

New York City to Host 1999 Annual Session

By: Dr. Robert Cronin Scientific Chair, 1999 Annual Session Committee

Our plans are nearing completion for a great meeting in the Big Apple. What better place to enjoy our last scientific session of this century - only minutes from Times Square! The New York Hilton and Towers is a spectacular venue for our meeting with a fabulous location in midtown Manhattan, convenient to all local attractions.

The theme for this year's meeting is "Prosthodontics - Meeting Patient Needs in the New Millennium." The program will be as varied and interesting as our host city. Wednesday will present many seminars and workshops. The ACP Marketing Seminar will offer an interactive marketing seminar fine-tuned for the practice of Prosthodontics. The Board Preparation Course will include for the first time a live mock board examination featuring two former presidents of the American Board of Prosthodontics. Dr. Patrick Lloyd, Editor, Journal of Prosthodontics will present a morning writers workshop while Dr. Tom McGarry will present a Classification Workshop in the afternoon to enable the participant to better utilize the "classification of complete edentulism." Also featured on Wednesday afternoon will be the Predoctoral Educator Seminar, as well as the Educator-Mentor Seminar for postdoctoral educators.

Thursday will feature a grand scientific session with outstanding speakers addressing the practice of the future, exploring new treatment techniques and philosophies. The John J. Sharry Prosthodontic

Research Competition as well as the Table Clinic Presentations will also be held on Thursday.

Don't stay out too late Thursday night, because Friday begins early with a choice of five limited attendance lectures. The scientific session on Friday is very innovative. The morning session will present two concurrent sessions, featuring the emerging leaders of Prosthodontics presenting 25-minute focused lectures. Following the ACP luncheon, the afternoon features three concurrent sessions - two with a clinical focus plus a research forum. Friday evening is reserved for an outstanding dinner and theater package, beginning with a private dinner at Sardi's restaurant, followed by an exciting ACP night at the theater.

On Saturday morning, our last session of this millennium, we will feature a very special program in the grand ballroom. This session will bring together eminent prosthodontists of the last quarter century who will utilize their rich perspectives to predict the future of their subspecialty areas. Featured speakers will include:

■ **Dr. Howard Landesman**
*Prosthodontics in the 21st Century:
"A Changing Specialty"*

■ **Dr. Brien Lang**
"Denture Occlusion: From 1900's to the New Millennium"

■ **Dr. Girard Di Pietro**
"The 20th Century Occlusion Furor; May it Rest in Peace"

■ **Dr. Frank Celenza**
"Physiologic Basis of the Centric Position"

■ **Dr. Harold Preiskel**
"From Boucher to Brånemark"

■ **Dr. Herbert Schillingburg**
"Endodontics, Dowel-Cores, Crowns, Nothing?"

■ **Dr. James Brudvik**
"Clearing the Smoke of the Past From Tomorrows RPD"

■ **Dr. Patrick Henry**
"The Implant Arena: Have Prosthodontists Lost the Plot?"

■ **Dr. Jack Preston**
"The Digital Revolution's Greatest Contribution"

We look forward to enjoying the New York meeting with you. New York is a dynamic place and this is a special time for a futuristic program - don't miss it!

ACP Plans Big Apple Theatre, City Tour & More

Who said prosthodontists are all work and no play? Surely not the members who will be attending the 1999 Annual Session! When the scientific sessions are done, it is time to party like it is 1999 in New York City. The ACP has planned three great evenings of theater, a tour of New York City, and a host of opportunities to meet and greet colleagues.

The dates and events!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

ACP Welcome Reception

Plan to join the kick off party for the 1999 Annual Session! Sample a variety of New York cuisine while saying hello to new and old friends. Sponsored in part by Noble Biocare.

■ **Nobel Biocare**

Wednesday and Thursday Night Theatre (October 20-21)

The ACP has secured blocks of tickets to the following shows. The number of tickets is limited and we encourage you to sign up for tickets on the registration form.

Lion King, **SOLD OUT** Chicago: The Musical

Beauty and the Beast

This wonderful musical has just been added to the ACP theater events! See Belle, Gaston and all the



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other great Disney characters. Tickets are available for Wednesday, October 20 for the 8:00 pm show at the Palace Theatre. Tickets are \$70.00.

Chicago: The Musical

This Grammy winning musical is based on the 1920s play also called Chicago. The musical tells the cynical story of a woman who kills her husband, then used a crooked lawyer to manipulate the press and the court system to win an acquittal. Tickets are available for Wednesday, October 20 and Thursday, October 21 for the 8:00 pm show at the Shubert Theatre. Tickets are \$60.00.

