College Accepts New Responsibilities

In the wake of the news that the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations will voluntarily dissolve at the end of 1994, the College has proposed that its Foundation administer the Prosthodontic Research Symposium and that the College create a “Forum of Affiliated Organizations” to provide representation for organizations that had previously been members of the FPO.

The FPO Executive Committee voted on February 18 to dissolve the FPO. The resolution, which must be approved by the FPO House of Delegates, reads as follows: “Resolved, that on December 31, 1994, the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations be dissolved, and be it further resolved that any FPO assets that remain be transferred to the American College of Prosthodontists Education Foundation specifically for support of the Prosthodontic Research Symposium.”

Due to financial constraints, the Executive Committee decided not to convene the FPO House of Delegates in September. Instead, The FPO House of Delegates will conduct any remaining business by mail ballot. The FPO Officers will meet during the College’s annual session in New Orleans to sign the dissolution documents, which will become effective December 31.

Discussions are underway between the College, the ACP Education Foundation, and the FPO regarding a transfer of responsibility for the Prosthodontic Research Symposium. The Symposium is intended to increase research training within prosthodontics (see article on page 6). It is anticipated that the College’s Education Foundation will assume financial and administrative responsibility for the Symposium. As a tax-exempt 501 (c) (3) organization, research activities are appropriate to the Foundation’s mission.

The College has also proposed that affiliated organizations be allowed to join the ACP. These organizations would be invited to attend an annual Forum of Affiliated Organizations.

According to a proposal to be considered for final approval this fall by the College’s House of Delegates, the functions of the Forum are as follows:

a) The Forum shall serve as a means of exchanging ideas and information among Affiliated Organizations and the College.

b) The Forum shall provide Affiliated Organizations with a mechanism for bringing issues that affect their respective memberships to the attention of the College.

c) The Forum shall, through Affiliated Organizations, bring resolutions to the College’s Board of Directors.

d) The Forum shall act as an advisory body and assist the College in formulating policies and programs to advance prosthodontics.

If the ACP House of Delegates approves the necessary Bylaws changes to accept Affiliated Organizations as members and create a Forum, then the first meeting of the Forum will likely occur in 1995.

"Steppin' Out" in New Orleans

The 1994 American College of Prosthodontists Annual Session is planned for November 3-5, 1994 at the elegant Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The planning for this world-class meeting is progressing nicely and should provide an excellent opportunity to attend state-of-the-art lectures from an internationally renowned cadre of experienced clinicians and researchers in prosthodontics and related disciplines.

This year the ACP will be honoring Dr. William R. Laney with the Distinguished Lecturer Award and Dr. John W. McLean with the Daniel Gordon Award.

The following is a preview of lecturers and topics:

Periodontics

featuring: Dr. James Mellonig, Dr. Burton Langer, Dr. John Kois, Dr. Oded Bahat and Dr. Gerard Kramer.

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President’s Report

The succession of leadership in prosthodontics from the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations to the College is yet another chapter in the history of prosthodontics. Prosthodontics has a unique history. Ancient dentistry and dentistry as it transformed from the barber chair to a profession consisted of two segments. The first, surgery, eliminated the body of humors and pain. The second was to attempt replacing the missing teeth with a variety of techniques. All of us have seen the pictures of the extracted Egyptian tooth held with gold bands to the adjacent teeth, and of George Washington’s wooden or ivory dentures. Dentistry had not yet learned the reason for tooth loss and how to prevent it. Early dentistry was surgery and prosthodontics.

As tooth replacement became more sophisticated, dentists would congregate to study and share ideas, learning from each other, and improving patient care. Organizations devoted exclusively to prosthodontics have existed for many years. The Academy of Prosthodontics (formerly The Academy of Denture Prosthetics) was founded in 1918. The American Prosthodontic Society just had its 66th meeting.

Regional organizations also have long histories contributing to the local development of prosthodontics. The Pacific Coast Society of Prosthodontists is 64 years old. Many regions of the country are represented by The Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics, the Florida Prosthodontic Association, the Midwest Academy of Prosthodontics, the Northeastern Prosthodontic Society, and the Southeastern Academy of Prosthodontics.

International associations such as the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada, the Mexican Prosthodontic Society, and the International College of Prosthodontists all fortify prosthodontics in their own spheres.

Dentists with interest in sub-specialty areas have formed a number of associations. The American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics (formerly the American Academy of Crown and Bridge) was established in 1950, and the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics, the Northeastern Gnathological Society, the American Equilibration Society and the American Academy of Implant Dentistry also have lengthy traditions.

Prosthodontics, being a dynamic specialty, has helped spawn newer organizations such as the Academy of Osseointegration and the American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry. Thus, prosthodontics is distinctive by the number of strong, active contributing organizations. Many College members belong to, and are leaders and officers of, at least one of these other organizations. However, other dental specialties are different. The American Academy of Periodontology grew from the merger of two organizations. The other six recognized specialties have had basically a single representative organization and sponsor of its specialty board during their existence.

