

ACP Education Symposium Receives Rave Reviews

"Creating a New Vision for Prosthodontic Education" was a two-day Symposium sponsored by the American College of Prosthodontists and the American Dental Educators' Association, March 4-5, 2004 in Seattle, Washington. This is the first event of its kind and received support through the American College of Prosthodontists Education Foundation, American Dental Educators Association/Council of Section Project Pool and Sections on Fixed Prosthodontics and Removable Prosthodontics. Corporate support included generous contributions from our friends at Procter & Gamble, 3i Implant Innovations, Inc., Bien Air Switzerland, Ivoclar Vivadent, GlaxoSmithKline, Waterpik, and SurgiTel Systems.

Dr. David Felton and the ACP Graduate Student Recruitment Sub-Committee demonstrated long-term professional vision to develop this program in support of educators throughout the country. The event provided educators from U.S. and Canadian dental schools an opportunity to gain perspectives into national trends in prosthodontic education and an exceptional networking venue.

Two faculty members chosen by each home institution received travel and housing sponsorship to attend the symposium. Attendance included over 140 faculty from more than 50 dental schools, including Prosthodontists and General Dentists who have dedicated their professional lives to teaching post-doctoral Prosthodontics residents and dental students, respectively.

The symposium addressed key issues challenging academic institutions



More than 140 faculty from over 50 dental schools joined together to address the key issues facing our academic institutions during the very successful 'Creating a New Vision for Prosthodontic Education' Symposium in Seattle on March 4-5.

including enhancing the predoctoral prosthodontics curriculum and graduate prosthodontic resident recruitment, recruiting predoctoral students, assessing and enhancing the graduate prosthodontics program, developing funding sources for resident stipends/travel, innovative teaching and assessment strategies, and recruiting and retaining new prosthodontic faculty.

The speakers included dental school colleagues, leaders in Prosthodontic education and the specialty of Prosthodontics from throughout the country including Dr. Charles Goodacre (Dean, Loma Linda University School of Dentistry), Drs. John Beumer, Eleni Roumanas, Ariel Raigrodski, Richard Weaver (ADEA Center for Education Policy & Research),

Stephen Campbell, Lyndon Cooper, Kenneth Malament, Arnold Rosen, Jonathan Ferencz, Tom McGarry, Leila Jahangiri, Roya Zand Parsa, KiHo Kang, Edward Neal (UNC Center for Teaching & Learning), Stephen Bayne (IADR Vice-President Elect), Mr. Mark McIntyre (Procter & Gamble) and Mr. Jack Bresch (ADEA Center for Public Policy & Advocacy).

The two-day program was filled with information that reflects current trends and challenges, and focuses on future needs. The individuals in attendance are nationally recognized educators and will be the leaders who will facilitate the growth and change to meet future educational needs in Prosthodontics.

For reactions from the attendees, see page 11.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this message, I realize that I have reached the halfway point of my presidency. In some ways, it's like reaching the top of a mountain. Suddenly, you are looking down the other side. You see yourself sliding rapidly towards the end of the year. There is a feeling of "not enough time" – a feeling that we all experience every day in our busy lives. More than that, there is a tremendous appreciation for all the work of our terrific Central Office and our dedicated volunteer group of Officers, Board of Directors, Committee Chairs and Committee members. They truly are responsible for anything that we accomplish this year.

But, if we in the leadership are the muscles of the organization, then the heart and soul of the ACP is you, the members. As you know, your BOD now functions under "Knowledge-Based Governance" (KBG). KBG is a method of organizational leadership that deliberates and makes decisions based on current and anticipated data. In the evaluation of our organization, it was noted that we did not survey our membership enough so that we could find out how to better serve them. Thank you, to the 30% of members and the 14% of nonmembers who filled out the recent (January 2004) membership survey. Thanks also to Tecker Consultants for managing the survey. Let me share some of the results:

Those ACP members who responded can be placed into 3 distinct groups:

Segment 1 (21%) are the future leaders, aged 31-40, and have the highest proportion of females (27%). Only 12% are board certified, they are fairly satisfied with the ACP, and 59% are likely to recommend ACP membership.



Dr. Nancy Arbree
ACP President

Segment 2 (30%) are the current loyal leaders, aged 41-50 or 51-60, and are predominantly male (93%). 87% are board certified, and have been members for more than 10 years. They are satisfied and very enthusiastic about the organization and 73% would recommend ACP membership. 90% try and attend the annual session every year.

Segment 3 (49%) are characterized by a lack of involvement with the ACP. Most are age 41-60, most are male (91%), and only 26% are board certified. They've been members for more than 10 years, and less likely (48%) to recommend ACP membership. Only 15% attend the annual session every year. This group had the highest portion of apparent dissatisfaction with the ACP.

How did the members rate the ACP on **Member Benefits and Services**? Members rated the ACP as doing a generally average job in regards to increasing the level of patient traffic into their offices. The services mentioned as important were:

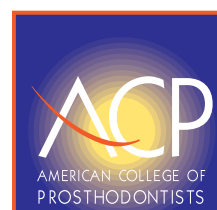
1. Representing Prosthodontists to others in the dental community in order to raise awareness and use of prosthodontic services, and
2. Promoting services to the general public by marketing activities.

In the area of representation to other dental professionals, the ACP was rated very high. Also rated positively was the way that the ACP provides knowledge and information to its members, i.e., the **Membership Directory**, the **Journal of Prosthodontics** and the **Messenger**. Generally

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Mr. Edward J. Cronin

I, like many folks my age, have had several unfortunate experiences of fracturing a tooth while eating something as simple as an apple or cookie. For various reasons over the past 10 years I have had crowns placed by several different dentists with a great diversity of esthetic and functional results. So I was excited when I made my first appointment to see a Prosthodontist.

On my first visit I received a complete oral examination and immediately recognized a significant difference in the comprehensive and thorough approach taken. It was clear to me that I was receiving the highest level of dental care. To be honest, this is what I expected from my Prosthodontist and I was not disappointed. The final results of my treatment are outstanding.

As I drove home from that first appointment I reflected on the experience and realized that the Dental Assistant had been a major factor in my positive reaction. Her knowledge and expertise and ability to communicate far exceeded what I had ever experienced in my general dentists' offices. I recognized that her abilities were an asset to the practice.

I approached the American Dental Assistants Association with the idea of creating some mechanism to provide Dental Assistants with the specific training to work in a prosthodontic practice and to recognize and acknowledge those who had this expertise. Thus, the Prosthodontic Dental Assistant Award was established.

The Award requires 50 hours of continuing education credits; 25 hours must be on prosthodontic-related courses. Other required topics include Patient Communication Skills, Implant Dentistry, Dental Materials and Dental Laboratory Techniques. At least 20 of the hours must be a Lecture/Participation Course and the rest can be Home Study Courses. Finally, participants must take at least one course during an ACP Annual Session. This year Dr. Patrick Lloyd and Dr. Kenneth Malament will present an excellent program for assistants and entire office staff in Ottawa (see page 4 for details).

We believe this new Award Program will generate significant benefits for the Dental Assistant and for your practice. Assistants will gain increased confidence and professional satisfaction and your patients will see the difference.

Dr. Gordon Christensen, writing in the March 2004 *Journal of the American Dental Association*, discusses the value that well-trained and educated staff provides to a practice. Such staff, "become valued members of the team who are loyal to the practice and its patients and who want to stay in the profession."

I hope that all ACP members will encourage and support their Dental Assistants to pursue the Prosthodontic Dental Assistant Award and will consider bringing them to our Ottawa Annual Session. For more information, please contact Ryan Detwiler in our Central Office at 312-573-1260, ext. 225.

CENTRAL OFFICE UPDATE

Meet Your ACP Staff

Please join us in welcoming the following individual to the ACP central office:

Ms. Pamela Insley Krueger has joined the ACP central office staff as Director of Development for the ACP Education Foundation where she will manage the day-to-day development plans of the Education Foundation. Pamela has been a professional fund raiser for more than 10 years, securing renewable and growing resource bases for several groups including a medical research foundation, a seminary, an advocacy group for abused and neglected children and a multidisciplinary medical association, the North American Spine Society. For the past four years prior to joining the ACP, her focus was on raising funds for medical research and a political action committee, as well as directing the legislative and regulatory advocacy efforts of the spine society. Pamela received her undergraduate training in Speech/Communications and a Master's degree in Public Services Management.



