

## Delegates Move College Forward



Delegates consider numerous issues during the 1994 ACP Annual Session in New Orleans

**C**ontinuing the fast-paced, activist style established last year, the 1994 House of Delegates enacted sweeping new Bylaws changes that included updated ethics provisions, the establishment of a Prosthodontic Forum, a dues increase, a meeting

registration fee, the recognition of two new sections, and definitions for Life Members/Fellows. The House of Delegates met on November 2, 1994 during the annual session in New Orleans.

The Bylaws revisions were divided between housekeeping changes that make the document more consistent and readable, and substantive changes. Among the technical changes was the incorporation into the Bylaws of language that had previously been in the Constitution. It is anticipated that the Constitution itself will be eliminated, since the Bylaws now contain all the provisions necessary to govern the College.

According to Dr. Richard E. Jones, Director of the Judicial Division, "The College now has a modern Bylaws document that is consistent

with all applicable laws governing professional associations."

Among the substantive changes was the adoption of a completely new section on ethics.

"The old section on ethics in the Bylaws was somewhat confusing and cumbersome," Dr. Jones said. "The revised chapter on ethics provides clear procedures that the College will follow to deal swiftly and fairly with alleged ethical violations."

The House of Delegates also passed a Bylaws change establishing a Prosthodontic Forum. The Forum will consist of not-for-profit dental and non-dental organizations whose purpose and activities are directly related to prosthodontics.

Dr. Peter F. Johnson, immediate past president, commented on the Forum. "The purpose of the Forum is to serve as a means of exchanging ideas and information among other organizations and the College. In establishing the Forum, the College is recognizing the need to build bridges and the necessity to collaborate with numerous associations to advance prosthodontics," Dr. Johnson said.

Member organizations will be able to bring resolutions to the ACP Board of Directors and

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## Headquarters Office Opens

**U**shering in a new era of modern association management, the College moved to its new Headquarters Office in the ADA building in Chicago on December 8, 1994. The new office, located on the tenth floor, contains 1,934 square feet, including office space, a conference room, and copying and storage areas.

According to Dr. David Schwab, ACP Executive Director, the last six months have been exceptionally busy. "All phases of the move have been planned and coordinated," Dr. Schwab said. "Many people have worked hard to make the move a reality. The list includes our leasing agent, architect, attorney, accountant, the building management company, the construction company, movers, and numerous other vendors such as computer hardware and software suppliers, telephone equipment suppliers, and local and long distance telephone carriers."

The new office offers two distinct benefits for the membership: centralization and automation. Members who have questions are invited

to call the Chicago office for assistance. The College's new computer system improves membership record keeping and makes it easier for staff to answer members' questions.

The new accounting system is also automated. Dues are sent directly to the bank in Chicago through a lock box system and reports are issued directly to the Headquarters Office on a regular basis. All accounting information is updated weekly so that the Executive Director can monitor the College's financial status and provide detailed reports to the Board of Directors.

The conference room will provide a convenient place for the Officers and various committees to meet, especially since the staff and records will be readily available.

Dr. Carl W. Schulter, President of the College, was optimistic about the new Headquarters Office. "There is no question that having a centralized Headquarters Office that is adequately staffed and equipped will have a positive impact on the College's ability to serve its members and achieve its goals," Dr. Schulter said. ♦

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# Unification of Prosthodontics



Carl W. Schulter, DDS

**T**o unify prosthodontics will be the greatest challenge ever attempted by the College. This idea would not be possible if it were not for the commitment of many members over the years. Each year we have gained knowledge, insight, experience, confidence,

and the realization that unification must occur. In the past we were concerned with the survival of the specialty and the right to represent it within the dental community. We should be proud that we have accomplished this. With this right has come the responsibility of leadership for our specialty and prosthodontics. An officer cannot lead his troops into battle if they are not unified in purpose and in direction, and we cannot lead the specialty and prosthodontics without this unified effort.

During his tenure as President in 1994, Dr. Peter F. Johnson, started the unification process with foresight by establishing a central office in Chicago, reorganizing the administrative

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network within the College, creating professional liaisons with many other related dental, governmental and public organizations, creation of the ACP Forum, and, yes, the wisdom to increase dues to allow for continuation and increased efforts to accomplish this goal. He has done a truly remarkable job leading the College over the past year. We must continue his efforts and create other avenues to complete the unification process.

The College succeeds because of its members. We are all partners in orchestrating our successes and, yes, even our failures. Unification must first start within the College. To be unified we must come together as partners and work together for prosthodontics. Each one of us can contribute to this effort, be it through committee work, involvement in the sections, monetary commitments, academic teaching, working within other organizations, educating the public and dental students about the specialty of prosthodontics or simply treating your patients to the high standards of prosthodontics.

We must create a common goal, and not segment our goals, commitments and support.

When we speak of prosthodontics it must be as one and not separately as a specialty and a discipline. The Officers and the Board of Directors are an extension of the membership. With the House of Delegates and the Sections, members have the opportunity to participate and provide input into the success of the College and prosthodontics. These are the vital organs of the College, but at times they are not utilized to their full potential. If you are not active in your local section or have not formed a section in your state, you are missing the opportunity to participate and to be a partner in the unification of prosthodontics. Therefore, I encourage every member to participate in his or her section. We must interact and learn from each other.

The formation of the ACP Forum will allow the College to reach out to other organizations to exchange ideas and concerns for prosthodontics. Invitations will be extended to the prosthodontic community inviting participation in the Forum. Hopefully, many will accept our challenge of unification and participate with a new feeling of trust and what is best for prosthodontics. Through the Forum, many differences and concerns can be discussed with the ultimate outcome of unification in both direction and effort. We should extend this effort to develop good relations or partnerships with the ADA, the AGD, the AADS, the other specialty organizations, the medical community, and the public.

We are at an important crossroads in the growth of the College. We can continue down the same old road or make changes to raise prosthodontics and the College to the level where the public knows us, the dental and medical community knows us, and each member is involved in promoting prosthodontics. To help accomplish this goal, I will initiate a new campaign of "Partners in Prosthodontics." This will be an all inclusive campaign to integrate prosthodontics within the dental community and the public community.

Each committee within the College will be developing new objectives and programs to promote prosthodontics and the partnership program. The Membership Committee will be developing career days at dental schools to promote prosthodontics and careers in prosthodontics to dental students. The re-established Prosthodontic Care Committee will be developing parameters of care, classifications of treatment, new diagnostic codes for prosthodontics, and will integrate new information skills into the College, prosthodontic practices and the academic environment. The Prosthodontic Practice Committee will have workshops to bring together successful prosthodontic practices and develop a new private practice manual, a program to help

young prosthodontists establish practices, and a new mechanism to ethically promote a prosthodontic practice. The Public and Professional Relations Committee will continue its professional relations liaison between other organizations and develop new programs to

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promote prosthodontics to the public. A new Implant Program, sponsored by several implant companies, will be developed by this committee promoting the role of the prosthodontist as a team leader in treating patients with implants to the public and to the dental community.

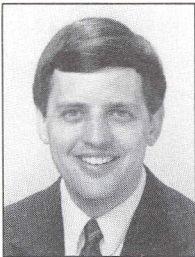
The focus of these programs will be directed at the private practitioners, the academicians, and the state sections. The sections will play a very important role in disseminating these programs within their respective states. The success of this program will not be determined by the actions of the Officers, the Board of Directors or by the committees, but by the dedication of all the members.

Executive Director Dr. David Schwab has moved the College beyond the status of a voluntary organization by creating a supportive administrative staff that will lead us into the 21st century. As we develop programs and implement our unification efforts, we must utilize the resource of the central office staff and rely on their administrative support to complete these goals. It has been a goal of the College to play at a higher level. With David and his staff helping and guiding us, we can't help but succeed.

The ACP Education Foundation must also play an active role in the unification of prosthodontics. It has had many successes over the years. The Foundation has given \$50,000 in scholarships to highly qualified candidates and supported education efforts within the College. As the College continues to grow and develop these new programs, the Foundation should support these efforts monetarily. This will only happen when we fully support the Foundation and develop new mechanisms for needed corporate support.

We are all "Partners in Prosthodontics" and each member has an important role to play in the success of the College and prosthodontics. Let us all accept the challenge by supporting these programs, participating within our sections, and simply caring for our patients. ♦

## From the Executive Director



David Schwab, Ph.D.

I am pleased to announce several new additions to the College's professional staff.

Members are already getting to know our receptionist, Laura Naatz. Laura earned a B.S. degree in Biology from Indiana University in Bloomington. She plans to further

her education in the future by attending evening classes through a Chicago-based university.

Laura previously worked as an administrative assistant for an association management firm, where she performed numerous duties. She also worked as a billing representative at a medical laboratory.

Pleased to have landed a job in downtown Chicago, Laura describes herself as "a talented problem-solver, energetic, courteous, personable, hard working, and detail-oriented."

