

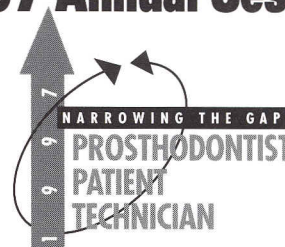
Banner Program Set for 1997 Annual Session

The American College of Prosthodontists is gearing up for a dynamic and interactive annual session to be held in Orlando, Florida November 5-8, 1997. The theme for this year is "Interfaces in Prosthodontics: Technology to Implants to Esthetics - Narrowing the Gap."

"With the increasing complexity and technological sophistication in tooth restoration and replacement, such as implant restorations and all ceramic or metal-free restorative systems, the need for communication and education in dental laboratory technology is critical. The importance of dental technology in prosthodontic procedures cannot be overstated. This conference will address many of the most critical issues facing prosthodontics and dental technology," explained Dr. Thomas McGarry, Chair, Annual Session Committee.

As the architects of treatment planning, prosthodontists recognize the need to further explore and expand the intimate partnership of dental technology and prosthodontic care. ACP is pleased to have developed a program dedicated to all members of the dental team. "We all have one goal in mind and that is to use dental technology to solve patients' problems and ACP's education program is geared to meet this goal," said Dr. Jonathan Ferenez, Annual Session Division Director. ACP is excited to offer continuing education sessions that are interactive and have the attendee learn by hands-on experience.

The College is pleased to have Drs. Howard Bailit, Gerard Chiche, Mike Razzoog and Myron Nevins speak at the plenary session this year. Each will present on a different and timely topic related to prosthodontics. "This



session is sure to set the tone for the entire conference," said Steve Hines, Executive Director.

New to this year's annual session is the dental technology lab demonstrations. Experienced laboratory technicians from Jensen Industries, Metalor Dental and BEGO will conduct hands-on demonstrations. "This is a great opportunity to gain knowledge and ask questions directly to technicians," said Dr. McGarry.

Other top notch educational events include sessions concerning esthetics and ceramics technology, occlusion, controversies in implant dentistry, fixed and removable prosthodontics. ACP encourages individuals to register early, because a number of these sessions have limited attendance.

ACP has also planned a number of optional "fun" events for spouses and families. "Orlando and its surroundings has a lot to offer attendees and visitors," said Phoebe Weinberg, ACP Director of Meetings and Education. "Sea World, Walt Disney World, plus charming boutiques and galleries located in downtown."

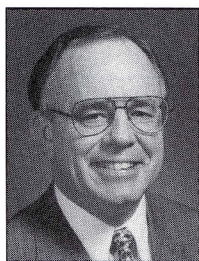
For more information on educational events and optional activities, please refer to the Annual Session registration brochure enclosed with this newsletter. See you in Orlando!

ACP Offers Pre-Conference Education Sessions

ACP invites all those planning to attend the Annual Session to arrive early and take advantage of two pre-conference educational programs. First beginning on Monday, November 3, Dr. Robert London will present a surgical implant course using the 3i System. This highly acclaimed course is designed as a beginning program for implant surgery. Dr. London is a Clinical Professor of Dentistry at the University of Washington and has spent 11 years in full-time periodontal and implant practice. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology and a consultant for Implant Innovations.

This year's Private Practice Seminar/Workshop held on Wednesday, November 5 is geared to how auxiliaries provide profitability to the private practice of prosthodontics. One of the ten workshop presenters is Barbara Lloyd, a registered dental hygienist, who will discuss auxiliary productivity from a dental hygienist's point-of-view. The other nine speakers are currently in private practice and will present their perspectives on auxiliary relationships. This program will also provide a forum for prosthodontists to share office procedures and compare productivity.

President's Report



John F. Burton, DDS

Last month the ACP Board of Directors met for the last time prior to the College's November 1997 Annual Session in Orlando. We all left the meeting excited and enthusiastic about the direction of our organization and, most important, the College's ability to meet the needs

of our membership in a timely and professional manner. We have experienced growing pains, but the move to a professionally staffed central office has effectively removed members from time consuming participation in the minutia of day-to-day administrative operations. Now all of us serving in leadership, committee and other volunteer positions are investing most, if not all our time, on development of long range plans and policies focused on enhancing and strengthening our specialty and discipline in the coming years.

One of the more philosophical questions I have been wrestling with is why we belong to the American College of Prosthodontists. Is it membership benefits? Yes. Is it the opportunity to share information with colleagues in our field? Yes. Is it our strong belief and commitment to keep ourselves current on all the clinical and scientific advances in prosthodontics? Yes. Is it to be sure our specialty and professional interests are effectively represented before the patient community at large, ADA, AADS, other special interest groups in and outside of the dental community as well as local, state and federal legislative and regulatory agencies? Yes.

If, as I expect, you agree with this brief list of member benefits, then I believe it is imperative that all of us view membership in the College as our first and foremost professional commitment to the specialty. If we are to have substantive influence on major issues of con-

cern to prosthodontics, all prosthodontists must be seen as speaking as one - there is strength in numbers. The College affords us the vehicle to make ourselves heard since we are the ADA recognized representative for the specialty. I hope you will join me and talk to any local colleagues who are not currently members of the College. We have an excellent story to give to prospective members and the successful recruitment of additional members can only benefit us all.

