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Canadian Dental Hygienists Welcome Jacki Blatz As Their New Association President

Ottawa, 19 October 2009 — The Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA) is proud to announce the board's election of Jacki Blatz as the 41st President of the Board of Directors. In her new role, Ms. Blatz will provide a voice for over 15,000 Canadian dental hygienists during the association's 46th year.



Ms. Blatz has a long history of contributing to the dental hygiene profession at both the provincial and national levels. For the past six years, she has been a member of The College of Registered Dental Hygienists of Alberta's Board of Directors, where she served as President for two years. She has worked as a dental hygienist since graduating from the University of Alberta in 1985. In 2008, Ms. Blatz opened *Dentique*, an independent dental hygiene clinic in Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta.

"I am excited to be involved in our profession at this moment in time, and proud to serve Canadian dental hygienists as CDHA's president. This is my third year on CDHA's Board of Directors, and I look forward to new challenges and responsibilities," Ms. Blatz said.

Ms. Blatz's involvement in Alberta's regulatory college, her entrepreneurial spirit, and her demonstrated leadership qualities will be important assets as CDHA continues to fulfill its commitment to strengthening the dental hygiene profession and working to improve the oral health and general well-being of the Canadian public.

"I would like to use this opportunity to thank Wanda Fedora for her active and successful engagement as CDHA President for the last year," said CDHA's Executive Director, Dr. Susan A. Ziebarth. "At the same time, I am delighted to welcome Jacki Blatz in her new role. CDHA's Presidents represent the best in our profession. I look forward to the memorable year ahead."

CDHA is the collective voice and vision of dental hygienists in Canada; advancing the profession, supporting its members and contributing to the oral health and general well-being of the public. To learn more, visit www.cdha.ca.

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