Laura is responsible for, among a long list of other duties, answering the phones and directing the calls. The phones are answered by Laura or another staff member during regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Central Time. Members are invited to leave detailed voice mail messages if the staff person to whom they wish to speak is on another line.

The College's new bookkeeper and administrative assistant is Julie Goco. Julie holds a B.A. in Business Administration from Seattle University.

Julie's work experience includes serving as office manager for a manufacturer of personal computers. In that capacity, she was not only in charge of bookkeeping, but her duties also included sales, purchasing, inventory control, and customer relations.

In keeping with the other members of our small, multi-talented staff, Julie's primary responsibility is bookkeeping, but her business and computer expertise are also put to good advantage.

Members who wish to place orders, pay dues, or ask questions about financial matters are invited to call Julie directly.

Filling the vacant Director of Communications staff position is Joanne Constantine. Joanne received her B.A. from the University of Michigan with a double major in English and Communications.

Joanne comes to the College after four years as the Communications Coordinator for the Illinois Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians. There she developed her background in health care communications by writing and producing newsletters, recruiting publications, and brochures while also overseeing advertising, public relations, and a variety of member services.

In addition to working with Dr. David Burns to produce The ACP Messenger, Joanne is also staffing the Public and Professional Relations Committee. As our in-house communications person, Joanne's responsibility is to expand the visibility of the specialty.

I invite members of the College to call the office and meet our newest staff members. Laura, Julie, Joanne, Marsha, and I are all working hard to serve the membership. ♦



Laura Naatz



Julie Goco



Joanne Constantine

## PR Project Reaches Millions

Millions of people across the country heard the word "prosthodontist" on the radio recently.

An estimated 7.7 million people heard radio stories released as a result of a recent public relations effort coordinated by the ACP Public and Professional Relations Committee.

The goal of the undertaking was to create radio news stories which would get the word "prosthodontist" out to the general public. That goal was met and exceeded. The project resulted in over 1,500 radio broadcasts featuring both the name of the College and references to prosthodontics as a dental specialty.

During the recent annual session in New Orleans, nineteen members of the College sat down with a professional interviewer who then extracted quotes and information from the meetings to create 45-second news releases.

The releases addressed a variety of topics. ACP President Dr. Carl Schuller was featured in a story praising dentists as a model for health care cost-containment. Dr. Jonathan Ferencz

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from New York discussed new x-ray technology which uses less radiation and creates a digital computer image. He said, "The beauty of having an image appear instantaneously is...the obvious benefit of time that's saved...but there's also the benefit of the environmental impact of all the disposal of the solutions that are used to develop and fix x-rays."

In a story explaining the mouthpieces given to snoring sufferers of apnea, Dr. Kenneth Hilsen of Ft. Lee, New Jersey said, "Well, I have to tell you...we have saved marriages. We've actually caused marriages."

The other interviews included outgoing ACP President Dr. Peter Johnson and Dr. Charles Goodacre explaining the benefits of aesthetic restoration, Dr. Patrick Lloyd describing geriatric dental care and ACP Executive Director Dr. David Schwab discussing the impact of health care reform on prosthodontics.

The stories were offered to radio stations across the country by way of satellite services and custom placement of stories in the featured member's home town. More than 560 radio stations, representing a broad spectrum of media markets, accepted the ACP stories for broadcast. ♦

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### Meeting Shatters Old Attendance Record

**W**ith an outstanding scientific program, a long list of fun and exciting social events, and a host city with the charm of the old South and the Mardi Gras flavor of New Orleans, the 1994 Annual Session proved to be the most well-attended event in the history of the American College of Prosthodontists. Over 960 members, guest dentists, and staff registered for the meeting. The previous record of 720 registrants was established last year in Palm Springs. According to Dr. Ken Malament, Annual Session Chair, "Our program committee attempted to develop a scientific session that would have a broad appeal to the membership. I think the registration figures demonstrate our success."

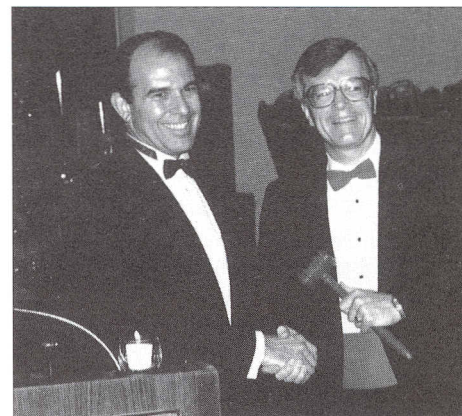
This year's annual session spanned five days of business, scientific, commercial, and social activities. Pre-meeting activities began with the Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, November 1, followed by a highly productive House of Delegates meeting on Wednesday. While the ACP Section delegates conducted College business, over 170 students and recent graduates attended the annual Board Preparation Course. Moderated by Dr. Dennis Weir, the Board Preparation Course gave participants the opportunity to hear a variety of presentations, including the experiences of several individuals who had successfully challenged the Board.

The scientific program showcased over 45 speakers with national and international reputa-

tions and included sessions on periodontics, denture prosthodontics, dental materials, ceramics, occlusion, implants, and practice management. Featured speakers included Dr. Ronald P. Desjardins, winner of the Daniel Gordon Award and Dr. John W. McLean, winner of the Distinguished Lecturer Award. In addition to the general open sessions, ACP members Drs. Dan Sullivan, John Sorensen, and Bob Winter hosted limited attendance lectures.

The commercial exhibition was a success with over 40 manufacturers and suppliers of dental products and services filled the exhibition hall. Participants had the opportunity to treat themselves to refreshments while perusing the latest products on display and taking advantage of the many specials offered by the vendors. In addition, the annual exhibition of table clinics, moderated and organized by Dr. Assad Mora took place among the commercial booths with over 25 clinics presented.

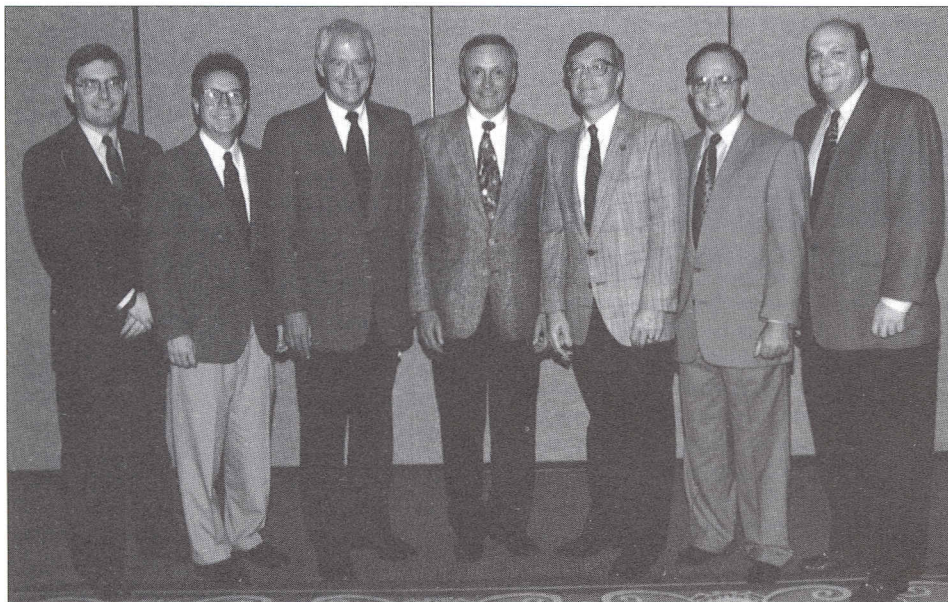
The record attendance levels were also evident during the many social events and spouse activities. Buses were continually filled as spouses and members alike toured the French Quarter, visited old southern mansions, and generally enjoyed the sights and flavor of New Orleans. Evening activities were highlighted by the Welcome to New Orleans Dinner on the Mississippi River, the Cajun Feast at Michaul's, and the cocktail reception where over 1,100 people took the opportunity to renew old acquaintances and make new



*Dr. Carl W. Schulter (R) receives President's gavel from Dr. Peter F. Johnson.*

ones. The week was topped off by the President's Dinner on Saturday night where outgoing President Dr. Peter F. Johnson passed the reins of leadership to incoming President Dr. Carl W. Schulter.