Pamela with daughter, Julianna

Name: Pamela Insley Krueger

Department/Title: Director of Development, ACP Education Foundation

Favorite Restaurant: Bergamos in Orlando (if it is still there) because the wait staff sing while serving.

Last book read: In the middle of *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver.

When not in the office, you can find me: Probably in my kitchen cooking or out exploring parks with my daughter.

One material thing, I can't live without: Sunblock.

Three words that best describe me: easily amused and interested

You can contact me for: The top ten ways the ACP Education Foundation secures and enhances the future of Prosthodontics.

Congratulations to Dr. Richard Cavanaugh of Doylestown, PA. Dr. Cavanaugh was randomly selected to receive a complimentary registration to the ACP 2004 Annual Session for completing and returning our recent membership survey. In all, 675 members responded to the survey. For a summary of the results, read Dr. Arbree's Presidents's Message in this Messenger

The information we gathered from the survey responses will be very valuable to us as we plan for the future to increase the value and benefits we provide our membership. Once again, congratulations to Dr. Cavanaugh, and thank you to everyone who participated. Your input is important to us.

At Your Service...

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Expanding Our Horizons and Providing Better Care for Our Patients

Come take a journey 'across the border' as we visit with our neighbors to the north for the 34th ACP Annual Session. Experience one of the world's most beautiful capital cities that is rich in both historical and cultural attractions. Ottawa is a place where people welcome each season with a multitude of recreational activities and festivals. With all the amenities of a world-class destination, Ottawa offers a variety of dining, shopping and entertainment options for both business and pleasure.

Join us for the 2004 ACP Annual Session at the Ottawa Congress Centre/Westin Ottawa & Fairmont Chateau Laurier Hotels in Ottawa from October 27-30. This year's meeting will focus on *Expanding Our Horizons and Providing Better Care for Our Patients*, and will highlight strategies for making better choices and providing better treatment for our patients. The four-day program will provide a comprehensive, clinically-oriented, educational program for Prosthodontists and their team.

Whether you're a seasoned Prosthodontist wanting to catch up with old friends and colleagues, a new Prosthodontist on the road to board certification, a laboratory technician looking to find new Prosthodontists to partner with, or a dental assistant looking to enhance your current skills, the 2004 ACP Annual Session offers a vast array of seminars, workshops, scientific sessions and events designed to reinvent the prosthodontic practice within the dental community.

This year's scientific program will include:

- **Evolving Standards of Care** (C. Douglass, G. Carlsson, L. Cooper, C. Stanford, C. Goodacre)
- **Diagnostic Considerations in Patient Care** (L. Sennerby, K. Knoernschild, J. Zarb, S. Aquilino)
- **Surgical Considerations in Implant Care** (M. Nevins, J. Russo, S. Lynch, R. Kraut, H. Smith)
- **Prosthetic Considerations** (T. McGarry, P. Schnitman, K. Hebel, Y. Fortin)
- **Keys to Esthetics & Materials** (P. Magne, T. Diekwisch, J. Kois, J. Wataha, R. Mackert, R. Kelly)

The Special Seminars and Workshops once again provide practical and informative sessions for attendees from all professional backgrounds.

Specific courses include the ever popular **Board Preparation Course**, **Writer's Workshop**, **Predoctoral Educators Seminar**, **Educators Mentoring Workshop**, and the **2nd Annual Prosthodontic Assistant's Program** (see description below). In addition, four **Limited Attendance Lectures** will present the emerging trend of dental implants including a full day, hands-on dissection course.

In its third year, the **Implant Surgical Training Sessions** will provide attendees with a blend of didactic and hands-on training for implant surgery. This year the courses will go beyond the basics covered in previous years and offer expanded techniques such as site development, soft tissue management and custom abutments. This year's participating companies include: *3i, Astra Tech, BioHorizons, Nobel Biocare, Straumann* and *Zimmer Dental (formally Centerpulse)*. Attendance is limited to one session only.

And finally, being revitalized and revamped this year will be the **Classification of Prosthodontic Patients Workshop**. Attendees will be provided with an in depth, interactive review of the three patient classifications — Completely Edentulous, Partially Edentulous and Completely Dentate. Additional discussions will describe the efforts at different dental schools in adopting the classifications in undergraduate education. The final segment will address the development of new Parameters of Care tailored to each classification level.

The ACP Annual Session will again feature Table Clinic Presentations for showcasing research results, clinical outcomes, laboratory techniques and/or topic of general interest to ACP members and guests. Two separate competitions will once again take place. The first competition is for current prosthodontic graduate students and clinicians who completed their training within the past year. In order to ignite some genuine interest in the specialty of Prosthodontics among our future dentists, the second competition is for undergraduate dental students. The deadline for submitting your application is August 30, 2004.

For information regarding hotel and travel arrangements, please review the registration brochure (included with the mailing of this newsletter). Online registration is available on the ACP's web site at www.prosthodontics.org. For more information, contact ACP headquarters at (312) 573-1260.



Why Come To Ottawa?

Culture

From its humble beginnings as a logging town, Ottawa has evolved into an impressive cultural destination. Museums, theaters, monuments and heritage sites paint an exciting picture of Canada's past, present and future. Stunning architecture and collection of landmarks, including the Parliament Buildings, the Canadian Museum of Civilization and the National Gallery of Canada, provide a lasting impression for any visitor.

Festivals

Ottawa celebrates in every season. The changing colors of autumn leaves are a spectacular backdrop for fall fairs and festivals, while winter is embraced with a three-week-end celebration called 'Winterlude' which is highlighted by the transformation of the Rideau Canal into the world's longest skating rink.

Adventure

Ottawa is abundant with outdoor recreation. Whether it's cycling along a 125-mile network of pathways, challenging the white water rapids of the Ottawa River or skiing on a local hill, you are certain to have a rejuvenating, adventurous stay in Ottawa. Minutes from downtown Ottawa, the magnificent Gatineau Park offers an unlimited array of outdoor experiences throughout any season.

Entertainment

Evenings in Ottawa present a variety of options. Try your luck at the elegant Casino du lac-Leamy, cheer on Ottawa's professional sports teams or simply enjoy the ambience at one of the many popular restaurants and shopping outlets. The National Arts Centre hosts hundreds of theatre, dance and orchestra performances.

Provided courtesy of the Ottawa and Convention Authority



2nd Annual Prosthodontic Assistant's Workshop

The ACP Prosthodontic Assistant's Workshop will be held on Saturday, October 30 from 8:00am to 12:00pm. Attendance in this workshop will provide an excellent continuing education program for your entire staff, as well as offer an opportunity to apply credit towards the new Prosthodontic Dental Assistant's certification offered by the American Dental Assistants Association and the ACP. This year's program will feature presentations by two of our best speakers on Geriatrics for the Prosthodontic Practice and The Integration of Esthetic Dentistry in Prosthodontics. We encourage you to include your staff in your Annual Session plans. The experience can be used as an annual, goal-based incentive program. With a focus on "Expanding Our Horizons and Providing Better Care for Our Patients", this year's meeting will provide even more benefit for your whole office than ever before.

Call for Table Clinic Presentations

*The American College of Prosthodontists
Annual Session*

October 27-30, 2004
Congress Centre/Westin & Chateau Hotels
Ottawa, ON Canada

Table Clinics Session:
Thursday, October 28, 2004
12:15 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.

Poster or Display Presentations of Research Results,
Clinical Outcomes, Laboratory Techniques,
and Topics of Interest

Application Deadline:
August 15, 2004

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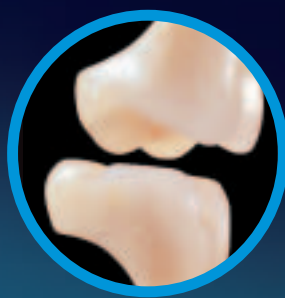
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Education Spotlight:

The San Antonio Combined Periodontic-Prosthodontic Advanced Education Program

by Dr. Robert Cronin, Director – UTHSCSA Advanced Prosthodontic Program

The specialties of Prosthodontics and Periodontics have always enjoyed an obvious close clinical relationship. Before the ADA mandated combined Prosthodontic Graduate Program in the mid 1980's, the Fixed Prosthodontic Program at the University of Washington and the Postdoctoral Periodontal Prosthesis Program at the University of Pennsylvania were well known for a strong educational interrelationship between Periodontics and Prosthodontics. In the late 1990's, a national void existed in the advanced educational process involving these two specialty areas. The complexity of multidisciplinary diagnosis and treatment planning has become more complicated with the involvement of implant-based prostheses and the desire of some prosthodontic residents to become competent in the placement of implants and the management of attending complications. The need for a combined Periodontic-Prosthodontic Advanced Education Program became obvious.