Extra, Extra! Additional Broadway shows tickets will be available during the Annual Session. Look for the next registration brochure mailing listing show options or contact ACP at 800-378-1260.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 21

New York City Highlights Tour

10:00 am - 3:30 pm

A motorcoach will pick you up from the hotel and you will begin a specially designed tour of The Big Apple. The tour will travel uptown to the famous apartment buildings such as the Dakota and the San Remo. Keep your eyes out for Lauren Bacall and Roberta Flack! The tour will continue downtown past Lincoln Center, New York's Center for the arts. In midtown, you will see a varied delight of department stores to St. Patrick's cathedral to the Empire State Building. You will also experience the sights of lower Manhattan with an active fish market.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT



Dr. Thomas Taylor
ACP President

It is hard to believe that my term as president of the College is more than half over. It has been a wonderful but extremely busy period that I am most thankful to have been given the opportunity to experience. It makes me more appreciative than ever for what my predecessors in this office have accomplished. My most important and overriding goal for this year was to bring continuity to our programs and communication to our membership.

The objectives and action plans developed by the Board of Directors and implemented by the House of Delegates over the past few years have been tremendously challenging and have stretched our capabilities and our resources to their limits. It has been my intent to see those projects through to a satisfactory conclusion without diluting our efforts with too many new initiatives and directions. The College continues to work proactively at many levels in the interest of our members.

We have laid the necessary groundwork for an alliance with the leadership of the dental laboratory industry and with dental technicians at the grassroots level. Dental technology, as we all know, has struggled for recognition from organized dentistry for many years and the ACP has now offered the industry an alliance that can only be seen as a win-win situation for all involved. It will be interesting (and I hope gratifying) to see how this partnership evolves over the coming years. Dr. Bob Schneider, Chair Dental Laboratory Committee and his committee are to be commended for their efforts on this initiative.

We have embarked on a long term relationship with The Procter and Gamble Company (P&G) in several areas of mutual interest. The launch of a new denture cleanser system by P&G this Spring is an opportunity for the College and the specialty of prosthodontics to get our name and message into the homes and hands of millions of denture wearers across the country. This is the public awareness that we have wanted for many years and now, thanks to our partnership with P&G we are finally able to attain. I expect this partnership to grow and benefit the College more and more over the next few years. I hope that we are finally on our way to public recognition of what prosthodontists and prosthodontics are all about.

The recent marketing seminar held at the New York Hilton and Towers (site of the 1999 Annual Session) drew nearly 60 participants for an information-filled day on what to do and what not to do when trying to market yourself and your practice. A second edition of the marketing seminar will be offered as a pre-meeting program on Wednesday October 20th, also at the New York Hilton and Towers. I encourage anyone interested in coming up to speed in the ever more competitive marketing world to register and participate.

Discussions are taking place to determine the future place and activities of the ACP Forum of Prosthodontic Organizations. The Forum is now scheduled to meet in conjunction with our 1999 Annual Session. The ultimate structure and function of the Forum are extremely important considerations for so many prosthodontic organizations and I hope that this meeting is looked back upon as a watershed event in the history of prosthodontics.

I hope that everyone will plan to join us at the 1999 Annual Session in New York City. Its a great time of year in the Big Apple and the city is friendlier than ever. We have an absolutely fantastic program in store thanks to Dr. Bob Cronin, Chair Scientific Program and his committee and the social schedule is filled with many exciting options.

I hope everyone has a most enjoyable and peaceful summer and I look forward to seeing you all in New York City.

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This 5-1/2 hour tour gives a wonderful overview of the city. The cost of the tour is \$55.00 per person and includes a boxed lunch in Central Park.

Thursday Night Fun!

All ACP attendees are invited to a complimentary 1999 Exhibitor Reception followed by customer appreciation receptions by Jeneric/Pentron and Friatec Dental. Don't forget that New York University, UTHSC at San Antonio, Tufts University will be holding alumni receptions, too!



FRIDAY OCTOBER 22



New York Hilton and Towers

ACP Annual Luncheon

Join your colleagues and enjoy lunch at the New York Hilton and Towers. A short awards program will follow the lunch. All new ABP diplomates should plan to attend in order to receive their certificate.

The cost is \$20.00 (\$10.00 for students).



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ACP Student Reception

A great opportunity to mingle with friends and meet the ACP leadership. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and cocktails courtesy of Treloar & Heisel.



ACP Night Out!

Gather all your relatives and friends, ACP has planned a spectacular dinner and theatre package in New York style! The evening begins with a private party at Sardi's Restaurant where you can sample the food that makes them famous. There will be an open bar serving beer, wine and soda. After satisfying your hunger, it's off to the theatre to see Ragtime! Time Magazine calls Ragtime, "The number one theatrical event of the year."

The entire dinner theatre package cost is \$120.00 per person. A bargain for New York City!



Ragtime

1999 ANNUAL SESSION CLARIFICATION

New York Hilton & Towers Sleeping Room Rates

The 1999 Annual Session is fast approaching. We look forward to another successful meeting in wonderful New York City!

Unfortunately, there has been confusion with the New York Hilton & Towers sleeping room rates, which were publishing in the 1999 Annual Session Registration Brochure. The following are the Hilton sleeping rooms rates for ACP attendees:

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| \$225.00 | King/Single OR (1) person in the room |
| \$245.00 | King/Double OR (2) people in the room |
| \$245.00 | Double-Double/ (2) beds OR (2) people in the room |
| +\$25.00 | Add for more than (2) people in any room type |

The ACP apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused members while making room reservations for the 1999 Annual Session.