"Without a doubt, this was one of the most successful annual sessions we have ever held," said Dr. John Burton, Director of the Annual Session Division. Dr. Burton continued, "We owe a debt of gratitude to Dr. Ken Malament and his committee members as well as our outstanding staff, particularly Linda Wallenborn, for their work in making this such a premier event." ♦



*New ACP Officers and Directors for 1995: (L to R) Dr. Richard R. Seals, Treasurer; Dr. Dr. Arthur Nimmo, Director, Education Division; Dr. Ned B. Van Roekel, Secretary; Dr. Kenneth A. Turner, President-Elect; Dr. Carl W. Schulter, President; Dr. John F. Burton, Vice President; Dr. Kenneth L. Hilsen, Director, Private Practice Division*

### Washington D.C. to Host 1995 Session

**T**he 1995 ACP Annual Session will be held October 19-22, 1995 at the elegant Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel in Washington D.C. Along with many exciting social events, the scientific session will feature 30 speakers discussing many important and contemporary prosthodontic topics including implant prosthodontics, dental materials, fixed prosthodontics, multidisciplinary teams for TMD and Cranio-facial treatment, esthetics, occlusion, practice management and more.

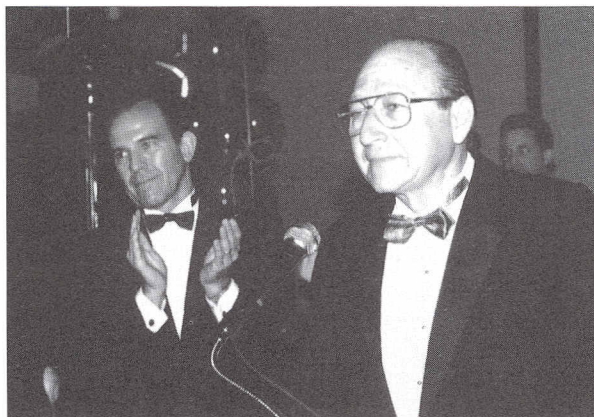
Dr. Jonathan Ferencz and the rest of his 1995 Program Committee are putting together a meeting that they believe will provide many memorable sights and activities for all in attendance. Additionally, this meeting will commemorate the College's 25th anniversary. ♦

## Dr. Sarka Receives President's Award

**O**utgoing President Dr. Peter F. Johnson presented the 1994 President's Award to Dr. Robert J. Sarka during the 1994 ACP Annual Session. The President's Award is one of the most prestigious awards that the College bestows upon a member.

Dr. Sarka retired as a Colonel from the U.S. Air Force Dental Service with the highest specialty rating and recognition. He also received a Legion of Merit which is the highest non-combatative military decoration. From there, he became an Associate Professor at the University of the Pacific School of Dentistry.

Dr. Sarka chaired several College committees and also served as ACP Historian from 1985-1992. As the President's Award cited, "Bob has



*Dr. Robert J. Sarka (R) receives the ACP President's Award from Dr. Peter F. Johnson*

made sure that the College was governed properly, that our past would always be with us, and that our guests at the annual session are appropriately greeted and their needs met." ♦

## Niznick Contribution Launches Implant Campaign

**A** \$10,000 contribution to the College from the Niznick Foundation has launched a major public relations effort for the ACP in cooperation with major dental implant manufacturers.

In 1993, Dr. Gerald A. Niznick arranged a dinner meeting at his home in Palm Springs, California for members of the ACP Board of Directors and several implant company representatives.

Dr. Niznick envisioned a cooperative effort between the College and implant companies to promote the leadership role that prosthodontists play in implant therapy. As a direct result of Dr. Niznick's efforts, contributions in the amount of \$10,000 were received from five implant companies in 1994.

The College's efforts will be directed by the Ad Hoc Implant Program Subcommittee, which is under the Public and Professional Relations Committee. The members of the ad hoc committee and the companies that appointed them are listed below:

Dentsply	Dr. Scott Ganz
Interpore	Dr. Harold Gulbransen
Nobelpharma USA	Dr. Steven Eckert
Steri-Oss	Dr. Charles English
Straumann	Dr. Gary Solnit

Implant Innovations	Dr. Christopher Smith
At-Large	Dr. Peter F. Johnson
At-Large	Dr. David Eggleston
At-Large	Dr. Thomas Balshi
At-Large	Dr. Alan Carr

The chair of the committee is Dr. Peter F. Johnson. "Implant therapy is a prosthetically driven treatment modality, and many prosthodontists are already active in implant treatment," Dr. Johnson said. "It is imperative that prosthodontists act as leaders of the implant team, to first develop the treatment plan, and then to coordinate the other team members to ensure an acceptable treatment outcome."

"I am convinced that with this initial step, the College can show positive results for the further development of this campaign," Dr. Johnson continued. "Once that happens, I believe the implant companies will make a major, long-term commitment to further these efforts. The College greatly appreciates Dr. Niznick's vision, leadership and support of this project."

The committee held its first meeting in November to formulate a plan of action. It is anticipated that the committee will develop marketing materials that members can use in their office as part of an implant patient education program. ♦

## New Format a Success for Board Preparation Course

**A**pproximately 195 participants attended the Board Preparation Course at the annual session in New Orleans. Members in various stages in the certification process were the main audience, as well as some graduate program directors who wanted to learn more about the new Board format. Dr. Dennis Weir discussed the preparation for the Part 1 exam and reviewed the structure of the criterion grading system used by the Board.

The main areas covered in the new Board Preparation Course and their presenters were:

Materials Theory	Dr. Gerald Woolsey
Removable Prosthodontics	Dr. Madeline Kurrasch
Occlusion	Dr. Otto Tebrock
Fixed Prosthodontics	Dr. Dennis Weir
Maxillofacial Prosthodontics	Dr. Timothy Saunders

The patient treatment presentations included the following:

Part 2 Patient presentation	Dr. Susan Brackett
Part 3 Removable patient presentation	Dr. Sue Jane Quon
Part 4 Fixed patient presentation	Dr. David Appleby

Dr. Ronald Woody, President of the American Board of Prosthodontics, presented the Board's perspective of the examination process and outlined the recent changes in the Board examination process. Dr. William Culpepper, Executive Director of the American Board of Prosthodontics, discussed the logistics of the application process.

The organized reviews of the major areas of prosthodontics were well received by the audience, and the demonstrated patient treatments should prove useful in the preparation for all sections of the new exam format.

The large number of course participants proved overwhelming for the supply of printed materials. Any course registrants who did not receive course outlines may request them from:

**Board Preparation Course**  
ACP  
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## College Bestows Honors

**F**our ACP members and ACP Executive Director Dr. David Schwab were recognized for their dedication to the College and the specialty of prosthodontics. The awards were presented during the annual session in New Orleans in early November.

This year's Annual Awards Luncheon featured two new ACP honors. The ACP Distinguished Service Award and the ACP Outstanding Young Prosthodontist Award were presented this year for the first time.

The ACP Distinguished Service Award was bestowed upon William A. Kuebker, DDS, MSD. The award is presented to an ACP member for 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.

Dr. Kuebker was recognized for his many extraordinary contributions to prosthodontics through his activities in the military, education, scholarship and organized dentistry. The award stated that "his ability to affect so many prosthodontists in such profound ways is an enduring tribute to his gifts to the specialty."

The ACP Outstanding Young Prosthodontist Award was bestowed upon Catherine A. Lach, DMD. This award recognizes an ACP member for outstanding contributions to the specialty of prosthodontics early on in their career.



**Above: Dr. William Kuebker (center) receives Distinguished Service Award from Dr. Peter F. Johnson, ACP President and Dr. Ivy S. Schwartz**

**Right: Dr. Ronald P. Desjardins receives Daniel Gordon Award from Drs. Peter F. Johnson (far left), Alex Koper and David W. Eggleston (far right).**

Actively involved with Oregon Section and the Oregon Dental Association, Dr. Lach was also cited for her contributions through "legislative activism relating to denturism and the Oregon Health Plan, state Medicare maxillofacial fee schedule development, and programs addressing senior and homebound dental needs."

This year's Daniel Gordon Award was presented to Donald P. Desjardins, DMD, MSD. Dr. Desjardins was honored for his significant contributions to prosthodontics through his scholarship, instruction, and publications. The award is presented annually to a member for high quality original research.

Dr. John W. McLean, OBE, FDS, RCS (Eng), DSc, MDS (Lond), Dr. Odont (Lund) received this year's Distinguished Lecturer Award for his exceptional skills as a dental educator, researcher, writer, and lecturer. The award noted that his "superior proficiency in both clinical practice and scientific investigation has provided a monumental contribution to the profession."

College award winners are selected by the ACP House of Delegates after reviewing letters of nomination for each award from College members.

