Accreditation on Front Burner

The American College of Prosthodontists has been actively in the battle with the ADA's Commission on Dental Accreditation to gain equal representation for dental specialists with that afforded dental hygienists, dental assistants, and dental laboratory technicians. These three allied health professions are each allotted one seat on the Commission on Dental Accreditation. However, for the eight ADA recognized dental specialties there are only two seats, which rotate among the eight specialties.

"The Commission is showing some willingness to rethink what is obviously a flawed system of representation," said ACP Executive Director Dr. David Schwab. "It is not logical to think that periodontists can represent oral and maxillofacial surgeons, that pediatric dentists can represent orthodontists, or that public health dentists can represent prosthodontists, but that is exactly what happens," Schwab explained.

"The last time the College submitted its proposed accreditation standards in prosthodontics to the Commission for review, there was no prosthodontist on the Commission at that time, due to the current rotational system," Schwab continued. "The hygienists could comment and vote on the proposed prosthodontic accreditation standards through their representative, as could the dental assistants and the dental laboratory technicians and two of the eight recognized specialties. But prosthodontics did not have a seat at the table, even though the accreditation standards determine the scope of the specialty."

In recent months the College has been working closely with the other recognized specialties to address this problem. This issue will be of paramount importance at the July 26 meeting of the Dental Specialty Group, a meeting of all the recognized dental specialty organizations which will include guest appearances by some Commissioners and staff.

According to Dr. Schwab, the potential for a breakthrough on the representation issue is greater now than it has been for some time. "It used to be that talking to the Commission about this issue was like talking to the Flat Earth Society about Christopher Columbus—they did not want to hear the message. Now, a number of Commissioners and staff have expressed a sincere willingness to listen to the specialty organizations' concerns and move forward on this issue. Speaking for the College, we welcome that dialogue."

The ACP Officers have directed staff to continue to press for representation on the Commission for prosthodontics and the other recognized specialties.

Procter and Gamble Partners with ACP

Procter and Gamble (P&G) has announced several new projects that will establish a partnership between the company and the American College of Prosthodontists. P&G will contribute $10,000 to the College's 1995 Annual Session; continue to underwrite the "Perspectives in Prosthodontics" newsletter that is sent to 30,000 general dentists and all members of the College; donate $30,000 to the ACP Education Foundation in 1996 to be used for research grants; and sponsor a satellite conference on removable prosthodontics to be broadcast live from Washington, DC during the 1995 ACP Annual Session.

According to ACP Executive Director Dr. David Schwab, the partnership is exactly the type of cooperative endeavor that the College welcomes. "I have been working with P&G for quite a long time to develop a sound business relationship and explore ways that the respective goals of our two organizations could be met by collaborative efforts. I am very pleased that P&G has been receptive to our efforts."

By contributing $10,000 to the scientific program of the Annual Session, P&G will help the College cover some of the costs of the Annual Session.

Dr. Jonathan L. Ferencz, 1995 program chair, notes that corporate support is very important to the success of the Annual Session. "Even though we will have a registration fee of $95 for members this year, that user fee does not fully offset the cost of bringing this exciting, state-of-the-art meeting to our membership. We appreciate Procter and Gamble's
The Image of Prosthodontics for the Next 25 Years

The image a prosthodontist projects is one of leadership, quality patient care, advanced education and clinical skills in restorative procedures, and a team player in managing patient treatment. This is a healthy image, and if it is perceived by every dental professional and the public, then the prosthodontist will be in the highest demand for delivering quality patient care.

To prosper, we need to change the perceptions that our fellow practitioners and the public have about the patient care delivered by a prosthodontist. The College has postured itself to change these perceptions by assuming the parenthood of the specialty and sponsoring the American Board of Prosthodontics. These actions have established the College as a leader in prosthodontics with the ability to interact with the dental community and the public. This leadership must not be limited to the Officers and the Board of Directors but must be assumed by each individual member. When each member projects this image to other professionals and the public, then we can begin to see the changes in the perception of our specialty.

A first step in demonstrating our roles as leaders is to promote the unification of prosthodontics. The ACP Prosthodontic Forum can be the arena where all caring prosthodontic organizations, the dental community, and related health care providers can gather to help determine the future of prosthodontics. This unified effort will project a positive image of leadership for prosthodontics to the dental and medical community. We should encourage every related organization to participate in this unification process. There are many issues that will need a unified effort to change, including competencies and standards in prosthodontic education, denturism, managed care programs, prosthodontic research and total patient care.

Prosthodontists are respected for delivering the highest quality restorative patient care. We must expand our continuing education efforts to assure that all members are exposed to education that will keep them on the leading edge of clinical prosthodontic skills. Our Annual Session is one avenue to provide this education and we must continue to improve the Annual Session to make it (underline) the prosthodontic meeting of the year. Because some members can't attend this meeting for a number of reasons, regional and/or sectional meetings must assume the responsibility for providing ACP members with the opportunity to meet and learn together through interaction and guest speakers. These meetings can be a wonderful opportunity to project this image of leadership and quality of patient care by reaching out to our fellow practitioners with invitations to attend.

