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## Media Release

### Canada's Dental Hygienists Elect New President



November 30, 2015 (Ottawa, ON) – The Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA) is pleased to announce the installation of its new president, Donna Scott, at its annual general meeting in Victoria, British Columbia, on October 31. Donna hails from Yukon and joins president-elect Gerry Cool (Alberta), past president Mandy Hayre (British Columbia), and directors Leanne Huvenaars (Saskatchewan), Deanna Mackay (Manitoba), Beth Ryerse (Ontario), Sophia Baltzis (Quebec), Joanne Noye (Nova Scotia), Tracy Bowser (Prince Edward Island), Tiffany Ludwicki (Newfoundland & Labrador), and Wendy Taylor (New Brunswick) on CDHA's board of directors for 2015–2016.

Donna brings a wealth of experience to the position of president. She completed her dental hygiene education at the University of Manitoba and received her diploma in business administration from Yukon College. For the past 33 years, Donna has practised full time as a dental hygienist in Whitehorse, Yukon, and has worked tirelessly to improve access to oral health care in Canada's North. In her meetings with Yukon government officials, Donna has urged policy makers to update the territory's legislation in order to expand the scope of practice of dental hygienists and to review requirements for professional development and liability insurance. Advocacy, not only on behalf of her dental hygiene colleagues, but also for the oral and overall health of the general public, is truly her passion.

"I feel so privileged to be a part of the dental hygiene profession," Donna remarks, adding, "As CDHA president, I look forward to advocating for improved oral care and equal access to care for all Canadians because improved oral health means improved overall



CDHA's new president, Donna Scott (above)

health and well-being for all.”

Serving the profession since 1963, CDHA is the collective national voice of more than 26,800 registered dental hygienists working in Canada, directly representing 17,500 individual members including dental hygienists and students. Dental hygiene is the sixth largest registered health profession in Canada with professionals working in a variety of settings, including independent dental hygiene practice, with people of all ages, addressing issues related to oral health. For more information on oral health, visit [www.dentalhygienecanada.ca](http://www.dentalhygienecanada.ca); for information on CDHA’s board of directors, visit [www.cdha.ca/board](http://www.cdha.ca/board).

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