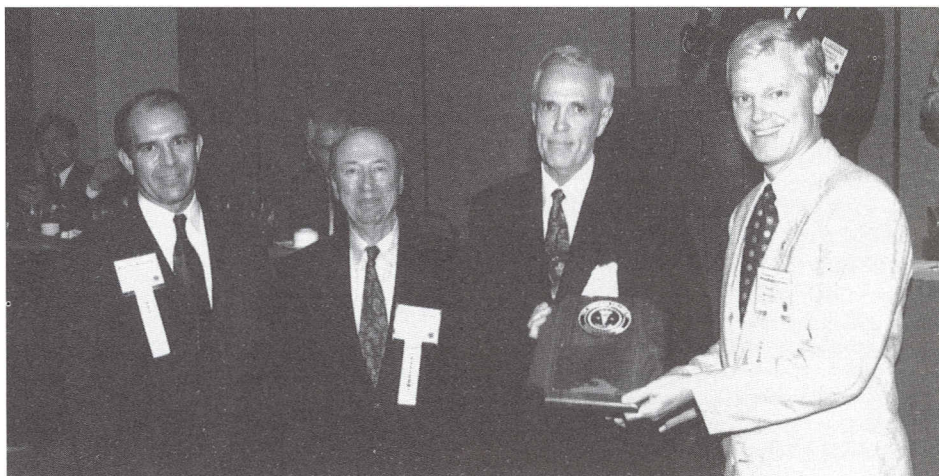
In addition, Dr. David Schwab received an Exceptional Achievement Award for his significant contributions to the College during a period of organizational transition and growth. The award stated that his skills "enabled the College to realize extensive aspirations and have positioned the College to attain notable further accomplishments for prosthodontics." ♦



**Dr. John W. McLean, Distinguished Lecturer Award**



**Dr. David Schwab (L) receives an Exceptional Achievement Award from Dr. Peter F. Johnson**



## Four Honorary Members Named to the College

**D**r. Gerald Kramer, Mr. Frank O'Donnell, Mr. Peter Goulding, and Dr. Herbert Shillingburg, Jr. have all been awarded honorary membership in the American College of Prosthodontists.

Honorary membership is bestowed upon individuals who could not otherwise become a member of ACP yet have greatly contributed to the specialty of prosthodontics.

Dr. Gerald Kramer founded the Periodontal Department of the Boston University School of Graduate Dentistry. As Professor and Chairperson of that department he taught periodontists and prosthodontists alike. In nominating him, ACP member Dr. Kenneth Malament wrote, "he developed and promoted so many new surgical procedures and was committed to the idea of interspecialty communication or what some called 'perio-prosthesis.'"



*(L to R) Dr. Herbert T. Shillingburg, Jr., Honorary Member, with his wife Constance and Drs. Peter F. Johnson and Susan E. Brackett.*

Mr. Frank O'Donnell was introduced to the College through his more than twenty years in the dental manufacturing industry. He worked with ACP to increase the visibility of prosthodontics in dental schools by creating an excellence in prosthodontics award sponsored by his company. Both he and his company have consistently provided support to the College with major contributions to the ACP Education Foundation, commercial exhibits, and financial support for worthy students in prosthodontic specialty programs. In his management roles in the dental manufacturing field, he has also guided the research and development of new dental equipment.

Mr. Peter Goulding has recently retired from forty-five years spent in leadership positions in prosthodontic and dental organizations. His latest challenge has been fifteen years serving as Executive Director for the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations (FPO). In nominating Mr. Goulding for honorary membership, ACP member Dr. Ronald Woody wrote, "He has met and exceeded all our expectations and has etched a special place in our history."

As ACP President-Elect Dr. Kenneth A. Turner noted in his nomination, "I doubt if there is a trained prosthodontist



*(L to R) Mr. Frank O'Donnell, Honorary Member, with his wife and Drs. Peter F. Johnson and William A. Kuebker*

anywhere in the world who has not benefitted from Herb Shillingburg's teaching and I know of no one person more deserving of Honorary Membership in the American College of Prosthodontists." Dr. Shillingburg went into dental education shortly after private practice and was the founding chair of the Department of Fixed Prosthodontics at the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry. He has been teaching and writing about fixed prosthodontics for the past twenty-five years and has presented over 200 lectures and continuing education courses all over the world. But it is his extensive contribution to dental literature for which Dr. Shillingburg is probably best known.

The College congratulates its four new honorary members. ♦

## New Fellows of the American College of Prosthodontists



*(L to R) First Row (seated) William M. Putnam, Timothy M. Campbell, Thomas B. Lefler, Tam S. Hager, Jon C. Dailey, Brant A. Bradford, Edward M. Amet. Middle Row Joseph D. Randazzo, Edward H. Rugh, Thomas R. Schneid, Rick M. Smith, Steven R. Curtis, M. Regan Salamander, JL Hochstedler. Back Row John W. Harrison, Thomas C. Kunkel, Gregory A. Waskewicz, Kirk D. Kallander, Peter S. Lund, Hal N. Arnold, Jeffery J. Wachtel.*

# Educators/Mentors Focus on Parameters of Care

**D**r. Thomas McGarry presented the preliminary draft of the American College of Prosthodontists Parameters of Care document. According to Dr. McGarry, "The specialty of prosthodontics has been unable to define the patients that should be treated in a specialty practice. This problem of patient identification has been aggravated by a focus on technique instead of disease or patient type. For example, currently all edentulous patients are considered the same in the severity of their problem." Thus, the specialty cannot identify those patients needing services.

A parameters of care document will focus on disease types and severity to develop diagnostic codes for all dental diseases. The system would be compatible with those used in medicine. In closing, Dr. McGarry explained, "this diagnostic scenario would allow the formation of treatment parameters that require clinical techniques associated with advanced training."

The second portion of the seminar focused on improving the postgraduate application process. The educators were given an opportunity to understand the Postdoctoral Application Support Service (PASS). This system avoids duplication of effort by providing a support service for letters of recommendation along with program requirements. The applicants are also informed of specific materials to be sent by the applicants directly to the program.

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery programs have the highest use rate with 94% of all programs participating. PASS is flexible enough to meet the needs of all programs. The service is free to the program. Directors receive a comprehensive applicant data sheet. This information allows the directors to quickly find the applicants whom they feel are the most qualified. Most importantly, participation in PASS improves program visibility and simplifies the application process to result in increased quality and quantity of the applicant pool.

An update was given on the Progress of the Match Program in Prosthodontics. The final date for prosthodontic programs to submit their rank "Order Lists" for the 1995 program year was November 25, 1994. The results of the Match were then communicated to the participating programs on December 12, 1994. Over 60% of the prosthodontic programs participated in this match.

To wind up the seminar, the president of the American Board of Prosthodontics, Dr. Ronald D. Woody, addressed the seminar on the modifications to the examination process. Part 1 written exam has been reduced to a one-half day allowing for the candidates to challenge Part 2 at the February exam. Parts 2-5 will still be given at the June exam. However, Dr. Woody indicated that taking Part 2 in February is preferable to reduce stress in the summer for both examiners and candidates. ♦

## Sections

### Strong Turnout at Sections Meeting

The ACP Sections Committee Meeting was held on November 4, 1994 during the College's annual session in New Orleans. Sixty-two people attended, a majority of them section presidents and officers. Dr. Pablo J. Cuevas, III, Director of the Sections Division moderated the session and presented a new section certificate to the Hawaii Section and its elected president, Dr. John French.

Participants heard reports from Drs. Peter Johnson, outgoing ACP President; Carl Schuller, incoming ACP President; and David Schwab, ACP Executive Director.

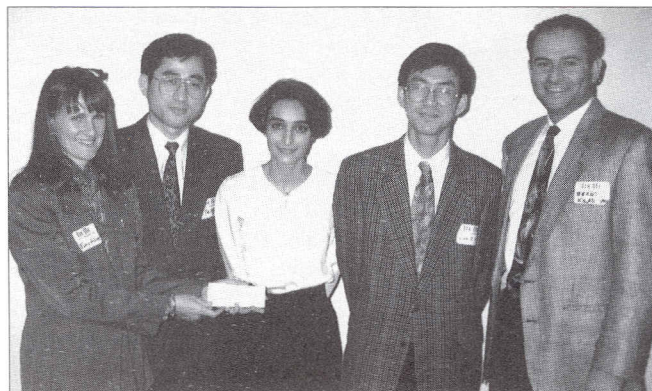
Dr. Johnson charged the section presidents with strengthening the lines of communication

between the House of Delegates, the Board of Directors and the general membership. Dr. Schuller discussed his vision for the upcoming year and his "Partners in Prosthodontics" program. Lastly, Dr. Schwab discussed the increased visibility that the College has accomplished with other professional organizations at the national level and the importance of state sections striving to achieve the same at the local and regional level.

The committee divided into six smaller groups to discuss several preselected topics.