You will be receiving your 1997 Annual Session registration package this month. Dr. Tom McGarry and his annual session program team have developed a superb schedule of activities including a diverse scientific program as well as many first class social opportunities to meet with friends and colleagues from around the country. The meeting will be held at The Renaissance Orlando Resort, a facility that is by far the best ever for our size meeting. At this writing, nearly 500 room nights have already been reserved by members and we haven't officially started the meeting registration process! As soon as you receive the registration package, I encourage you to complete your hotel registration form promptly

to assure a room at the meeting hotel.

During the course of our annual session, the ACP House of Delegates will be meeting to address many important issues of concern to the College and the specialty. Dr. Kenneth Kent, first elected Speaker of the House of Delegates, is finalizing the agenda and seeking additional input from all the ACP Sections across the country. I heartily endorse Dr. Kent's message in this issue of *The ACP Messenger* and invite all members to join us at the opening session of the House of Delegates Wednesday, November 5 at the meeting hotel. One of the resolutions to be introduced will propose opening membership in the ACP to dental laboratory technicians. I support this proposal and believe it is an important step to unify all dental professionals providing prosthodontic services.

Again, I can't stress enough the importance of being an active member of The American College of Prosthodontists. Not only are we the recognized representative for the specialty, but we are organized, positioned and staffed to best serve the immediate and long term needs of our specialty and discipline.

*ACP President Dr. John Burton
and his wife, DeDe,
cordially invite all Annual Session attendees
to a very special and elegant evening
to be held Friday, November 7.*

*The reception and dinner dance will be held
in the presidential ballroom in the Church Street Station
located in downtown Orlando.*

*For detailed information
refer to the enclosed Annual Session registration form.*

Mark Your Calendar for Future ACP Meetings

- **1997 Annual Session**
November 5 - 8
Renaissance Orlando Resort
Orlando, FL
- **1998 Annual Session**
September 16 - 19
Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina
San Diego, CA
- **1999 Annual Session**
October 20 - 23
New York Hilton
New York, NY
- **2000 Annual Session**
November 15 - 18
Hilton Waikoloa Village
Kamuela, Hawaii

Dental Examiners Make Progressive Moves

The American Association of Dental Examiners (AADE) conducted their 1997 mid-year meeting in Chicago on March 3. Many positive actions came out of this meeting. The AADE has taken a progressive viewpoint and passed motions on several issues including development of an examination with common clinical content, standardized examiner calibration with dental educator input, and a move to minimize the use of human subjects in clinical exams. The examiners have advocated development and promotion of policies and procedures to make clinical licensure examinations more candidate-friendly. Some of the specific proposals in this regard included more timely notification of candidates of results, improved efficiency in the appeals process, and proposed acceptance of the National Board Exam in place of

regional or state written exams on oral diagnosis and treatment planning.

The dental examiners are interested in promoting a better working relationship with dental schools. Two specific initiatives in this area were the promotion of further study of pregraduation examinations and encouragement of formal remediation programs by the dental schools for candidates who fail the clinical licensure exam. The speakers at the program emphasized the importance of calibration and effective techniques to improve calibration of examiners. The goal was to improve the validity and reliability of licensure examinations. The meeting was attended by several ACP members including Drs. Nancy Arbree, Richard Hesby, Arthur Nimmo, Deron Ohtani, and Joan Sivers.

Landmark Decisions Facing the ACP House of Delegates

By: Dr. Kenneth Kent, Speaker, House of Delegates

The key to creating and maintaining a successful organization is effective communication. Recent discussions at section meetings emphasized the need to increase dialogue between the ACP leadership, sections and individual members. The central office, experiencing major personnel changes during the past two years, is successfully evolving to support member needs. The new staff is continuously improving dissemination of information, making effective outreach to our membership with increased services, and developing a computerized database of member information. Staff are to be commended for successfully accomplishing these tasks while familiarizing themselves with the organizational intricacies of The American College of Prosthodontists. Members appreciate the changes in format, content and frequency of distribution of *The ACP Messenger* which have facilitated the dissemination of critical information in a timely manner.

Effective communication requires the commitment for two-way dialogue between leadership and members. As leadership responds to the membership, each member must forward information and comment to the leadership. Active participation in your state section is one of the best ways to express concerns or make suggestions regarding the ACP or prosthodontics. If you do not know your section officers, contact Sabrina Whitlow, Director of Membership and Section Relations, for names and phone numbers.

All members planning to attend the 1997 Annual Session should participate in the House of Delegates Meeting on Wednesday, November 5th. Resolutions and issues that will impact the future of the College will be discussed and voted upon.

Expansion of the ACP membership to include health professionals who play an active role in prosthodontics is a major issue facing the College. The Board of Directors has approved a resolution for the Membership Division to develop guidelines for a dental laboratory technician category of membership. A resolution for technician membership will be presented and voted upon in Orlando.