If you have additional questions concerning accommodations at the New York Hilton & Towers, please contact Marcella Grigaliunas, Director of Meetings and Programs at 800-378-1260, ext. 15.

ACP Well Represented at the AADS 1999 Annual Session

The ACP was well represented by leadership and its members throughout the course of the March 6 – 10 American Association of Dental Schools (AADS) Annual Session in Vancouver, British Columbia. President Dr. Tom Taylor, President-Elect Dr. Arthur Nimmo and Executive Director Steve Hines were recognized at the opening session of the AADS House of Delegates. In addition, Mr. Hines and Drs. Taylor and Nimmo also represented the College at a meeting of the Dental Specialty Group (the sponsoring organizations of the ADA recognized dental specialties), participated in the annual meeting of the Postdoctoral Dental Matching Steering Committee, and attended the business meetings of the Fixed and Removable Sections of the AADS (the College also contributed \$500 to each Section)

Also representing the College and playing prominent roles on AADS programs were: Drs. Tom McGarry, ACP Vice President and Chair of the ACP Classifications Task Force; and Dr. Robert Saporito, Dean, University of Medicine and Dentistry, New Jersey Dental School. Dr. McGarry provided a well-received introduction to the Classification System for Complete Edentulism and Dr. Saporito was one of three doctors providing presentations on ideas to recruit and retain faculty. Dr. Saporito was also elected to a four year term on the ADA Council on Dental Education and Licensure beginning at the conclusion of the 1999 ADA Annual Session.

Right: ACP President Dr. Tom Taylor, Dr. Robert Saporito, and President-elect Dr. Arthur Nimmo attended the AADS meeting.



Opening Session of the AADS House of Delegates.



Dr. Tom McGarry, ACP Vice President and Chair of the ACP Classifications Task Force introduces the ACP Classification System for Complete Edentulism.

Postdoctoral Dental Matching Program

The ACP and Dr. Dennis Weir, Director of the Education and Research Division, hosted the annual meeting of the Postdoctoral Dental Matching Program Steering Committee March 7th at the American Association of Dental Schools Annual Session in Vancouver, British Columbia. Representatives from the six sponsoring organizations as well as senior staff from the National Matching Services Inc. and the ADA Council on Dental Education and Licensure were on hand to review results of the matching



Postdoctoral Dental Matching Program Steering Committee

program for 1999-2000. Sub-sequently, ways to increase student and program participation and the overall value of the matching program were also discussed.

In addition to the ACP, the other sponsoring organizations are

the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, American Association of Hospital Dentists, American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons, American Association of Orthodontists and the American Student Dental Association. The number of programs participating in the 1999-2000 matching program varied by specialty. According to the Matching Services report, 30 prosthodontic graduate programs (from 29 institutions) participated and offered a total of 89 positions. All the sponsoring organizations agreed the percentage of participation by programs and multi-year commitments must be increased if the matching program is going to truly succeed and provide optimum benefits to programs and students alike.

After review of the 1999-2000 data and recognition of the growing difficulties many prosthodontic programs are having recruiting students, ACP President, Dr. Tom Taylor wrote to all the graduate program directors asking for a "... total commitment for two cycles and then step back and look at the results at an educators/mentors seminar and decide if the Match is beneficial or detrimental to the specialty of prosthodontics. If the Match is successful during these two cycles then it will continue, if not the program will end."

Oregon Senate Health and Human Services Committee - SB 699

Late in April, ACP Executive Director Steve Hines learned that a bill was under consideration by an Oregon Legislature Senate Committee that would make it legal for non-dentists to provide removable partial denture services directly to the public. After confirming the facts about the bill, Mr. Hines contacted ACP President Dr. Tom Taylor, Dr. Bob Schneider, Chair of the ACP Laboratory Committee and Dr. Catherine Lach, Chair of the ACP Denturism Committee to seek their counsel and assistance to quickly "go on the record" with an ACP position on the proposed legislation. In addition to on site lobbying provided by Dr. Lach, Dr. Taylor prepared the following response which was E-mailed to each of the five Oregon State Senators sitting on the Committee.

Dear Senator,

I was recently advised that your committee is considering SB699 which would make it legal for non-dentists to provide removable partial denture services directly to the public. As president of the American College of Prosthodontists, I must express my grave concerns about this issue.

It is not an issue of profits or losing patients from dental offices that concerns me. Simply put, to provide removable partial denture services to patients requires the cutting of tooth structure which obviously must be done to living teeth in the patient's mouth. Once cut, tooth structure will not grow back. Once cut, it will be susceptible to decay and pulpal pathology.

To advocate that a non-dentist is adequately trained to cut tooth structure is, I believe, irresponsible at best. Are you willing to go yourself or send a family member to someone with no training as a dentist for such an irreversible procedure?