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The Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations was formed in 1965 because a unified voice was needed to speak for prosthodontics. The FPO also took on the obligation of sponsoring the American Board of Prosthodontics. Other accomplishments of the FPO during its 30 years include rewriting the accreditation standards for prosthodontics, defending the existence of the specialty to the ADA, sponsoring “Prosthodontics 21” in 1989, and, currently, the FPO Prosthodontic Research Symposium.

The FPO interacted with the ADA, other specialty organizations, and sent representatives to many meetings and conferences. The FPO related prosthodontics with dental laboratory technicians by affiliating with the National Association of Dental Laboratories and its associated Boards for technicians and laboratories.

In 1992, the College was designated the parent organization of the specialty of Prosthodontics and the sponsor of the American Board of Prosthodontics. The ACP has assumed many new tasks and responsibilities in this position. We are now the organization that must review all actions, reports and positions from the ADA, other dental organizations, dental education, and the state and federal governments with regard to their effect on prosthodontics and our members.

With this responsibility comes the need to be apprised of activities for the discipline which would include undergraduate education, affiliated areas of interest such as TMD and implantology, and dental laboratory technology. The scope of College activities has escalated immensely.

A major strength of the FPO was the ability for the multiple prosthodontic organizations to meet, exchange ideas and problems, and collaborate on projects. However, the FPO Executive Committee recently voted to forward to its House of Delegates a resolution which would dissolve the FPO as of December 31, 1994.

To fill the void created by the FPO dissolution, and to continue the dialogue among the prosthodontic organizations, the ACP House of Delegates approved in November a Board suggestion that the College establish a Forum of Affiliated Organizations. Organizations which have a special interest in or are directly related to prosthodontics will be asked to become Affiliated Organizations of the College and participate in the Forum.

The Forum will serve as a means of exchanging concepts and information among the Affiliated Organizations and the College, provide Affiliated Organizations with a mechanism for bringing issues that affect their respective membership to the attention of the College, bring resolutions to the College’s Board of Directors and House of Delegates, and act as an advisory body to assist the College in formulating policies and programs to advance prosthodontics.

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Details of the final proposal are currently being completed by a committee from the House of Delegates and the officers. The final proposal will receive wide circulation among the sections, their delegates, and the membership so that intelligent decisions can be made in November.

The goal of the Forum is to build unity and consensus in prosthodontics through communication. The value of creating a Forum is to foster harmony, cooperation and progress in prosthodontics. The College believes that there is strength in numbers and cordially welcomes all FPO member organizations to join the Forum once the details are finalized.
The life blood of any organization is its membership. As the College works to represent the specialty of prosthodontics and the broader prosthodontic community, efforts must be made to increase membership.

Although the College's membership has grown impressively from 332 members in 1971 to 2,172 in 1994, the College’s market share has in recent years been going down. Market share is defined as the percentage of individuals eligible for membership who actually are members. In July, 1992, I reported market share data for the first time. Two years ago, the College’s market share was 69.5%. Today, the College’s market share stands at 65.5%, a startling decline of four percentage points.

The chart to the right illustrates the College's membership market share as compared to the other dental specialty organizations. As the chart indicates, the College is second-to-last among the specialty organizations regarding market share. (The above figures do not include student members, who present yet another opportunity for the College to grow.)

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I am pleased to announce that Ms. Marsha Hagney has joined the Chicago office in the position of Director of Membership and Administration. Among her other duties, Marsha is directing a first-of-its-kind outreach to non-member prosthodontists in cooperation with the sections. (See related articles on page 4.) While we certainly have much work to do in the membership arena, the College is in the enviable position of having room for growth. Those specialty organizations that have already recruited virtually all their eligible specialists have little room for growth. However, the College has the opportunity to greatly expand its membership base in the coming years, not only by recruiting all students in advanced specialty education programs in prosthodontics, but also by recruiting those prosthodontists who are not currently members of the College.

Now that the FPO has voted to dissolve, it is more important than ever that prosthodontists join their parent organization, the American College of Prosthodontists.
Burns Appointed Messenger Editor

David R. Burns, DMD was appointed to a three-year term as Editor-in-Chief of The ACP Messenger by the ACP Board of Directors at its October meeting in Palm Springs, California. The ACP Messenger is the official newsletter of the American College of Prosthodontists. This quarterly publication is sent to all members of the College as well as key individuals in related dental organizations, including the American Dental Association. As part of his duties as Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Burns will also serve as a member of the College’s Board of Directors.

Dr. Burns succeeds Dr. Patrick M. Lloyd as Editor-in-Chief. Dr. Lloyd is presently Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Prosthodontics.

Dr. Peter F. Johnson, College President, remarked on Dr. Burns’ selection. “Of all the outstanding candidates considered, Dr. Burns’ enthusiasm for the position made him the indisputable choice. His knowledge and ability to ask the right questions will assure the continuation of the high standards for The ACP Messenger set by Dr. Lloyd.”

Asked about his appointment, Dr. Burns said, “I am pleased to represent the College in this capacity. It is my responsibility to provide fresh and interesting information to the readership regarding matters of importance to the ACP, its membership and prosthodontics in general. The ACP Messenger has enjoyed an excellent reputation in this regard. The format has been strongly successful and in the future I am committed to building upon its inherent strengths and high quality.”

