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## Media Release

### Canada's Dental Hygienists Elect New President

October 30, 2018 (Ottawa, ON) — The Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA) is pleased to announce the installation of its new president, Tracy Bowser, at its recent Leadership Summit held in Charlottetown, PEI. Tracy is from Prince Edward Island and joins president-elect Leanne Huvenaars (Saskatchewan), past president Sophia Baltzis (Quebec), and directors Mandy Hayre (British Columbia), newly elected Alexandra Sheppard (Alberta), Deanna Mackay (Manitoba), Beth Ryerse (Ontario), Francine Trudeau (Quebec), Wendy Stewart (Nova Scotia), Anne Marie Caissie (New Brunswick), Tiffany Ludwicki (Newfoundland & Labrador), and Natasha Burian (North) on CDHA's board of directors for 2018–2019.



Tracy holds diplomas in dental therapy from the National School of Dental Therapy and in dental hygiene from Oulton College. Her passion has always been public health and her 28-year career has taken her across Canada. She is currently a public health dental hygienist in Prince Edward Island, and also provides services on First Nations reserves with the federal government's Children's Oral Health Initiative. "I feel so privileged to be a part of the dental hygiene profession," Tracy remarks, adding, "As CDHA president, I look forward to meeting and connecting with members and representing CDHA, as well as continuing to work with the board on our 'Ends,' especially our newest end, 'A Healthy and Respectful Workplace.' The profession of dental hygiene has come so far since the beginning and I am so excited to see where we will take it in the future."

Serving the profession since 1963, CDHA is the collective national voice of more than 29,246 registered dental hygienists working in Canada, directly representing 19,000 individual members including dental hygienists and students. Dental hygiene is the sixth largest registered health profession in Canada with professionals working in a variety of settings, including independent dental hygiene practice, with people of all ages, addressing issues related to oral health. For more information on oral health, visit: [www.dentalhygienecanada.ca](http://www.dentalhygienecanada.ca).

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