The Board of Directors also discussed the potential for a category of membership which would include non-prosthodontists who are playing a very active role in our undergraduate as well as many of our graduate prosthodontic training programs. Proponents suggest that we must provide improved communication and involvement in the ACP for non-prosthodontists. These new members would become ambassadors for the specialty of prosthodontics, encouraging students to join the ACP. Those who welcome expansion of membership categories suggest that increased membership will give the ACP more political influence and improve the finances of the College.

Expanded membership categories for non-prosthodontists is very controversial among ACP members. Many feel that membership should be limited to educationally qualified prosthodontists and students in prosthodontic specialty training programs. Some members voice the concern that non-prosthodontists may try to use their membership as a credential, indicating specialty status. They point out that a certificate of training from any accredited program is the prosthodontist's credential.

Many members also emphasize that the ACP continues to make many of its resources, such as our *Journal of Prosthodontics*, *The ACP Messenger* and Web Page, as well as participation at our Annual Session and scientific programs, available to our entire profession. Many members also feel that the Prosthodontic Forum is the most appropriate venue for the discipline of prosthodontics to interact with the specialty of prosthodontics. The Prosthodontic Forum enables member organizations to have a voice and representation of the Board of Directors, within committees and in the House of Delegates.

Our leadership, committed to improving the ACP, is investigating major reorganizational alternatives to make the College more effective. A committee, appointed by Dr. Kenneth Turner, has spent two years evaluating the current structure of the ACP. The committee, working with a professional consulting firm, has formulated a reorganization plan. The key to the proposed reorganization scheme is the development of a mission statement, which would direct organizational restructuring. Our Board of Directors has voted to replace our Corporate Aim Statement with mission statement. These proposals will be considered and voted upon by the House of Delegates. The proposed mission statement and reorganization plan attempt to develop an administrative structure that reflects what our organization is, and the charge for where it will go in the future.

As prosthodontists, we agree that form (of our organization) should follow function. Others propose that reorganization be driven by concerns for fiscal streamline. Any reorganization must reflect our need to represent our discipline and specialty as well as our membership. Reorganization must strengthen our relationship with the Prosthodontic Forum and other prosthodontic organizations as well as other specialties, without creating further fragmentation within our discipline.

These proposals may be the most important resolutions in the history of the our House of Delegates. Every member will have strong feelings, pro or con, which must be discussed, debated, voted upon and implemented. Be prepared to address the issues:

- Representation, liaison with, and possible membership categories for non-prosthodontists.
- A new mission statement.
- Change of our organizational structure.
- By-laws changes and election of officers.
- Adoption of a new budget.

Attendance at your House of Delegates meeting is vital to the future of our organization. In addition to ACP State Section Delegates and Alternate Delegates, any ACP member in good standing is encouraged to participate in the House of Delegates meeting.

Your opinion counts. Make sure it is heard.

Kenneth Kent, D.M.D.

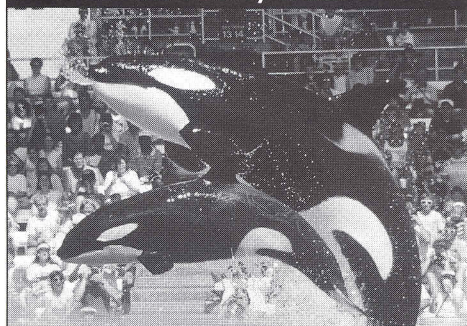
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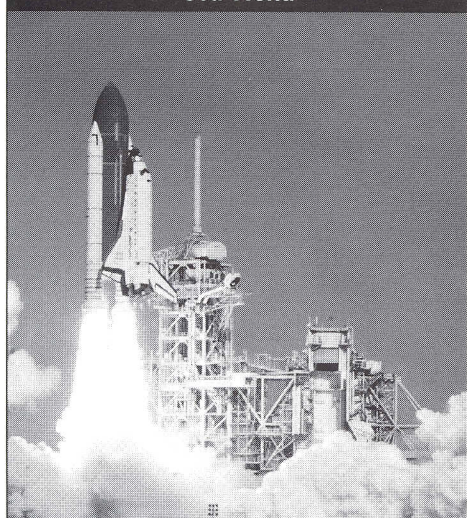
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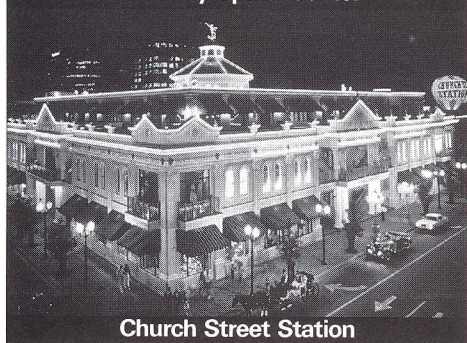
Walt Disney World



Sea World



Kennedy Space Center



Church Street Station

Theme parks, amusement centers, cultural attractions - Orlando has it all. Florida gives Walt Disney the credit for turning a cattle and citrus area into the number one vacation destination. ACP is pleased to offer many of Florida's finest attractions to its Annual Session attendees at a discounted rate.