Should we be afraid to educate other practitioners? No. Our main concern should be to seek and deliver quality patient care. If other practitioners understand the principles in delivering this level of patient care, then they can strive to treat at this level or they may prefer to refer these patients to the care of a prosthodontist. We must develop a partnership type of relation with other practitioners and not an adversarial one. By working together we will benefit each other and especially the patient.

Prosthodontic education on a pre-doctoral and post-doctoral level must be maintained at a level representative of the specialty and the discipline. Pre-doctoral education must be evaluated and new competency levels determined to assure proper education in prosthodontics by dental students.

Our dental students are one of the greatest assets available to the College. We must assure their proper education and development in prosthodontics. The College is developing Prosthodontic Career Days in all dental schools to promote the specialty of prosthodontics and to assure a high quality of students attending post-doctoral programs. The standards for post-doctoral education must continually be evaluated and changed to meet the changes in the clinical practice of the specialty. Many new modalities of treatment for the prosthodontic patient are occurring and being accepted as the standard of patient care. These changes must be incorporated into the existing standards to preserve the quality of education and patient care.

The College was proud to sponsor a Prosthodontic Research Symposium on June 16-21 to educate researchers on new principles of evidence-based dentistry. The faculty of McMaster's University introduced the precepts of evidence-based dentistry and related them to prosthodontics. Research and the critical evaluation of publishing research are very important to the prosperity of the specialty in that they direct the current educational and clinical teachings within prosthodontics. Our Journal of Prosthodontics will benefit from the outcome of this training with an increase in the number and quality of articles published within it. The Journal must continue to grow and increase in stature as the College progresses over the years. We must support the Journal by submitting quality articles for publication and encouraging other organization and friends to read and purchase subscriptions. The Journal is another attribute of the College which projects the positive image of a progressive organization.

Prosthodontic patient care is generally a multi-disciplined team approach in total treatment and maintenance. Within this team, the prosthodontist is the master architect in treatment planning and restorative care. His image should be that of dentistry's restorative specialist. He uses his advanced clinical skills and education to direct the treatment for the patient. As partners in patient care with the referring general dentist or specialist, the prosthodontist works harmoniously to deliver the highest standard of patient care available in dentistry. If this is the goal of every prosthodontist then we will succeed in changing the perception of, "What is a prosthodontist?"

The next 25 years for the prosthodontist will be the most progressive for the specialty. We are the fastest growing specialty as evidenced by the growth of the College. The College is in a position of leadership and its members are actively participating in promoting a positive image and delivering the highest quality of patient care. This will assure continued growth for the College and success in completing our established goals. With this success we must remember the principles and the aims established for the specialty. In doing this, we will always project a positive image for the College and the specialty.
This issue of The ACP Messenger contains a wealth of information about the upcoming Annual Session in Washington, D.C. One point that may be overlooked is the excellent hotel rate available to attendees at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City. This year the rate is $126 plus tax, a real bargain in the area.

Hotel rates in Washington, D.C., at the nicer properties typically hover near $200 per night, and some hotels are still more expensive. Even at group or convention rates, a rate of $126 is considered a great bargain.

A member who spends four nights at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City will save a substantial amount of money compared to the going rates at other comparable hotels in the area.

The College always strives to negotiate the best possible room rates for the members. In 1996, for example, the College will hold its Annual Session at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center in Kansas City. The rate for this very upscale hotel in a great location will be only $105 per night.

Look for very attractive rates at the 1997 meeting in Orlando and the 1998 meeting in San Diego.

The College now utilizes the services of a professional site selection company. This company investigates the availability of numerous hotels and reports back to the College. It is customary for the staff and key Board members to conduct a site inspection before a specific hotel is chosen. Once a property is tentatively selected, the site selection company negotiates all the details of the contract under my supervision. The site selection company works on commission from the hotel; there is no cost whatsoever to the College.

After I am satisfied that we have the best possible deal, I send the contract to the College’s general counsel for review. Following legal review, the contract is ready to be signed.

Over the years, the College’s Annual Session has demonstrated tremendous growth. While the increase in attendance is welcome, the changing numbers make meeting planning very difficult. A hotel that appeared to have adequate space at the time the contract was signed can suddenly seem cramped if attendance surges. Every year we contact all the upcoming hotels to advise them of our growing needs and negotiate for more space on an as needed basis.

Please register early to make sure you can get a room at the headquarters hotel, because even with adjustments, space is limited.

For the College to continue to negotiate from a position of strength, we need many members to register for this year’s meeting. By supporting the Annual Session this year, you will enable the College to negotiate very favorable hotel rates for future annual sessions.

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contribution because it is this type of support that give us the resources necessary to provide an outstanding Annual Session.”

