or ANYONE else who was willing to give. They had three weeks to prepare for the event, to get sponsorship, and to build up spirit and enthusiasm amongst the rest of the dental school.

Sponsorship and canvassing was initially slow. However, the stakes were raised when Dr. Wild volunteered to create a sculpture specifically for the event and to donate it to the person who raised the most money. Each recruit kept a record of their own progress and placed their pledg-

es in specially made tins. They also collected many donations from the dental representatives and other staff members to use as spot prizes on the day, as well as two tickets to The Phantom of the Opera which were raffled and deservedly won by Ms Ursula Jooste.

A special thanks goes out to the following Dental companies who joined in with the spirit and gave very generous donations to this worthy cause: Nobel Biocare; Wright Milners (Thanks to Mark Mathias and Irma Wiggill for all their enthusiasm prior to, and on the day), Southern Implants, Dr Izanne Wild, Dental Warehouse, Nova Dent, Deuro-dent Laboratories, Schoenitz Dental, AL

Dental laboratories, and Oral B. A special thanks to Mark Mathias from Nobel Biocare who pledged a large sum on CONDITION that he personally be allowed to shave Prof Dullabh's head, this was needed as Prof D was in danger of cold foot syndrome! He subsequently ended up turning half the team in "Mathias-look-alikes".

The event was a great success supported by a huge turnout of staff, students, dental representatives, family, friends and patients. Cookies and cold drinks were provided to all, and spot prizes were handed out throughout the morning. Only ONE of the team got cold feet, actually his girlfriend refused to allow him to shave, and so she was made to pay a forfeit, and he had to wear silky shorts for the duration of the day! Prof Sykes fought hard to secure the winning "Wild creation" – a stunning and aptly crafted pair of scissors named "Snowite" – however, it must be added that the competition was close and fierce.

In total, over R32 000.00 was raised for CANSA – and handed over in the form of a BIG cheque to Miemie du Plessis from CANSA on the day. Special Thanks to the Dean, Prof Ligthelm for allowing the Shavathon to take place; to the entire prosthodontics staff who all entered into the spirit of the competition from day 1, encouraged and supported us during the build-up weeks, and helped out in so many ways on the day; to Mr Parsons who was an excellent MC, Garth Lowe and Henriette Rothmann our photographers, and to EVERYONE else who contributed towards the occasion and ensured that the day was both fun and a huge success.



The anxious team before the big shave (from left to right):
Prof Dullabh, Prof Sykes, Dr Mzobe, Dr Lekay-Adams, Mr Du Plessis and Dr Wild

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Mark Mathias getting revenge on Prof Dulleit's head



Francis and Isaac – buddies till the end



Them among the roses, Ayaay between the stunning new gals
Lekay-Adams and Mzobe



A few leave sprayers... Uruala Jooste works
her magic on Yvonne Edwards



Uruala with the winning raffle tickets



The Winning TEAM