Walt Disney World

M-I-C-K-E-Y M-O-U-S-E. Don't miss helping Mickey, Donald, Goofy and the gang celebrate the 25th anniversary of Walt Disney World. ACP has arranged with SunCoast Destination an exclusive offer of Disney passes. The following are the park hopper passes at reduced prices:

- **Disney 2-Day Park Hopper Pass**
Adult \$82.00 Child \$66.00 (3-9 years)
Includes 2-day unlimited admission to Magic Kingdom, EPCOT & Disney's MGM Studios.
- **Disney 3-Day Park Hopper Pass**
Adult \$119.00 Child \$96.00 (3-9 years)
Includes 3-day unlimited admission to Magic Kingdom, EPCOT & Disney's MGM Studios, plus one complimentary admission to Pleasure Island restricted to those 18 years or older unless accompanied by an adult.
- **Disney 4-Day Park Hopper Pass**
Adult \$150.00 Child \$120.00 (3-9 years)
Includes 4-day unlimited admission to Magic Kingdom, EPCOT & Disney's MGM Studios, plus one complimentary admission to Pleasure Island restricted to those 18 years or older unless accompanied by an adult.

The Disney Tickets highlighted here are exclusive to ACP Annual Session attendees only. Park hopper passes let individuals "hop" from park to park within the same day, making full use of your time.

In order to take advantage of this dynamite offer call ACP at 800-378-1260 and ask to be mailed or faxed a Walt Disney World Special Pass order form.

Sea world

A spectacular night of food and fun is planned for attendees at Sea World. The evening begins with dinner at the Sahmu Pavilion and proceeds with two private shows — "Baywatch at Sea World" which is an exciting water ski stunt show, and the Private Shamu "Night Magic" show where trainers play and perform with tamed killer whales. Exclusive to attendee children is a special surprise — the opportunity to pet the dolphins.

Space Coast Spectacular Tour

This all-day tour begins with a wildlife boat ride and then its off to the Astronauts Hall of Fame, Cape Canaveral and the Kennedy Space Center to visit the numerous exhibits and displays relating to the US space program. A NASA double decker bus will take you on a two-hour expedition of the huge vehicle assembly building and the actual shuttle launch pads.

Best of Orlando Tour with Lunch at Plaza Park Gardens

A lovely land and water tour of Orlando. Stops include the historic Church Street Station and Winter Park — home to the most famous residential area. This tour includes lunch at the Park Plaza Gardens.

ACP Schedules Golf Outing

If you love to golf, plan on attending the ACP golf tournament on Wednesday, November 5 at Hunter's Creek Golf Course in Orlando. "It's a great way to begin the 1997 Annual Session by getting reacquainted with old friends and have the opportunity to make new ones," said Steve Hines, Executive Director.

Hunter's Creek is known as the longest golf course in Florida and is ranked by *Golf Digest* as one of the nation's top public facilities. Pre-arranged shuttle buses will transport golfers from the Renaissance Orlando Resort to the course where each player will receive range balls, golf cart and a box lunch. The cost for a 18 holes of golf is \$60 per person. To register for this outing, please refer to the enclosed Annual Session registration brochure.

Annual Session Polo® Shirts

The American College of Prosthodontists recognizes the pride its members have in the College and is pleased to offer cotton Polo® shirts to commemorate the 1997 Annual Session. The shirts are white with the ACP logo stitched on the front. "It's a great way to identify ACP members and also have a nice memento of the conference," said Phoebe Weinberg, Director of Meetings and Education.

Members may order shirts on the enclosed form or purchase them at the Annual Session. Don't forget your office staff when ordering!

HMO, PPO, DMO and Other Managed Care TLAs (three letter acronyms) and What They Mean to You

By: Stephan R. Cohen, D.D.S.

Currently medicine is involved heavily in managed care organizations. In the near future, these systems will also be incorporated in dentistry. There will be opportunities from insurance carriers and peers to participate in managed care plans. Before signing up with an HMO, PPO, or DMO you should familiarize yourself with the terms of the contracts used to describe your responsibilities as well as your risks and exposures. The American Dental Association provides assistance with this daunting project as well as contract review services. These services may also be available at the state level.

This article is intended to help you get started by defining terms and exposing some potential pitfalls. First of all, what is managed care? Managed care is a term used to describe a dental benefit plan that may restrict the type, level, frequency, or provider of care. It may limit access to care and could control the level of reimbursement for services. The basic difference between a managed care plan and traditional indemnity insurance plans is that in managed care there is a strict contractual agreement between the dentist and the insurance company. Traditionally, the patient or their employer signs the contract with the insurance company. Dentists may accept assignment of benefits, but the contract is usually not with the doctor. Further, the dentist may also bill the difference between the insurance benefit and their fee. This is called "balance billing" and is not allowed in the managed care scenario.