“Perspectives in Prosthodontics” has been getting very good reviews from its intended audience, general dentists. With newly appointed Editor-in-Chief Dr. Kenneth S. Barrack at the helm, the production schedule has been accelerated and enthusiasm is high. The second issue was recently mailed to all College members and over 30,000 general dentists. The intent of “Perspectives” is to bring clinical knowledge, techniques, and expertise to the general dentist and dental student enhancing the professional relationship of prosthodontists with the dental community. Dr. Barrack and the Editorial Board continue to welcome submissions from College members for consideration for publication. For further information and author guidelines, contact Joanne Constantine at the ACP office at (312) 573-1260. The ACP Education Foundation will get funding in the form of six research grants of $5,000 each. These grants will be funded by Procter and Gamble and administered through the Foundation. Details regarding the administration of this program are being finalized and will be announced in the fall.

The satellite conference is an innovative way for the College to showcase prosthodontists by presenting a continuing education program on removable prosthodontics to a large audience, including significant numbers of general dentists. The College will provide the speakers and work with Procter and Gamble to determine the program’s content. P&G will fund the production and make it available to an estimated 7,000 dentists across the country. P&G will also duplicate thousands of videotapes of the conference and send them to selected general dentists.

“This satellite conference will give the College great exposure and heighten interest in the Annual Session,” said Dr. Schwab. “It will also reinforce the concept that prosthodontists are the leaders in dentistry when it comes to numerous prosthodontic topics.”

According to ACP President Dr. Carl W. Schueler, the new projects with Procter & Gamble are a good example of his “Partners in Prosthodontics” theme. “P&G deserves credit for working with us as a true partner to help the College get its message out to the members and the entire dental profession.”

According to Victoria Vick, Professional Projects Manager at Procter & Gamble, the relationship between P&G and the College is mutually beneficial. “P&G wants its relationship with dentistry to be very professional and primarily focused on educational projects. We think that we have identified several excellent projects to conduct in cooperation with the College, and we look forward to exploring other avenues in the future.”

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Scientific Program Covers Wide Range of Topics

The American College of Prosthodontists 1995 Annual Session will take place October 19-22, 1995 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Washington, D.C.

Before the official start of the Annual Session, some College activities will begin on Wednesday, October 18. On-site registration for the Annual Session will start and meetings are scheduled for the ACP Board of Directors and the Sections.

College business continues on Thursday with the House of Delegates meeting and the Council for the Affairs of the American Board of Prosthodontics, and an editorial meeting for the JOP. The Board Preparation Course, the Private Practice Workshop, and the Educators/Mentors Seminar are all scheduled for this day as well.

The Annual Session scientific program begins on Thursday with four registered courses. These three-hour presentations will cover such topics as controversies in implant dentistry, sleep disorders and dental technology.

The highlight of Friday’s agenda will be a presentation by world-renowned Professor P.I. Bränemark. Dr. Bränemark will also be receiving the ACP Distinguished Lecturer Award. The combined plenary session will honor both the 25th anniversary of the College and the contributions of Dr. Bränemark to dentistry and medicine. Following a break for Table Clinics, the afternoon will offer two simultaneous sessions, one on current innovations in the field of implant dentistry and the other on dental materials. Each session will feature four leading clinicians or researchers.

Saturday morning will start with off the Sharry Prostodontic Research Competition. This will be followed by two simultaneous morning sessions. One session will be on fixed prosthodontics with four internationally renowned speakers. Opposite this session will be a new format of presentations featuring two multidisciplinary teams. Each team consists of a prosthodontist, an orthodontist and a surgeon. The first team will present a multidisciplinary approach to treating the TMD patient while the other will focus on the cranio-facial team approach to facial reconstruction. After the Annual Luncheon there will be an afternoon session on esthetics which will include a presentation on implant esthetics and one on ceramic veneers. Concurrently there will also be a section on occlusion and TMD given by two well known experts in the field.

The Annual Session concludes on Sunday morning with an exciting group of four speakers addressing topics concerning computer implementation in the prosthodontic practice. In addition to the practice management applications, the use of multimedia will be covered in detail with three internationally recognized experts in this area of expertise.

A full, detailed brochure outlining scheduled lectures, social events, and registration materials will be mailed to all ACP members in July.

ACP Education Foundation Announces Scholarships

The American College of Prosthodontists Education Foundation will award up to six scholarships this year to students entering accredited advanced dental education programs in prosthodontics.

According to Dr. Carl W. Schulter, the Foundation will award four scholarships of $2,500 each to selected students based on merit.

"The Foundation recognizes that specialty education in dentistry is expensive," Dr. Schulter said. "We want to defray some of the cost by providing financial aid to selected dental students who have an interest in pursuing specialty training in prosthodontics."

To be eligible for a scholarship, students must be graduates of an accredited dental school in the United States or Canada. The applicants must also demonstrate that they have been accepted for admission as first-year students in an accredited, dental-school based advanced dental education program in prosthodontics in the United States.

Students accepted into stipend-based programs sponsored by the military, the Veterans Administration, or hospitals are not eligible to apply for these funds.