The American College of Prosthodontists represents the specialists in the delivery of prosthetic care, including removable partial dentures. Prosthodontists have undertaken an additional three-year residency program beyond dental school to be considered specialists in the provision of tooth replacement services. Your bill would permit someone with no education in the physiology and pathology of teeth to actually destroy tooth structure. We feel that it is minimally essential that a dentist be the only health care provider who should be permitted to cut teeth. Anything less could be considered dangerous to the public health. To put SB699 forward through the legislative process is to turn a blind eye to the health of your constituents.

Thank you for your very serious consideration of this most important issue.



Prosthodontic Influences: Interviews with those who helped mold the specialty "Dr. Jack Preston"

By Larry Over, ACP member and private practitioner in Eugene, OR



Dr. Jack Preston

Dr. Preston is currently Executive Vice President at Dental Medical Diagnostic Systems of Westlake, CA. He is Professor Emeritus at the School of Dentistry, the University of Southern California where he previously served as Chairman of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Imaging, and prior to that, as the director of Advanced Education in Prosthodontics. Dr. Preston is a past member and president of the Board of Examiners for the American Board of Prosthodontics, is a past President of the American College of Prosthodontists, and the International College of Prosthodontics. He has lectured and written extensively on topics related to prosthodontics, was in government service for 20 years (US Army and Veterans Administration) and conducted a private practice of Prosthodontics from which he recently retired.

DR. OVER: What direction do you presently see the specialty of prosthodontics taking?

DR. PRESTON: Prosthodontics has become increasingly complex and there is a greater need for comprehensive interdisciplinary care. The prosthodontist not only must know those concepts and techniques traditionally taught, but must integrate prosthodontic services with other, increasingly complex specialties. The prosthodontist is responsible for the quality of laboratory services used and this quality will be increasingly difficult to find. In the past the specialty was largely considered as taking a mechanical approach to care, but now it demands a greater understanding of the biologic aspects. Prosthodontics will be an increasingly demanding specialty, and the prosthodontist will continue to have primary responsibility for long term patient care. Dentate and partially edentulous senior citizens comprise a substantially greater part of the population, and these individuals will be demanding more of the prosthodontist's time.

DR. OVER: Do you believe that the private practice of prosthodontics is becoming more or less prominent in dentistry?

DR. PRESTON: Prosthodontics has always had the problem of being misunderstood as not being substantially different from a skilled general practice. I believe that this is slowly changing but we still have a long way to go. Our relative "prominence" will be determined by the number of prosthodontists who eschew practicing as general dentists and take a leadership position in the dental community. Needless to say, I believe this begins by earning board certification, and by working with study groups, assuming the role of mentor and patient care facilitator.

DR. OVER: What is your assessment of the postgraduate prosthodontic education?

DR. PRESTON: The quality of postdoctoral prosthodontic education varies greatly, of course, but I believe the Programs are generally providing a good education. I still think it would be ideal if individuals entering a prosthodontic program had some time in general practice prior to beginning their prosthodontic education. This would allow some time to mature the skills they have learned in dental school and prepare them to learn new ones. However, this is generally not possible. As a result the new graduate lacks many of the skills needed to practice the specialty. (This also presents a dilemma in regard to my response to the question above.) The difficulty in finding "ideal" patients for the prosthodontic program often presents a problem, and the lack of long term review of completed patients often detracts from the efficacy of training programs.

DR. OVER: Who in prosthodontics do you think had the greatest influence on your career? Why?

DR. PRESTON: My answer will probably surprise you and will probably be misunderstood by many, but I have to credit Harry Page for influencing me greatly. I first met him while in my residency, and maintained a correspondence and friendship with him until he died. I didn't agree with many of his theories, (the basis for his Transograph and his theories of mandibular movement) but I hadn't formed my own concepts well enough to discount them. Harry made me think, and I had to be sure that when I wrote him, I used appropriate terminology, and adhered to the rules of proper grammar and syntax. He challenged me, yet encouraged me to disagree. He was widely considered a rebel, and discounted by many, yet his theories were as valid as many of those who contended against him. He demanded my best, and made my best better. I shall always thank him for that. I must also credit Dr. Charles Pincus. Charlie was an innovative pioneer in esthetic dentistry and his foresight made possible the Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation Chair in Esthetic Dentistry at the University of Southern California. This was the first such chair and I was most fortunate to have been appointed the Harrington Foundation Professor and to initiate the first core courses in esthetic dentistry.

DR. OVER: What advice would you give a young prosthodontist just coming out of training?

DR. PRESTON: Base your practice on quality, don't be tempted into compromises. Plan for long term success, not short term gratification. I know I learned a great deal from doing my own laboratory work - it not only helps understand what it takes to make a superior prosthesis, but it forces major changes in your clinical care (when you do your own laboratory work, you have no one else to blame). Establish relationships with others from whom you can learn, as well as those who can learn from you. Pick a place to practice where you want to live, where you can contribute to the community (however you might choose to define a community) and never stop questioning, never stop learning. The literature continues to expand and makes it increasingly difficult to maintain currency. You must set aside dedicated time for reading. "Why" is the greatest question. The answers are not always obvious.

