



Dr. Kenneth Turner



Kansas City



## ACP Board Meeting Promotes Reflection and Planning

**T**he ACP Board of Directors met for their second meeting of the year in Chicago on June 7-8, 1996.

The Board reviewed the resolutions proposed for this year's House of Delegates meeting. Dr. Richard Jones, Chair of the Judicial Division, reported that a significant amount of time and energy went into creating a resolution that addressed the concerns of the Canadian members of the College. In addition, a College Position Statement on Denturism was approved by the Board.

The Board directed the ACP Planning Committee to annually review and revise as needed a strategic plan for the College which should be presented to both the Board and the House of Delegates each year. President-Elect Dr. John Burton will coordinate the preparation of this year's plan.

The Board devoted substantial time to fine-tuning the College's proposed 1997 budget. The Budget Committee was directed by the Board to present a balanced or surplus budget in October to the House of Delegates. While discussing the revenue side of the budget, ACP staff was directed to investigate the financial implications and guidelines needed for accepting advertising in both *The ACP Messenger* and the annual Member Directory.

Dr. Patrick Lloyd, Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Prosthodontics*, reported that he has been working on the development of an affiliation with the German Society of Prosthetic Dentistry whereby the *JOP* would become the official journal of that organization as well.

The next meeting of the ACP Board of Directors will be held during the Annual Session in October, 1996. ♦

## See You in Kansas City

**A**fter last year's celebration of the College's silver anniversary, the focus shifts to the future of the specialty for the 1996 Annual Session. "Prosthodontics: the Next 25 Years" is the theme for this year's meeting in Kansas City on October 2-5, 1996.

### Scientific Program

1996 Annual Session Chair Dr. Thomas Taylor has developed this year's scientific program with an eye toward the future. Lecture topics

include several addressing new directions and methods affecting prosthodontics. Specific areas of focus will include ceramics, electronic prosthodontics, and esthetics. Among the lectures slated for this year's program are:

"Esthetic Materials in Restorative Dentistry"  
Professor Peter Scharer

"Implant Prosthodontics and the Geriatric Dental Predicament" Dr. George Zarb

"Medico-legal Aspects of Oral Implant Technology" Dr. Philip Worthington

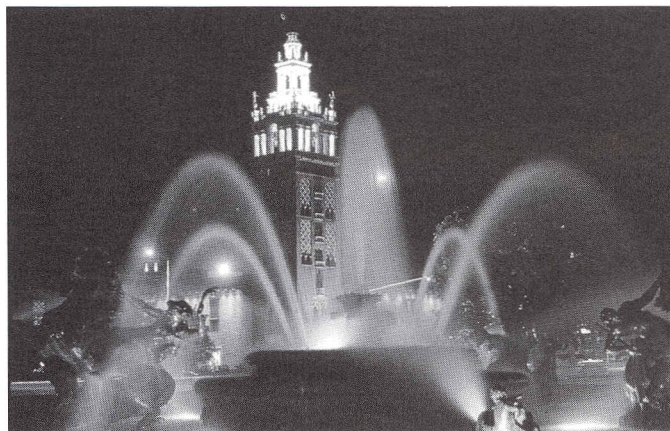
"The Procera Allceram Restoration"  
Dr. Brien R. Lang

"The Electronic Information Era and Prosthodontics" Dr. Jack D. Preston

"Periodontics and Prosthodontics - the Team Makes the Difference in the Long Term Maintenance of Dental Implants"  
Dr. Marjorie Jeffcoat

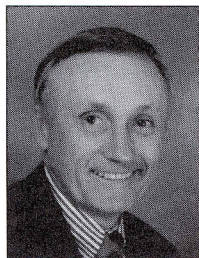
"Emerging Paradigms for Diagnostic and Therapeutics in the 21st Century"  
Dr. Harold Slavkin

Presentation of this year's Table Clinics Session will occur Thursday October 3 at





### What Does the ACP Mean to Me?



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**T**he question, "What does the ACP mean to me?" arises in most of our minds every year when we receive our dues statement from the College. The answer to that question will vary dramatically among members depending upon their individual circumstances.