Applications for these scholarships are now available from the Headquarters Office. Individuals who have been accepted to dental-school based prosthodontic programs may request applications by writing to the American College of Prosthodontists Education Foundation, 211 E. Chicago Avenue, Suite 1000, Chicago, IL 60611. The deadline for receipt of the applications and all supporting materials is October 2, 1995.

College Creates Commemorative Pin

In honor of the College's 25th anniversary celebration this year, a special lapel pin has been created for ACP members wishing to commemorate the occasion.

A silver lapel pin created from the round 25th anniversary logo shown at the left is available for $35 from the ACP headquarters office.

To order a pin, or any other item, please see the order form on page 9 of this issue of the Messenger or call the ACP headquarters at (312) 573-1260.

Undergraduate Curriculum Symposium Postponed to 1996

The undergraduate curriculum symposium scheduled for the morning of Thursday October 19, 1995 has been postponed for one year and will be planned for the ACP Annual Session in Kansas City. According to Dr. Arthur Nimmo, Director, Education Division, "This shift will allow us additional time to prepare for this important project." Planning consultants will meet in 1995 to work out details for next year.
Social Events Planned for Annual Session

To complement this year’s excellent scientific program, the agenda for the 1995 Annual Session also includes a full menu of social activities. Linda Wallenborn, ACP Director of Meetings and Conferences, has arranged for a variety of social events that allow registrants and their families to capitalize on their free time in historic Washington, D.C.

Registrants for the Annual Session will have the opportunity to participate in the following events.

**United States Holocaust Memorial Museum**
One of Washington D.C.’s newest and most popular attractions is the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. The museum opened in 1993 and spans over 36,000 square feet. The exhibit uses artifacts, oral histories, documentary film and photographs to tell the story of the Holocaust.

Tickets to this site are very difficult to obtain. Many visitors are frequently turned away after waiting in line for hours. This ACP event GUARANTEES a ticket but attendance is limited, so register early.

**Welcome to Washington, D.C. Dinner**
This evening event will be a special one with a unique blend of the new and the old—Dinner at B. Smith’s, one of Washington’s newest and trendiest restaurants in historic Union Station. Union Station was one of the largest and most elaborate railroad stations in the world; complete with vaulted ceilings, curved mahogany doors, gold leaf accents and marble columns. B. Smith’s features jazz every night as well as contemporary cuisine flavored with a southern accent.

**Washington’s Magnificent Mansions**
Here’s a chance to explore the stately mansions and posh homes of some of Washington’s wealthiest and most intriguing former residents. You will tour the Woodrow Wilson house and the Phillips Collection, which is the first museum of modern art in the U.S. You will be treated to a riding tour of Embassy Row past many more of the elegant homes and embassies. Luncheon will be at the Sequoia Restaurant in Georgetown, with a view of the Potomac River. The final stop will be at the H.H. Leonard Residence—a five story Victorian home with over 5000 art objects, including paintings, sculptures, glasswork, pottery, china and furniture.

**The Legacy of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis**
The day begins with a drive by the White House, Lafayette Park and St. John’s Episcopal. Then go on to Arlington National Cemetery, which honors more than 200,000 American soldiers. The tour continues to historic Georgetown where you will see the Kennedy House, home to John F. and Jacqueline Kennedy while JFK was in Congress. The final stop will be at Georgetown Park Mall, which offers an upscale collection of sophisticated specialty shops and boutiques in a neo-Victorian setting.

**Capitol Hill Tour**
What trip to Washington, D.C., is complete without a trip to the Capitol itself? This tour starts at the Capitol, home of the House of Representatives and the Senate. It then moves on to Statuary Hall, with a walk across the street to see the Supreme Court, and then on to Union Station. The National Archives and the National Postal Museum are also stops along the way. Lunch is provided at America Restaurant.

**Colonial Virginia - The Home of George Washington**
George Washington’s estate on the Potomac was recently refurbished to appear as it did in 1799, the year of his death. The natural beauty of the facing coastline has been well preserved and has a breathtaking view across the Potomac River. This excursion takes you in to Old Town Alexandria, the town that George Washington called his home. You will see Christ Church, Leadbetter Apothecary and the Carlyle House. Before heading back, look through the fascinating shops and art galleries along Old Town’s main street and waterfront.

**Shopping Shuttle to Fashion Centre at Pentagon City**
This beautiful four-level mall has Macy’s, Nordstrom, Eddie Bauer, Disney Store, Villeroy, Bebe and other specialty stores. Those taking this excursion will arrive at a special entrance at the world famous Nordstrom and be greeted by Fashion Center and Nordstrom representatives before the store opens to the public.

**Down by the River at Phillips Flagship**
Haines Point and the Washington Channel provide the perfect scenery for dinner at Phillips Flagship Restaurant. For over 30 years, Phillips has fostered a tradition of excellence unsurpassed on the Eastern Shore. You can stroll or sit along the marina and enjoy a view of the river, while sampling some of the best seafood dishes in Washington. A private dance floor and disc jockey will be there to spin your favorite songs. Come and enjoy this “must see” attraction.