In September 1995, in San Antonio, Texas, such a program was born. Dr. Robert Cronin, Director of the Advanced Prosthodontic Program, and Dr. Jim Mellonig, Director of the Advanced Periodontic Program at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio created a five-year Periodontic-Prosthodontic Advanced Education Program designed to provide students with an educational experience that qualifies them for board certification in both dental specialties. The program is well respected in the dental school and has enjoyed solid administrative support. Dr. Lily Garcia, Chair of UTHSCSA Department of Prosthodontics comments, "The combination of postdoctoral education in Prosthodontics and Periodontics offers a unique opportunity for a dedicated individual providing an outstanding background for long-term professional success."

The goal of this program is to produce specialists who are completely versed in all aspects of Periodontics and Prosthodontics. Certificates in Periodontics and Prosthodontics, as well as a Masters of Science degree are earned at the completion of this program. The resident is a student in both departments for the duration of the program while didactic, clinical and research components of the programs are specifically tailored to create a

seamless educational experience for the resident.

The student characteristically begins their program with a strong year of didactics and initially focuses their clinical time in Prosthodontics. Prosthodontic diagnosis and treatment planning as well as basic graduate level prosthodontic clinical experience gradually enables the student to expand their clinical endeavors into the graduate periodontics clinic. In Periodontics, the student will receive training in the full range of surgical procedures. This includes, but is not limited to, osseous, mucogingival, esthetic, regenerative, and implant surgery. Emphasis is placed on periodontal reconstruction and the surgical placement of several types of endosseous dental implants. Emphasis is also placed on a strong academic foundation in the periodontal literature and oral medicine. Clinical pathological conferences are attended by the student. It is a strong goal of the program that the resident will complete all prosthodontic and periodontic procedures on a large number of patients requiring advanced multidisciplinary reconstructive care.

The first student that was accepted in the new combined program was Dr. Paul Quinlan from Dublin, Ireland. Dr. Quinlan was an ideal student to begin this demanding program as he had already received a M.S. in Periodontology from Eastman Dental Hospital in London, England and was financed by a Fulbright Scholarship. When Paul visited the university, he noted that "I feel the work and research being undertaken here is of a very high standard, and I would like to become part of and contribute to this environment." Paul certainly did positively contribute to the environment and performed very well in all areas of this new combined program, graduating in 2001. Paul's efforts were not limited to academic endeavors, as he married a fellow prosthodontic resident, Dr. Anne Gunderman, from Columbus, Ohio. Drs. Gunderman and Quinlan currently practice in Dublin, Ireland where Paul is fully utilizing all the prosthodontic and periodontic skills he learned in his combined program.

The opportunity to gain new knowledge is also an important part of our combined Prosthodontic-Periodontic Advanced Education Program. All students are expected to complete a research program in either Prosthodontics or Periodontics lead-



Drs. Cronin & Melton utilize 3-dimensional image analysis to treatment plan an implant prosthesis.

ing to a Master of Science degree. All students should have a manuscript ready for publication at the completion of this dual certificate program. Our students are also strongly encouraged and expected to pursue board certification in both Prosthodontics and Periodontics.

This program is not meant to produce a large volume of advanced students. Our goal is to have at least one student continually in the program as that student greatly enriches the environment of both advanced educational areas. Our current Periodontic-Prosthodontic Advanced Education student is Dr. Jeff Melton. Jeff's father is Dr. Burt Melton, an ACP member practicing in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Jeff plans to join his father's prosthodontic practice which is focused on Prosthodontics and implant surgery. Jeff applied to the combined Periodontics-Prosthodontics Program because "I feel that training in Periodontics as well as Prosthodontics is crucial in providing the best specialized dental care for my patients. Training in both fields will enable me to have a more complete understanding of complex restorative procedures. Patients needing advanced dental care will be the ultimate beneficiaries of this specialty combination."

Certainly with the increased interest in the placement of dental implants by the Prosthodontist, and when sufficient dedication exists to complete a five-year combined program, there can be little argument that this is the best preparation available.

Patrick M. Lloyd Appointed Dean of University of Minnesota School of Dentistry

Patrick M. Lloyd, DDS, MS, has been named dean of the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, effective April 1, 2004. His appointment was approved by the University's Board of Regents on March 12. Dr. Lloyd replaces William F. Liljemark, DDS, PhD who was appointed interim dean in June 1, 2003.

Dr. Lloyd is a graduate of Marquette University School of Dentistry and earned his certificate in Prosthodontics from the V.A. Medical Center in Milwaukee, Wis., as well as a MS degree from the Graduate School of Marquette University. After completing his specialty training, Dr. Lloyd served as chief of Dental Geriatrics and directed a fellowship in geriatric dentistry at the Milwaukee V.A. Medical Center. In 1985 he was appointed to serve as national coordinator for Geriatric Dental Programs for the Department of Veterans Affairs. In 1992, he joined the faculty at Marquette University, where he was head of the Special Patient Care Clinic. Dr. Lloyd held that position for four years before being named executive officer of the



Dr. Patrick M. Lloyd

Department of Family Dentistry at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry in 1996.

"Dr. Lloyd has the vision and leadership skills that will serve the School of Dentistry well," said Frank Cerra M.D., senior vice president for health sciences. "Dr. Lloyd is strongly supported by the faculty and staff of the school. He is an outstanding practitioner and teacher and is dedicated to enhancing the performance of research at the school."

Dr. Lloyd is currently serving as president-elect of the ACP. For the past 10 years, he served as the editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Prosthodontics*, and is the founding chair of ACP's Geriatrics Committee. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and fellow of both the ACP and of the Clinical Medical Section of the Gerontological Society of America. Dr. Lloyd is an international lecturer on a variety of issues related to caring for the older adult.

College Member on Front Lines in Middle East

Lieutenant Colonel Paul Schleier, USAF, an ACP member since 1997, recently completed several months service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He has been deployed a total of 20 months in his military career. Eighteen of those twenty months have been in "operational" settings, starting with the first Gulf War.

Lt. Col. Schleier grew up in Albia, Iowa (population 5,200) and following in the footsteps of five members of his immediate family, chose dentistry as a career, earning his DDS from Creighton University in 1982. He decided to 'see the world' after listening to stories from his relatives who had served in the Navy. As a young single man, Schleier saw this as a unique opportunity and in 1988, he joined the United States Navy. From April '90 through August '92, with the rank of Lieutenant, he served on the USS Saratoga (CV-60), that included an 8-month deployment for the first Gulf War.

Recalling that experience, Dr. Schleier said, "The Operational Tempo was 24/7 for 8 months straight, and the crew of the Saratoga saw several weeks of actual war-time combat. It was a constant adrenaline rush." Dr. Schleier describes the deployment experience and the return home to Mayport, Florida as "the most emotionally rewarding time of my life."

Following his tour of duty on the USS Saratoga, Dr. Schleier served two years in Washington, D.C. before reporting to San Diego for a one-year Advanced Clinical Program in Prosthodontics. During this program, Dr. Schleier volunteered again, this time to serve 30 days duty at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba during the Cuban-Haitian Crisis. Following graduation from the Advanced Clinical Program, he was assigned to El Toro Marine Corps Air Station for a two-year utilization tour. Although Dr. Schleier had been selected for a Prosthodontic residency at the National Naval Dental Center in Bethesda, MD, he elected to transfer to the Naval Reserves so that he could instead pursue his prosthodontic training at the Medical College of Georgia.

The faculty at MCG included Drs. Michael Gardner, Steve Nelson, Barry Goldman, John Ivanhoe, Carol Lefebvre, Roman Cibirka, Randy O'Connor, Harry Parker, Paul Kudyba, Kevin Plummer, Geoff Sheen and Charles English. Add to that, the high quality staff and prosthodontic residency program the Army has at nearby Fort Gordon, Georgia, he continued, "it doesn't get much better than that."

