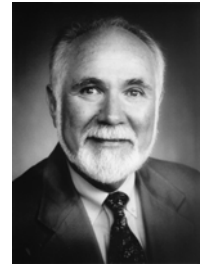




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Harold C. Slavkin, D.D.S., one of the world's leading authorities on craniofacial development and genetic birth defects, began his tenure as dean of the University of Southern California School of Dentistry in August 2000. As dean, he holds the school's G. Donald and Marian James Montgomery Dean's Chair in Dentistry.

Slavkin returned to USC after serving as the sixth director of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR), one of the National Institutes of Health. Under his leadership, the NIDCR served as the lead agency on the first-ever Surgeon General's Report on Oral Health released in June 2000. His tenure was also marked by development of the NIDCR's first strategic plan, the renaming of the Institute to better reflect the scope of its activities and a \$110 million funding increase between 1995 and 1999.

Slavkin is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences; a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and of both the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists; a member of the American Dental Association, the International Association for Dental Research and numerous other professional and scientific organizations. He holds honorary doctoral degrees from Georgetown University, the University of Paris, the University of Maryland, the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, the University of Connecticut and the University of Montreal.

In 1968, Slavkin joined the faculty of the USC School of Dentistry and began his career as an educator and scientist. He is the author of *Developmental Craniofacial Biology*, published in 1979, and has edited nine books and published 260 peer-reviewed scientific papers.

Under Slavkin's leadership as chairman (1969-1975), the school's department of biochemistry and nutrition grew in the amount of external funding and in the number of faculty, graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. He directed and managed scientific and training grant collaborations between the faculty of the School of Dentistry and the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences in his position as laboratory chief of the Laboratory for Developmental Biology (1973-1989).

As chairman and program director (1975-1985), he led the first graduate program in craniofacial biology in the United States. He was the founding director of the Center for Craniofacial Molecular Biology (1989-1995) and the first holder of the George and Mary Lou Boone Chair in Craniofacial Molecular Biology.

Slavkin received with honors a B.A. in English literature in 1961 at USC and earned his D.D.S. from the School of Dentistry in 1965. For the next seven years, he was a practicing dentist in Westwood while doing research as a postdoctoral fellow, first at the UCLA School of Medicine and then in the USC department of biochemistry.

Slavkin is a resident of Marina Del Rey, California.