I remember when I was in my residency and had the opportunity to attend the annual meeting of a prestigious prosthodontic organization. The meeting was excellent and I wanted to join that organization and become involved. I was informed that I was not eligible for membership. To become a member of that organization, one had to present a paper or clinic twice before the group and be sponsored for membership by a member who knew you and would recommend you. Prosthodontic training was not a factor one way or the other. Other prosthodontic organizations were similar — membership by invitation, not qualification.

One day in 1969, my mentor, Dr. Bob Sproull, stopped by my lab bench to advise me of a new organization being formed to be called the American College of Prosthodontists. There would be simple requirements for membership: prosthodontic training, interest and commitment.

*I will always consider the ACP "my organization," the one prosthodontic organization that wanted me because I am a trained prosthodontist.*

Thanks to Bob Sproull and the ten other founding fathers, the ACP became a reality in 1970. I was fortunate to become a Charter Member. As a trained prosthodontist, I was automatically eligible for full membership without jumping through hoops or needing a "friend" in the right place. You all have enjoyed that same privilege. This has always meant a great deal to me and even though I have been lucky enough in later years to be invited into other excellent prosthodontic organizations, I will always consider the ACP "my organization," the one prosthodontic organization that wanted me because I am a trained prosthodontist — nothing more, nothing less.

The College undoubtedly means different things to different members. Most automatically think of our outstanding Annual Session which has matured into an incredible "event" with many facets including an outstanding scientific program, private practice management seminars, preparation for board certification, mentors meeting, College governance, commercial exhibits, and many social opportunities to renew old friendships and rub elbows with our prosthodontic heroes.

Many members realize that the College represents and promotes prosthodontics and prosthodontists to both the profession and the public. We are 2600 strong and growing and we do make a difference! For those of you who may wonder just how the College represents you, I would like to share a few examples that have occurred in just the last few months:

- ACP Officers testified at ADA meetings on numerous issues including educational standards and specialty application by the implantologists.
- ACP Fellow Patrick Lloyd represented the ACP and presented a paper at President Clinton's Conference on Aging.
- ACP Member Keith Kinderknecht represented the ACP and presented an ACP position statement at the NIH Conference on Management of Temporomandibular Disorders.
- The ACP supported an ACP member for the ADA Speaker of the House of Delegates.
- ACP Officers testified at the American Association of Dental Schools meeting on issues of undergraduate standards in prosthodontics and specialty representation.
- The ACP Education and Advancement Committee responded to the ADA on the implications to prosthodontists of the Institute of Medicine Study on Dental Education.
- A member request for help on a denturism crisis in his state was referred to our ACP Denturism subcommittee.
- Several ACP members were offered the opportunity for peer review utilizing the ACP Peer Review Manual and process.
- The patient education video and brochure, "The Story of a Smile" was produced and distributed to the entire College membership.
- Sixteen radio news spots promoting prosthodontics were produced and distributed to 570 radio stations around the country resulting in over 1,000 broadcasts that reached an estimated 7.9 million listeners.
- The College endorsed and offered support for the ADA's efforts toward special pay increases for military dentists.

- The College provided a course in preparation for certification by the American Board of Prosthodontics to over 170 people AND provided breakfast for all candidates who took Part I of the board examination in Chicago.
- The number of issues of the *ACP Messenger* was increased to six per year to enhance communication.
- Plans were initiated to sponsor a second Research Symposium in 1997.
- Funding was provided by the College for six ACP members to attend the ADA workshop for consultants to the ADA Commission on Accreditation. These are the people who site visit and evaluate our training programs.
- The College sponsored the ACP Forum, a meeting of representatives of twelve prosthodontic organizations to discuss and coordinate efforts on issues of interest to prosthodontics and prosthodontists.
- The College participated in the Interspecialty Group Forum which responds to issues of interest to all dental specialties, i.e. licensure by credentials, managed care, federal funding for advanced training and research, etc.

The ACP promotes prosthodontics and represents its members in many ways. These are just a few examples which are still fresh in my memory.