During his residency, the U.S. Air Force selected Dr. Schleier to receive a scholarship and a return to active duty status. After completing his residency training, Dr. Schleier reported to Langley AFB in Virginia. In the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 attacks, like so many Americans, Schleier felt a compelling need to lend a helping hand during the country's time of crisis. On September 12th, he volunteered for a deployment assignment. After receiving a call from Colonel Ken Levin, the Dental Squadron Commander at Langley AFB, on February 8, 2003, Schleier volunteered for yet another deployment this time in support of Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom. Within 38 hours of receiving the call, he was on a flight back to the Gulf.

Lt. Col. Schleier was assigned to serve as the Expeditionary Medical Deputy Group Commander with the 363rd Air Expeditionary Wing at Prince Sultan Air Base (PSAB) and later in the same capacity with the 485th AEW/Expeditionary Medical Group at a classified location in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from February 10 to May 15, 2003. Lt. Col. Schleier is one of just a few Air Force Prosthodontists to deploy, and the first to serve as a Deputy Group Commander of a 25-bed Expeditionary Medical Support (EMEDS)



EMEDS Hospital (Before)



EMEDS Hospital (After)

Hospital. The 485th EMEDS hospital served the 485th Air Expeditionary Wing and was an important staging hospital during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

His three month tour in the desert was challenging. "Work hours were very long, often between 18-20 hours a day, in very arduous conditions," recalls Schleier. "We averaged one wind storm a week for 13 weeks," he continued. "The worst windstorm had 49 mph winds that lasted for four days. The dirt and sand was as fine as talcum powder. It was ankle-deep and when the wind blew hard, you couldn't see 10 feet. The dirt and dust was everywhere. This made breathing difficult and made respiratory problems a real cause for concern."

As the senior officer in charge of initiating and setting up the PSAB Tent City, Lt Col Schleier and his 42 medics erected 120 tents for incoming troops in two days. His EMEDS group was next deployed to a "bare base". "When we arrived at our next destination, there was next to nothing there," he recalls, "just a handful of tents, some field latrines, and no showers. We had to build the tents we were going to sleep in that night," Schleier said. "In those windy, dirty conditions, that was all the motivation we needed. Our 42 medics built 219 12-bed tents during the next 10 days while waiting for our hospital tents to arrive. We were so glad to see the hospital package arrive. If we were going to build any more tents, we wanted them to be our hospital. After building a total of 339 tents, our tent-building meter had just about redlined."

In addition, he took the lead in constructing 12 Alaska Shelters (hospital shelters) which were 98% stocked with the necessary medical equipment and supplies within two days, and thus, making the Expeditionary Medical Support Hospital (EMEDS) mission-ready within 24 hours prior to start of the Iraqi War. These shelters would prove to be instrumental in providing medical support to the Air Expeditionary Wing population of 3,500 and averaged 42 outpatient visits per day.

Other components that were supported included 46 C-130 aircraft/crews, 24 F-15 aircraft/crews and one Army Patriot Missile Battery (during largest C-130 airlift operation in history). There were continuous 24-hour patient evacuation missions, 1,983 outpatient visits, 62 inpatient stays, 1,873 patients returned to duty, 48 patients to be managed while awaiting air evacuation transport kept Schleier and his staff busy. In addition there were several combat casualties, shrapnel injuries, and 6 surgeries added to the responsibilities.

Lt Col Schleier, along with the help of Capt Young Sung and one dental technician, set up and made ready a two-chair dental clinic within 24 hours. The dental clinic saw 155 patient visits with the successful treatment of 16 dental infections.

For their true warrior spirit, Lt Col Schleier and the 363 Air Expeditionary Wing/EMEDS were awarded an AIRFORCE UNIT COMMENDATION with Battle (V) for excellent performance in combat conditions. Upon conclusion of his tour of duty, he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal and Air Force Expeditionary Deployment Ribbon.

Currently, Lt. Col. Schleier is the Staff Prosthodontist at Barksdale Air Force Base, but looks forward to future overseas tours, possibly in the summer of 2005, as well as further deployments. In addition, Lt Col Schleier is committed



Home for 12 soldiers



'Desert Storm'



Tent City (aerial view)

to the advancement of the specialty. During his few off duty hours overseas, Lt Col Schleier spent his time studying for the board certification exam in which he plans to take in October. "Completing my specialty exam is important because it validates all the effort, all the long hours of study since I started college," said Schleier.

Today, with only about 9% of the ACP total membership classified as military members it can be easy to forget that it was a small group of military Prosthodontists who had the foresight, inspiration and dedication to put the American College of Prosthodontists 'on the map'. Lt. Col. Schleier is only one of many who deserve recognition for his past endeavors. Others include fellow ACP members Col Thomas Schneid (Wilford Hall Medical Center), Col Mark Mathews (Keesler AFB), Col (select) Bryan Dye (Wright Patterson AFB), Lt Col Steve Taylor (Hickam AFB) and Col Al Sutton (Rhamstein AFB) for their services during the recent war as well, but also to all our past, present and future military members who have given selflessly to the College, specialty and country.



Education Foundation Update

by Dr. Thomas McGarry, ACP Education Foundation Chair

Current Activities

Another prestigious prosthodontic organization has made a long-term pledge commitment to the American College of Prosthodontists Education Foundation (ACPEF). The Pacific Coast Society for Prosthodontics (PCSP) announced a \$5,000 pledge and sent the first \$1,000 installment with their letter. President Paul Binon wrote an eloquent letter describing the commitment of the PCSP to the mission and goals of the ACPEF. This is yet another prosthodontic organization with both specialists and general dentists as members that now support the Foundation. The unity that these donations from independent, established prosthodontic organizations is truly remarkable.

On the corporate front, the last quarter of the year brought a \$50,000 donation from the Vident corporation. It must be noted that this gift was twice the amount originally requested from Vident. Again, please take the opportunity to thank Vident at the many prosthodontic meetings they attend and support. And, of course, when able, please support all of our corporate partners with your purchases.

Board Activities

During the February Board meeting many funding initiatives were finalized:

1. \$80,000 was awarded to prosthodontic residents in the form of \$2,500 grants to 32 students.
2. The ACPEF awarded \$75,000 to support the Prosthodontic Education Conference prior to the ADEA meeting this year.
3. The ACPEF awarded over \$200,000 to the ACP to help fund continuing public relations activities.
4. The Board placed \$400,000 in the permanent endowment investment account of the Foundation.

Leadership

The Board elected Dr. Tom McGarry - Chair, Dr. Leonard Kobren - Vice Chair and Dr. Harold Litvak - Secretary of the Foundation. Mr. Don Waters from Brasseler, USA will serve as Treasurer replacing Mr. Bill Ryan from Straumann.

Staff News

In accordance with the Foundation's strategic plan, the ACPEF has hired a full-time Development Director to guide the Foundation in increasing member and non-member participation. Ms. Pam Krueger (see bio on page 3) joined the College in the first week of April. Pam brings extensive experience and success in foundation development. The ACPEF was able to recruit Pam from her position as Director of Advocacy for the North American Spine Society and the National Association of Spine Specialists. Pam's responsibilities included both Research Fund Development and Government Relations. Her impressive list of accomplishments identified her as the ideal candidate to help the ACPEF reach its many goals. Pam lives in the Chicago area and participates extensively in many community, charitable and volunteer activities. Pam will be introduced to the ACP Board of Directors at the Summer Board meeting. In the meantime, if you are contacted by Pam, please welcome her to the prosthodontic family and give generously!!

2004 Initiatives

The number one activity of the Foundation through our new Development Director is to greatly expand the number of members contributing to the ACPEF. On an industry wide basis, our member participation is too low. Our capital campaign was extraordinarily successful with the corporate world. However, our membership participation has lagged noticeably. In order to meet the many critical goals of the ACPEF, member involvement is essential. We have a great opportunity to help ourselves by having a successful annual appeal. This success will enable us to continue to receive substantial corporate support. Charity must begin at home!!

