The El Tropicano Hotel, San Antonio, has been selected as the site for the first two day annual session of the American College of Prosthodontists on Wednesday and Thursday, October 24 and 25, 1973. This year's meeting will feature a new kind of scientific session - the workshop.

"Prosthodontics 1998" is the title of a two day program of conferences and papers designed to anticipate the nature of Prosthodontics twenty five years from now.

"Everyone attending will have the opportunity to contribute to this discussion in the conferences he selects. He will be free to discuss, question or disagree", said Brian Lang, Co-Chairman with Charles Kelsey for this program.

"Because the members of the college are the best informed people in Prosthodontics not only as clinicians and practitioners but also as educators, researchers and administrators, this opportunity to identify future objectives and plan ahead on ways to achieve them should be an exciting experience", added Dr. Lang.

Full details of the conference will be announced in a future newsletter. Present plans involve a number of sections devoted to subjects such as diagnosis and treatment planning, pharmacology, radiography, anatomy, pathology, psychology, physiology, occlusion, articulation and instrumentation, restorative procedures, preventive prosthodontics, prosthodontic materials, and techniques, hospital prosthodontic and research.

All members of the college will be provided in advance articles prepared especially for their deliberations by clinicians who are involved in the specialty practices of Fixed Prosthodontics, Removable Prosthodontics, and Maxillofacial Prosthodontics. Their articles will envision a Prosthodontic practice at the turn of the coming century and specify those capabilities needed to conduct a clinical practice. A fourth report will be prepared by a Prosthodontic educator who will present his ideas concerning education and research in the future. Career potentials in education and research will be included in this presentation.

Participants in the conference will be members of the American College of Prosthodontists. Selected authorities will also be invited as guests to participate in the conference. Members who participate will have the opportunity to select the section in which they feel they can make the greatest contribution.

While in San Antonio, visit one of our leading tourist attractions, "The Tower of the Americas".
Kenneth L. Stewart, local arrangements Committee Chairman, and Kenneth Rudd, Secretary, at the El Tropicano Hotel where they made final arrangements for the meeting of the American College October 24 and 25.

Brian Lang and Charles Kelsey will be co-chairman for “Prosthodontics 1998”.
Installed as officers for the coming year at the Annual Business Meeting of the College last October are: Alex Koper, President, Keith R. Marcroft, President Elect, Edwin H. Smith, Jr., Vice-President, Kenneth D. Rudd, Secretary, and Stephen O. Bartlett, Treasurer. Bernard Levin was elected to a three year term on the Executive Council. John J. Sharry and Robert L. Kaplan continue their terms on the Executive Council. Our two past presidents, R.J. Loiselle and Louis J. Boucher also lend their expertise to the Executive Council.

Organizations have been invited to attend. These are Perry W. Bascom, Kenneth E. Brown, Charles C. Kelsey, Leroy K. Nakayama, Harley H. Thayer.

Final arrangements for the Annual Session in San Antonio as well as other business of the college will be on the agenda for the afternoon. Members having constructive suggestions are invited to present them to any member of the Executive Committee for inclusion in the agenda.

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO MEET IN CHICAGO**

The Executive Council of the College will meet in the Pick Congress Hotel at noon on Friday, February 9, 1973, in the Grant Park Room. In addition to the Executive Council, the newly elected delegates to the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations have been invited to attend. These are Perry W. Bascom, Kenneth E. Brown, Charles C. Kelsey, Leroy K. Nakayama, Harley H. Thayer.

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**F.A.C.P. DESIGNATED AS THE OFFICIAL INITIALS OF THE COLLEGE**

At the Annual Business Meeting last October, a motion was approved to authorize the use of "appropriate initials" after a Fellow's name to denote his membership in this College. At a subsequent meeting of the Executive Committee, it was decided that the appropriate initials of the College would be F. A. C. P. In using these initials each Fellow will be bound by the principles of ethics of this College and of the American Dental Association paying special attention to Section 15 of the ADA's Principles of Ethics.

Section 15 of the code of ethics of the American Dental Association deals with the use of professional titles and degrees (J.A.D.A. May 1971). "A dentist who has been certified by a National certifying board for one of the specialties approved by the American Dental Association may use the title "diplomate" in connection with his specialty on his cards, letterheads and announcements, if such usage is consistent with the custom of dentists in the community." Nothing is said about the use of initials such as F.A.C.P. or any other identifying initials other than the titles or degrees, Doctor, Dentist, D.D.S. or D.M.D. in connection with his name on cards, letterheads, office door signs, and announcements.
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

This year’s Annual Session in San Antonio will be a new kind of meeting. I look forward to it with much anticipation because it is a unique opportunity for a group of the best informed people in Prosthodontics to put their heads together and ponder the future of our specialty.

There is much talent and experience in our membership and something very productive should occur as a result of these deliberations.

It is possible for knowledgeable men to look ahead and anticipate how the future of Prosthodontics will be modified by new developments and knowledge.

The spin-off from this conference may point the way to educational and practice objectives for the future. Perhaps it will guide our educators in formulating curriculums and teaching objectives for advanced prosthodontic programs in our schools.

This workshop will succeed if a large number of our members participate. Workshops involve people and their effectiveness depends to a large extent upon the quality of the leadership and the talents of those who organize and motivate the participants. Drs. Brian Lang and Charles Kelsey are experienced at the business of running successful workshops. They have just completed administering a most successful workshop on Complete Denture Occlusion. I am grateful to them for accepting the leadership of our Annual Session this year because I know that with their direction and the talented people we will have as resource personnel, we should have a stimulating and knowledge-filled time.

The response to last year’s poll of the membership regarding the kind of Annual Scientific Sessions our members preferred indicated that the majority of our members wanted scientific sessions which were stimulating, provocative, and dealt with advanced knowledge in Prosthodontics. Most of our members feel that the American College of Prosthodontists should provide leadership to the profession in our specialty. This is our overriding objective at our San Antonio meeting.

— Alex Koper, President