Dr. Burns is Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and is presently an Associate Professor, Department of Prosthodontics, at Virginia Commonwealth University, Medical College of Virginia School of Dentistry in Richmond, Virginia. He maintains a part-time intramural private practice.

Sections Key to Membership Growth

May is “Membership Month” for the ACP, with the launch of a membership recruitment and retention program in which the section president are playing an integral role. In late February, all Section Presidents were contacted, and their assistance sought, for the College’s first organized membership recruitment effort.

The plan involves contacting over 1,000 non-member prosthodontists regarding membership in the College. All section presidents have been sent a list of the non-members in their section, with the request that personal contact be made by an active member in that section. To address the membership retention problem—as many as 100 members drop out of the College each year—a list of delinquent members was also sent to the Section Presidents.

In mid-April the non-members were sent a letter of invitation to join the College along with a packet of materials including a copy of The ACP Messenger and the Journal of Prosthodontics. The packet provides an overview of the activities, programs and goals of the College.

Calls will continue throughout the month of May. New members will be approved at the June Board of Directors meeting.

Chicago Office Continues to Expand

As a part of the long-range plan for the College, the Chicago office continues to expand. Marsha Hagney joined the staff as Director of Membership and Administration on January 24, 1994 in the Chicago office.

Ms. Hagney comes to the College with over ten years of association management and related experience. In her most recent position, she served as Program Director for the American Institute of Architects, Chicago Chapter. In her previous association work, she has been directly involved in membership development and retention; oversight of committees; program and meeting planning; as well as overall management and administration.

Ms. Hagney has a B.A. in Management from the University of Illinois.

On a day-to-day basis, Ms. Hagney will work with Dr. David Schwab, Executive Director, to fulfill the goals as established by the College membership. In addition, she will be implementing an ongoing membership development and retention program, which will be the basis for continued growth and expansion of College activities.

“With membership issues overlap with all activities and programs of the College, it is especially important that Marsha be directly involved with the administration of the organization as a whole,” stated Dr. Schwab.

“This addition reflects the expansion of the activities of the College. Not only will we be better equipped to continue to grow our membership base, but we will assure that we will continue to adequately serve the needs of our existing members,” Dr. Schwab added.

The Board of Directors has also authorized the Executive Director to hire a Communications Manager to assist with public and professional relations activities. Recruitment for this position has begun.

“With the continuing success of the Chicago office we have the talent and the people to continue to handle efficiently the demands of a larger office,” Dr. Schwab concluded.
By definition, the Parameters of Care for a specialty provide the framework for the most appropriate treatment procedures that are widely held within the specialty and which are supported by both clinical and scientific studies. Parameters are designed to emphasize the unique structure of the doctor/patient relationship in treatment decisions and techniques within a specialty.

In practice, these guidelines can be used as a yardstick to allow practitioners to evaluate their clinical procedures relative to a set of minimal standards that are widely held to be most appropriate. Within any clinical setting, deviations from routine procedures are often necessary and the guidelines should not be restrictive.

Through the efforts of the ACP's Ad Hoc Committee for the Parameters of Care in Prosthodontics, the College anticipates having a major influence on defining these guidelines for the field. The Parameters document will begin to recognize and codify those steps and procedures widely taught to all prosthodontists. The ADA at its 1993 House of Delegates meeting voted to re-establish a Parameters of Care Committee to develop these guidelines for all aspects of dental practice. The ADA timetable establishes 1994 as the completion date for a comprehensive parameter of care document. In recognition of this, the College is committed to being instrumental in defining the prosthodontic specialty parameters.

Most of the dental specialties are presently preparing similar guidelines for their respective fields. These documents help define the scope of the different specialties. According to Dr. Thomas J. McGarry, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Parameters of Care for the ACP, "It has long been recognized that prosthodontists have an image problem. Our previous attempts at defining ourselves by treatment procedures have prevented the specialty from separating itself from many aspects of general dentistry. There have been no procedure codes for prosthodontic specialty procedures."

Dr. McGarry continued to explain, "Parameters of Care will allow the specialty to begin to define the many differences that separate it from other specialties and general dentistry. The guidelines do not address treatment procedures but rather concentrate on diagnostic criteria. By identifying those diagnostic criteria that first define a prosthodontic patient and then outlining appropriate treatment techniques, the Parameters document will help define specialty-level prosthodontics. This is an extremely important concept. The ACP is working with the ADA committee to ensure that these diseases most appropriately treated by prosthodontic specialists have clear identification codes."

In discussing other groups outside the specialty that will use the Parameters of Care document, Dr. McGarry said, "The ACP has already received multiple requests from national third party insurers (Aetna, Prudential, etc.), requesting the ACP Parameters of Care document for the specialty of prosthodontics. The Parameters document will present an outstanding opportunity to influence the recognition of the prosthodontic specialty by third party payers. It will also allow the specialty to educate the other dental specialties as to correct prosthodontic procedures and perhaps emphasize the need for timely referrals to prosthodontic specialists."

The ACP plans to have drafts of its prepared Parameters of Care document available to the College membership for review and input. An open hearing at the 1994 ACP Annual Session is being planned so that full and open discussion can occur before adoption by the ACP. Dr. McGarry emphasizes the importance of this concern and encourages members to become better informed.