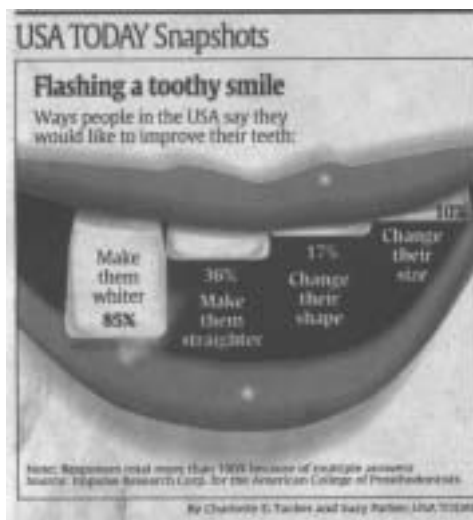
The Board of the ACPEF wants to extend our warmest thanks to all the members who have contributed not only their valuable time but also their money. A special thank you must go to every corporate and organizational partner who has made this Foundation the overwhelming success it is.

Public Relations Update

Our marketing efforts for ACP members is off to a great start this year. Already, we've reached more than 30 million Americans with our message that Prosthodontists are experts in beautiful, healthy teeth through our 2nd Annual Oscar Poll. Americans ranked the smiles of the Best Actress nominees, and the results, for the second year in a row, predicted the Oscar winner. Our survey landed us in numerous local papers, on the Web and on the radio, as well as generated a USA Today "Snapshot" which reached millions of readers.

We're also in the midst of several other projects:

- A Video News Release (a pre-packaged broadcast news story) on the advantages of choosing a Prosthodontist for esthetic work, which will be distributed to TV stations nationwide via satellite in May.
- A Prosthodontist marketing video which answers the question, "What is a Prosthodontist?" The video will be available to ACP members and will have multiple other uses: background tool for the media and potential patients, and for outreach to general dentists and other specialists.



- An ACP web site audit, which is a comprehensive analysis of our site and its effectiveness. The final report and recommendation will give us a template for revising the site to optimize it in search engines and ensure that our target audience finds the information it needs.

- A "What is a Prosthodontist" Q&A that will appear on United Airlines' Sky Radio in September and October.

In addition to these projects in progress, we've got a mouthful of news to tell the media all year long, from outreach to brides for their big day, to a New York media tour, which will help us tell our story to some of the most influential reporters in health.

As usual, we encourage you to keep in touch. We can offer strategy suggestions and advice for reaching out to your local media, and we look forward to hearing about great patient case studies and breakthroughs in technology and treatments.

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"good" ratings were also received for the **Annual Session, the ACP website and the Center for Prosthodontic Education Courses**. Two-thirds of the younger members access the website weekly, while the rest use it infrequently.

ACP members rated the **Central Office Headquarters** interaction as good – highest with the courtesy of the staff and lowest with their ability to navigate the phone tree.

How did the members rate the **Annual Session**?

Only half of the members try to attend this every year. Two-thirds have attended within the last 3 years. The most frequent reason for not attending was the timing of the meeting.

What was there strongest agreement on?

1. It is important for the ACP to be active in all areas of organized dentistry.
2. The ACP should support educationally qualified members' rights to practice in every state without the requirement of taking a specialty board exam.

ACP members vs. non-members

- Members (82%) were more likely to have been ACP members as graduate students than nonmembers (49%).
- More members were board certified (44% vs. 18%).
- Only two associations drew ACP members in significant numbers: the ADA and AO. Non-members were less likely to be members of almost every other group except the ADA, suggesting overall they are less likely to join organizations.

- Both had similar patterns of practice activity.
- 23% of members were maxillofacial prosthodontists.
- Both groups were 88% male and 12% female.
- Members were more likely to be younger (18% of members were 61 and over; 32% of non-members).

The most frequently cited reason for non-members not belonging to ACP were:

1. Cost
 2. Lack of value for the expense.
- Yet 33% said they are "likely" to join in next two years.

What will be done with the survey results:

At each BOD meeting this year, we are discussing this data – in order to make decisions on how to better serve all the members and how to recruit those who are not yet members. This survey has given us many answers to help us work toward that worthy goal. It has focused us. We now know where we need to concentrate our efforts.

The survey results had some surprises. Like any personal evaluation, we found out where we are doing a good job, but also where we need to work harder. Being a glass-half-full type of person, I was pleased to see 51% or a majority of members enthusiastic about the ACP. But your leadership knows that it must work hard to engage and satisfy the other 49% if we are to grow our specialty.

It is incumbent of those who are enthusiastic about the ACP to help us by sharing their positive outlook with all our colleagues. This will assist our efforts to make the ACP the voice of Prosthodontics and a source of benefit to all Prosthodontists.

ACP Board of Directors Update

The ACP Board of Directors met for their annual winter meeting at the Omni Hotel in Chicago, Illinois on February 23, 2004 to discuss current and upcoming projects for the College in 2004. Among the major discussions included: approval of a public relations plan for 2004 (see page 9 for details) and the reapproval of the strategic plan for the College. This was the first BOD meeting in which our own Central Office Staff and Officers served as the facilitators. Dr. Bruce Valauri and Executive Director Ed Cronin led the session on the Membership Mega-issue. Dr. Patrick Lloyd and Associate Executive Director Kevin Fitzpatrick led the group in a discussion of the Strategic Plan and the Committee structure. Other topics addressed include:



ACP Board of Directors (left to right): Dave Felton, Ana Diaz-Arnold, Stephen Campbell, Lily Garcia and Bruce Valauri during the February board of directors meeting in Chicago.

- Agreed to endorse and offer non-financial support to the goals of a new USC Center for Dental Technology.
- Tabled request from ADEA for \$5,000 for post-graduate education summit on November 19-20, 2004.
- Proposed changes to the current Bylaws related to the Council for the American Board of Prosthodontics (ABP).
- Tabled consideration (referred to Budget Committee) to create stipends for the ACP President, President-elect and Vice-President to the June 2004 BOD meeting. Note: All other specialty groups have stipends for officers; the ACP currently does not.
- Approved new membership applications and status changes (see page 12 for complete list of new members.)
- Approved motion to resume funding for the continuation of a successful internet search engine optimization program (started in September 2003) for maximizing the ACP's online presence (see Foundation Update on page 8).
- Approved the 2004 Annual Session registration/events fees.
- Approved the Education and Advancement Committee advancement survey regarding electronic curricula. This survey will be sent to all dental schools. Its purpose is to identify what electronic curriculum currently exists for prosthodontic education.
- Tabled motion to approve the Educational Policy Subcommittee survey regarding implant placement education in Graduate Prosthodontic programs until an April 2004 conference call.

A complete copy of the meeting minutes can be viewed on the ACP web site at www.prosthodontics.org in the Members Only section.

Other major news being announced during the meeting was the decision of the American Prosthodontic Society (APS) to rejoin the Prosthodontic Forum. The addition of the APS back into the Forum is a wonderful occurrence. It reaffirms the shared commitments and goals of the prosthodontic organizations to the discipline and the specialty.

Implant Courses Continues To Draw Interest

The Harvard School of Dental Medicine Implant Center, under the direction of Dr. HP Weber, in conjunction with the ACP (and supported by Straumann USA) conducted a basic surgical continuing education course for Prosthodontists on January 15-17, 2004. The sold out limited attendance course provided additional innovation as most attendees placed implants on their own patient's that they brought from their private practice.

In addition, a surgical assisting course ran concurrently which provided prosthodontic assistants the necessary training to create and manage the surgical environment. A number of the participating Prosthodontists had their first surgical experience with their own dental assistant, under the supervision of Harvard surgical and assisting staff.

The program was a resounding success. Dr. Weber looks forward to hosting more basic surgical courses along with intermediate and advanced courses to support the ACP Center for Prosthodontic Education.

Comments from the participants include:

- "We need more of these surgical courses. I will recommend it to my fellow Prosthodontists"
- "Very good and very appropriate."
- "Great program for the ACP to be involved with."
- "Down to earth, talented surgeons."
- "Very well put together."

Prosthodontists interested in participating in upcoming Introduction to Implant Surgery Training courses should contact the ACP central office at 312-573-1260, 224 to be added to a waiting list. Space is limited and will fill up quickly.



UPCOMING COURSES

Contemporary & Esthetic Dentistry: The State-of-the Art 2004

August 20-21, 2004
LSU School of Dentistry
New Orleans, Louisiana

A comprehensive, two-day continuing education course on esthetics and fixed prosthodontics for dentists, dental technicians and auxiliaries. Participants will acquire a broad understanding of the state-of-the-art of esthetic dentistry. Topics addressed will include:

- Advanced esthetic fundamentals — the key factors influencing case analysis and smile design.
- Esthetic treatment planning and laboratory communications.
- Tooth colored restorations: material selection and clinical management.
- Clinical procedures related to preparation, design, temporization, try-in and delivery of the definitive bonded restoration.