Each group attempted to reach a consensus opinion which was then presented to the entire committee. A report will be generated from these results in the near future. ♦

### Massachusetts Section Conducts Fall Event



*The Massachusetts Section of the ACP, with the generous sponsorship of Nobelpharma U.S.A., conducted a fall event which included the Steven R. Gordon Essay Contest. Dr. Nancy S. Arbre, Massachusetts Section President (far left), awarded first place to Dr. Leila Jahajgiri of Harvard University. Dr. Berdj Kiladjian, Section Vice President (far right) congratulates second-place winner Dr. Kyu Chan Lee (left of center) and third-place winner, Dr. Wook-Dong Kim (right of center) both of Boston University.*

### California Section Names Award Winners

The California Section of the American College of Prosthodontists is pleased to announce the winners of the 1994 Undergraduate Achievement Awards. The awards were presented to outstanding undergraduate students who have shown high academic and clinical proficiency in prosthodontics. Each winner received a plaque, Volumes I, II and III of the Classic Prosthodontic Articles and a check for \$200. The 1994 students honored were:

Kevin Jiro Komatwu

University of the Pacific

Diane Carroll Conly

University of Southern California

David Brent Love

University of California, San Francisco

James Michael Trigonis

University of California, Los Angeles

### East Georgia Section Approved

After much debate and a concerted lobbying effort on the part of College members in Eastern Georgia, the ACP House of Delegates approved the formation of the East Georgia Section at the recent ACP Annual Session in New Orleans.

The 33 members of the newly formed section represent civilian private practitioners, military and Veterans Administration dentistry, faculty members of the Medical College of Georgia, residents and retirees. The officers are: President, Dr. John Ivanhoe; Vice President, Dr. Max Gaston; and Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Carol Lefebvre. The section plans to meet three to four times per year and will provide professional presentations by members and guests. ♦



### Sharry Award Highlights Research Activity

**T**hree investigators were honored for outstanding and original research in prosthodontics in the annual John J. Sharry Prosthodontic Research Competition at the American College of Prosthodontists Annual Session in New Orleans.

Dr. Gayle A. Laughlin of the University of Missouri-Kansas City received the first place award for her paper entitled "A comparison of palatal adaptation in acrylic resin denture bases using conventional and anchored processing techniques." She was sponsored by Dr. David Eick.

Dr. Photini Kamposiora from the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry won the second place award for her paper entitled "Predictions of cement microfracture under full coverage restorations for a wide range of clinical conditions using 3-D computer modeling." She was sponsored by Dr. Stephen C. Bayne.

Dr. Kenneth E. Konopka from Fort Sam Houston, Texas received the third place award

for his paper entitled "Compressibility of elastomeric interocclusal recording materials." He was sponsored by Dr. Arthur W. Bryant.

All three investigators received a recognition plaque which was presented at the Annual Awards Luncheon. Additionally, cash awards of \$1,250 for first place, \$750 for second place and \$500 for third place were given. Matching funds are provided to the host institution for their support. ♦



*John J. Sharry Research Competition first place winner, Dr. Gayle A. Laughlin with Dr. Peter F. Johnson (left) and Dr. Dorsey J. Moore (right).*

### ACP Foundation Awards Six Scholarships

**T**he American College of Prosthodontists Education Foundation awarded six scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 each to students beginning their first year of training in accredited advanced specialty education programs in prosthodontics. With this year's awards a milestone \$50,000 in scholarships have been awarded since the program began four years ago.

Dr. Richard S. Appleton is a graduate of the Louisiana State University School of Dentistry. He is a first-year student in the prosthodontic program at the University of Texas Health Science Center Dental School in San Antonio. The program is directed by Dr. Robert J. Cronin.

Also enrolled in the Master of Science Program at the UT Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, Dr. Appleton observed, "The problems with which patients present frequently seem insurmountable, but the deliberate and careful application of scientific principles coupled with the ingenuity and artistic skill of the prosthodontist not only can solve problems, but also yield amazing results."

Dr. Robyn P. Goren is a graduate of Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. She is a first-year student in the University of California-Los Angeles Graduate Prosthodontic Program. The program is directed by Dr. Joseph P. Cooney.

"Although the challenges offered by clinical prosthodontics will never cease, my goal is to combine private practice with an active contribution to academics. I hope to contribute to the education of others and, like my teachers did for me, inspire the motivation to seek the answers to the many questions our profession offers," Dr. Goren said.

Dr. David G. Gratton is a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. He is a first-year student in the prosthodontic program at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry. The program is directed by Dr. Steven Aquilino.

Dr. Gratton said, "Above all, I intend to stay current with prosthodontic research in order to remain on the cutting edge of this dynamic discipline."

Dr. Joseph J. Kravitz, Jr. is a graduate of Baltimore College of Dental Surgery at the University of Maryland. He is a first-year student in the prosthodontic program at the University of Maryland. The program is directed by Dr. Mark Stevens.

"Several months into my residency, I am very pleased to have chosen prosthodontics, for it is interesting, professionally challenging, and rewarding. For example, last week I was able to diagnose and treatment plan a complex case that four other dentists could not," said Dr. Kravitz.

Dr. Karen M. Sonnone is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. She is a first-year student in the prosthodontic program at the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry in Chapel Hill. The program is directed by Dr. Albert Guckes.

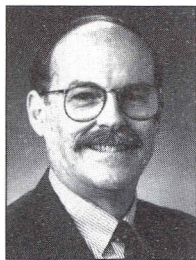
Dr. Sonnone stated, "As a health care provider, I am committed to taking an active role improving the welfare of my community. Prosthodontics is a dynamic profession which allows for creativity while restoring function and quality to people's lives. I am excited about being a member of a field that is constantly changing and progressing and I am looking forward to the challenges of the prosthodontic profession."

Dr. Janice E. Wilson is a graduate of Dalhousie University. She is a first-year student in the prosthodontic program at The Ohio State University College of Dentistry. The program is directed by Dr. Dale Cipra.

Dr. Wilson said, "As the role of women in dentistry continues to define itself, I will be a novelty once I return to Eastern Canada as one of the first woman prosthodontic specialists in that region. I will be proud to be one of the few women specialists (less than ten) in the Maritimes."

The primary source of funding for the scholarship program is the annual mail auction, supplemented by contributions to the Foundation from individual members. ♦

## Cronin Nominated for ABP



Robert J. Cronin, Jr.,  
DDS, MS

**T**he American College of Prosthodontists has nominated Dr. Robert J. Cronin, Jr. for consideration as an examiner for the American Board of Prosthodontics.

Dr. Cronin is currently an Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Prosthodontics in the

Department of Prosthodontics at the University of Texas Health Science Center Dental School in San Antonio. He received his M.S. degree from the UT Health Science Center in Houston after completing a prosthodontics residency at Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. Dr. Cronin received a Legion of Merit in 1992, the highest non-combat military decoration.

Dr. Cronin is a graduate of the Georgetown University School of Dentistry. He has been a Fellow of ACP since 1977 and served in 1985 as the Special Consultant in Prosthodontics to the Surgeon General.

The Council for the Affairs of the American Board of Prosthodontics will vote on nominees at the 1995 annual meeting in Washington D.C. ♦

## Liaison Committee Active with ADA

**T**he Professional Organization Liaison Committee was quite active at the ADA Meeting, October 22-25, 1994 in New Orleans. In attendance were committee chairman and then ACP Past President Dr. Ronald D. Woody, President Dr. Peter F. Johnson, President-Elect Dr. Carl W. Schuler, Vice President Dr. Ken A. Turner, Treasurer Dr. Richard R. Seals, and Executive Director, Dr. David Schwab.

On Saturday, the committee participated in the Opening Session Ceremonies, Dental Specialty Group Meeting, and the opening of the ADA House of Delegates. On Sunday, testimony was given at the various reference committees on important resolutions reflecting on prosthodontics. On Monday, important lobbying at the various state caucus meetings took place prior to the voting on resolutions in the Tuesday House of Delegates meeting.

The ADA meeting was a most important event for this newly defined ACP committee. Many key contacts and liaisons were created among the other specialties and political groups within the ADA state delegations. According to Dr. Ron Woody, "The action takes place in the caucuses, and this is where support is required to pass or defeat any resolution. We created a lot of political allies by supporting various views which will be of great value to us in the future." ♦

## Delegates Move College Forward

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House of Delegates through the Forum. In addition, the Prosthodontic Forum will have the responsibility of appointing three at-large Directors to the College Board of Directors and up to three at-large members to the Council for the Affairs of the American Board of Prosthodontics.

The annual dues for member organizations will be \$1000 annually. It is anticipated that the first meeting of the Forum will occur this summer.

Another notable action taken by the House of Delegates was the enactment of a dues increase. Dues for Members and Fellows are now \$445 annually.

"In order to fulfill our responsibilities as the parent organization of the specialty of prosthodontics and to complete needed programs for membership, the College's dues need to be at a level comparable to that of other dental specialty organizations," commented ACP President Dr. Carl W. Schuler.

The House also gave the Annual Session and Major Meetings Committee the authority to impose a registration fee for members at future annual meetings.

The 1993 House of Delegates approved five-year Goals and Objectives, which mandate that the annual session become revenue neutral. It is likely that Members and Fellows will be charged \$95 to attend the 1995 annual session in Washington, D.C.

The Vice President of the ACP, and former annual session division director, Dr. John F. Burton, explained the reasoning behind the annual session registration fee. "It's a matter of fairness," Dr. Burton said. "We cannot continue to give away the annual session to members who attend and ask those members who do not attend to subsidize the meeting."