DR. OVER: What do you consider your greatest contribution to prosthodontics?

DR. PRESTON: I am probably least able to make this assessment, but I would say it was not the teaching of color theory (which I would rather think was a contribution in the use of the presentation format, rather than the material), I think the work with the committee that produced the fifth edition of the Glossary of Prosthodontic Terms was significant in that it was broadly based and was a significant departure from past formats. It also archived all the data in a computer-based record for the first time. The intimate knowledge of the Glossary formed a basis for ten years as Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Prosthodontics. I immodestly believe that our policies and strict adherence to terminology, syntax, and scientific principles changed all prosthodontic reporting. I was fortunate to have been given the opportunity to design and initiate the first fixed prosthodontics training program in the Veterans Administration, and the time I spent in training prosthodontists in the VA and at the University of Southern California afforded the opportunity to meet some superb dentists. I am very proud of the contributions of the prosthodontists that completed these programs. I also think that my interest in computers and the first conferences on Computers in Clinical Dentistry helped to mature the industry. My career has been diverse, and it is difficult for me to decide where I might have made the greatest contribution. I am just gratified to have had so many opportunities to meet great people and exchange ideas and philosophies with them.

DR. OVER: Where is dentistry presently heading regarding tooth shade matching and selection?

DR. PRESTON: I firmly believe that we will soon see an effective and accurate electronic tooth color (or more correctly, optical properties) analysis system. The problem is greatly more complex than most of those who seek a solution initially believe. Once the instrumentation is available, then it will be necessary to get the manufacturers of restorative materials to develop compatible systems. This will only happen if the profession makes it financially attractive to do so.

DR. OVER: What advances would you like to see regarding color research in prosthodontics?

DR. PRESTON: We first need a competent large population, multi-ethnic study of the color space occupied by human teeth. Once we know the range and distribution of the population we can decide upon color ordering for restorative materials. Upon this basis better restorative systems can be developed. To me this is basic to other more esoteric studies.

DR. OVER: What is the best color corrected light available today?

DR. PRESTON: I am going to give you a generic answer to this one. Any light that has a color rendering index greater than 90, has a color temperature of approximately 5500, and a spectral distribution that approximates standard daylight will be a good illuminant for color matching. These specifications should be available in the brochures from the light manufacturer. Of course, you also have to establish an adequate environment, in addition to having proper lighting.

DR. OVER: Where do you see the CAD/CAM technology in the future of prosthodontics?

DR. PRESTON: I must admit that progress has been slower than I had anticipated but there is progress being made. The success of the Procera system will be emulated in the near future by a similar, improved CAD/CAM process in the US. The Japanese developments are encouraging, and I was recently involved in a project that produced a CAM unit that has impressive accuracy (intrinsic maximum machining error of 2 micrometers). Still, there will always be a need for talented laboratory technicians, but the manner in which they express their art may be greatly changed.

***Hear more from Dr. Jack Preston at the 1999 Annual Session. He is a featured speaker on Saturday, October 23. Presentation titled The Digital Revolution's Greatest Contribution.**

Mansueto Selected as New T & T Section Editor for JP



Michael A. Mansueto, DDS, MS

His eagerness to support the specialty through his service to the *Journal* has been a great asset.

"I am so pleased that our call for nominations to the Editorial Board once again produced a number of highly qualified prosthodontists," said Dr. Patrick M. Lloyd, Editor-in-Chief. "The competition for the position was keen, making the selection process an extremely difficult one," he added. Dr. Mansueto is Chairman of the Department of Prosthodontics and the Director of the Prosthodontic Residency Program at Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland AFB, Texas. His

The Editorial Board of the *Journal of Prosthodontics* is pleased to announce the selection of Dr. Michael A. Mansueto as Section Editor for the Techniques and Technologies Section of the *Journal*. Dr. Mansueto will succeed Dr. Robert L. Schneider. Dr. Schneider, of The University of Iowa College of Dentistry, has completed a three-year term serving on the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Prosthodontics*. He has been involved with the Techniques and Technologies Section since its inception three years ago.

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extensive background in the dental laboratory and dental laboratory related issues makes him uniquely qualified to serve as the *Journal's* Techniques and Technologies Section Editor.

"Eager to provide a dedicated service for the betterment of the *Journal*," is how Dr. Mansueto expressed his interest in serving on the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Prosthodontics*.



Dr. Robert L. Schneider receives a certificate of appreciation from *Journal* Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Patrick M. Lloyd



In an attempt to check "the pulse of the membership" each issue of the ACP Messenger newsletter in 1999 will have a brief survey that we hope each reader will complete and fax, mail to the ACP office or open the web site at www.prosthodontics.org, and respond to the survey in the "Members Only" section. In order to access the "Members Only" section you will need your membership ID number which can be obtained from Mary Kaszubowski, Director of Membership and Sections. Feel free to telephone her at 800-378-1260, ext. 14 or e-mail your request to mkaszubowski@prosthodontics.org.