For more information or to register, visit www.lsusdce.org or www.prosthodontics.org

Complete Denture Update 2004: Contemporary Therapy for Edentulism

September 10-11, 2004
Marriott Hotel
Buffalo, New York

This high energy 'how to' educational experience is designed to review the fundamentals of complete denture treatment and offer practical information for successfully incorporating removable prosthodontics into your practice. The two-day program is an excellent course for providing contemporary prosthodontics and implant care for the complete denture patient. Implant treatment will be emphasized with several supporting lectures and hands-on experiences. You will review and update your current understanding of the following treatments:

- Tissue conditioning
- Edentulous anatomy
- Contemporary impression techniques
- Jaw registration
- Tooth selection
- Denture occlusion
- Processed base

For more information or to register, visit www.prosthodontics.org

Forum News: Northeastern Gnathological Society: Martin E. Kantor Fund

During Marty Kantor's (former Clinical Professor in Advanced Education in Prosthodontics at New York University College of Dentistry) term as President of the Northeastern Gnathological Society (NGS), he personally led a successful campaign, shaping the organization to devote substantial resources to education. He reached out to residents, young practicing dentists, and dental technicians encouraging them to develop their talents by continuing their studies in Prosthodontics. In 1994, the NGS and the Northeastern Gnathological Foundation (NGF) established the Dr. Martin E. Kantor Fund for Prosthodontic Education.

The NGS takes great pride in reaching and exceeding its initial goal of \$100,000 dollars in such a short period of time. It speaks to the loving memory for our past president and mentor. It demonstrates the determination and passion the NGS has to teach the next generation of Prosthodontists and Technicians. The Fund supports the Granger-Pruden Research Award, requested educational grants for teaching institutions, the ASMID technical award at New York University, and has recently co-sponsored along with the GNYAP the Institute for the Continuing Education of Dentists and Technicians. Another example of the Fund's commitment toward graduate education is demonstrated through the reduction of registration fees for residents and technicians at NGS scientific sessions.

The NGS is the second prosthodontic organization to recognize the importance of the ACP Education Foundation. The NGS contributed \$50,000 dollars to the Foundation's New Vision Campaign. The funds for the gift will come from the NGS Kantor Fund.

Contributed by: Dr. Stephen Campbell
ACP & Forum Director

Forum News: 2004 Prosthodontic Research Grants and Awards

The Prosthodontic Forum has compiled a current list of available Fellowship Grants and Awards from Prosthodontic Forum organizations for students and clinicians. Whether your research interest lies in the field of dental implants, fixed prosthodontics, complete denture prosthodontics or some other facet of Prosthodontics as a whole, there are several grant/award opportunities available. Complete details, including research guidelines and contact information for applying is available online at www.prosthodontics.org/cfdbm/forum/forum.cfm. Program Directors are encouraged to bookmark this page and redistribute the information to current students on an annual basis.

Contributed by: Dr. Stephen Campbell
ACP & Forum Director

Facilitator Training

ACP President Nancy Arbree, President-Elect Patrick Lloyd, Vice President Bruce Valauri, Executive Director Ed Cronin, Associate Executive Director Kevin Fitzpatrick and Executive Assistant Robin Swartz all received Facilitator Training during their Central Office site visit on December 17, 2003. Cate Bower of Tecker Consultants provided the training. The group learned that being a facilitator requires learning many skills, including how and when to silence a participant who is speaking too much! In the past, the ACP has hired professional consultants from Tecker to facilitate important "Mega Issue" (e.g., Membership) discussions at BOD meetings. Now that leadership and Central Office have received this training, we can facilitate our own meetings. This is what is recommended in modern organizations.

The February 2004 BOD meeting was the first

meeting that we self-facilitated (see summary on page 9). Special thanks to President-Elect Lloyd, Vice President Valauri, Executive Director Ed Cronin and Associate Executive Director Kevin Fitzpatrick who did a terrific job facilitating their BOD sessions. The BOD praised them for their efforts to incorporate this cost-saving skill into the leadership and staff.

Contributed by: Dr. Nancy Arbree
ACP President

Alliance of TMD Organizations Meeting

ACP President Nancy Arbree represented the ACP at the Alliance of TMD Organizations which met in Chicago on Friday, February 20, 2004. The Alliance Co-Chairs are Barry C. Cooper and Riley H. Lunn. The Alliance Members are: American Academy of Craniofacial Pain, American Academy of Pain Management, American Association for Functional Orthodontics, American College of Prosthodontists, American Equilibration Society, American Prosthodontics Society, American Society of TMJ Surgeons, International College of Cranio-Mandibular Orthopedics, and Society of Occlusal Studies. Topics discussed included:

1. Drafting TMD Guidelines.
2. Enhancing Craniofacial Curriculum in dental schools.
3. Craniofacial/TMD specialty – all (except one group) spoke against.
4. NIH funding.
5. Election of new Co-Chair: Dr. Terrance Spahl.

Contributed by: Dr. Nancy Arbree
ACP President

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Council for the American Board of Prosthodontics: 2003 Reflections

by Dr. David L. Pfeifer, 2003, - Council for the American Board of Prosthodontics

The past year was significant for the Council for the American Board of Prosthodontics (Council) as there was a dramatic change based on the newly established Bylaws. The Council's membership was restructured and new guidelines were set forth to identify outstanding candidates, and ultimately elect an individual to serve as examiner for the American Board of Prosthodontics. For the first time since the Council's inception, Council members consisted of individuals that represent the diverse interests that exist within the specialty: a recently board-certified representative, individuals representing private practice, academia, government services and previous Board examiners.

Council members, comprised of highly esteemed peers, faced a tremendous challenge. A few of the issues considered were:

- Identifying new criteria that lend to better representation;
- Quantifying demographic information and assigning a priority;
- Developing an accountable and fair process for the selection of candidates;
- Creating a candidate review process that's amiable, standardized and focused;
- Bestowing a sincere sense of appreciation to candidates who were not selected or decided not to participate and encouraging their participation in future years;
- Communicating with the specialty about the direction and charges assigned to the Council; and
- Establishing a working profile within the time frame allotted since the ACP Annual Session was scheduled earlier in the year than usual.

These are but a few of the issues the Council members gave thoughtful consideration which required a very special group to assume an undertaking of this nature. So, what about the outcome?

Perhaps the greatest challenge and most obvious shortfall lie in the effort to communicate new

changes effectively. Many efforts were made to communicate all changes and processes of the Council through three publications in the *ACP Messenger*. The new Bylaws were approved by College leadership and frequently addressed by the President and other officers at various site visits, including the Annual Session. The Forum minutes reflected announcements to other prosthodontic organizations. Yet, many Prosthodontists remained uninformed, not to mention, most of the candidates that were interviewed knew very little about the changes as promulgated by the ACP Bylaws. The Council has continued to enhance their communication efforts as evidenced by articles that appeared with each ballot mailing, letters to prosthodontic organizations and publications in several refereed journals.

The Council is proud of the efforts of the past year. While much refinement of the process and detail projects remain, the process, fairness and goals were achieved. The three most qualified candidates were presented on the ballot in a timely manner and the Council is pleased with the election process that resulted with the election of Dr. Rhonda F. Jacob. The Council has received numerous compliments regarding their role and the outcome. However, credit goes beyond the Council. A Task Force for the Council was established in 2000 which evaluated the problems that existed with the selection process. This Task Force deserves recognition for having the vision and fortitude to assert appropriate, timely change. Also, the leadership of the ACP including the House of Delegates and the Board of Directors, deserves recognition for their willingness to embrace the needed change.

In final reflections on the Council's role in 2003, there was not only the fair provision of an outstanding slate of candidates, but there was greater enthusiasm with the election process. The most recent election showed a 25% increase in the ballot voting process than seen in previous years. Participation is a marker to behold. I remain

grateful that I was given the opportunity to be part of this Council and look forward to the continuation of their remarkable accomplishments.