"Steppin' Out" Program Planned in New Orleans

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Dentures
featuring: Dr. Gerald Graser, Dr. Allen Carr, Dr. Carl Andres, Dr. Robert Morrow and Dr. Ronald Desjardins.

Dental Materials
featuring: Dr. Dan Nathanson, Dr. Francois Roulet, Dr. John Sorensen, Mr. Nicola Petrobon, Dr. Edward Plekavich, Dr. Gregory Parr, Dr. Dale Cipra and Dr. Rhonda Jacob.

Ceramics
featuring: Dr. John W. McLean, Dr. Gerald Chiche, Dr. Lloyd Miller, Dr. Robert Winter, Dr. Charles Goodacre, Dr. Frank Spear and Dr. Robert Cronin.

Occlusion
featuring: Dr. Niles Guichet, Dr. Mark Piper, Dr. Terry Tanaka and Dr. Christian Stoller.

Implants
featuring: Dr. Brien Lang, Dr. Daniel Sullivan, Dr. David Garber, Dr. Steven Perel, Dr. Jorg Strub, Dr. Myron Nevins, Dr. Gerald Barrack.

Practice Management
featuring: Dr. Jonathan Ferencz, Dr. Baldwin Marchack, Dr. John Murrell, Dr. David Schwab, Dr. Robert Schneider and Dr. Richard Jones.

Additionally, for the very first time, this year's Annual Session will offer Limited Attendance Lectures featuring: Dr. Frank Spear, Dr. John Sorensen, Dr. Daniel Sullivan and Dr. Robert Winter.

The program will be rounded out with the John J. Sharry Research Competition, Table Clinics and Exhibits.

The meeting will also provide ample social excitement in a location that will be filled with surprises and memories. The planned social events will include a Welcome to New Orleans Dinner, Re-Acquaintance Dinner, Speaker's Dinner, Business Luncheon, Cajun Dance and Dinner, Gala Presidents Reception and Dinner Dance, numerous sight-seeing events, the 5-K run and daily continental breakfasts.
As an outgrowth of the Prosthodontics 21 Symposium held several years ago, the FPO is presently well into the planning stages for a Prosthodontic Research Symposium. It became clear at the Prosthodontic Research Symposium held several years ago, the FPO became aware of an innovative training program in clinical research being offered at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. The McMaster University program has trained physicians and other health professionals from around the world and has an international reputation in this area. As a result, the FPO recommended that the principles presented in the McMaster program be adapted to prosthodontics and then offered as a symposium to the prosthodontic community.

However, adaptation required faculty who were knowledgeable in both the McMaster concept and prosthodontics. To accomplish this, the Officers Committee of the FPO approved the training of 10 leaders in prosthodontics to qualify them to help conduct the training in conjunction with McMaster faculty during the symposium. The 10 participants were selected and attended training in June 1993 at McMaster University. An additional session at the same site involving the same participants is slated for April 1994. For these training sessions, the McMaster faculty developed and provided a program which is unique for the needs of the prosthodontist.

Initially a series of three symposia at various geographic locations is planned. According to Dr. Dale Smith, Chair of the Prosthodontic Research Planning Committee for the FPO, because of the nature of the material and the instructional methods necessary for its presentation and to assure that participants have adequate access to faculty, the number of people accepted to attend each symposium is not likely to exceed 50.

The first symposium is being planned at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, MI in the summer of 1995. The second is slated for the summer of 1996 at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, NC. The location of the third symposium has not been determined but will probably be located closer to the West Coast. Presently no details are available for registration for these programs.

The American College of Prosthodontists has been an active supporter of the FPO’s research symposium. To date the ACP has financially contributed over $10,000 for this worthwhile program. Updated information will be presented to College members as additional details become available.

**Point/CounterPoint**

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

**Should the name of the specialty of prosthodontics be changed?**

Presently the idea of changing the name of prosthodontics to a name more easily recognizable by the lay public is receiving some interest and discussion from the membership. Dr. Howard Landesman gave a humorous presentation at the Annual Session in Palm Springs, California suggesting that the term “prosthodontist” is poorly recognized by the lay public.

At the same meeting on October 29, 1993 the Sections Committee discussed this topic without resolution. However, it was agreed that further deliberation would be needed. Potential names suggested during the Sections Committee meeting included “restorative dentistry,” “rehabilitative dentistry,” “prosthetic dentistry,” and “complex dentistry.” This idea is not without precedent. In 1985 the name of the specialty of “pedodontics” was changed to “pediatric dentistry.”

What do you think? College members who would like to respond to the question posed should submit a typed, double spaced position statement not to exceed 250 words by May 25, 1994. 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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**College Negotiating with P&G on Newsletter**

The American College of Prosthodontists is negotiating with Procter & Gamble regarding a newsletter concept entitled “Perspectives in Prosthodontics.” The proposed newsletter is envisioned as a quarterly, four-color publication published by P&G solely at P&G’s cost in cooperation with the College. The newsletter will be mailed to all College members and approximately 30,000 dentists selected by P&G.

The goal of the newsletter will be to disseminate information about prosthodontics to a wide audience by educating general dentists in a readable, user-friendly format. Each issue will also contain a patient education section that doctors can photocopy and give to their patients.