Dr. Burton indicated that the concept of charging for the annual session won widespread approval from the Board and the House of Delegates.

In other actions, the House approved the establishment of new sections in Hawaii and

East Georgia, and established new criteria for life membership.

Under the new Bylaws, Life Fellows/Members of the College will be those who have been Fellows/Members for ten (10) consecutive years or a total of fifteen (15) years all together in the College during their active practice and participation in dentistry and who have attained the age of sixty-five (65). Life Fellows/Members have all the rights and privileges of Fellows/Members and pay one-half of the annual membership dues.

The House also established new categories: Retired Life Fellows/Members and Retired Fellows/Members.

Retired Life Fellows/Members are those who have attained Life Fellowship/Membership in the College and are retired from active participation in dentistry. Retired Life Fellows/Members are exempt from paying annual dues and may attend official sessions at special registration fees. However, they may not hold voting membership on committees, nor may they hold elective or appointive office or serve in the House of Delegates.

Retired Fellows/Members will be those who have held Fellowship/Membership in the College and no longer continue active participation in dentistry. Retired Fellows/Members will not be charged annual dues and may attend official sessions at special registration fees, but may not hold voting membership on committees, nor may they hold elective or appointive office or serve in the House of Delegates.

Individuals who wish to apply for any of these life membership categories may obtain application forms from the Headquarters Office. All current Life Members/Fellows are automatically grandfathered and need not apply for a new status unless they so desire.

The next meeting of the House of Delegates will be held on October 19, 1995 during the annual session in Washington, D.C. ♦

## Turner Thanked for Going the Extra Mile

**I**n light of the College's move to a Headquarters Office in Chicago, Sue

Turner has advised the ACP that Decatur Travel Agency, located in Decatur, Georgia, has discontinued travel services for the College effective December 31, 1994.

Ms. Turner has been the College's official travel agent for the past five years.

Dr. Carl W. Schuler, ACP President, recognized Ms. Turner's accomplishments. "Sue has served the College faithfully over the years as our first travel agent," Dr. Schuler said. "I am sure that she saved the College money and precious time each time she arranged tickets

for speakers to our annual session. She extended a personal service to many members when they called concerning their travel plans. I don't think many people realize how hard Sue worked to get everyone low fares on the airline of their choice."

Dr. David Schwab, ACP Executive Director, echoed Dr. Schuler's comments. "It was always good to know that when you called Sue, you were dealing with someone who had the members' interest in mind," he said.

Members may still call Decatur Travel for their personal travel needs. The toll-free telephone number is (800) 969-4754. ♦

# FPO Leaves the Driving to Us

**D**ecember 31, 1994 marked not only the end of the year but the end of the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations (FPO).

With the announcement last February that the FPO would be dissolving at year end, the ACP prepared to assume some of that organization's remaining responsibilities. One of the results of that planning was the recent Bylaws change establishing a Prosthodontic Forum. The Forum will consist of not-for-profit dental and non-dental organizations whose purpose and activities are directly related to prosthodontics. The Forum will serve as a means of communication between the ACP and these other organizations serving the prosthodontic community.

The ACP Education Foundation will now assume the responsibility for the Prosthodontic Research Symposium. The Symposium is intended to increase research training within prosthodontics. Also, any remaining assets of the FPO will be transferred to the Foundation for use on the Symposium.

By laying the groundwork in early 1994, the College ensured a smooth transition into 1995. ♦

## OPEN Forum

**Open Forum is a method by which** members of the College can submit views on any subject of current interest in Prosthodontics. The *ACP Messenger* welcomes individuals to submit letters to Open Forum. Submission due date for next issue is March 1, 1995. Letters should be typed, double spaced, signed, and not exceed 250 words. The ACP Messenger reserves the right to edit all communications. The views expressed are those of the letter writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinion or official policy of the ACP. Please include your name and address with submission and mail or FAX to:

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## Is the private practice of prosthodontics better suited for solo or group practice?

### I've been in my solo practice of

prosthodontics for five years. As the practice continues to grow, I strive for the improvement of skills, self, efficiency, quality, and delivery of care. By maintaining solo status, I see the following problems:

**Overhead:** The space is productive only while I'm there. The space costs the same whether I'm there or not.

**Time:** Using an office six days for nine hours creates 54 hours of patient care per week. As a specialist, I realize the importance of case planning and preparation; as a business person, administration and management is crucial; as a professional, I respect our interdependence with other professionals; as a father, husband, and individual, I need time with family and for myself. But the parts can't exceed the whole! Spread so thin, a lot of mediocrity results. As a solo practitioner, it can be a heavy burden to achieve a balance.

**Isolation:** Treatment approaches can become unidimensional, compromising what might be the best care possible for the patient. Stagnation, boredom, me versus them are all feelings that may arise.

How would a group practice help?

**Overhead:** Costs of existing space, equipment and future technologies are proportionally less per total practitioners. Facility size doesn't need to be increased, just more fully utilized.

**Time:** By dividing the 54 available hours between two practitioners, the resultant 27 hours of direct patient contact, plus or minus a few hours, is comfortable and effective. Dr. A can work his chairside time while Dr. B, in the office, can do his planning, administrating, meeting, and learning, and vice versa. He may also take a few hours a week to watch his kids grow.

**Interdependence:** Instead of isolation, pooled knowledge and experience can aid in correct diagnosis, optimize patient management and care, and create a larger "human database" from which to learn and develop better future treatment skills and methods.

Is such an association/partnership/cooperative a panacea? No. Like a good marriage, it requires work. Professionalism must transcend

argument. Let there be debate and respect. Non-competitive interests blend better, such as the fixed practitioner/removable practitioner union.

To summarize, I see the solo practice as inefficient and self-limiting, whereas the prosthodontic group practice can be a key ingredient to a successful practice.

*Ralph M. Hoffmann, DMD  
Williamsburg, VA*

**I believe the solo practitioner in the specialty** of prosthodontics has certain advantages over a group practice prosthodontist. These advantages involve patient recruitment and management, practice management, and financial management.

Patient recruitment involves establishing a personal identity with referral sources. No matter who the referral source is - GP dentist, physician, specialty dentist or lay person - they must have a strong image of the prosthodontist. This requires personal interaction, especially in a competitive market area. Solo practitioners have the opportunity to clearly identify themselves and their practice without the distraction of a group identity. Patients appreciate referrals to a specific dentist rather than to a group of dentists. Patient management is enhanced in a solo practice. Most prosthodontic therapies, especially removable techniques, depend on a strong doctor/patient bond to be successful. The solo prosthodontist does not have to dilute the doctor/patient bond as may occur within a group practice. Patient loyalty is to the prosthodontist, not the group practice.

Practice management issues favor the solo practice. Decision-making is less complex as the solo practitioner has only himself to satisfy. Staff loyalties are not separated among multiple doctors. Internal and external marketing programs can be more finely focused on the solo prosthodontist and his unique skills rather than a group identity. Laboratories need to only meet the single standard of a solo prosthodontist.

A solo practice affords the prosthodontist with complete control rather than the percentage control of a group practice. Balancing the

financial needs and concerns of multiple doctors each member of the group to give up some level of control over their lives. The solo practitioner remains the sole decision-maker. With the complexity of each person's financial life increasing each year, the solo practitioner has a better opportunity to respond to the inevitable changes of life.

*Thomas J. McGarry, DDS  
Oklahoma City, OK*

**The solo practice of prosthodontics is** generally more practical than group practice. The success rate of group dental practices seems lower than that of the American marriage. There are many inherent challenges in maintaining healthy relationships. Successful professional associations require similar professional practice styles and ethical standards as well as compatible business goals and social personalities.

Prosthodontics is a unique and most challenging and specialty:

1. The "art of dentistry" plays a great role.
2. Our identity is not as clear as the other specialties.
3. We require the largest population base.
4. We have the most diverse practice styles.
5. The equipment needs and office requirements vary radically.
6. The typical prosthodontist is eccentric.

Given a population base adequate to support two prosthodontists, an individual staffing requirement that varies from 0 to 8, an individual space requirement that varies from 500 feet to 3,500 square feet, a daily patient load that varies from 2 to 30, equipment needs that vary from low-tech to high-tech, and differing business objectives, marketing strategies and incompatible wives, etc. - the point is that a group prosthodontic practice is quite a challenge.

I'm sorry, but if you think it will work - good luck!

*Richard E. Jones, DDS, MSD  
Munster, Indiana*

The Point/Counterpoint question to be addressed in the next issue is as follows:

***If a dentist tests positive for HIV, does that individual have an ethical responsibility to make patients aware of the HIV status?***

While reflecting upon this question, consider the following recent news item:

The Associated Press recently reported that an \$850,000 legal settlement will be split among 495 former patients of a Georgia dentist who died after contracting AIDS even though none of these patients has tested positive for the virus.