1 I believe that general dentists perceive prosthodontists as competition for patients.

Yes

No

2 I believe that with appropriate market research and adequate funding the ACP should develop marketing tools and strategies to increase professional referrals to prosthodontists.

Yes

No

Please list in order the sources of your patients by percentage. Also include your geographic area (Northeast, Southeast, Midwest, West and Urban, Suburban, rural). For example: Suburban NE. 25% general dentists, 25% all other specialists, 25% patients, 25% marketing.

Fax to: 312-573-8791

Pulse of the ACP Membership Survey Results

A total of 15 members responded

1. Should the ACP as the representative organization for the specialty advocate **MORE** undergraduate emphasis on prosthodontics?

Yes 9 No 6

2. Should the ACP as the representative organization for the specialty advocate **LESS** undergraduate emphasis on prosthodontics?

Yes 4 No 11

3. Of the prosthodontic subdisciplines; removable partial prosthodontics, complete denture prosthodontics, occlusion, maxillofacial prosthetics, and implant prosthodontics, which do you feel should receive increased emphasis or decreased emphasis at the undergraduate dental school level?

1. RPD increased - everything else decreased

2. Increased in all areas.

3. Increase complete denture, and partial denture removable prosthodontics. Decrease implant prosthodontics.

4. The best thing for the dental profession and our patients would be to remove prosthodontics from the undergraduate curriculum and teach them only how to refer. I have advocated that since 1985. However since that is not going to happen next best is to: increase emphasis on removable partial prosthodontics and complete denture prosthodontics, decrease emphasis on occlusion, maxillofacial, and implant prosthodontics. Keep the surveys coming they make us stop and think.

5. Increased emphasis on fixed and removable partial prosthodontics. Decreased emphasis on complete dentures and implants. These should be emphasis as treatment that should be referred to specialists.

6. If implant prosthodontics were introduced earlier in the curriculum with an elective opportunity to treat a simple clinical case (in conjunction with a graduate resident) perhaps it would generate more interest in the specialty. This exciting field should be a key selling point in attracting future applicants to graduate programs.

7. Implant prosthodontics

8. Fixed and removable partial prosthodontics

9. Keep the same emphasis on RPD, CD. Increase emphasis on implants and dental materials and fixed decrease on maxillofacial

10. Fixed prosthodontics should receive increased emphasis to meet patient needs while removable prosthodontics should be taught much the way that orthodontics is taught, at an exposure level rather than attempting, and failing, to establish a level of competency.

11. Increase: CD, RPD, and occlusion. Decrease implant and maxillofacial.

12. RPD + CD + Implants+

13. Removable partial denture

14. Fixed should receive less emphasis. We are already the most encroached upon specialty. There are several general dentists and organizations that are open to general dentists that dedicate themselves to fixed prosthodontics. If we are going to unleash new dentists into the marketplace with a disproportionate amount of knowledge, skill, and confidence in fixed prosthodontics then we should expect them to encroach upon this area of our specialty. We should increase the amount of knowledge in partial, complete, and implant prosthodontics and take away from the fixed to make a more balanced approach to educating the student dentist.

15. Complete and removable prosthodontics

SECTION NEWS



The Massachusetts Section of the ACP traditionally held its annual participation in the New England Dental Congress on January 22, 1999. Guest speakers Drs. George Zarb (far left) and Thuan Dao (far right) provided a joint presentation. Section Officers welcomed the speakers: (front row) Drs. Darly J. Roy (left of middle); Celeste V. Kong (right of middle); James Stein (center); (back row) Julian Osorio (left); Jeffrey R. Dornbush (right).

ABP Announces Diplomates

The American Board of Prosthodontics met in February in Chicago to examine candidate for Parts 1-4 of the certifying examination. Fifty-four candidates successfully completed the Part 1 written examination. Seven candidates completed all parts of the examination and were certified as Diplomates. Those individuals included: Drs. Clarence W. Elrod, Mark C. Hutton, Michael D. Litvak, Marty G. Moon, Steven K. Nelson, and Brian C. O'Connell. They will be recognized at the 1999 ACP Annual Session, October 20-23, 1999 at the New York Hilton and Towers, New York, NY.

The June examinations will be held in

Rancho Mirage, CA on June 20-24, 1999. All interested individuals should contact executive director, Dr. William Culpepper. We hope that College members will continue to encourage educationally qualified prosthodontists to challenge the certifying examinations.

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ABP Certificates Update

The American Board of Prosthodontics continues to receive requests for certificates. The ABP elected to discontinue the yearly distribution of certificates in 1996. This date coincides with the initiation of a policy to conduct re-certification examinations for all Diplomates during an eight-year cycle. Certificates will be issued to Diplomates who have successfully completed the re-certification requirements.

Symposium on Prosthodontic Challenges in the Older Adult

The Florida Prosthodontic Association, The Florida Section of the American College of Prosthodontists, and the American College of Prosthodontists will be holding a continuing education course during its annual meeting at South Seas Plantation, Captiva Island, Florida on August 27-29, 1999.