ABP Make Changes to Certification Guidelines

The Guidelines for the Certification Process of the American Board of Prosthodontics (ABP) were modified in February 2004. The changes include:

1. Candidates must submit a patient history and treatment record of a patient for whom the required fabrication of at least one removable partial denture has been completed. The patient treatment must also include at least two crowns. The crowns may restore natural teeth or dental implants and may be in either arch. If all of the required prostheses are in the same arch, the opposing arch may include an appropriately restored natural or artificial dentition.
2. Pre-treatment color photographs (no transparencies accepted) should be 3.5"x5" or 4"x6".

The additional color photograph dimension was to accommodate digital photography.

Complete copies of the current Guidelines for the Certification Process can be viewed and downloaded online at www.prosthodontics.org/abp.

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Dental Laboratory Technician Meetings

The ACP participated in the annual Lab Day Chicago Exhibition at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers on February 21, 2004. For the third year in a row, ACP volunteers (Drs. Larry West, David Pfeifer and Bruce Valauri) and staff (Michelle Martin and Ryan Detwiler) met with attending lab technicians and discussed the value of membership within the ACP Alliance. Four new applications were completed and submitted during the meeting, not to mention countless requests and applications being distributed. Other inquiries addressed included how the technicians can interact with ACP members on the local level through ACP's State Sections.



Contributed by: Dr. Larry West
ACP Committee Chair

ACP Membership Services
Coordinator Ryan Detwiler
(center) and Dental Laboratory
Committee Chair Larry West
meet with technicians at Lab
Day Chicago.

ACP President Nancy Arbree, Dental Laboratory Committee Chair Larry West and Executive Director Ed Cronin attended a meeting arranged by Drs. Ed McLaren, Gordon Christensen and William Yancey (Assistant Dean and Director, UCLA CE). These organizers assembled the leadership from the ADA, NADL, dental manufacturers and dental laboratory technology training program directors to meet about the current issues facing dental technology. Dr. Larry West, Chair of the ACP Dental Laboratory and Denturism Committee, had been charged to develop a symposium on the Dental Technician crisis. Dr. West heard about this meeting while organizing his meeting. The ACP decided to join forces with this group in their parallel effort. The discussion at the February 21, 2004 meeting included the possibility of a future Summit regarding the problems facing the industry. Issues at the forefront are:

- The decline of dental laboratory training programs
- Decreasing dental laboratory person power in the United States
- Decrease in the process of certification and standards
- Increase of offshore manufacturing activity
- Deterioration of the DDS/Lab technician relationship

This Summit would organize an action plan around some of these issues and could possibly occur around the 2004 ADA meeting. The ACP offered its help with this endeavor.

Contributed by: Dr. Nancy Arbree
ACP President

Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting

Prosthodontists have a responsibility to educate the profession. This duty was demonstrated this past February at the 104th Midwinter Meeting of the Chicago Dental Society. Dr. Kenneth Malament served as program director and moderator as six ACP members provided scientific presentations to a group of 150 participants. These programs were offered by Drs. Stephen Campbell, David Felton, Charles Goodacre, Michael Litvak, Glenn Wolfinger, and Dan Nathanson. Topics included evidence based prosthodontics, implant prosthodontics and shade matching. The ACP will continue to provide quality evidence-based programming through the ACP Center for Continuing Education at this venue in addition to others throughout the year.

Contributed by: Dr. Richard Jones
ACP Member

Academy of Osseointegration Meeting

President Nancy Arbree and Treasurer David Pfeifer represented the ACP at the annual Academy of Osseointegration Meeting on March 17-21, 2004 in San Francisco. Dr. Arbree was invited by Dr. Russell A. Wicks, Chair of AO's Predoctoral Education Forum Committee to attend their excellent Wednesday meeting. Presentations included:

1. Where we stand in dental implant education – Dr. Val Lim and Dr. Vicki Petropoulos
2. Legal issues regarding Institutional Implant Dentistry – Dr. Lloyd George
3. Web Based information for dental implant educators – Dr. Scott Ganz
4. Educators Experiences with Clinical undergraduate dental implant programs at four levels of development – Drs. Russell Wicks, Robert Flinton, Matt Hopfensberger and Donald Mitchell

Dr. Arbree also attended President Clarence Lindquist's VIP dinner on Friday evening. Dr. Pfeifer attended the Straumann Dinner. Drs. Arbree and Pfeifer were the ACP representatives at ACP's first Dental Implant Group (DIG) Meeting. This group was formed to increase the use of dental implants in schools and in private practices in the US. Members of DIG attending included: AO, AAP, AAOMS, Implant Innovations, Inc, Lifecore, Nobel Biocare, Straumann, Zimmer Dental.

Discussion items included supporting the ADEA Implant Workshop with all the Dental Deans planned for November 9-10 in Tucson, AZ. The presidents of the AAP, AAOMS and the ACP will join the program committee for this workshop. This Implant Workshop will promote the teaching of implant overdentures and single tooth implants to our predoctoral students to better serve the public once those students graduate. The ACP was also asked to be a member of the DIG.

Contributed by: Dr. Nancy Arbree
ACP President

Prosthodontic Specialty Recognized at ADEA Annual Session

The American Dental Educators Association (ADEA) announced the winners of the 2004 Best Performance by a Section Award during its Annual Session's Opening Ceremony and Plenary Session on Saturday, March 6, 2004 in Seattle, Washington. This award recognizes a section (or sections) who have contributed significantly to the Council, the Association and dental education in general. Currently, there are 39 sections that fall within the Council of Sections administrative structure within the ADEA.

Among the winners, the Sections on Fixed Prosthodontics and Section on Removable Prosthodontics were recommended for their collaborative efforts with the American College of Prosthodontists for conducting the two-day conference entitled 'Creating a New Vision for Prosthodontic Education', as well as for the involvement of the Fixed Prosthodontics Section Councilor with the Project Pool Committee, for their work on the classification systems for edentulous and partially edentulous patients, and for their regional meetings designed to improve prosthodontic education.

"This award gives the ACP and the specialty of Prosthodontics recognition and good visibility within academic dentistry and is a special honor," said Dr. Lily T. Garcia, Councilor for the Section on Fixed Prosthodontics and ACP 2004 Secretary. Please join us in applauding the efforts and contributions of both Section. The 2003-2004 officers included:

Section on Fixed Prosthodontics

Dr. Lily T. Garcia, Councilor
Dr. Belinda L. Gregory-Head, Chair
Dr. Lisa A. Lang, Chair-elect
Dr. Joyce F. Palik, Secretary

Section on Removable Prosthodontics

Dr. Igor Pesun, Councilor
Dr. Terry Lindquist, Chair
Dr. Ivy Schwartz, Chair-elect
Dr. Kenneth Gehrke, Secretary

In addition, we'd like to recognize Dr. Richard R. Seals for his efforts as Councilor for Section on Removable Prosthodontics for the previous six years.

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"...the conference discussed educational, patient care, and research methodology that our specialty will utilize as a standard to strengthen all of our specialty training programs and therefore move the specialty into the forefront as a leader."

Dr. Robert F. Wright, Professor & Program Director
Columbia University School of Dental Medicine

"...unquestionably the best prosthodontic educational program ever."

Dr. Robert J. Chapman, Program Chair
Tufts University School of Dental Medicine

"...the most beneficial educational meeting that I have attended that specifically addressed Prosthodontics...A landmark meeting that will take us to the next level!"

Dr. Sharon Siegel, Associate Professor and Chair
Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine

"The power of the meeting was to be among prosthodontic educators that all have the same passion and face the same challenges. The success was seeing common themes and approaches by many schools."

Dr. Leila Jahangiri, Assistant Professor
NYU College of Dentistry

"As a young Prosthodontist in my first year as an academic educator, the Symposium of Prosthodontic Education was a great opportunity to see the innovation and dedication of my experienced prosthodontic educator colleagues."

Dr. Scott Dyer, Assistant Professor
Oregon Health & Science University

"The meeting gave me a reassuring feeling that exiting things are happening in our specialty."

Dr. Ariel Raigrodski, Associate Professor and Director, Graduate Prosthodontics
University of Washington

The meeting was very good and relevant to education for grads and undergrads. I enjoyed the camaraderie with other ACP members. I look forward to the next one!!!

Dr. Sharon Angelici

"It was extremely gratifying to see this conference come to fruition after extensive discussion and planning. The attendance exceeded our expectations and the speakers covered a broad range of topics that seemed to have great relevance to all the attendees."

Dr. Jonathan Ferencz
ACP Immediate Past President

Insurance Plans Administered by Treloar and Heisel, Inc.