Managed care plans prosper because they reduce the cost to employers purchasing the plans, while reducing the payout risk to insurance companies selling the plans. HMO's and PPOs can control costs in a variety of ways. Different plans may use some or all of these strategies to limit the cost of operating the plan. Typically, the dentist signs a contract to reduce the fee charged to any patient within the plan for specific procedures. The frequency of preventive services is monitored, and sometimes restricted, as well as prescriptions for drugs or home fluoride.

The plans may employ utilization review to ascertain if the dentist fits the profile of other practitioners in the area. If the plan administrator feels that the dentist is "over utilizing" the plan, then action may be taken. Each plan's contract will determine what that action may be, for example a dentist can be terminated in some plans due to over utilization. Additionally, referrals can be limited to only those specialists within the plan. Further, certain procedures can be eliminated from

possible referral, thereby requiring that the patient return to their primary care provider. Member satisfaction assessments may be used as well as quality control assessments.

Another issue, particularly for prosthodontists, is the relationship of "primary vs. specialty" care. If a prosthodontist signs a managed care contract as a primary care provider he or she will be treated as all other primary care providers, eg. general dentists. If a dentist signs on as a specialty care provider

he or she will not be the gate keeper for his patients. In fact, some plans may provide a specified amount of money for specialty referrals. If that money is not used within an annual period, the gatekeepers may be offered the cash as a bonus. This may provide a disincentive to refer. Ethically, a doctor can't treat HMO or PPO patients differently than any other patient. The onus for proper care is on the practitioner, financial disadvantage is not an excuse to treat differently.

Questions to ask before signing up with a managed care organization

- 1. What is the management style of this particular HMO, PPO, DMO?**
 - a. Who makes referral decisions and to whom can you refer?
 - b. Who is the gate keeper for treatment?
 - c. How are reimbursements made?
 - d. Who controls information to the patient?
 - e. Who has access to the patient's records?
 - f. Who has access to patient's records that are not members of this plan?
- 2. Who makes the clinical decisions?**
 - a. Does the HMO, PPO, et. designate treatment?
 - b. Can you decide on materials and costs if they are more expensive?
 - c. Are dentists reviewing clinical decisions and, further, are there specialists (prosthodontists) on their panels?
- 3. What are the terms of the contract?**
 - a. How many patients are you responsible for?
 - b. Can you refuse a patient?
 - c. What are the financial arrangements?
 - d. Is it profitable to join?
 - e. Under what circumstances can you or the management group cancel the contract?
 - f. Are there hold harmless clauses?
(If there is a malpractice suit against you and the HMO will you be responsible for any judgement against the insurance company?)
- 4. What support system does the organization provide?**
 - a. Are their consultants available for consultation?
 - b. Do they provide assistance with referrals?
 - c. Do they provide help with patients claims?
- 5. What services will you have to provide?**
 - a. What types of patients will you see?
 - b. What range of treatments will you be required to provide?
 - c. When can you refer and to whom?
 - d. Who will coordinate treatment?
 - e. Who is responsible for emergencies?

If after these questions are answered to your satisfaction and you are comfortable with the answers, you have to decide if it is economically beneficial for you to sign this managed care contract. To help you with asking the right questions, you can refer to the ADA publication, *A Dentists Guide to Managed Care*. This publication will help in making informed decisions about the feasibility of joining one of these organizations. In business the other party doesn't have to give you "informed consent" as we do when we treat patients. The ADA will also review any contract you are interested in signing as long as you contact them before signing the contract. Once you have signed the contract, the ADA can no longer be of assistance to you. A word to the wise is to be informed before signing a contract.

Evidence-Based Dentistry Symposium Set for September

The Second International Symposium on Evidence-Based Dentistry will be held September 19-22, 1997 at the Omni Hotel in Chicago, IL. The four-day symposium led by Dr. George Browman, Chair of the Department of Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics from McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, will consist of a series of short plenary sessions and small group seminars.

The symposium will introduce the precepts of evidence-based dentistry and the critical appraisal of dental literature. Evidence-based dentistry is the practice of applying scientific scrutiny to that portion of dental literature that is applicable to practice. According to ACP Research Committee Chair, Dr. David Felton, "Many academic institutions are moving toward evidence-based curricula and we are proud to take a leading role in this area."

The registration fee for the Symposium is \$475 for ACP members and \$575 for non-ACP members. Attendance is limited due to the teaching style of the course, if you are interested and would like more information and registration materials, please call the ACP office at 800-378-1260.

Boston Implant Seminar Rescheduled

ACP has rescheduled the September 19, 1997 Marketing Implant Seminar to the spring of 1998.

Dr. Peter Johnson, Chair of the ACP Public and Professional Relations Committee said, "Rescheduling this program was the right thing to do at this time. We were hearing from people that September is a hectic time. A spring 1998 date will afford practitioners and their staffs the necessary lead time to schedule a day out of the office."

The rescheduled course will still feature Lori Misch, a certified and registered dental assistant with more than three decades of dental marketing experience. The seminar is designed to teach members of the dental team how to realize the full potential in their private practices, understand today's competitive market and find out how to build a successful implant practice. Misch will also show how to create a loyal referral base.