The College supports the concept of having an Editor and an Editorial Board. The Editorial Board will be responsible for developing articles, soliciting articles, and approving content. The College’s goal is promote the specialty of prosthodontics to a wide audience. The College believes that a strong relationship with P&G would be “win-win” for both ACP and P&G.

It is anticipated that a final agreement with P&G will be reached in the near future and that the first issue of this professional relations vehicle will be published later this year.
Register Now for AAP-ACP Implant Meeting

Dr. Richard Lazzara.
“Sinus Lift for Treatment of the Posterior Maxilla.”

Dr. William Becker.

Dr. James Mellonig.
“Dehiscence Treatment.”

Dr. Daniel Buser.
“Damaged Extraction Site/Ridge Enhancement.”

Dr. Bertil Friberg.
“ Inferior Alveolar Nerve Transposition in Combination with Branemark Implant Treatment.”

Dr. Steve Parel.
“Fixed-Removable Implant Prosthesis Design.”

Dr. Ned Van Roekel.
“Removable Prosthesis Design.”

Dr. George Zarb.
“Removable Prosthesis Design.”

Dr. Burton Langer.
“Fixture Assisted Prosthesis.”

Dr. Roy Yanase.
“Emergence Profile and Abutment Selection for Osseointegrated Implants.”

Dr. Roland Meffert.
“Periodontitis versus Peri-Implantitis: The Same Disease? The Same Treatment?”

Dr. Robert J. Cronin.
“Dental Implants in the Growing Patient.”

Dr. Ward Smalley.
“Orthodontic Considerations.”

Dr. Eugene Roberts.
“Bone Physiology.”

Dr. Clifford Kopp.
“Esthetics for the Edentulous Patient.”

Dr. David Garber.
“Optimal Esthetics—Restoration Driven Implant Placement.”

Dr. Thomas Han.
“Surgical Considerations and Esthetics.”

Dr. Michael Engleman.
“Implant Failures: the Edentulous Patient.”

Dr. Don I. Trachtenberg and John B. Brunski.
“Failure of Bone-Implant Interfaces in Partially Edentulous Cases: Biomechanical and Prosthetic Analysis.”

Dr. Mark Zablotsky.
“Implant Failures: Periodontal Considerations.”

Additional registration forms for the meeting are available through the College’s San Antonio office. Members are advised to register early, since attendance and hotel rooms will be limited.
Sleep Apnea Awareness Promoted

A new area of professional concern within dentistry is presently emerging which may be of particular interest for prosthodontists. The April 1993 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine reports that 24% of men and 9% of women of middle age suffer from sleep apnea and would benefit from treatment for this malady. New advances in the treatment of severe snoring and sleep apnea are receiving much attention nationwide, and the use of oral appliances is a vital part of this treatment.

According to Dr. Kenneth L. Hilsen, Chairman of the ACP’s Ad Hoc Committee on Sleep Apnea, snoring is not only disruptive to the bed partner and others, but all indications point to medical complications as well, such as increased blood pressure and enlarged hearts. Much more serious than snoring is the condition known as sleep apnea. Here excessive daytime sleepiness is the main symptom and it accounts for tremendous loss of productivity and accidents.

“The main cause of sleep apnea and severe snoring is the collapse of tissue in the oropharynx, usually involving the tongue,” says Dr. Hilsen. “Gravity can cause the tissues to fall backward and close off the airway, resulting in a cessation of airflow. As oxygen is prevented from being inspired, the oxygen level in the bloodstream falls rapidly.”

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In most cases, the body reacts to this situation. “Eventually the brain responds to this lack of oxygen and causes arousal of the sleeping individual and physical movement of the tongue and jaws which restores airflow,” Dr. Hilsen said. “Moderate cases involve 100 to 300 such arousals per night, while severe cases involve 500 to 600 arousals. People awaken in the morning tired, somewhat confused or with headaches, thinking they slept well, when in fact they slept poorly.”

Only in recent years have oral appliances been shown to be particularly effective for treatment and their use has increased rapidly. Physicians are becoming familiar with these devices and are seeking dentists who are able to provide this type of treatment. These appliances fundamentally function by either moving the jaw anteriorly to hold the tongue in a forward position or by raising the soft palate. The airway is mechanically held open by these movements, allowing uninterrupted breathing and sleeping.

The American College of Prosthodontists has identified this problem as one for which the treatment can be rendered by the adaptation of basic prosthodontic principles. Therefore it is one of particular interest to the prosthodontist. Dr. Hilsen’s committee will seek to keep College members informed and involved in this area of interest.

Dr. Hilsen urges everyone to gain knowledge in this field as quickly as possible. He suggests that one method for this is by joining the Sleep Disorders Dental Society which is a national organization dedicated to this field.

Requests for additional information and resources can be directed to:
Dr. Kenneth L. Hilsen
555 North Avenue
Fort Lee, N.J. 07024
or
Sleep Disorder Dental Society
11676 Perry Highway, Bldg. 1
Wexford, PA 15090

Sections

California Section Plans Joint Course

A year in the planning, the American College of Prosthodontists California Section, in conjunction with the California Society of Periodontists, is planning the First Annual Perio/Pros Specialty Course. This course will be held on Thursday evening, April 14, 1994 at the Anaheim Marriott Hotel in Anaheim, CA. Registration for this course is limited to members of the ACP and the California Society of Periodontists.