The plaintiffs' class-action suit claimed that the company employing the dentist should be held accountable. The dentist did not tell his patients he suffered from the disease, and his employer claims he did not tell them either.

Lawsuits based on similar claims have been thrown out in other states. This settlement is believed to be the first in Georgia based on claims of emotional suffering from a fear of contracting AIDS.

The judge ruled that the patients had the right to sue the practice, even though there is no way that the practice could have legally learned about the dentist's HIV status.

College members who would like to respond to the question posed should submit a typed and double spaced position statement not to exceed 250 words by March 1, 1995. The ACP Messenger reserves the right to edit all communications. Please include your name and address with submission and mail or FAX to:

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## Members in the News

### Goodacre Named Dean at Loma Linda



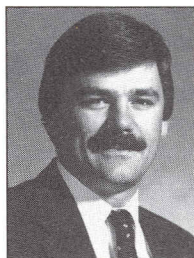
**Dr. Charles J. Goodacre**

#### **Dr. Charles J.**

Goodacre has been appointed Dean of the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry effective July 1, 1994. A 1971 graduate of Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, Dr.

Goodacre received his masters degree in prosthodontics in 1974 from Indiana University School of Dentistry. He remained on the faculty at Indiana for 20 years and most recently served as professor and chair for the Department of Prosthodontics. Dr. Goodacre served as Annual Sessions Committee Chair for the College's 1993 meeting in Palm Springs, CA.

### Sorensen Moves to Oregon



**Dr. John W. Sorensen**

#### **Dr. John W. Sorensen**

has been appointed the Oregon Dental Association Centennial Professor of Restorative Dentistry and Chairman, Department of Fixed Prosthodontics at the Oregon Health Sciences University

School of Dentistry effective December 1, 1994. Dr. Sorensen will devote much of his time to pursue prosthodontic, dental materials and clinical research. Dr. Sorensen was previously at UCLA School of Dentistry for 10 years where he was most recently Director of Postgraduate Prosthodontics.

### Mazaheri is Awarded Cleft Palate Grant

**Dr. Mohamad Mazaheri, Chief of medical and dental services for the Lancaster Cleft Palate Clinic in Lancaster, Pennsylvania** has received \$760,805 in funding over three years from the National Institute of Dental Research to study genetic differences between individuals with and without cleft palates. Dr. Mazaheri is an active ACP member and Director of the College's Membership Division. He will co-investigate the grant along with Dr. Ross F. Long, Jr., chief of orthodontics and research for the clinic.

### Lefebvre New Section Editor



**Dr. Carol A. Lefebvre**

**During the 1994 Fall Editorial Board meeting of the Journal of Prosthodontics, Dr. Carol A. Lefebvre, an Associate Professor at the Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry, was installed as the new Basic Science Section Editor.**

She succeeds Dr. Richard Goodkind who has served as the section editor since 1992.

"We were extremely pleased with the quality of candidates nominated for the position," said Dr. Patrick Lloyd, Editor-in-Chief of the JOP. "Our Editorial Board spent considerable time critiquing the materials submitted by the candidates. It truly was a difficult decision."

A diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics, Dr. Lefebvre completed her prosthodontic training at the University of Michigan, earning a M.S. degree in Denture Prosthodontics. Following her graduate education, Dr. Lefebvre joined the faculty of Northwestern University Dental School in the Department of Removable Prosthodontics.

In 1989, she accepted a position at the Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry, where she is now an Associate Professor in both the Departments of Oral Rehabilitation and Oral Biology. Her funded research focuses on the biocompatibility of dental materials, with results published in nearly all the major prosthetic dentistry journals.

### Mark your Calendars for Future ACP Meetings

**1995, October 19-22**  
Hyatt Regency Crystal City,  
Washington, D.C.

**1996, October 3-6**  
Hyatt Regency Crown Center,  
Kansas City, Missouri

**1997, November 6-8**  
Stouffer Resort  
Orlando, Florida

## ABP Announces Continued Proficiency

In 1990 the American Board of Prosthodontics formed a committee to study the recertification process which was common among medical specialties and was being developed in some dental specialties. Societal obligations, legal attitudes and activities by the federal government have intensified general concern about the subject of recertification. These same concerns have also been expressed by state and national dental organizations. Today, all dental specialties either have or are in the process of developing and implementing some form of recertification. The American Board of Prosthodontics is constantly monitoring these changes and wants to be in a proactive leadership role in areas where our specialty is enhanced and not just reactive to later possible mandates.

In 1992 an insert was sent out with the July Messenger containing information on recertification and a suggested format. The insert asked for members' responses. All comments and suggestions received were reviewed by the Board. A significantly modified format was developed in response to the input received. In 1993, representatives of all dental specialty Boards met to discuss recertification and to present each Board's approach to recertification. This resulted in further modification of our format which is now being presented along with implementation dates.

The recertification process should be recognized as a commitment of The American Board of Prosthodontics to professional accountability and improvement in the quality of prosthodontic care. Achievement of this goal recognizes the commitment of all Diplomates to the life-long scholarship required for continued excellence in the care of their patients.

### Requirements for Continued Proficiency (Recertification)

All active diplomates will be required to undergo a process of continued proficiency (recertification). The following is an outline for the continued proficiency process.

#### I. Certification

Certificates of diplomate status will be issued for eight (8) year periods beginning in 1996.

A. Annual registration cards will be issued yearly on payment of annual registration fees.

#### II. Continued Proficiency Mechanism

##### A. Continuing Education

Beginning January 1, 1996, attainment of at least forty (40) points in an eight (8) year period will be required of all diplomates except those in a Life Diplomate status. A maximum of ten (10) points per year will be allowed towards

the total of forty (40) points. Points may be accumulated in the following ways.

1. Attendance at a scientific session sponsored by a major prosthodontic organization (one point per day).
  2. Other courses, conferences and meeting applicable to prosthodontics preferably "CERP" approved (one point per day).
  - 3.\* Publications in peer reviewed journals (not to include abstracts), (two points per publication).
  - 4.\* Prosthodontic book chapters (one point per chapter).
  - 5.\* Professional lectures given and study club activities related to prosthodontics (one point per day).
- \* A maximum of sixteen (16) points in an eight (8) year period may be credited from publications, lectures and study group activities. Activities of a 1/2 day will earn 1/2 point (three hours equals 1/2 point).

Continuing education activity will be reported yearly on the registration form. All diplomates will be responsible for maintaining updated documentation of their continuing education activity. A percentage of random chosen diplomates will be requested to furnish documentation to the Board relating to their continuing education activities.

#### III. Self Assessment

- A. A self assessment on recent prosthodontic advances will be prepared by the American Board of Prosthodontics. The self assessment can be requested on the annual registration form beginning in 1997. A package of questions with score card will be mailed to the diplomates requesting the self assessment. The completed score card will be mailed back to the Executive Director of the Board, logged and scored. The results, with correct answers and references, will be sent back to the diplomate.
- B. At least one (1) documented self assessment is required every four (4) years and two (2) in the eight (8) year certification period.

#### Summary

To become recertified following the eight (8) year period of certification a diplomate must:

1. Complete 40 points of continuing education
2. Complete two (2) self assessments
3. Progression of continued proficiency will be monitored yearly. ♦

## ABP Examination Schedule Calendar

### Parts 1 and/or 2

Location:

Ritz Carlton Hotel Chicago

Orientation:

February 19, 1995

All candidates report at 1:00 PM

College Breakfast will be held

Monday February 20, 1995

7:00-8:00 AM

Part 1 Written Examination:

Monday, February 20, 1995

8:00 AM-12 noon

Part 2 Case Presentations:

Tuesday, February 21, 1995

8:00 AM-5:00 PM

Wednesday, February 22, 1995

8:00 AM-5:00 PM

Case presentation assignments are made by lottery so it is possible to complete the examination on Tuesday, February 21, 1995.