ACP will have additional information and registration materials early in 1998.

ACP and P&G Announce Research Fellowships

The American College of Prosthodontists and Procter & Gamble have teamed up to provide research fellowships in complete denture prosthodontics. In the fall of 1997 six fellowship grants of \$5,000 each will be awarded to

support meritorious research proposals that seek to advance basic scientific and applied clinical knowledge in the area of complete denture prosthodontics. Any investigation relevant to complete denture prosthodontics is appropriate. This may include but need not be limited to: dental materials, occlusion, oral histology, bone physiology, neuromuscular function, patient acceptance factors, clinical techniques, and oral hygiene. Highest priority will be given to investigations that focus on materials for enhancing complete denture retention and performance.

For a copy of the research fellowship application instructions, contact the ACP office at 800-378-1260. The deadline for submission is October 1, 1997. Funding will begin on January 1, 1998.

1998 IADR Arthur R. Frechette Prosthodontic Award Competition

Applications are requested for the 1998 Arthur R. Frechette Research Award in Prosthodontics. The award recognizes original research by new investigators and is sponsored by the Prosthodontic Group of the IADR and is supported by Whip Mix Corporation. Researchers carrying out original research are eligible for the Frechette if they have been the primary author of no more than three articles published in refereed dental journals. The award carries a cash prize of \$1,000.

Research submitted for either the AADR meeting in Minneapolis or the IADR meeting in Nice, France is eligible for consideration for the Frechette provided it has not been pub-

lished elsewhere or will be under consideration for another award. Abstracts must be submitted to the prosthodontic group of the AADR/IADR. The deadlines are; AADR-September 19th, 1997; IADR-January 9th, 1998. For more information regarding AADR/IADR submission procedure contact Dr. Stephen Rosentiel. All entries must be clearly labeled as Frechette New Investigator Award Candidate.

Concurrently, four copies of the abstract together with a letter stating that the paper represents original research conducted by the author and that the author has not previously published more than three first-author dental articles, and that the research is not under consideration elsewhere must be submitted to:

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The abstracts will be judged on: 1) originality and scientific design of the investigation; 2) suitability of the methods of analysis; and 3) scientific value of the work. Selected finalists will be required to submit three copies of a manuscript suitable for publication by March 3, 1998 for judging at the Minneapolis meeting where the winner will be announced.



The 1997 winner of the Frechette Award was Dr. David G. Gratton, School of Dentistry, University of Iowa, for his research entitled "Dynamic Fatigue at the Dental Implant Fixture/Abutment Interface". In addition to the plaque Dr. Gratton received a check for \$1,000 courtesy of the Whip Mix Corporation. Individuals pictured in the award presentation are (from L to R) Dr. Stephen F. Rosentiel, Director IADR Prosthodontics Group; Dr. W. Michael Mansfield, Technical Representative Whip Mix Corp.; Dr. David G. Gratton, Winner 1997 Frechette Award; Dr. Clark M. Stanford, Research Mentor, University of Iowa; Dr. Brian J. Knopf, Vice President, Whip Mix Corp.

Prosthodontic Standards Up for Revision Again

The ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation has begun another process to revise the Accreditation Standards of the 14 dental disciplines within its purview. This review process (mandated by the Procedures and Criteria for Recognition of Accrediting Agencies of the Secretary of the United States Department of Education) will be in preparation for the implementation of changes in the accreditation cycle and definitions of accreditation status slated for implementation in the year 2000. Currently, prosthodontic program directors are acting under the Standards for Advanced Specialty Programs in Prosthodontics which were approved July 1, 1996 by the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation.

"The new review process was started by modifying current "boilerplate" standards this Spring. These are the standards common to all areas of advanced specialty education programs, such as, facilities and resources, student rights and responsibilities, and outcomes assessment," said Dr. Dennis Weir, Chair, ACP Education and Advancement Committee.

The Commission has directed each specialty to include the reformatted or new "boilerplate" statements in the discipline specific standards, and reduce the number of "must" statements and to focus on outcomes. Specifically, the United States Department of Education (USDOE) criteria for recognition require that an accrediting agency take appropriate action if its review of a program under any standard indicates that the program is not in compliance with that particular standard.

If the accrediting body finds that a program is not in compliance with written standards, then the agency must either take prompt action against the program or require the program to bring itself into compliance within a specified time frame. If the program does not bring itself into compliance within the specified time

period, the agency must take adverse action unless the agency extends the time period for achieving compliance for good cause. This change in philosophy at the USDOE prompted the Commission to consider the importance of each "must" statement found in the accreditation standards and to question the appropriateness of some of the current "must" statements.

What does this mean to prosthodontics? Basically, the changes will require the ADA Commission to withdraw accreditation from any dental specialty program that does not come into compliance with any and all "must" statements within two years after a site visit. The main purpose of this revision will be to ensure that each "must" statement is critical to a quality prosthodontics program. The commitment is to focus on outcomes while streamlining the accreditation process.