The program will feature Drs. Gary B. Laine and Melvyn S. Schwarz. The program is titled: “Perio/Pros Specialty Management of Complex Patients In and Out of Implant Dentistry.” According to ACP member Dr. John A. Sobieralski, Co-Chair for the meeting, “Our goal is to address the practical problems our specialties confront on a daily basis through the experiences of our speakers and fellow specialists. We aim to set a path for future meetings that will broaden our knowledge and expand opportunities for frequent interaction.”

Massachusetts Section Holds Well-Rounded Meeting

The Massachusetts Section of the American College of Prosthodontists conducted an outstanding annual meeting thanks to the organizational efforts of its officers and the erudite presentation entitled “Implant Restoration of the Edentulous Maxilla” by Dr. Daniel Y. Sullivan, College member and international authority on the subject. The great success of the meeting was also attributed to members having invited their referring periodontists and oral and maxillofacial surgeons coupled with the unique quality of the section having representation of three dental schools: Harvard University, Tufts University and Boston-University. Dr. David Schwab, Executive Director of the American College of Prosthodontists, topped off the meeting as guest speaker during the luncheon.
Dr. Edward J. Plekavich Elected to the Board

Throughout his academic career, Dr. Plekavich has maintained a private practice in prosthodontics. He has been full-time private practice since 1990.

Dr. Plekavich is a Fellow of the American College of Prosthodontists, a Fellow of the Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics, a Fellow of the Academy of Prosthodontics, and a Fellow of the American College of Dentists. He has held numerous elected and appointed positions in these organizations. He has been a reviewer for both the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry and the Journal of Dental Research.

Dr. Plekavich has served as Associate Editor and Secretary of the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations. He is presently Recording Secretary for the Academy of Prosthodontics.

Dr. Plekavich has research interests in the areas of implant and fixed prosthodontics, completing both bench top and animal studies in these areas. He has presented more than 100 invited lectures and continuing education courses and has published numerous papers, chapters and abstracts.

Dr. Plekavich enjoys hunting and fabricating hunting tools in his spare time.

Examination for Parts 2-5

The examination of candidates for Parts 2-5 will be held in Atlanta, Georgia on June 19-25, 1994. Dr. Culpepper indicated that the deadline for submission of the application form D-II for this examination was April 1, 1994. No extensions of this deadline are possible. Candidates for the June examination will be furnished with information concerning recommended housing and transportation. This information will be sent with the final instructions for the examination. First time candidates are reminded that they must take all parts of the examination in June.

Increased Number of Candidates Take Part 1 Examination

The Part 1 examination was given on Wednesday February 16, 1994 at the ADA Building in Chicago, IL. Eighty-two candidates took the initial written examination. This represents a marked increase over previous years. According to Dr. William D. Culpepper, Executive Director of the American Board of Prosthodontics, "The members of the Board were very pleased with the increased numbers."

It's In the Mail

According to Dr. William D. Culpepper, Executive Director, American Board of Prosthodontics, due to a zip code change for his address, some recent correspondence which have been sent to him have been delayed. Please note his correct address and zip code: Dr. William D. Culpepper, Executive Director, American Board of Prosthodontics, 706 Cumberland Circle, NE, Atlanta, GA 31106.

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Academic Opportunities

New York-Columbia University School of Dentistry and Oral Surgery, full-time, tenure or Clinical Professor track position in prosthodontics at the Assistant or Associate Professor level available July 1, 1994. Qualifications include advanced training in prosthodontics, board eligibility or board certification. Teaching responsibilities would include serving as the Director of Undergraduate Clinical Prosthodontics. Excellent intramural practice opportunity is available. Salary and rank are commensurate with training and experience. Candidates should send a curriculum vitae along with two references to Dr. Robert F. Wright, Director, Division of Prosthodontics, Columbia University,

Practice Opportunities

Washington D.C. Area-State of the art prosthodontic office with an emphasis on perio-prosthetics as well as implant and cosmetic dentistry. We would like a prosthodontist to join our practice as an associate leading to partnership. This person must be a "self starter" and possess both excellent technical and people skills. Please contact:

Dr. Howard Benson
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**Electronic Prosthodontic Literature Database Now Available**

Dr. Stephen F. Bergen recently completed an electronic version of the prosthodontic literature database. The database includes prosthodontic literature from 1980 to 1992, implant literature from 1966 to 1992 and esthetics literature from 1966 to 1992 for a total of 24,810 articles. The entries were edited manually and there are no duplicate records. Each summer Dr. Bergen plans to supplement and update the database.

The database includes a bibliographic searching program PROCITE 2.1®. This powerful program will allow one to search and print references. This read-only reference will not allow one to add or alter the database itself. This software is available in PC and MAC versions on 3.5 inch HD disks. For PC users, DOS 5.0 or higher is required and 29 MB of hard disk space is necessary for installation for both versions. The cost of the database including PROCITE 2.1® is $75.00 (either version) for College members and $125.00 for non-members. Use the order form for reference materials found in this issue of The ACP Messenger.