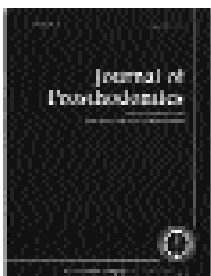
The course, for which each participant will receive 10 hours C.E.U., consists of presentations discussing root surface caries, fixed and removable prosthodontics, periodontal disease, dental management of the medically compromised older patient and the cancer patient, implant prosthodontics, orofacial pain, esthetic ceramic restorations, and pharmacology.

The confirmed speakers are Dr. Ron Baughman, Gainesville, FL; Dr. Crystal Baxter, Chicago, IL; Dr. Jim Little, Naples, FL; Dr. Patrick Lloyd, Iowa City, IA; Dr. Parker Mahan, Gainesville, FL; Dr. Roy Page, Seattle, WA; Mr. Felix Pages, C.D.T., Miami, FL; Dr. Ken Shay, Ann Arbor, MI and Dr. John Thomas, Gainesville, FL.

The maximum number of participants is limited and the registration fee is \$100.00, if received by June 1, 1999. For further information contact: Dr. David S. Clary, fax 941-775-2473; e-mail; claredi@gate.net or Dr. Glenn Turner at 352-846-2684 or fax 352-846-2633 or e-mail; gturner@dental.ufl.edu. Registration forms will be sent to interested practitioners.

Journal Needs Second Basic Science Section Editor

The heavy volume of manuscripts submitted for publication to the Basic Science Research Section of the *Journal of Prosthodontics* has led the *Journal's* Editorial Board to establish a co-editorship for the Section and to invite applications for the position. The high volume of submitted manuscripts reflects the growing standing of the *Journal* in the prosthodontic community.



Establishing a new position represents an opportunity to contribute to the maintenance of a high standard for prosthodontics research. The Basic Science Research Section publishes reports largely of non-clinical protocol-driven research on materials and other areas of interest in prosthodontics. All Board-certified prosthodontists are eligible to apply.

Section Editors receive honorary stipends, individualized correspondence materials, and reimbursement for expenses associated with the position. Support for on-site statistical consultation is also provided. The new Co-editor will share responsibility with the current Basic Science Research Section Editor - Dr. Kent L. Knoernschild at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Department of Restorative Dentistry - in managing the flow of manuscripts through the review process.

Applications should include the following:

- A letter describing relevant professional experience and reasons for wishing to join the Editorial Board
- A curriculum vitae
- Copies of publications that demonstrate experience with research in areas relating to prosthodontics

Deadline for applications is **June 15th**. Questions regarding qualifications or the application process should be directed to the *Journal's* Editorial Office at (800) 628-8939.

Please send applications to:

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1999-2000 Membership Directory

The 1999-2000 Membership Directory will be mailed to the ACP Membership in late Summer, 1999. Are you certain that we have your most recent address, phone, e-mail and website address information on file? If not, please call the ACP Office at 1-800-378-1260 x10, and provide us with your most up to date information, or fax it to 312-573-1257. Information changes must be received by the ACP Office on or before **July 1, 1999** to be reflected in the 1999-2000 ACP Membership Directory.

Also, don't forget to check out the on-line membership directory, found in the members' only section of the ACP Website located at www.prosthodontics.org. This electronic directory allows you to continually access the most recent ACP member address, phone and e-mail information, as its information is updated on a daily basis. You must have your ACP Membership ID number handy to access the members' only section. If you do have your ID number, please contact the ACP Office at 1-800-378-1260 x10.

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Listed below are the names of ACP Members who have moved and left no forwarding addresses with the ACP. They are listed with their last known address. If you have any information regarding these members, please call Mary Kaszubowski, ACP Director of Membership and Sections at 1-800-378-1260 x14. Thank you for your help on this issue!

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MEMBERS IN THE NEWS



Dr. Robert Saporito was elected to a four-year term on the ADA Council on Dental Education and Licensure beginning at the conclusion of the 1999 ADA Annual

Session. Dr. Saporito is Dean, University of Medicine and Dentistry, New Jersey Dental School.



Dr. Ronald Woody ACP Fellow and professor and director of graduate prosthodontics at Baylor College of Dentistry, Dallas, TX traveled to Greece to accept an

honorary doctorate from the University of Athens.



Dr. Thomas J. Balshi, ACP Fellow, recently was named a distinguished practitioner by the National Academies of Practice. The National Academies of Practice located

in Washington, DC was founded in 1981 as the only interdisciplinary think tank in the healthcare profession. The organization addresses public policy, education, research and inquiry, and provides an advisory function to Congress and the Executive Branch of the Federal Government.

