

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

May, 2013

Dr. Sam Dorn, Chair

Our project in Nigeria has been completed. Dr. Collins Okwen completed his one year preceptorship at the University of Texas at Houston and started the first department of endodontics in Central Africa at the University of Benin.

All of the officials at the University of Benin were in full support of the project and the necessary documentation required to complete the application packet for a new department was approved. A curriculum was designed by Dr. Okwen and approved by the Department of Conservative Dentistry for pre-doctoral endodontics, and the University of Benin Teaching Hospital provided about eleven hundred square feet of space for the department clinic. Many individuals contributed supplies and equipment including a surgical microscope.

The launch date for the Department of Endodontics and Regenerative Dentistry was August 1, 2012.

In March, the Dean of the University of Benin Dental School stopped in Houston on a trip to the USA. Professor Alice Umweni met with the Dean of the University of Texas at Houston and with Dr. Dorn to thank the school and IFEA for starting this department in her institution. You can read about this meeting at www.db.uth.tmc.edu/about-school/news-media/6598.