**Entries Invited for 1994 Community Preventive Dentistry Award**

The American Dental Association, through the Council on Community Health, Hospital, Institutional and Medical Affairs, announces that entries are now being accepted for the annual Community Preventive Dentistry Award.

The program, sponsored through a grant from Johnson and Johnson, recognizes those who have developed and/or implemented significant preventive dentistry projects. The first place recipient will receive a $2,000 check and a wall plaque. Meritorious awards of $300 may be granted to other entrants.

Any individual or organization responsible for creating and/or implementing a community program concerned with some aspect of preventive dentistry may enter. Brochures and entry applications are available upon request from the Council on Community Health, Hospital, Institutional and Medical Affairs, American Dental Association, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611-2678 or phone inquiries at (312) 440-2673. All entries must be postmarked by June 1, 1994.

**Boucher Conference Room Planned**

Plans have been made to honor Dr. Carl O. Boucher with the remodeling and dedication of a conference room in his name within The Ohio State University School of Dentistry. Dr. Boucher was a leader in prosthodontics for nearly 50 years and a Charter member of the ACP. This building campaign is being spearheaded by The Carl O. Boucher Prosthodontic Conference.

Regarding this endeavor, ACP President, Peter F. Johnson said, “The C.O. Boucher Prosthodontic Conference has a long history of excellence. This permanent living memorial to Dr. Boucher is another example of the organization’s devotion to his ideals and the specialty.” Dr. Johnson indicated that he encourages individual College member contributions to this worthy cause in behalf of the College. Contributions should be made by interested individuals identifying themselves as College members. Checks should be made payable to The Ohio State University and sent to the following address:

The Carl O. Boucher Conference Room  
e/o Betty D. Jancigar  
Director of Development  
College of Dentistry  
The Ohio State University  
305 West 12th Avenue, Box 180  
Columbus, Ohio 43210

**Dental Demographics Changing**

Today’s dental students are tomorrow’s practitioners, and the increasing number of female and minority students in entering classes at dental schools nationwide indicates major changes in the demographics of dentists, reports ASDA News, newsletter for the American Student Dental Association.

Among young practicing dentists, one in three is a member of a minority group and one in five is a woman. Women’s enrollment in dental school first surged between 1972 and 1980, according to the December 1993 article. In 1970, only two percent of entering dental students were women; in 1980, women represented 20 percent of the entering classes. Women represented 38 percent of the entering classes in 1990.

Minorities entered the profession more slowly, but their numbers have been rising steadily over the last two decades. Today, about one half of minority students are Asian. Hispanic enrollment has continued to increase, while African American enrollment has remained relatively stable during the last 20 years.

**ACP Sponsors New Dentist Seminar**

The American College of Prosthodontists will sponsor a seminar at the Eighth National Conference on the Young Dentist to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota August 18-20, 1994. This meeting, presented by the American Dental Association’s Committee on the New Dentist, will draw approximately 500 young dentists from across the country. An ADA/ACP co-sponsored seminar is planned to feature Dr. Carl J. Drago talking on “Prosthodontics in the General Practice”. The College has agreed to provide limited financial support for the seminar.

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**Mark Your Calendars for Future ACP Meetings**

**1994, November 3-5**  
Hyatt Regency, New Orleans, Louisiana

**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
Meetings and Conferences Calendar

April 15-17, 1994
6th National Conference on Special Care Issues in Dentistry, Chicago, IL
Contact: Dr. John S. Rutkauskas
211 East Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60611-2678

April 27-30, 1994
First International Congress on Maxillofacial Prosthetics, Palm Springs, CA
Contact: R.E.S. Seminars
P.O. Box 99119, San Diego, CA 92109

April 28-May 1, 1994
Southeastern Academy of Prosthodontics, St. Petersburg Beach, FL
Contact: Dr. Joseph Bodo, Jr.
7123 North Armenia Ave., Tampa, FL 33604

May 6, 1994
Northeastern Gnathological Society, New York, NY
Contact: Dr. Daniel S. Budasoff
140 West 58th St., New York, NY 10019

May 11-16, 1994
Academy of Prosthodontics, Orlando, FL
Contact: Dr. Gerald Graser
Eastman Dental Center, 625 Elmwood Ave., Rochester, NY 14620

June 22-25, 1994
Pacific Coast Society of Prosthodontists, Sun Valley Lodge, Sun Valley, ID
Contact: Dr. Joseph Cooney
UCLA School of Dentistry, Los Angeles, CA 90024

July 15-17, 1994
American Academy of Periodontology
American College of Prosthodontists/Joint Implant Symposium, Chicago, IL
Contact: ACP Central Office
1777 NE Loop, Suite 904, San Antonio, TX 78217

August 2-5, 1994
American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry, Maui, HI
Contact: Dr. Edwin S. Rosenberg
1500 Locust St., #1408, Philadelphia, PA 19102

September 7-9, 1994
European Prosthodontic Association
18th Annual Conference, Istanbul, Turkey
Contact: TUYAP Congress Organization and Tourism, Inc.
Gazeteceiler Mah. Saglam Fikir Sok. No. 21/2
80300 Esentepe/Istanbul TURKEY