What does the ACP mean to you? Camaraderie? Continuing education? Communication with your peers? Professional advancement? Representation? Publicity for the specialty? or all of these things? The most important thing to remember is that the ACP is your organization. To reap the maximum rewards of membership I encourage each of you to be involved. Join and participate in your local sections! Attend the Annual Session October 2-5 in Kansas City. Volunteer for local and national committee service! The more involved you become, the more you will appreciate "What the ACP does mean to you!" ♦

#### Has Your Area Code Changed?



With the increased demand for telephone numbers, several cities across the country have been assigned new area codes. If the area code for your home or office has changed, please inform the ACP office so that we can keep the member directory up-to-date. Thank you! ♦



# Reinventing the Prosthodontic Dental Practice

*Editor's note: The following monograph on practice management is designed to respond to member requests for more information on this subject and was produced by Dr. Roger Levin who presented the Private Practice Seminar at the ACP Annual Session in Washington, D.C. last October. Its presentation began in the March 1996 issue in The ACP Messenger as a series of articles and will be continued in the next issue. The statements and opinions expressed in this series are solely those of Dr. Levin. His statements and opinions do not reflect any endorsement by the American College of Prosthodontists.*

### Part III

#### The New Patient Experience

The new patient is a key opportunity for education. New patients are open to being educated about the prosthodontic dental practice. You will never get another opportunity to educate new patients that parallels the first-time experience. This is due to the fact that every person comes with different levels of expectations. Only through the proper educational process will you have the opportunity to reshape those expectations. Once those final expectations have been either confirmed or rejected by the new patient, your opportunity to reshape them is more or less over.

The key is to understand that in a re-invented boutique prosthodontic dental practice, people need to clearly understand the difference between your office and any other offering

similar services. This means that the entire goal of the new patient experience is a selling process. However, this time you are not selling dentistry, but rather education.

The following steps form the basis of the new patient experience.

1. Fifteen second telephone information script to the new patient calling about the prosthodontic dental practice. Be able to answer the question in fifteen seconds, "Why would this person want to be treated here?"
2. Fifteen second overview explanation of the prosthodontist in regard to his or her background, skill level, quality, staff endorsement, and so on. This is the time to explain all of the unique qualities of the prosthodontic dental practice and why it is an outstanding place for dentistry. You are already beginning the value added and treatment planning process as you build confidence through education and value in the mind of the patient calling.
3. Find out who referred the new patient to the practice. Too often prosthodontic dental practices use the high volume of new patients as an excuse to avoid calling patients who referred other patients to the practice in order to thank them and learn more about the new patient coming in. The thank-you call to the referring patient should be placed prior to the new patient visit. Any information about the new patient should be recorded and reviewed the morn-

ing that the new patient is coming to the practice. The more you know about the family coming in, the better the relationship you can build. It is also smart to thank referring patients so that they understand your appreciation and will refer again.

4. Be sure to send a short welcome letter to the practice with a map showing the exact location of the office. Do not include complex information forms, financial policies or medical/dental history forms. This will all be handled when the patient arrives at the office.
5. New Patient Orientation. When the patient arrives at the office it is essential that they be greeted warmly and that the front desk person come around from outside the front desk to say hello. This person should have an orientation packet and have at least ten minutes to spend with new the patient orienting him or her to the practice. The orientation should include the following:
  - Biography of doctors
  - List of services with descriptions offered by the practice. This is to be reviewed in detail in order to capitalize on elective opportunities.
  - Patient protection (infection control) information
  - List of emergency numbers
  - List of CD's available upon request to listen to during office visits
  - Referral cards to give to family and friends
  - Medical/dental health history

At this point, the patient will have undergone an overview of the office. The person handling this orientation should go out of their way to properly explain the talents and skills of the prosthodontist in order to create a sense of value on the part of the patient. People will pay higher fees if they perceive the value is there. It is also essential to stress the definition of a prosthodontist in prosthodontic practice and the level of education that went into achieving that status. If patients do not understand the credentials of a prosthodontist, then they will not necessarily perceive the value or expertise offered by the practice. This impacts on patient retention, referrals, and fees. ♦

*Part IV of this series will focus on the prosthodontic dental practice and entertainment and will conclude this monograph. Look for it in the September issue of the ACP Messenger.*

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# The American Board of Prosthodontics

**T**he examination for Parts 2-4 of the certifying examination were given in Los Angeles, California June 16-21, 1996. The Board is pleased to inform members of the College that the number of candidates for the June examination has increased significantly over the past two years. It is hoped that this increase will continue, especially since the previously announced format changes have been implemented.