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Member News

Dr. Mohammad Mazaheri, of the Lancaster Cleft Palate Clinic in Lancaster, PA, was featured in the March 19, 2004 issue of the Lancaster New Era. The complete article can be viewed on the ACP web site at <http://www.prosthodontics.org/cf-dbm/about/c-success.cfm>.

Dr. Peter A. Neff was inducted into the "Hall of Excellence" on March 31, 2004 in Columbus, Ohio by The Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges. Dr. Neff is a graduate of Steubenville Franciscan College in 1954.

Dr. Ichiro Nishimura, of UCLA School of Dentistry, received the 2004 Research in Prosthodontics and Implants Award from the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) during the IADR's 82nd General Session. Dr. Nishimura received the award for his advances in four research fields: molecular mechanisms of cell differentiation, tissue engineering of normal and functional tissue of the face, biotechnology application to wound healing and human genome bio-informatics and silico molecular modeling. The IADR Research in Prosthodontics and Implants Award is one of 15 Distinguished Scientist Awards. The award is supported by Procter & Gamble Denture Care, in memory of Willard J. Tarbet, to encourage and give recognition to outstanding research accomplishments in the field of Prosthodontics.

Dr. Patrick L. Osborne has been elected Fellowship status in the Pierre Fauchard Academy in March 2004.



Col. James C. Taylor

Col. James C. Taylor has been appointed Commanding Officer of 1 Dental Unit, which comprises all Canadian Forces garrison dental clinics in Canada and Europe and is headquartered in Ottawa, ON. He earned his BSc and DMD from the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, BC and undertook his postgraduate training in Prosthodontics at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC. Col. Taylor is a Past President of the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada, and the Chair of the Canadian Dental Association's Committee on Specialist Affairs. He is also an Assistant Professor in the Division of Prosthodontics at the Dalhousie University Faculty of Dentistry and a Member of the Dalhousie University Faculty of Graduate Studies in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He maintains a part-time clinical Prosthodontic practice at the National Defence Medical Centre in Ottawa.

Dr. Alvin G. Wee, a maxillofacial prosthodontic faculty at The Ohio State University, was recently promoted to rank of Associate Professor with tenure. Dr. Wee was also the first recipient of the Fixed Prosthodontic Junior Faculty Award presented by the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics at its Annual Meeting in Chicago in February.

New Members *(approved at the February 2004 Board of Directors Meeting)*

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- **Joint Survivor Insurance (Estate Planning)** - If you are married and have accumulated an estate value of over \$3,000,000, with few exceptions, the tax liability at the death of the spouse will be substantial. The purchase of joint survivor life insurance permits the payment of estate taxes with life insurance benefits, thus providing the heirs with the funds to pay taxes without draining the estate.

4. VARIABLE LIFE INSURANCE*

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*Plans vary by state.

6. PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY/BUSINESSOWNERS POLICY

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- General Liability
- Workers Compensation

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- Group Savings
- Multi-Auto Savings
- Home Insurance Savings
- 500 National Offices

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

DR. PATRICK M. LLOYD

We have to be vigilant at all times

It was my first meeting with the group because I had just become president-elect a month earlier. After the morning program was over, we broke for lunch. To learn the dynamics of the new group more quickly, I sat at a table with people I didn't already know and introduced myself to the man seated next to me. We shared a few niceties and began looking for topics we had in common. It didn't take long before we found one.

I learned he was involved in the development and marketing of a product I had used in practice for a few months several years ago. To make sure he was who he said he was and had done what he said he had done, I asked him specific questions about the product: When was it introduced on the market? What were early indications for its use? Which researchers were publishing the clinical trails? How effective was it shown to be?

Because I had been keenly interested in the product when it was brought to the profession, I had spent considerable time reviewing the literature and following published developments. Based on how it was originally marketed and the claims made about its effectiveness, many of my colleagues and I were excited – at least until reports came out showing it was relatively ineffective.

After we had chatted a bit about the product, I asked him how sales had gone. "Not as well as we expected: only 20 million but it was enough to keep the company afloat." Astonished, I asked, "How could you sell \$20 million if it wasn't effective?" Without a moment's hesitation and not a hint of remorse, he replied, "That may be, but it's an extremely safe product." He seemed to be saying that even if the product didn't work, the patient would only be out a dollar amount and no one would be physically harmed. I kept asking questions, trying to draw out some sense of conscience for having promoted and sold something that was, in practical terms, worthless. Not once did he waver from his contention that what he had done was "part of a business plan to keep the company solvent." I couldn't believe it.

I learned two lessons during that lunch conversation. One: Some people can rationalize anything, especially if big profits are at stake. Two: In our journey to find out what is best for our patients, we should check and re-check information – all sorts of information – to make sure it is accurate. As a profession, we need to stay vigilant to ensure that informational brochures, literature in the journals, comments by lecturers on the circuit, and the messages of persuasive sales representatives all keep the best interests of our patients in mind.

CORRECTION NOTICE

The 2004 Membership Directory was inadvertently published with some inconsistencies in the listings of some member's degrees. This was a technical error involving the database programming, which has been resolved to avoid similar errors in future publications. We apologize for any misrepresentations this may have caused to your listing.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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Harvard—The Department of Restorative Dentistry at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine is seeking applications for the position of Director of Postdoctoral Prosthodontics. The position offers a unique interdisciplinary environment for teaching, research and patient care not only within the School, but also with affiliated hospitals and institutions such as MIT or the Forsyth Institute. We are living in an especially exciting time as our new state of the art Research and Education Building will be completed next Fall. With that, the interaction between clinical and research faculty will be ideal. Candidates should demonstrate experience in program administration and development, as well as in classroom and clinical instruction of fixed and removable prosthodontics and related areas at the advanced graduate level. Expertise in Maxillofacial Prosthodontics is desirable, but not a requirement. Candidates must pos-

sess a DMD or DDS from an accredited dental school and be eligible for licensure in Massachusetts. Board certification in Prosthodontics in the US is required. Further qualifications should include excellent clinical skills as a Prosthodontist to practice productively in the state-of-the-art Harvard Dental Center. Documented past scholarship as well as a keen interest in a continuation thereof are prerequisites as well. Harvard is an equal opportunity employer. Interested applicants should send CV and names of three references to Dr. Hans-Peter Weber, Head of the Search Committee; Harvard School of Dental Medicine; 188 Longwood Ave; Boston, MA 02115.

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North Carolina—Opportunity for prosthodontic associate/partnership in a 27-year old established prosthodontic specialty practice. Must be board eligible or board certified in Prosthodontics and have a North Carolina license (license by credentials available). Please respond with resume to: Drs. Robert A. Rucho/Ralph M. Hoffmann; 3535 Randolph Rd, Ste. 100R; Charlotte, NC 28211.

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2004 Calendar of Events


June

- 11 **Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics Spring Scientific Session**
Columbia University School of Dentistry - New York, NY
- 24 - 26 **American Dental Association 18th New Dentist Conference**
San Diego, CA
- 25 - 27 **ACP Board of Directors Meeting**
Cape Cod

July

- 8 - 11 **American General Dentistry/American Dental Assistants Association Joint Meeting**
Anaheim, CA

August

- 5 - 7 **American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry Annual Session**
Baniff, AB Canada
- 20 - 21 **Contemporary & Esthetic Dentistry: The State-of-the-Art 2004** See Details on pg. 9 
Louisiana State University - New Orleans, LA

September

- 1 - 5 **American Student Dental Association Annual Session**
New Orleans, LA
- 10 - 11 **Complete Denture Update 2004: Contemporary Therapy for Edentulism** See Details on pg. 9 
Marriott Hotel - Buffalo, NY
- 29 - 5 (Oct) **American Association of Maxillofacial Surgery Annual Session**
San Francisco, CA
- 30 - 3 (Oct) **American Dental Association Annual Session**
Orlando, FL

October

- 7 - 9 **National Association Dental Laboratories Vision 21 East Meeting**
Orlando, FL
- 24 - 27 **American Association of Maxillofacial Prosthetics Annual Meeting**
Ottawa, ON Canada
- 26 **ACP Board of Directors Meeting**
Ottawa, ON Canada
- 27 - 30 **ACP Annual Session** See Details on pg. 4
Ottawa, ON Canada
- 31 - 2 (Nov) **American Board of Prosthodontics Board Certification Exams**
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