### Part 2,3,4, and 5

Location:

Dallas, Texas

Dates:

June 18, 1995 through June 23, 1995

## Breakfast for Brain Power

The American College of Prosthodontists is sponsoring its fourth annual breakfast for candidates taking the American Board of Prosthodontics Part I examination in Chicago. This year the Part I written exam will be held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel on Monday, February 20, 1995. The breakfast buffet will be served outside the exam room from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m., immediately preceding the start of the morning written examination. Dr. David Schwab, the ACP Executive Director, will serve as the official host. All examination candidates are encouraged to take advantage of this breakfast. ♦

## Meetings and Conferences Calendar

- February 15-17, 1995** American Academy of Orofacial Pain, Orlando, FL  
Contact: AAOP Executive Office  
10 Joplin Court, Lafayette, CA 94549
- February 22-23, 1995** American Equilibration Society, Chicago, IL  
Contact: AES  
8726 N. Ferris Avenue, Morton Grove, IL 60053
- February 24-25, 1995** American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics, Chicago, IL  
Contact: Dr. Robert Staffanou  
3302 Gaston Ave., Dallas, TX 75246
- February 24-25, 1995** American Prosthodontic Society, Chicago, IL  
Contact: APS  
919 N Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611
- March 2-4, 1995** Academy of Osseointegration, Chicago, IL  
Contact: AO, 401  
North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611-4267
- March 11-14, 1995** American Association of Dental Schools, San Antonio, TX  
Contact: Ms. Christine Shattuck, AADS  
1625 Massachusetts Avenue N.W. Suite 502  
Washington DC 20036
- May 3-8, 1995** American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, Orlando, FL  
Contact: AACD  
2711 Marshall Court, Madison, WI 53705
- May 19-24, 1995** The Academy of Prosthodontics, Tucson, AZ  
Contact: Dr. Edward Plekavich  
4830 "V" Street N.W., Washington, DC 20007
- July 22-24, 1995** International College of Prosthodontists, San Diego, CA  
Contact: Dr. Kenneth Malament  
50 Staniford Street, Boston, MA 02114
- September 6-8, 1995** European Prosthodontic Association, Cardiff, U.K.  
Contact: Dr. W.M. Murphy  
Department of Prosthetic Dentistry, Dental School and Hospital  
Cardiff CF4 4XY, Wales, UK

## Annual Scientific Sessions of Dental Specialty Organizations

### May 5-10, 1995

Annual Session of the American Academy of Oral Pathology, Colorado Springs, CO. Contact: Leslie Davis, Executive Secretary AAOP, 44 Verdin Drive, New City NY 10956 (914) 639-1166

### May 10-14, 1995

American Association of Endodontists Annual Session, Orlando, FL. Contact: Letty Catrambone, Program and Exhibits Coordinator AAE, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Suite 1100, Chicago, IL 60611 (312) 266-7255

### May 12-17, 1995

95th Annual Session of the American Association of Orthodontists, San Francisco, CA. Contact: Hugh Whaley, 401 North Lindberg, St. Louis, MO 63141 (314) 993-1700

### May 25-30, 1995

48th Annual Session of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, San Francisco, CA. Contact: Dr. John A. Bogert, Executive Director AAPD, Suite 700, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611 (312) 337-2169

### September 20-23, 1995

The 81st Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Periodontology, New York, NY. Contact: Barbara Connell, 737 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60611 (312) 787-5518

### September 12-17, 1995

77th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, Toronto, Ontario. Contact: Louise Pochelski, Associate Director Meetings and Conferences AAOMS, 9700 West Bryn Mawr Avenue, Rosemont, IL 60018 (708) 678-6200

### October 4-6, 1995

American Association of Public Health Dentistry Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV. Contact: Helen Doherty, 10619 Jousting Lane, Richmond, VA 23235 (804) 272-8344

### October 19-22, 1995

American College of Prosthodontists Annual Session, Washington, D.C. Contact: ACP, 211 E. Chicago Avenue, Suite 1000, Chicago, IL 60611 (312) 573-1260

## ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

**Illinois-Removable Prosthodontics.** Northwestern University Dental School is conducting a search to fill a full-time non-tenure track assistant professor faculty position in the Division of Removable Prosthodontics. Major responsibilities include didactic and clinical teaching in predoctoral and postdoctoral prosthodontic programs, student advisement, scholarship, and service. Requirements include an earned dental degree from an accredited dental school, licensure or eligibility for licensure in Illinois, board certification or eligibility for board certification is preferred. Salary and rank commensurate with qualifications and experience. Northwestern University is an Affirmative Action/Equal opportunity Employer. Minorities and women are encouraged to apply. Hiring is contingent upon eligibility to work in the United States. Position is available beginning September 1, 1995. Send letters of application, curriculum vitae, and names of three references to: Dr. Russell B. Anderson, Chair, Search Committee for Removable Prosthodontic Position, Northwestern University Dental School, 240 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. Application deadline January 15, 1995 or until position is filled.

**Detroit Mercy-Prosthodontics.** The University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track position at the assistant/associate professor level in the Department of Prosthodontics, available July 1995. Responsibilities include teaching at the preclinical and clinical level of fixed and removable prosthodontics and scholarly activity. Applicants must have a DDS/DMD degree from an ADA accredited school and completion of an advanced education program in prosthodontics, and be eligible for licensure in the State of Michigan. Academic rank and salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. The University of Detroit Mercy is an EO/AA employer. The University is independent and Catholic with Jesuit and Mercy co-sponsors. The University emphasizes personal attention to students and the importance of religious faith. It seeks faculty who embrace the University Mission and Core Values. We have a culturally diverse faculty and student body, and welcome persons of all races and backgrounds. Please send a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and the names of three references to Dr. Arthur Nimmo, Chairperson, Department of Prosthodontics, School of Dentistry, University of Detroit Mercy, 2985 E. Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 40207-4284.

**Detroit Mercy-Prosthodontics/Research.** The University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track position at the associate professor level in the Department of Prosthodontics, available July 1995. Responsibilities include the development of and participation in an active research program, as well as teaching in the didactic, preclinical and clinical program of fixed and removable prosthodontics. Applicants must have a DDS/DMD degree from

an ADA accredited school and completion of an advanced education program in prosthodontics, and be eligible for licensure in the State of Michigan. Formal research training, experience, and an advanced degree in biomaterials science desirable. Academic rank and salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. The University of Detroit Mercy is an EO/AA employer. The University is independent and Catholic with Jesuit and Mercy co-sponsors. The University emphasizes personal attention to students and the importance of religious faith. It seeks faculty who embrace the University Mission and Core Values. We have a culturally diverse faculty and student body, and welcome persons of all races and backgrounds. Please send a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and the names of three references to Dr. Arthur Nimmo, Chairperson, Department of Prosthodontics, School of Dentistry, University of Detroit Mercy, 2985 E. Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 40207-4282.

## PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

**Busy prosthodontic practice available in Minneapolis,** a stable city with impressive growth and traditional economic stability. If you are interested in a low volume, extraordinarily high fee practice in an upscale building with exceptional appointments, please contact Dr. Ronald R. Levandoski at home only. (619) 593-9159.

**Prosthodontist Needed: Doctor retiring but will stay on to transition patients and referral sources.** No competition! Contact McLerran & Associates, Cambridge Group at (201) 299-1172.

**Buffalo, New York progressive prosthodontic practice in spacious modern office,** seeking enthusiastic caring Associate leading to partnership. Bring creative ideas and commitment to growth into the next century.

The practice covers all phases of prosthodontics, including fixed, implant, and removable prosthodontics. Enjoy the "City of Good Neighbors," offering summer golf and sailing or winter skiing. There are numerous cultural activities with an endless list of theater and musical events and professional sport teams. Send resume (to be forwarded) to:  
Box 6  
American College of Prosthodontists  
211 E. Chicago Avenue, Suite 1000  
Chicago, IL 60611

**Gundersen Clinic, Ltd. is seeking a prosthodontist** to join our Dental Specialists Department. Seeking candidates who are: proficient in fixed, removable and implant prosthodontics; experience in maxillofacial prosthetics; willingness to teach residents and staff; graduate of ADA accredited prosthodontics program; board certification preferred; licensed or eligible for licensure in the State of Wisconsin.

Gundersen Clinic, Ltd. is a group practice with over 300 physicians. The Department of Dental Specialists consists of 13 specialists and over 50 para-professional staff. The main campus includes two separate clinic buildings

adjacent to an affiliated 402-bed hospital, with plans for expansion to a second clinic campus over the next few years. In addition, the Gundersen system includes 28 regional community clinics based throughout western Wisconsin, eastern Minnesota, and northeastern Iowa.

Qualified applicants are encouraged to send a letter of application and curriculum vitae to: Len C. Vingers, Personnel Manager, Gundersen Clinic, Ltd., 1836 South Avenue, La Crosse, WI 54601. Equal Opportunity Employer.

## PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES WANTED

**Board Eligible Prosthodontist wishes to associate and purchase established prosthodontic practice from retiring colleague.** Buyer experienced in fixed and removable prosthodontics in private practice setting. Prefer western states/Florida.

Call (213) 658-5579

FAX (213) 655-6776

**Prosthodontic graduate looking for practice opportunities.** Experience includes a 2 year hospital based general practice residency and a 2 year prosthodontic residency including all phases of prosthodontics and multiple implant systems.

Write: Richard Dean McNeel, DDS

335 Edinburg Street  
Metairie, LA 70001

## For Sale

**Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry - Unbound** single issues of the JPD, 1959-1992 for sale as a set only. Very good condition. Reasonably priced. Call (804) 460-1660.

**Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry, Volumes 1** (1951) through 68 (1992). Also the International Journal of Prosthodontics (1988-1991) and the International Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Implants (1986-1992). Will sell IJP and/or IJOMI sets separately. Call (505) 526-4732.

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September	August 1
January	December 1

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