**President’s Reception and Dinner Dance**
Join President Carl Schulter for an evening of dining and dancing. Help celebrate the 25th anniversary of the College with an evening filled with excellent food, entertainment and dancing.
ACP Recruits New Members

This spring the College extended an invitation to nearly 2000 non-member prosthodontists and prosthodontic students, asking them to join their colleagues in the ACP.

Each individual received a letter delineating the benefits of membership, an application and a copy of the ACP Messenger. To date the College has received over 40 responses to the mailing. A long term goal of the membership department is to develop a non-member database. This will allow the College to make periodic contact, when deemed appropriate, as a part of an ongoing recruitment effort. The current list was developed by the ADA and includes non-prosthodontists. The ACP screening process prevents such individuals from being accepted as members, however. The development of an in-house database will allow the College to qualify candidates in advance.

Prosthodontic Program Directors and ACP Section Presidents will be sent copies of the lists of recipients of the mailing to make personal contact as a follow-up on the initial mailing. Direct contact will allow the prospective members to learn first-hand from current members about the benefits of membership and activities of the College. Through their feedback, the staff will also be able to eliminate names of non-prosthodontists from the database.

Finally, the review and approval process for membership applications has been streamlined to allow new members to begin receiving benefits quickly. When returned to the headquarters office, all applications are screened to ensure they are complete. They are then sent periodically to the Membership and Credentials Committee Chair, Dr. Ivy S. Schwartz, for review and approval. Staff then forwards the list immediately to the Officers of the College, again for review and final approval. This allows members to be accepted at more frequent intervals than the scheduled Board of Directors meetings.

All recruitment efforts are being coordinated by Dr. Schwartz under the direction of Dr. Mo Mazaheri, Director of the Membership Division. “These recruitment efforts complement the ongoing retention and membership services efforts of the College staff. As we grow in numbers, we grow in our ability to be a truly representative specialty organization,” Dr. Mazaheri stated.

The American Board of Prosthodontics

Process for Electing Board Examiners Detailed

The process for electing examiners to serve on the American Board of Prosthodontics was modified in 1994. The change was made to minimize the time between the election and onset of service on the Board. Because there may be some confusion as to what the process is and who is involved, below is an outline of all of the steps and all of the individuals involved.

The Council for the Affairs of the American Board of Prosthodontics currently consists of three Diplomates from the ACP, three Diplomates from the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations (FPO), one Diplomate each from the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics, American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics, and the Academy of Prosthodontics. The secretary of the ACP, currently Dr. Ned B. Van Roekel, serves as the nonvoting chair of the Council. The Executive Director of the ACP is an ex-officio member of the Council.

The demise of the FPO this past year will affect the Council in the following manner. The current members of the Council representing the FPO will complete their terms of service. Replacements will be selected by the members of the new Prosthodontic Forum on the basis of one Council member for every three member organizations, to a maximum of three. If there is an insufficient number of organizations to fill all vacancies, a Diplomate for the ACP will be appointed. Membership on the Council is limited to Diplomates of the Board.

On the first of March, the Chair of the Council for the Affairs of the American Board of Prosthodontics sends out letters requesting nominations for an upcoming vacancy on the Board. This year, those letters were sent to all of the organizations that were previously members of the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations. Next year, the letters will be sent to the organization members of the new Prosthodontic Forum. The deadline for submitting nominations is the first of September.

Letters of support and the curriculum vitae for each nominee are circulated to the members of the Council for review. The Council convenes during the ACP Annual Meeting to select the names of the nominees that will appear on the ballot.

Ballots are mailed to all Diplomates of the American Board of Prosthodontics within two weeks of the conclusion of the ACP Annual Meeting. Completed ballots must be returned within three weeks of the original mailing date. The ballots are immediately tabulated and the name of the new Board examiner is circulated to all of the organizations involved and to the American Board of Prosthodontics. In the event that no nominee receives more than 50% of the votes, a second balloting process is undertaken. The names of the two nominees receiving the most votes on the initial balloting will appear on the second ballot.
College Highly Visible at AADS Meeting

The American College of Prosthodontists was well represented at the recent 1995 meeting of the American Association of Dental Schools (AADS) in San Antonio. In addition to participating in many of the educational programs at the meeting, several ACP members were installed as section officers.

For the Fixed Prosthodontics Section: Dr. Joseph Cooney as Chairman and Dr. Stephen Rosenstiel as Secretary. For the Removable Prosthodontics Section: Dr. Donald Curtis as Chairman, and Dr. James Clancy as Chair-Elect, and Dr. Patricia Nihill as Secretary. Dr. Ashok Soni, the outgoing chair of the Removable Prosthodontics Section was elected to a two year term as the newsletter editor. Drs. Robert Saporito and Arthur Nimmo continue to serve as councilors for the Fixed and Removable Prosthodontic Sections.