According to Dr. Weir, the new "boilerplate" statements are in place and a sub-committee of the ACP Education and Advancement Committee will meet this summer to begin reviewing the changes and developing revisions for prosthodontics. All ACP members who are currently prosthodontic program directors will have the opportunity to review any changes made to the standards by the sub-committee prior to the Annual Session in Orlando, FL. During the annual meeting all interested parties will meet to achieve a consensus on the proposed revisions.

After a consensus has been reached, the revised standards will be submitted for review during the January, 1998 ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation meeting. In addition, there will be an open hearing at the March 1998 meeting of the American Association of Dental Schools. Final review by the ADA Commission for adoption will occur at the Commission meeting in July, 1998.

Sections



The New York State Section of the College held its annual Spring Meeting on April 29th at New York University College of Dentistry. Pictured above are the current Officers of the section: (from L to R) Dr. Lawrence Brecht (Secretary), Dr. Jyoti Srivastava (Chair-Membership Committee), Dr. Graziano Giglio (Treasurer), Dr. Irena Mausner (Vice-President), and Dr. Bruce Valauri (President). The Section holds two educational meetings each year for the general membership. All ACP members who reside or practice in New York state who are interested in joining the Section should contact either Dr. Srivastava at (212) 744-3374 or Dr. Giglio at (212) 486-6622.

Members in the News



David R. Burns, DMD

Dr. David R. Burns has been appointed as the Director of Postgraduate Prosthodontics at the Medical College of Virginia/Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Dentistry, effective July 1, 1997.

Dr. Burns is an Associate Professor with tenure in the Department of Prosthodontics where he has worked for the last twelve years. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and maintains a part-time private practice limited to prosthodontics in Richmond. He is active with the ACP as Editor-in-Chief of *The ACP Messenger* and as a Section Editor for the *Journal of Prosthodontics*.

He received his DMD degree at the University of Oregon Health Sciences Center in 1980 and a certificate in prosthodontics in 1985 from Emory University.

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Dr. Henry B. Moore
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Membership Notes

The past several months have been a busy and exciting time for the College in the area of Membership. About 65% of our membership has responded to the Information Update Form. The form was sent out to all members in March, 1997, in order to insure accuracy in member listings for the 1997 Membership Directory, as well as provide the College with vital demographic information about each member. It is important that each member submit a completed Information Update Form, therefore, we will be sending the form a second time to those members who have not yet responded to the first mailing. If you do not recall completing one of these forms, please contact Sabrina Whitlow, Director of Membership & Section Relations at 800-378-1260 x15.

A major event in the Colleges' membership operations is the introduction of a new database

that should be in place by the end of July, 1997. Our Membership Director, Sabrina Whitlow, has worked with ACP leadership and staff to develop a new database that will allow us to track vital demographic information about our members. Our ability to track this information will help College leadership and staff gain better insight into the varied identity of our membership, and the timely development of new programs and services to best meet the needs of our members.

The new membership database will also help us market the College to prospective members as we will be able to optimize the use of computerized sources of names and track the contacts the College has with prospective members. The ability to track contacts with prospective members is important in evaluating the success of various membership campaigns and determining if they should be conducted again in the future.

The newly formatted 1997 ACP *Membership Directory* has been sent to all ACP members (additional copies are available to members and endorsed benefit sponsors at \$25 per copy). Unlike years past, the main body of the directory was printed with members listed in geographic order, according to the members mailing address. This format change was made to simplify member referrals from community to community. A few members have expressed concern that they were listed by their mailing address, when it was not their office address. Be assured that the changes we are making in our membership database will allow us to list everyone by their office address in future directories, even if it is not their mailing address. If you have any comments about the 1997 ACP *Membership Directory*, please contact Sabrina Whitlow at 800-378-1260 x15.

Journal of Prosthodontics

JP Offers Program for Authors During Annual Session

The Editorial Board of the *Journal of Prosthodontics* has organized a one-half day program for potential contributors to the *Journal*. Scheduled for Wednesday morning November 5th during the Annual Session in Orlando, the program is designed to cover issues that will promote the preparation of high quality, scientifically-based manuscripts.

The program will begin with a review of the *Journal's* "Information and Instructions for Authors." Common problems encountered by the Board that delay the processing, peer-review, and publication of manuscripts will be

reviewed and techniques to overcome these problems will be examined.

The *Journal's* publisher will review other elements critical to the successful submission of an article for publication - formatting and presentation of illustrations, word processing software for submission, letters of informed consent from patients, and letters of permission for copyrighted materials. Guidelines for making and submitting photographs will also be covered during this program.

Other program content will include a presentation on the *Journal's* peer-review process.

Specific comments will be made as to how authors can most effectively use the critiques provided by reviewers and section editors. Guidelines for the submission criteria to each section of the *Journal* will also be reviewed.

Individuals interested in attending this program must pre-register. Information and registration materials for the Annual Session are being mailed to College members this month.

Annual Session Update

Call for Table Clinic Presentations

The American College of Prosthodontists
Annual Session
November 5-8, 1997

Table Clinics Session:
Thursday, November 6, 1997
12:40 - 2:00 p.m.
Please note new time!