Next year, the February examination will be conducted in Chicago, IL on February 16-20, 1997. In view of the changes in the format, it is anticipated that a significant number of candidates will elect to challenge Parts 3 and 4 as well as Parts 1 and 2. The examination is scheduled to be administered in the headquarters of the American Dental Association.

The June, 1997 examination is tentatively scheduled to be held in Dallas, Texas. The dates for the examination have as yet not been determined, however, the examination is usually held during the third week of June.

Potential candidates are encouraged to make application for the February examination after September 1, 1996. The guidelines are currently being revised in order to incorporate the recent changes in the format. These will not be ready for distribution until after that date. Early registration after that date is encouraged in view of the space limitations in the ADA building. Please contact the Executive Director of the ABP for information about the Board. Remember that all applications must be in writing. ♦

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## Forum Meeting Brings Organizations Together

**T**he thirteen members of the ACP Prosthodontic Forum met June 9, 1996 in Chicago. The Forum continued with the momentum begun at last year's inaugural meeting.

The group reviewed the Prosthodontic Forum Home Page which has been established on the Internet with the intention that each member organization will develop their own page. Dr. Stephen Bergen demonstrated the current set-up. The address for the page is "<http://www.prosthodontics.org>"

The ACP representatives updated the Forum on recent College activities including the ACP response to the IOM study and the testimony on undergraduate standards for prosthodontics given at the recent AADS meeting. The College also reported on committee work to develop diagnostic codes as well as Parameters of Care. Forum members were told they would soon be asked for input on the Education Committee's Undergraduate Competencies in Prosthodontics.

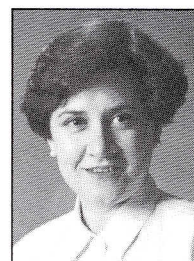
The Academy of Prosthodontics reported that plans are underway for the revision of the Glossary of Prosthodontic Terms. Other issues discussed during the meeting were the recent

National Institute of Health conference on TMD and an update on the Canadian Dental Association's Task Force on Denturism.

Dr. Robert E. Gillis, Jr. was elected to serve as a member-at-large on The Council for the Affairs of the American Board of Prosthodontics and Dr. James Farer was elected to serve as an At-large member of the ACP Board of Directors.

The organizations represented on the Prosthodontic Forum are: The Academy of Prosthodontics, the American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry, the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics, the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics, the American College of Prosthodontists, The American Equilibration Society, the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada, the Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics, the National Association of Dental Laboratories, the National Board for Certification for Dental Technology, the National Board for Certification of Dental Laboratories, the Northeastern Gnathological Society, and the Pacific Coast Society of Prosthodontists. ♦

## Members in the News



Lilly Garcia

**Dr. Lily T. Garcia** has been appointed Chair of the Department of Restorative Dentistry at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver concluding a national search for the position. Dr. Garcia received a DDS

degree from Baylor College of Dentistry in 1984, and a certificate and MS degree in prosthodontics from the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. Dr. Garcia has published an implant text and several articles and is currently Chair of the ACP Nomenclature Committee. ♦

## American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics Offers Annual Course

In conjunction with its annual scientific meeting in Kansas City, MO, September 29 through October 2, 1996 the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics will be sponsoring a half-day continuing education course October 2 on "Private Practice Involving Prosthodontics/ Maxillofacial Prosthetics." A number of speakers will provide information on third party reimbursements, legal aspects of dental record, informed consent, abandonment and sexual harassment, office floor plan, location, staffing, marketing efforts, financial policies and other topics. For additional information, contact Dr. John J. Gary, JLM Memorial Veterans Hospital, 4300 W. 7th Street, Little Rock, AR 72205. Telephone (501) 661-1202, ext. 3249. ♦



## What is the Role of the Prosthodontist and the Denturist in the Year 2000?

I have volunteered to defeat denturism, lectured to dental students and state legislature committees since 1965 as a prosthodontist in private practice and as a faculty member at the University of Washington.