The sections meetings are an important component of the annual meeting. Scientific presentations are made on current topics in dental education. Dr. Donald Curtis moderated the Removable Prosthodontic Section meeting entitled, “Student Involvement in Prosthodontics Research,” which featured Drs. Alan Carr and John Hutton who spoke on research programs which emphasize student participation at the Ohio State University and University of California at San Francisco.

Dr. Joseph Cooney moderated the Fixed Prosthodontic Section meeting entitled, “Developing Laboratory Competency Requirements in Fixed Prosthodontics: How much should the Dentist Know and Do?” In this meeting, Dr. Cooney discussed the results of a recent survey: “The Current Status of Laboratory Training in U.S. and Canadian Dental Schools.” He was followed by Dr. J. Michael Leary who presented “Management of the Clinical Curriculum Where Students Direct Rather than Perform the Laboratory Stages of Restorations,” and Dr. Arthur Nimmo who presented “Management of the Predoctoral Curriculum with Reduced Completion of Laboratory Stages by Students.”

Dr. Howard Landesman spoke on the issue of faculty resources in a special curriculum forum: “Cost and the Future of Dental Education.” Dr. Edwin McGlumphy, Jr., participated in a panel discussion at the Special Interest Group on Implant Dentistry.

Abstracts of educational research or new programs were presented at the meeting and were authored or co-authored by the following ACP members: Drs. William Kuebker and Dennis Tarnow. A faculty development workshop on clinical and preclinical evaluation was conducted by Dr. Jack Gerrow. Drs. Thomas Hurst and Robert Saporito participated in educational exhibits.

Drs. Carl Schulter, Kenneth Turner, Ron Woody and David Schwab represented the College at the reference committee hearings and worked on the issue of increased specialty representation within the AADS councils.

The next annual AADS meeting will be held in San Francisco, March 16-19, 1996. Information concerning the 1996 AADS meeting is available from Ms. Christine Shattuck, American Association of Dental Schools, 1625 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 502, Washington, DC, 20036.

Call for Nominations for ACP Awards

The American College of Prosthodontists is now accepting nominations from the membership for two College awards. These awards will be presented during the 1995 ACP Annual Session in November.

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

The deadline for nominations for the Outstanding Young Prosthodontist Award and the Distinguished Service Award is September 1, 1995. Nominations received after that date will not be considered.

The criteria and requirements for each award are listed below.

The ACP Outstanding Young Prosthodontist Award
Criteria and Requirements

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

The ACP Distinguished Service Award
Criteria and Requirements

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

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

Parameters of Care Document Available

Finishing touches are presently being applied to the prosthodontic specialty parameters of care document being prepared by the ACP. Dr. Thomas J. McGarry, Chair of the College’s Parameters of Care Committee, has indicated that after September 1, 1995, any interested member of the College can request a copy of this draft document for review and comment. Any comments must be made prior to the ACP House of Delegates meeting on Thursday October 19, 1995 when final approval of the document will be sought. Interested members should contact the ACP headquarters office for their document copy and to submit comments.
Massachusetts Section Springs to Action

In April, the Massachusetts Section of the American College of Prosthodontists conducted its Spring Meeting Event combining a lecture followed by a pizza and beer party. The meeting was well received by graduate prosthodontic students from the three schools in the Boston area.

The featured speaker was Dr. Norman Hammer, (left of center) who presented a lecture entitled: “Attachments in Implant Dentistry.” The great success of the meeting can be attributed to the organizational efforts of the Section officers: Berdij Kaladjian - President (left), Louis M. Brown - Treasurer (right of center), Daryl Roy - Secretary (far right).

East Georgia Section Member Wins Research Award

Dr. Fonda Robinson, a member of the East Georgia Section of the ACP, has been awarded the 1994 Tylman Research Award First Prize by the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics. The award, which recognizes the most outstanding manuscript resulting from research funded by a Tylman Research Grant for the previous year, includes a $1,000 prize.

Dr. Robinson, an assistant professor in the Department of Oral Rehabilitation at the Medical College of Georgia, presented “P. Gingivalis Endotoxin Affinity for Dental Ceramics” at the academy’s annual meeting in Chicago. Dr. Kent Knoernschild, also a member of the East Georgia Section and assistant director of the MCG School of Dentistry’s prosthodontic residency program, served as her mentor.

Prosthodontic Literature Database

Looking for a compact reference source? The ACP offers a Prosthodontic Literature Database, available to College members at a discount.


A supplement disk is also available which updates all of the references through 1993. The database is currently available in a PC version and a MacIntosh version. New this year will be a Windows version of the database. ProCite will be releasing this new format within the next month. Call the ACP office for more information on the new version.

To order the prosthodontic literature database, see the ACP Order Form on page 9 or call the ACP office at (312) 573-1260.

Sleep Committee Seeks Input

The Committee on Sleep Disordered Breathing is interested in developing a roster of College members who have an interest in treating patients suffering from this and related problems.

Additionally the ACP has an updated information packet on sleep disordered breathing for it’s membership. This packet entitled “Literature Review and Selected Abstracts on Sleep Apnea and Sleep Disordered Breathing” should help ACP members who are interested in pursuing this type of therapy.