September 30-October 2, 1994
International Education Congress of Dental Technology, Tarrytown, NY
Contact: International Education Congress of Dental Technology
42-01 215th Place, Bayside, NY 11361

October 5-9, 1994
American Academy of Implant Dentistry, New Orleans, LA
Contact: Dr. Perry Bingham
80 Doctors Park Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95495

October 22-25, 1994
American Dental Association, New Orleans, LA
Contact: American Dental Association
211 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60611

October 31-November 2, 1994
American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics, New Orleans, LA
Contact: Dr. Carl J. Andres
Indiana University School of Dentistry, 1121 Michigan, Indianapolis, IN 46202

Annual Scientific Sessions of Dental Specialty Organizations

April 27-May 1, 1994
American Association of Endodontists
Annual Session, Honolulu, HI.
Contact: Letty Catrambone, Program and Exhibits Coordinator AAE, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Suite 1501, Chicago, IL 60611 (312) 266-7255

April 30-May 4, 1994
94rd Annual Session of the American Association of Orthodontists,
Orlando, FL. Contact: Hugh Whaley,
401 North Lindberg, St. Louis, MO 63141 (314) 993-1700

May 13-18, 1994
Annual Session of the American Academy of Oral Pathology, Santa Fe, NM. Contact: Leslie Davis, Executive Secretary AAOP, 211 Woodstone Drive, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089 (708) 520-2559

May 26-May 31, 1994
47th Annual Session of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry,
Orlando, FL. Contact: Dr. John A. Bogert, Executive Director AAPD,
Suite 1036 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611 (312) 337-2169

September 21-24, 1994
The 80th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Periodontology, San Francisco, CA.
Contact: Peggy Hoyle,
737 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60611 (312) 787-5518

September 28-October 2, 1994
76th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, Denver, CO. Contact: Louise Pochelski, Associate Director Meetings and Conferences AAOMS,
9700 West Bryn Mawr Avenue, Rosemont, IL 60018 (708) 678-6200.

October 14-17, 1994
American Association of Public Health Dentistry Annual Meeting,
New Orleans, LA. Contact: Helen Doherty, 10619 Jousting Lane,
Richmond, VA 23235 (804) 272-8344

November 3-5, 1994
American College of Prosthodontists Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
Contact: Linda Wallenborn, Central Office Director ACP,
1777 N.E. Loop 410, Suite 904, San Antonio, TX 78217 (512) 829-7236
Dr. Stephen F. Bergen

Dr. Stephen F. Bergen has played numerous roles in the development of the College and the specialty of prosthodontics for over 20 years. Respected by his colleagues as a prosthodontist, friend, mediator, and computer expert, Dr. Bergen is now serving as the last president of the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations. Truly a “man for all seasons,” Dr. Bergen has compiled an impressive list of accomplishments.

As the 1993 recipient of the ACP President’s Award, Dr. Bergen was honored by Dr. Ronald Woody at the ACP annual meeting in October 1993 in Palm Springs, CA. Dr. Bergen’s involvement with the ACP spans 20 years.

In response to this, Dr. Bergen said, “What motivated me to attend and participate in the past 60 Board meetings was the warm friendships I had the fortune to make over the years, coupled with the opportunity to serve the College and prosthodontics.” During this time Dr. Bergen worked with 19 ACP presidents through participation with numerous committee and Executive Board responsibilities. Presently Dr. Bergen manages the College’s computer capabilities as Chair of the Information Management Committee and works with the Budget Committee.

One might think that balancing the role as president of the FPO along with active involvement in the College might be tricky, but according to Dr. Bergen, the progression was easy. “I always believed that the concept of a federation was better than individual organizations trying to reach the same goals. Although it is not economically feasible to continue the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations, the Forum concept being proposed by the College is a strong and workable alternative.”

Dr. Bergen concluded by saying, “Organizations coming together with the Forum will continue to have a formal method of working and communicating together to promote prosthodontics as an active discipline and specialty of dentistry.”

One of Dr. Bergen’s most recent accomplishments for the College will have direct benefit for anyone interested in studying prosthodontics. He completed a personal electronic edition of the prosthodontic literature. This was an important and overwhelming task which took nearly 350 hours of his time to complete. This computer based reference has been newly added to the ACP’s listing of reference material for sale and is described in detail in this issue of The ACP Messenger.

In terms of Dr. Bergen’s future plans for involvement with the College, he says, “I hope to continue supporting College initiatives and to accomplish College goals in the years ahead.” His enthusiasm and leadership strengths have already profoundly impacted the College and the profession.

1994 Officers of the Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics

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(Members: $25; Non-Members: $35)

____ 3. CLASSIC PROSTHODONTIC ARTICLES VOLUME III
(Members: $25; Non-Members: $35)

____ 4. STUDY GUIDE FOR CERTIFICATION
1992 Edition (New Format) (Members: $30; Non-Members: $45)

____ 5. INDEX TO THE JOURNAL OF PROSTHETIC DENTISTRY
(Bibliography spans 1960-1992) 2 binders
(Members: $100; Non-Members: $150)

____ 6. PRIVATE PRACTICE MANUAL
(Members: $50)

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