What have we gained from all this effort? Not much in Washington, as you know. The denturists got a referendum passed in the State of Washington by paying poll takers to get signatures, and it passed with a freedom of choice overtone. The voters were told that the denturists only wanted to do complete dentures, but the referendum included removable partial dentures as well.

I served on the state's Board of Denture Technology for less than a year. I was out-voted on every issue by two lay persons and three denturists. The Washington State Dental Association went back to the legislature when the denturists desired to elevate their scope of practice to include fixed prosthetics on natural teeth and implants, overdentures, and immediate dentures. As a result, the legislature took away the denturists' right to self-licensure.

To date, there have been 28 denturist licenses granted and the Department of Health will not pursue those practicing unlicensed. I testified again in April, 1996 to the Department of Health about how denturists' scope of practice is now being written the same as for me, a prosthodontist. Our state attorney also presented the possibility of a suit against the Department of Health for not going after unlicensed practitioners.

So here's the question: What have we gained so far and what should we do next? I'm looking more at how we could limit the

activities of denturists than stop them. I believe we would have more control if we were to have more dental technicians who work for prosthodontists taking denturist board exams for licensure. We could then appear to legislatures as not trying to cause a turf war. If we join their state/national associations we could have more access to their tactics and provide input to those that truly want to provide quality service. Not all denturism work is bad. I'm a consultant to the Quality Assurance Board for the State of Washington. I see patients treated with complete dentures by dentists with whom they are justifiably unhappy with the care provided. I'm seeing a growing number of these patients that have then gone to a denturist for a remake. When they present both sets of dentures to me for evaluation, it saddens me to many times find the better quality dentures provided by the denturist.

With the number of older patients growing rapidly, there is going to be an abundance of complete and removable partial denture patients that will be difficult to treat. Would our tactics not be better to provide more education to the general practitioner and denturist about which situations they should refer to a prosthodontist? As we approach the year 2000 with our goals and objectives, where do we place our priorities toward denturism?

We need your diligent input and efforts to deal with these issues. I hope you will respond to this challenge by expressing your views through our newsletter and during the business meetings.

Dr. Jim Lord  
Seattle, WA

## Frechette Award Announced

The Arthur R. Frechette Research Award in Prosthodontics recognizes original research by new investigators and is sponsored by the Prosthodontic Research Group of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR). The award is supported by Whip Mix Corporation and carries a cash prize of \$1,000.

Researchers carrying out original research are eligible for the Frechette award if they have been the primary author of no more than three articles published in refereed dental journals. The deadline for this year's award is September 20, 1996. For application information or to submit an abstract, contact Dr. Stephen Rosenstiel, Section of Restorative and Prosthetic Dentistry, The Ohio State University College of Dentistry, 305 W. 12th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43210.

Last year's Frechette Awards honored two ACP members. Dr. Michael J. Gentile won for his research entitled, "Intra-oral Wear Mechanisms on Dental Ceramics." Dr. Leila Jahangiri won for her research entitled, "Effect of Ovariectomy on the Local Residual Ridge Remodeling." ♦

## A Call for Papers

*Perspectives in Prosthodontics*, a newsletter brought to the ACP through an educational grant from Proctor and Gamble, is seeking articles for publication. The intent of *Perspectives* is to bring clinical knowledge, techniques, and expertise to the general dentist and dental student enhancing the professional relationship of prosthodontists with the dental community. All members of the ACP receive this publication as well.

The focus of each issue is on an area in prosthodontics that is of direct clinical benefit to the general dentist and/or dental student. All areas—fixed, removable, complete, implant, and maxillofacial prosthodontics will be considered for publication. There should be adequate photos to represent the topic covered (slides or prints are acceptable). Although there is an Editorial Board, this is not a peer-reviewed journal and does not compete with the *Journal of Prosthodontics* for content.

