



UB School of Dental Medicine Welcomes Latvian Delegation



Pictured L-R: Ingus Skadiņš, Associate Professor, Department of Biology and Microbiology, Deputy Dean of Faculty Medicine, Rīga Stradiņš University, Jānis Grēviņš, Director of Riga Business School, Riga Technical University, Ilze Grope, MD, PhD, Dean of Residency Faculty, Riga Stradins University, Mirdza Neiders, SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus, Department of Oral Diagnostic Sciences, School of Dental Medicine, Andris Abeltins, Dean of Dental Faculty, Riga Stradins University, Joseph Gambacorta, Associate Dean Academic Affairs, School of Dental Medicine and Toms Baumanis, Vice Rector of Administration and Development, Rīga Stradiņš University

In May, the University at Buffalo hosted a Latvian delegation from Riga. The visit was organized by the University at Buffalo's long standing partner, the Riga Business School, a unit of Riga Technical University and John Wood, Senior Associate Vice Provost for International Education, University at Buffalo.

Part of the delegation was here to visit the current/ongoing program in School of Engineering and Applied Sciences in which faculty from Riga are doing a professional development program to prepare to teach a new program in Computer Science back home.

In addition, there were deans from Riga Stradins University, and the medical university in Latvia, to learn more about curricula and teaching in both the School of Dental Medicine and Jacobs School of Medicine and

Biomedical Sciences.

A third purpose of the delegation's visit was to learn more about high school preparation for higher education in the US and about K-16 pipelines—this relates to educational reforms currently happening in Latvia.

Mirdza Neiders, SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor, who is originally from Latvia, acted as a liaison with the delegation and our school.

SDM's Office of Continuing Education Gets "Crafty" with their Spring Programming



May, 2022 CE participants had a great time with Dr. Frank Scannapieco at 42 Brewery in East Aurora, NY.



June, 2022 CE participants enjoying the presentation at Big Ditch Brewing, Buffalo, NY, hosted by Dr. Ray Miller

During the past semester, SDM's Office of Continuing Education programmed two events that were so popular, they are planning more during the next fiscal year.

"In direct response to suggestions from our CE Advisory Group, we offered a new series of lectures this spring at several local craft breweries," stated Annamarie Phalen, Director, Office of Continuing Education. "The response was good and evaluations positive for offering more in the same fashion."

SDM faculty presented a short (1-1.5 hours) CE lecture on a topic of interest at a craft brewery in or near Buffalo. The host venue typically provides a brief overview of their process & products and attendees can sample the beers.

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