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BOARD OF VISITORS ELECTS DR. LESLIE W. SELDIN AS NEW CHAIR

BALTIMORE, MD (July 7, 2009)—The Dr. Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry's Board of Visitors elected **Dr. Leslie W. Seldin** as its new Chair during its annual meeting on June 5, 2009. Dr. Seldin has served for many years as a member of the Museum's Board of Visitors and Chair of the Museum's Pillars Campaign, a fundraising effort to allow the Museum to achieve a new level of excellence.



“The National Museum of Dentistry brings people together from the entire dental profession – not only dentists but the dental industry, corporations, and allied organizations – all working together towards the same goal to preserve the heritage of the profession and teach children and parents about the value of oral health,” said Dr. Seldin. “I’d like to look back at the end of my two years to see that the Museum’s reach has increased, more people know us and more people are accessing the information we provide in an enjoyable and productive way.”

Dr. Seldin, a general dentist retired from private practice after nearly 40 years, is an educator, author, editor, spokesman and leader. He has been elected to numerous leadership roles in organized dentistry, serving as 1st Vice-President of the American Dental Association, President of the Dental Society of the State of New York and President of the New York County Dental Society. He recently served as General Chairman of the Greater New York Dental Meeting, the largest dental convention in the country. He has also been honored as a fellow of the American College of Dentists, the International College of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. In 2004, he was awarded the Jarvie Burkhart Award, the most prestigious honor given by the New York State Dental Association, for his dedication and contribution to the art and science of dentistry. In addition, he received the American Dental Association’s 2008 Distinguished Service Award. A graduate of the Columbia School of Dental and Oral Surgery, Dr. Seldin presently serves there as Associate Professor of Dentistry and Chairman of its Dean’s Advisory Council.

The Board of Visitors is a voluntary group of professional and community leaders who advise and support the museum in achieving its vision to celebrate the history of dentistry and raise awareness of the importance of good oral health in overall health. The National Museum of Dentistry welcomes the following new members to the Board of Visitors: **John Bettencourt** (Vice President, Patterson Dental Supply), **Dr. Kathryn Kell** (ADA former Trustee), and **Dr. Elizabeth Roberts** (Director, Professional Affairs - Oral Care, North America, Johnson & Johnson). **Dr. Kathleen Roth** (ADA Past President) will now assume the role of Chair of the Museum’s Pillars Campaign.

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NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DENTISTRY

The Dr. Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry, an Affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, is a lively national center where visitors learn the importance of a healthy smile and the rich history of dentistry. Recognized for its innovative exhibits and programs that educate the public about the importance of oral health in a healthy life, the museum is designated by Congress as the official museum of the dental profession in the United States. This one-of-a-kind museum is located at 31 S. Greene Street on the campus of the University of Maryland Baltimore—home of the world's first dental school. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$3 for youths, seniors, and students with ID, and free for children age 6 & under and NMD members. Open Wednesday–Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday 1-4 p.m. Call 410/706-0600 or visit www.smile-experience.org.

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