Call the ACP office at (312) 573-1260 for a copy of author guidelines. ♦

## College Endorses ADA Package for Military

In a recent letter to the American Dental Association, ACP President Dr. Kenneth A. Turner wrote, "The American College of Prosthodontists strongly endorses the American Dental Association's support of a new pay and incentive package for military dentists." The goal of the ADA's plan is to address recent problems in recruiting and retaining highly qualified military dentists. ♦

## Latex Allergies Prominent Today

After federal agencies and organized dentistry mandated barrier techniques, dentists put on gear to protect themselves and their patients. Now many dentists face the odd situation of having to protect themselves from their protective barriers, reports an article in the January 1996 *Illinois Dental News*.

The culprit is latex, a white, milky substance harvested from the tropical tree *Hevea brasiliensis*. Proteins in the sap provide stretch to a wide variety of products, according to the article.

The trouble with latex occurs in the manufacturing process where ammonia is added to the latex sap to preserve it and keep it hydrated during transportation from the forest to the manufacturing plant. Researchers believe the ammonia causes an estimated 240 proteins to

change and degrade, creating protein allergens. Centrifugation, a later manufacturing process that removes the proteins, unfortunately does not remove them all, the article notes.

Vulcanization, another manufacturing process, also can cause latex sensitivity, say researchers.

The more serious allergic reactions have caught the dental industry off guard in the size and scope of their prevalence, notes Lauren Charous, MD, director of the Allergy and Respiratory Care Center, Milwaukee Medical Center. Since 1990, more than 1,500 reports of allergic reactions to medical devices or equipment containing natural rubber latex have been reported to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Since the FDA's reporting system is voluntary, however, allergic responses may be underreported. ♦



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12:45 p.m. and will include poster and display presentations of research, clinical, and laboratory techniques.

### Private Practice and Board Prep Courses

Among the special sessions scheduled for Wednesday, October 2 is the Private Practice Seminar and Workshop. This year's course will be in two parts. The morning session is "Practice Management and Malpractice Avoidance in Implant Dentistry" presented by attorney and periodontist Dr. Milton Palat. After a lunch break, Lori Misch, CDA, RDA will present "Images for Marketing" on implant management, marketing strategies, and developing a referral base.

Also offered on October 2 is the Board Preparation Course. This full-day course reviews the essential concepts of fixed, removable, and maxillofacial prosthodontics to prepare participants for the American Board of Prosthodontics exam.

The Exhibit Hall will be open every day during the Annual Session. Complimentary continental breakfast will be served there every morning. Registrants are encouraged to view the more than sixty commercial exhibits of dental products and services. A new event this year is a Welcome Reception with the Exhibitors on Thursday evening.

### Social Events

Kansas City's friendliness and affordability make it an excellent host city for Annual Session registrants and their families. ACP Director of Meetings and Conferences Linda Wallenborn has put together a schedule of social events for every day of the Annual Session. Among the activities planned are a Kansas City steak dinner, a tour of the Harry S. Truman library, and a casual evening of Kansas City barbecue and country music.

Make plans now for Friday night's President's Reception and Dinner Dance which will be held in the elegant Arrowhead Club. It's the best of two worlds with a two-story grand ballroom overlooking the 50-yard line of Arrowhead Stadium. You'll dine and dance under chandeliers while enjoying a view of the stadium that few people have a chance to experience. ACP President Dr. Kenneth A. Turner and his wife, Sue, invite everyone to attend this very special evening.

The Annual Members Luncheon on Friday afternoon is an opportunity for members to talk with the new 1997 ACP officers, catch up on the latest College business, and meet new



member colleagues. New Fellows will be recognized, special College awards will be given, and the winners of the Sharry Research Competition and the ACP Education Foundation scholarships will be announced.

A Student Member Breakfast sponsored by Treloar & Heisel will be held Friday morning before the scientific program. Invitations to this event will be sent to all ACP Student Members in the next few weeks.

### Registration, Hotel and Travel Arrangements

Registration materials for this year's meeting were recently mailed to all members. The registration fee for ACP members is \$95. Student members of the ACP may attend the Annual Session at no charge. All registrants can take advantage of special discounted fees on ticketed events by mailing in their registration forms before September 15, 1996.