Contact the ACP headquarters office for more information on roster inclusion or to receive the reading packet.

Dr. Fonda Robinson

The ACP Messenger
**Health Benefits Tempting Tax Target**

The Congressional Budget Office recently told Congress that tax exemptions for employer-paid health and life insurance premiums will cost about $57 billion in income taxes and $38 billion in payroll taxes in 1996, reports the ADA Washington Report of March 31, 1995. "These exclusions effectively subsidize the price of the fringe benefits, causing people to consume more of such benefits than they would if they had to pay the full price," said CBO's annual spending and revenue option report.

From the CBO menu of options, which are offered without endorsement:
- taxing a portion of employer-paid health insurance, for example, by treating any contribution over $360 a month for a family or $170 a month for individual coverage, would increase income tax revenue by $58 billion, payroll tax revenues by $40 billion from 1996 to 2000; and
- taxing all employer-paid health insurance but allowing an individual tax credit of 20 percent up to the above family/individual levels would increase income tax revenues by $25 billion from 1996 to 2000.

Taxing benefits would remove incentives to purchase coverage beyond the $360/$170 ceilings, the CBO said.

The ACP supports the ADA policy which opposes taxation of health benefits on grounds it would discourage dental prepayment coverage and reduce access to dental care.

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**AAMP Plans Annual Continuing Education Course**

In conjunction with its annual scientific meeting in Washington, D.C., October 16-18, 1995, the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics (AAMP) will sponsor a half-day continuing education course October 18, 1995 on "Osseointegrated Implants in Grafted Bone." A number of speakers will be presenting topics such as "Computer Utilization to Enhance Diagnosis and Treatment Planning," "Implants in Maxillary and Nasal Inlay Grafts," "Implants in Scapula Free Flaps," "Implants in Demineralized Freeze-Dried Bone Allografts," "Implants in Maxillary Reconstruction with Free-Tissue Transfer," and "Rehabilitation of Midface Defects: Surgical and Prosthetic Considerations." For additional information, contact Dr. John J. Gary, John L. McClellan Memorial Veterans Hospital, 4300 West 7th St., Little Rock, AR 72205. Telephone (501) 661-1202 ext 3249.
Sixth Annual Comprehensive Review in Prosthodontics

The University of Michigan School of Dentistry is proud to announce their sixth annual program entitled “Comprehensive Review in Prosthodontics” scheduled for September 28-30, 1995. This three-day conference is for prosthodontists and prosthodontic residents and will provide an intense review of the biologic and clinical principles that form the foundation of prosthodontics. A group of nationally renowned speakers will present their material in an advanced education seminar format and will support their presentations by the literature whenever possible. A reading list will be provided for each presentation. The conference will take place at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry in Ann Arbor, Michigan. For further information, contact Dr. Brien Lang or Dr. Emerson Robinson at the Department of Prosthodontics, University of Michigan School of Dentistry, 1011 North University, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1078, or by telephone at (313) 763-5280. For registration information, contact the Office of Continuing Dental Education at (313) 763-5070.

American Cancer Society Announces Award

The American Cancer Society has recently announced its Clinical Awards for 1996 funding: the Clinical Oncology Career Development Award (CDA).

The CDA is a three-year award given to promising junior faculty who will pursue academic careers in clinical oncology. A successful application must describe in detail a supervised program that will develop the candidate’s clinical expertise and his/her capacity to perform independent clinical/laboratory research. The annual stipend for the CDA is $25,000 for the first year and $30,000 and $35,000 for the second and third years, respectively.

Please note that candidates for this award must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States. The application deadline for this award is August 1, 1995.

To request additional information or application materials contact:
Virginia Krawiec, MPA
Director, Clinical Awards
Detection and Treatment Department
American Cancer Society, Inc.
1599 Clifton Road, N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30329-4251
Telephone: 404-329-5734
FAX: 404-325-2548

AO Calls for Research Papers

The Academy of Osseointegration is presently calling for submission of research papers for presentation at their Annual Meeting February 29 - March 2, 1996 at the Marriott Marquis in New York City.

Scientific research abstract sessions for oral and poster presentations, and table clinics, will be held.


For further information and for abstract applications, contact:
Academy of Osseointegration
401 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60611-4267
(312) 644-6610 (telephone)
(312) 245-1080 or (312) 321-6869 (fax)
Toll-free from the USA and Canada: (800) 656-7736 (telephone)
(800) 416-7736 (fax)

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Meetings and Conferences Calendar

August 2-5, 1995
American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry, Palm Beach, Florida

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

September 14-16, 1995
Canadian Academy of Restorative Dentistry and
Prosthodontics, Toronto, Ontario
Contact: Dr. Jeff Martin
'95 CARDP Convention Registrar
90 Eglinton Avenue West, Suite 111
Toronto, Ontario M4R 2E4, Canada

September 6-8, 1995
September 14-16, 1995

October 7-10, 1995
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Cardiff CF4 4XY, Wales, UK

