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**Dr. Sarandeep Huja Named ADEA/ADEAGies Foundation Drs. Connie L.  
and Richard R. Drisko Scholar in the ADEA Leadership Institute**

San Antonio, TX— The American Dental Education Association (ADEA) has named Sarandeep Huja, D.D.S., Ph.D., Professor and Division Chief of Orthodontics at the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry in Lexington, KY, the first ADEA/ADEAGies Foundation Drs. Connie L. and Richard R. Drisko Scholar in the ADEA Leadership Institute. The Drisko Scholarship provides the opportunity annually for a mid-career dental school faculty member who has shown evidence of leadership potential to participate in the ADEA Leadership Institute. Funding for the scholarship is provided through the generosity of Drs. Drisko. ADEA presented Dr. Huja the award on March 17 at the 2014 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition in San Antonio, TX.

"ADEA applauds Dr. Huja for his rigorous clinical research and commitment to serving on a number of editorial review boards," says Stephen K. Young, D.D.S., M.S., Chair of the ADEA Board of Directors. "Dr. Huja represents the qualities of a leader that this scholarship strives to uphold, and we are grateful to Connie and Dick Drisko and ADEAGies Foundation for supporting this fellowship and Dr. Huja's participation in the ADEA Leadership Institute."

Dr. Huja initially received his dental and orthodontic training from India. From 1993-2001, he was associated with three U.S. institutions, receiving his M.S. in 1995 from Marquette University in Milwaukee, his Ph.D. and Orthodontic Certificate in 1999 from Indiana University and his DDS in 2001 from University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry. His research seeks to understand bone remodeling and adaptation to physical forces. His clinical interests include skeletal anchorage, biomechanics of tooth movement and an interdisciplinary focus to treating patients with compromised malocclusions. He is an Orthodontic consultant to the Commission on Dental Accreditation and serves on the Editorial Review Board of the *Angle Orthodontist*, *American Journal of Orthodontics* and *Journal of Dental Biomechanics*. Dr. Huja is a member of the Angle Society and a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics. He also maintains an intramural faculty practice. As the recipient of the scholarship, Dr. Huja will receive an award of \$10,000 to defray tuition and fees in the ADEA Leadership Institute, with the goal of preparing for a leadership position in an academic dental institution.

The scholarship honors Dr. Connie and her husband Dr. Richard Drisko. Connie Drisko, D.D.S., was Dean and Merritt Professor at the Georgia Regents University College of Dental Medicine

from 2003 through June of 2013. She is a well-known and highly respected dental educator, researcher, and administrator. She has held many other leadership positions in her distinguished career, including serving as Chair and Professor of the Department of Periodontology, Endodontics, and Dental Hygiene and Associate Dean of the University of Louisville School of Dentistry. Richard Drisko, D.D.S., served his career as a highly regarded dentist and educator in the Veterans' Administration.

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#### **About the American Dental Education Association**

The American Dental Education Association (ADEA) is the voice of dental education. Its members include all U.S. and Canadian dental schools and many allied and advanced dental education programs, corporations, faculty, and students. The mission of ADEA is to lead individuals and institutions of the dental education community to address contemporary issues influencing education, research and the delivery of oral health care for the health of the public. ADEA's activities encompass a wide range of research, advocacy, faculty development, meetings, and communications, such as the esteemed *Journal of Dental Education*, as well as the dental school admissions services AADSAS, PASS, DHCAS and CAAPID. For more information about ADEA, visit [www.adea.org](http://www.adea.org).

#### **About the ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition**

The ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition is the premier professional development and networking event in academic dentistry, featuring four days of dynamic plenary sessions and workshops, and an exhibit hall showcasing academic dentistry's leading partners and suppliers. For more information, visit [www.adea.org/2014](http://www.adea.org/2014).

#### **About The William J. Gies Foundation**

The William J. Gies (pronounced *guys*) Foundation was established in 1950 by colleagues and admirers of Dr. Gies with seed funds raised by the American College of Dentists. It was a private foundation and the first U.S. foundation to support dental education and scholarship. In 2002, it joined with the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) to form the ADEAGies Foundation, a public foundation.

Dr. William J. Gies was a Columbia University biochemistry professor interested in dental education, science and clinical applications. In 1926, as part of a series of studies on professional education in the United States funded by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, Dr. Gies published a landmark report that established the importance of dentistry as a healing science and an essential component of higher education in the health professions.