National search for new orthodontics chair to begin in November

After three years of full-time teaching at the Jacksonville University School of Orthodontics and taking over as the chair of the program earlier this year, Dr. Marc Bernard Ackerman will depart at the end of the current semester to assume the role of director of orthodontics at Children’s Hospital Boston with a teaching appointment at Harvard University School of Dental Medicine, Department of Developmental Biology.

The national search for his replacement begins in November. Ackerman served as the chair and program director of the School of Orthodontics since June. While at JU, Ackerman developed and implemented the one-year fellowship in orthodontic clinical research program.

To date, all of the fellows who successfully completed the program have matriculated to an American Dental Association-accredited residency in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Ackerman completed JU’s Davis College of Business executive MBA program in 2009. He was instrumental in aligning the School of Orthodontics’ curriculum and clinical care model with other well-established residency programs in orthodontics.

“JU School of Orthodontics is far stronger today than when I arrived three years ago. With a continued focus on educational innovation and quality of care, the school could position itself as one of the leading residency programs in the country,” Ackerman said.

Ackerman will be responsible for orthodontic clinical care, teaching and research at Children’s Hospital Boston. The department of dentistry provides comprehensive dental care for infants, children, adolescents and persons with special health-care needs.

Ethics and Legal Aspects conference planned for Feb.

The third annual Ethics and Legal Aspects of Dentistry Conference sponsored by the American College of Legal Medicine will be held Feb. 25 and 26, at the Planet Hollywood Resort in Las Vegas.

Seminars will include legal issues in dentistry and understanding the government’s role and the role of dental education, a description of ethical, moral and diagnostic issues as they relate to the dental practice, evaluations of risk management considerations, issues relating to patient care and mid-level care, issues about access to care and dental health care coverage, electronic record keeping and more.

For further information and registration, visit the ACLM website at www.aclm.org.

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