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# News Release

June 11, 2007

## Upcoming Year for FNIDCR Starts with Change & Excitement!

On behalf of the *Friends of the NIDCR*, it is a pleasure to announce some exciting news.

### **New Board Elected**

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Welcome to the newly-elected Board of Directors Executive Committee at its recent spring meeting:

<i>President</i>	R. Bruce Donoff, D.M.D., M.D., Dean and Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Harvard School of Dental Medicine
<i>Vice President</i>	Mary Kay Richter, Executive Director, National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias
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The full list of Directors is noted at left on this letterhead.

*"It is an honor for me to take this position as President and work with the combination of talents we have on our new Board, combined with the expertise of our new staff (see next article below)," says new President Donoff. "For almost a decade, the Friends has been committed to seeing continued federal support for biomedical and behavioral research at the NIDCR.. Our upcoming efforts will be through a broad variety of enhanced programs aimed at raising awareness with decision-makers of the Institute and of its Director, Dr. Larry Tabak."*

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## **New Executive Director & Staff Hired**

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After a six-month search, the FNIDCR Board of Directors recently signed a contract with association management company *Anas Marketing and Management*, to manage all administrative activities of FNIDCR effective June 1, 2007.

*"Our aim in the next phase of support operations will be to increase marketing of the FNIDCR mission to its constituencies and to increase awareness of the critical work being done at the NIDCR." President Bruce Donoff said. "With the unique combination of expertise in marketing, association management and legislative representation, we feel that Anas Marketing and Management is the best choice to help FNIDCR bring more dental and craniofacial researchers into the organization and to increase our base of support."*

Peter Anas will serve as FNIDCR Executive Director, Laikisha Jeffries, Membership Director and Andrew Kaffes, Director of Legislative Affairs. *"Look for a much improved package of communications to our constituencies, along with qualified and experienced staff representing the FNIDCR mission,"* says new Executive Director Peter Anas.

## **New Address & Phone**

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Please note our new information:

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## **2007 Annual Gala Awards Dinner to Serve as Kickoff Event for NIDCR 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Activities**

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For nine years, the Friends have continued to honor the extraordinary leadership and work of those committed to oral health research and its sustained support at the NIH at its *Annual Gala Award Dinner*. FNIDCR has honored the NIH Director, two Surgeons General, several US Senators, many US Representatives and several media leaders, patient advocates and community-based educators. Additionally the event has become a wonderful opportunity to network with public health officials, elected leaders and our peers and colleagues. And this year, we've been asked us to kick off the NIDCR 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at our Gala.

***Mark the date on your calendar*** - This year's *Annual Gala Award Dinner* will be held at:  
The National Press Club, *Washington DC* on **December 10, 2007**

Committee Chair and Past President Yolanda Bonta states *"The entire day's activities will be exciting, starting with Dr. Margaret Chan, World Health Organization Director-General, who will be the keynote speaker at the Barmes Lecture, 3pm, at NIH."* More information on the evening's festivities will be forthcoming.

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*The Friends of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, a non-profit organization, was established in 1998 on the 50th Anniversary of the Institute. The Friends is a broad-based coalition of individuals, institutions and corporations who understand the critical importance of dental, oral and craniofacial research to the health and well-being of people in the U.S. and globally.*