Poster or Display Presentations of Research
Clinical and/or Laboratory Techniques
No Slide Projectors Allowed

Please Contact:

Dr. Nancy S. Arbree
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Corrections and Updates

We regret that in the May 1997 issue Dr. Myron Pudwell name was misspelled. Correct spelling is as shown here.

Dr. Donald Culpepper, Executive Director, American Board of Prosthodontics has a new zip code. The new zip code is 31106.

Practice Opportunities Available

Maryland, Bethesda:

Prosthodontic partnership only minutes from the nations Capital, a world-renowned team of prosthodontists in the field of restorative and implant dentistry are seeking a prosthodontist of the highest caliber to become a partner in their practice. Be a part of a team, whose commitment to quality and compassion has created a very enjoyable and rewarding dental practice. A highly trained staff and beautiful, state-of-the-art office only serve to further enhance this once in a lifetime opportunity. Located in one of the most desirable communities on the East coast, the area offers a very high quality of life for the individual or family. Please send or FAX Curriculum Vitae and introductory letter to Elizabeth James, 7830 Old Georgetown Road, Suite #260, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. FAX (301) 907-9236

California, Palm Springs:

Prosthodontic practice established for over 50 years in affluent community of Palm Springs. Grosses \$585,000/year with a net income of 45+%. Seasonal practice with a relaxed four day work week. 3 operator office with state-of-the-art equipment. Seller is willing to stay and assist with transition if desired. Financing available. Exceptional opportunity. Asking \$250,000. Call Kurt Skarin at 818-991-6552 for more details.

California, San Diego:

Established prosthodontic specialty, fee for service practice. Excellent area for living and schools. 2 fully equipped operatories and 1 unequipped operator. In-house lab. Fixed

and removable prosthodontics and implants. \$300K+ in 1995 and \$200K in 6 months in 1996. Illness forcing sale. Contact B. Markell at (619) 259-3781.

Minnesota, Minneapolis:

have a prosthodontic practice with a very high gross and unusually low overhead that is available for the right individual here in Minneapolis. If interested, please call me after 10:00 p.m., at home only at (612) 937-9277.

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To ensure consistency in style, advertisements will be subject to editing. The ACP reserves the right to decline or withdraw advertisements at its discretion.

Washington, Seattle Area:

Established prosthodontic specialty practice, large removable component. Quality living, practice, and retirement area. (Best in USA, *Fortune* magazine, October 1996). License by credentials. Outstanding GP and specialist referral base. Good location, close to hospital and dental school, easy access to transportation. Contact: Charles C. Swoope (425) 455-5661 or Fax (425) 455-2194.

New York, Bayside:

Prosthodontist seeking associate leading to partnership buy-in/out situation in a high quality fee-for-service environment. Experience includes private practice and renowned university and hospital training. Proficient with high-tech equipment and computer systems. Please contact: D&M P.O. Box 605090, Bayside, New York 11360-5090 or E-mail Address: prosprac@aol.com.

For Sale

For Sale: Set of J.P.D.'s from 1952 through 1992, 99% complete. Cost \$5000. Willing to let go at \$4000.!!! Perfect for Post-Grad student. Also available, JADA from April 84 through present. **MAKE ME AN OFFER!!!** Call (212) 685-6291 evenings, or leave message.

For Sale: *Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry* issues. Complete set of Vol. 13-23 and Vol. 32-76. Some missing issues prior to volume 13 and between 23 and 31. Asking \$2750. Also available *Dental Clinics of North America* 1976 to 1988. Make an offer. Please write Col. Larry Townsend at 9332 Talbot St., St. Louis, MO 63123.

Meetings and Conferences Calendar

September 18-23, 1997

ACP Second International Symposium on Evidence-Based Dentistry
Omni Hotel
Chicago, IL
Contact: ACP at 312-573-1260 or 800-378-1260

October 18-21

ADA Annual Session
Washington Convention Center
Washington, DC
Contact: ADA at 312-440-2500

October 29- November 2, 1997

International College of Prosthodontists
Holiday Day Inn Crowne Plaza
Sliema, Malta
Contact: RES Seminars 619-272-1018 or Fax 619-272-7687

November 2-5, 1997

American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics
Orlando, FL
Contact: Dr. Thomas Cowper at 216-444-2084

November 3-4, 1997

American College of Prosthodontists Hosts "Basic Implant Surgery with the 3i System" conducted by Dr. Robert London
(This course begins 2 days prior to the start of the ACP Annual Session)
Renaissance Orlando Resort
Orlando, FL
Contact: ACP at 312-573-1260 or 800-378-1260

November 5-8, 1997

American College of Prosthodontists 1997 Annual Session
"Interfaces in Prosthodontics: Technology to Implants to Esthetics - Narrowing the Gap"
Renaissance Orlando Resort
Orlando, FL
Contact: ACP at 312-573-1260 or 800-378-1260

November 28-30, 1997

Indian Prosthodontic Society Silver Jubilee Conference
Hotel Leela
Bombay, India
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