



Dental Trivial Pursuit?

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The web being such an immediate method of publication means that new web-based resources for the history of dentistry are appearing all the time. Two I have found recently are both from the U.S.A. The Dental School at Oregon Health Sciences University at Portland, Oregon has produced a guide to dental history on its website rightly suggesting that anyone interested in dentistry should know a bit about what they are getting into. "Check out these chapters of Dental History," the home page states, "and prepare for victory the next time you find yourself in a heated game of dental trivial pursuit."

Whether or not one would like to attempt dental trivial pursuits, these history of dentistry pages are an excellent introduction to the subject, ranging from "Ancient people and dental disorders" through to "Western dentistry from 1800" and the "History of oral surgery". The home page can be found at <http://www.dental-site.itgo.com/history.htm>

Apart from the history of dentistry, the pages also contain a useful list of other dental sites on the web including a link to the Pierre Fauchard Academy webpages. The stated aims of this organisation are to promote "the elevation of the standards and practices of the art and science of dentistry worldwide.

Its purpose is to educate dental professionals with the latest techniques and foster a sharing of ideas to improve the practice of dentistry." The publications section of the website <http://www.fauchard.org/publications.htm> contains much of interest including full-length articles from the *Journal of the History of Dentistry* and an interactive audio visual featuring historical images from the Horst-Wolfgang Haase collection of dental lithographs.

If you wish to practice your French, the site also contains a link to the full digitised text of Pierre Fauchard's book, *Le Chirurgien Dentiste ou Traité des Dentes* which is available from the Bibliothèque Interuniversitaire de Médecine de Paris.

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