October 7-10, 1995
American Association of Periodontology, New York, NY. Contact: Barbara Connell, 737 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60611 (312) 787-5518

October 16-18, 1995
American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics Annual
Meeting, Hyatt Regency Crystal City. Contact: Jonathan Wiens, 6177 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, MI 48322-2389

October 16-18, 1995
American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics
Contact: Dr. Robert Staffanou
Secretary, AAFP
1930 Sea Way, P.O. Box 1409
Bodega Bay, CA 94923

October 19-22, 1995
American Prosthodontic Society, Chicago, IL
Contact: APS
919 N. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60611

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American Academy of Restorative Dentistry, Chicago, IL
Contact: Dr. William M. Eiche
404 E. 4th Street, P.O. Box 247
Marshfield, WI 54449

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February 29-March 2, 1996
Academy of Osseointegration, New York, New York
Contact: Academy of Osseointegration
401 N. Michigan
Chicago, IL 60611

March 13-17, 1996
American Association for Dental Research / International
Association for Dental Research, San Francisco, CA
Contact: AADR/IADR
1111 14th Street NW, Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20005

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March 16-19, 1996
American Association of Dental Schools, San Francisco, CA
Contact: AADS
1625 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20036

March 16-19, 1996
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Association for Dental Research, San Francisco, CA
Contact: AADR/IADR
1111 14th Street NW, Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20005

May 1-5, 1996
American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, San Diego, CA
Contact: AACD
270 Corporate Drive
Madison, WI 53714

May 1-5, 1996
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Annual Scientific Sessions of Dental Specialty Organizations

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

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

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 Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics
Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. Contact: Linda Wallenborn, 1777 NE Loop 410, Suite 600, San Antonio, TX 78217 (210) 841-5738

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April 24-28, 1996
American Association of Endodontists
Annual Session, Loews Anatole Hotel,
Dallas, Texas. Contact: AAE,
211 E. Chicago Avenue, Suite 1501,
Chicago, IL 60611 (312) 266-7255

April 27-May 1, 1996
Annual Session of the American
Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial
Pathology, Hyatt Regency, Baltimore,
Maryland. Contact: AAOP, 44 Verdin
Drive, New York City, NY 10956
(914) 639-1166

May 11-15, 1996
96th Annual Session of the American
Association of Orthodontists, Denver,
CO. Contact: AAO at (314) 993-1700

May 24-28, 1996
49th Annual Session of the American
Academy of Pediatric Dentistry,
Chicago, IL. Contact: AAPD, Suite
1036, 211 E. Chicago Avenue, Chicago,
IL 60611 (312) 337-2169
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Quality prosthodontic specialty practice available for assumption in Dallas, Texas. This 15+ year old practice is located in a low rise office condominium. Excellent central location with numerous referral sources in the immediate area. All areas of prosthodontics are performed. Traditional fee for service clientele. Two long term employees with excellent patient knowledge. Fax resume and introductory letter to (214) 437-1189. Call Dan Lewis at (214) 437-1180 days or (214) 618-5202 evenings.

PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES WANTED

Recent Prosthodontic graduate seeking associateship with a view toward partnership or buy in. Several years of private practice experience in general dentistry prior to specializing and more recently experience in private practice limited to Prosthodontics. Training and experience in fixed, removable, and implant Prosthodontics. Especially interested in Washington D.C., Maryland, and Seattle, Washington areas. Please contact ACP, Box 2A, 211 E. Chicago Avenue, Suite 1000, Chicago, IL 60611.

Board certified prosthodontist interested in practice opportunity leading to partnership opportunity leading to partnership or purchase of an existing practice. Advanced training and practice experience in maxillofacial prosthetics and implant prosthodontics; would prefer a well-established fixed and/or removable practice for expansion. Very personable, able to work well with staff members in a quality oriented approach. Interested in relocation to St. Louis, Chicago, or Atlanta areas; flexible based on practice opportunity. Please respond to ACP, Box 2B, 211 E. Chicago Avenue, Suite 1000, Chicago, IL 60611.

Check Your Mastery of Prosthodontic Terminology

Across Clues
1. ______ dimension of rest
4. High noble, expensive
5. Opposite of fossa
7. Like speech but with casts
12. His was a simplex but not a virus
14. Questioned "the hinge axis"
16. Antagonistic surface
17. To round the finish line
20. BU_L
21. Surgeon’s guide to implant placement
22. Forward is to protruded as backward is to ___
23. Biplane minus one
24. Tracing mandibular movements

Down Clues
1. Border molding defines length
2. Put your pattern in a safe place; ___ it
3. Organization representing specialty of prosthodontics
4. Arch seen on horizontal tracing
6. Interdental ______
8. Not arcon but...
9. "In" tooth form of the thirties
10. This mineral is in a famous cement.
11. Tooth colored crystalline material
13. The custom ______ guide table
14. "Dental" for vault
15. Graf Von ______’s curve
18. "Plane used all the time that doesn’t fly"
19. Complete or partial

For answers, see page 10.