The headquarters hotel for this year's meeting is the Hyatt Regency Crown Center located in downtown Kansas City. The hotel is linked to Hallmark's Crown Center shops, restaurants, and theaters and offers a complimentary health club, all-weather pool, and tennis courts. The ACP room rate is \$105 for single or double occupancy. A hotel registration form is included in the meeting registration materials, but reservations can also be made over the phone by calling the Hyatt at 1-800-233-1234.

For those registrants not renting a car, there are two ways to get to the Hyatt Regency from the airport. Outside the baggage claim area are

taxis and the KCI Express Shuttle. The shuttle costs \$11 one way/ \$19 round trip and leaves every half hour.

Special arrangements have been made with United Airlines and Alamo Rent-A-Car for 1996 Annual Session attendees. For more information on those or other travel rates, please call Uniglobe Premier Travel at 1-800-274-8506. Be sure to identify yourself as an ACP Annual Session registrant.

We hope to see you "go in' to Kansas City!" ♦

## Mark Your Calendars for Future ACP Meetings

### 1996 Annual Session

October 2 - 5  
Hyatt Regency Crown Center  
Kansas City, MO

### 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, New York



# Meetings and Conferences Calendar

## Call for Nominations for ACP Awards

The American College of Prosthodontists is now accepting nominations from the membership for two College awards. These awards will be presented during the 1996 ACP Annual Session in October.

Any member of the College may submit a letter of nomination for either award. The nominations for both awards will be reviewed by the ACP Membership Committee for screening and selection of top nominees. The House of Delegates will make the final selection for both awards.

The deadline for nominations is September 1, 1996. Nominations received after that date will not be considered.

The criteria and requirements for each award are listed below.

### The ACP Outstanding Young Prosthodontist Award

#### Criteria and Requirements

- Nominees must be members of the American College of Prosthodontists
- Nominees must be 40 years of age or younger at the time the award is conferred.
- Selection of awardees is based on outside contributions to the specialty of prosthodontics.
- One award will be conferred each year.

### The ACP Distinguished Service Award

#### Criteria and Requirements

- Nominees must be members of the American College of Prosthodontists
- Selection of awardees is based on outstanding contributions to dentistry with emphasis on prosthodontics; outstanding service to the College; contributions to the sciences or health professions; or contributions of a humanitarian nature.
- One award will be conferred each year.

All letters of nomination should be addressed to ACP Award Nominations, 211 E. Chicago Avenue, Suite 1000, Chicago, IL 60611 or faxed to (312) 573-1257. ♦

**September 18-19, 1996**

**European Prosthodontic Association and German Prosthodontic Organization**  
University of Tübingen, Germany  
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Emmastrasse 220  
28213 Bremen, Germany  
Fax: 0049 421 216419

**September 25-28, 1996**

**Canadian Academy of Restorative Dentistry and Prosthodontics**  
Four Seasons Hotel, Vancouver, Canada

**September 28 - October 2, 1996**

**American Dental Association Annual Session**  
Orlando, Florida  
Contact: Mr. Edward Jeske, 800-621-8099, Ext. 2658

**September 29 - October 2, 1996**

**American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics**  
Hyatt Regency Crown Center, Kansas City, MO  
Contact: Dr. John J. Gary (501) 661-1202, ext. 3249

**October 17-19, 1996**

**First International Meeting on Implant Rehabilitation of the Compromised Patient Academy of Osseointegration and the European Academy for Osseointegration,**  
Hotel Krasnapolsky, Amsterdam, the Netherlands  
Contact: Academy of Osseointegration, 800-656-7736

**February 20-22, 1997**

**American Prosthodontic Society Annual Scientific Meeting**  
Hyatt Regency Chicago  
Contact: Dr. Alan Keyes, (312) 664-3057

**May 16-18, 1997**

**Annual Meeting of the American Association of Women Dentists**  
Scottsdale, AZ  
Contact: AAWD, (312) 644-6610

**May 30- June 3, 1997**

**Academy of Prosthodontics**  
Sheraton Halifax, Halifax, Nova Scotia  
Contact: Dr. Edward Plekavich  
4830 V. Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007

**June 5-7, 1997**

**Seventh International Congress on Reconstructive Preprosthetic Surgery**  
Copenhagen, Denmark  
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### Pennsylvania Section

The Pennsylvania Section of the American College of Prosthodontists celebrated its 15th anniversary at its annual session June 7-8, 1996 at Toftrees Resort in State College, PA.