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The Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry 1959- Present, excellent condition in highsmith custom titled journal files. \$3,000.00, Dr. Leslie Young (913) 897-4294.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS AVAILABLE

UTHSC San Antonio-Prosthodontics

The Department of Prosthodontics at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dental School is seeking applicants for a tenure-track faculty position at the Assistant/Associate Professor level. While responsibilities include pre-clinical and clinical instruction in fixed, implant, and removable prosthodontics, primary teaching responsibilities will be in fixed prosthodontics. Participation in research, patient care and service is expected. Board certification or commitment to becoming board certified, research experience and a commitment to academic dentistry are also expected. Qualifications include a D.D.S./D.M.D. degree, completion of an ADA-accredited advanced education program in prosthodontics and eligibility for licensure in Texas. Evaluation of applicants will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. The UTHSCSA is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Applicants should provide a personal statement delineating their qualifications and career goals, curriculum vitae, and the names and addresses of three references. Direct applications or inquires to: Dr. Edmund Cavazos, Jr., Head, Division of Fixed Prosthodontics, Department of Prosthodontics, 7703 Floyd Curl Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78284-7912, Telephone 210-567-3700, Fax 210-567-6376, CAVAZOSE@UTHSC-SA.EDU

Case Western University-Restorative

The Department of Restorative Dentistry of Case Western Reserve University invites applications for a full-time faculty position available July 1, 1999. Applicants should be board-eligible or board-certified prosthodontists and have a D.D.S./D.M.D. degree from an ADA accredited dental school. Duties will include pre-doctoral teaching, research, service, and participation in faculty practice. Salary and level of academic appointment commensurate with qualifications and experience. Applicants should send a curriculum vitae and names of three references to: Dr. Louis P. Castellarin, Chair of the CWRU Department of Restorative Dentistry, 10900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44106-4905 Case Western University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

SEEKING PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES

New York – Metro. Prosthodontist (female) completing post-graduate training in June 1999 is looking for an associate position with option to purchase into a Prosthodontic Practice in the New York Metropolitan area. Please fax to (201) 617-0992 or Email at argosy@ix.netcom.com

New York Tri-State Area. Prosthodontist seeking an associate position in the NY tri-state area. Enthusiastic and energetic with private practice experience. Proficient in implants, fixed, removable, and high quality dentistry. Interested in long term position with possible partnership or buy-in/out. Please contact Dr. Rokhsar at 917-504-5975 or e-mail me at arokhsar@yahoo.com.

PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Colorado – Denver-Boulder Metro. Prosthodontic practice for sale. Gr \$454k on 4 days/wk. 2 tx rooms, prof bldg. Doctor retiring. Contact: Peter Mirabito D.D.S., Precise Consultants, 1-800-307-2537.

Colorado-Colorado Springs.

Prosthodontic practice for sale. Gr \$260k on 20 hrs/wk. 3 tx rooms + 1 plumbed. All FFS. Dr moving out of state. Contact: Peter Mirabito D.D.S., Precise Consultants, 1-800-307-2537.

Colorado- Denver Suburb.

Established Prosthodontic practice in south Denver suburb is seeking an associate leading to partnership. Currently scheduling 2-3 months in advance. Heavy emphasis on implants and comprehensive treatment. Beautiful 1800sf suite with 4 operatories and lab. Located in medical/dental building with outstanding access, parking and views. Applicant must have certificate or be graduating from an accredited program. Send resume to: K. Lee Kuhlke, DDS, MS, 3601 S. Clarkson St., Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80110 or fax to 303-789-4640 or e-mail lkuhlke@gte.net.

New Jersey, South.

Opportunity for a board eligible prosthodontist to join a high quality prosthodontic practice. Full time associate leading to partnership. Two office locations, dental lab on premises at main office. Please send resume or inquires to 1793 Springdale Rd. Cherry Hill, NJ 08003 or call (609) 424-7177.

Missouri – St. Louis County.

Prestigious two-man practice. Seeking an Associate leading to eventual partnership. Excellent staff, experienced in-house laboratory and office environment. One million dollar plus gross. Contact ACP Box M1 Spring, 211 E. Chicago Ave., Suite 1000, Chicago, IL 60611.

Utah, Ogden.

All fee for service Prosthodontic practice for sale. Huge, exclusive referral base including all of Ogden, Northern Utah and Southern Idaho. On site lab for everything except RPD frameworks. All equipment under 2 years old. Thirty minutes from world class skiing on the greatest snow on earth. Excellent place to raise children. Contact: McLane Felt, DDS, MS, 801-334-7280.

New Jersey, North Jersey.

One half of a Prosthodontics partnership for sale. Senior partner remaining. Practice established over ten years. All equipment recently updated. Upscale patient population, all fee for service. Practice gross \$280,000.00 on three days. Call 908-284-9534 evenings.

1999 Calendar of Events

August

27-29 "Symposium on Prosthodontic Challenges in the Older Adult"
Captiva, FL
The Florida Prosthodontic Society, The Florida Section of American College of Prosthodontists and the American College of Prosthodontists.
Contact: Dr. David S. Clary 941-775-2455 or e-mail claredi@gate.net

September

8-13 National Association of Dental Laboratories Annual Meeting
Las Vegas, NV

October

9-13 ADA Annual Meeting Honolulu, HI
19 American College of Prosthodontists Board of Directors Meeting
New York Hilton and Towers, New York, NY
20-23 ACP Annual Session "Prosthodontics: Meeting Patient Needs in the New Millennium"
New York Hilton and Towers, New York, NY
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