Dr. Glenn J. Wolfinger, the program chairman directed a diverse scientific program which was balanced with afternoon golf and cocktails and dinner Friday evening.

Featured speakers and topics included Dr., George F. Carr, "Esthetic Guidelines for Implant Prosthodontics"; Dr. Robert J. Seckinger, "Biomechanical Principles of Implant Prosthodontics"; Dr. John Y.H. Ismail, "Stress Corrosion and Fracture of Implant Components"; Dr. Thomas J. Balshi, "Managing Complications with Osseointegrated Implants"; Dr. Edward W. McCarthy, "Using the Internet to Supplement Your Dental Learning"; Dr. John W. Gruendel, "Practical Intra Oral Imaging or Wysiwyg";

Dr. Richard S. Vanni, Jr., "Fixed/Removable Reconstruction of a Hemimaxillectomy Patient"; Dr. David Donatelli, "Professional Sports Team Dentistry"; Dr. Thomas C. Kunkel, "Becoming Board Certified in the 90's My Personal Experience"; Dr. David C. Appleby, "Board Preparation Courses: Details and Analysis"; Dr. Richard J. Grisius, "The Current Status of the American Board of Prosthodontics: Certification and Recertification"; Dr. Vicki C. Petropoulos, "A Comparison of Retention and Release Period for Implant Overdenture Attachments"; and Dr. Mohammed Mazaheri, "Use of Extra-oral and Intra-oral Osseointegrated Implants for Rehabilitation the Maxillofacial Patient."

The section meeting was sponsored in part by Nobelpharma, USA, Benco Dental Supply Company and L.D. Caulk. ♦

### Virginia Section

The Virginia Section of the American College of Prosthodontists held its spring dinner meeting on May 30, 1996 at the Embassy Suites in Richmond, Virginia. Cocktails and dinner began the evening and allowed for comradeship and introductions. An excellent scientific program followed the meal.

The scientific program consisted of three presentations, Dr. Thomas A. Lynde, "A comparison of dimensional stability of two visible light cured indirect inlay/onlay composite resin materials" and "The bond strength of an adhesive resin luting cement to a variety of surface treatments of a high-palladium copper alloy"; and Dr. William Betzhold, "Implant placement - sites and timing." ♦



**Officers of the Virginia Section**  
(L to R) Dr. John E. Ward, Secretary-Treasurer; Dr. Donald G. Crabtree, Vice President; Dr. John P. McCasland, ACP Charter Member and Virginia Section Past-President; Dr. Barry Shipman, President.

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The ACP Peer Review process has been offered as a service to state dental associations across the country. A recent letter from Dr. Robert Tupac, Chair of the ACP Peer Review Committee, encouraged state dental associations to take advantage of the College's resources — namely, it's network of trained members located across the country and the ACP Peer Review Manual.

The College's system is designed to fit within any association's peer review format. It is

designed to fulfill the American Dental Association's philosophy that specialists have the right to be examined and judged by specialists.

Members are encouraged to not only take advantage of the ACP Peer Review system for themselves, but to promote it to others as well. For more information about the ACP Peer Review System or a copy of the Peer Review manual, please contact the ACP office at (312) 573-1260. ♦

### Academic Opportunities Available

Prosthodontics. The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Dental Branch is accepting applications to its three-year Certificate Program. A Master of Science in Dentistry or Oral Biomaterials is available. Eligibility for and participation in extramural rotations at the VA, a local assisted living facility, and a community clinic effect stipend. UTDB participates in the PASS and Match Programs. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. For additional information contact: Thomas I. Hurst, DDS; Director, Postgraduate Prosthodontics; PO Box 20068; Houston, TX 77225. Application deadline is October 1, 1996

### Practice Opportunities Available

Prosthodontic specialty practice in southeast Wisconsin in area with a well diversified economy including small industry, agriculture, and recreation, and a growing population. Sale of office condo included with sale of practice. Practice has been established for 16 years. Owner has reached retirement age. Please call evenings 8-10 PM at (414) 723-2643.

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