

## Register Online Now for Annual Session Impact College's future at Town Hall House of Delegates meeting

By Jonathan P. Wiens, D.D.S., M.S.D.

**R**egister now online for the 2006 ACP Annual Session in Miami on Nov. 1-4 at [www.prosthodontics.org/annual](http://www.prosthodontics.org/annual). Learning and networking opportunities abound during the association's primary educational meeting. Attendees can participate in workshops, scientific programs, exhibits and association governance meetings while at the Hyatt Regency Miami hotel. Early registration, flight and hotel accommodations are encouraged because space is limited for certain events.

This year, a Town Hall meeting will convene Saturday morning as part of the House of Delegates Closing Session to discuss a new governance structure. Every member of the College is not only welcome, but is encouraged to attend this important open meeting that will include College officers, directors, delegates and State Section officers and members. Kermit Eide, principle partner of Tecker Consultants, will facilitate the session along with Governance Task Force members.

Two years ago the Board of Directors, led by then President Patrick Lloyd, D.D.S., M.S., appointed the task force to evaluate the College's current governance design with the hopes to improve the ability to be effective and responsive in an ever changing world. Members of the Governance Task



Force include: Chris DiTuri, D.D.S. (N.J.), Greg Guichet, D.D.S. (Calif.), Katherine Lee, D.M.D., M.S. (Ariz.), Thomas Meng, D.D.S. (Neb.), Richard Seals, D.D.S., M.S.D. (Texas), Kenneth Schweitzer, D.D.S. (N.Y.), Robert Taft, D.D.S., M.S. (Md.) and Jonathan Wiens, D.D.S., M.S.D. (Mich). The committee has explored and contrasted the various governance designs of other specialty organizations in comparison to the College.

Newer concepts of governance include ensuring that those who are asked to make strategic and operational decisions for the organization have access to the knowledge, experiences and expertise to make quality decisions. While at the same time, there is a shift in design structure as organizations move away from large governing bodies

similar to those found in a House of Delegates. The ultimate goal is to make the organization more effective, nimble and responsive to both internal and external influences.

A change of this magnitude requires a sense of trust that can only be assured by a transparent governing process; one that allows the clear observance of administrative activities, operations, policies and retains accountability to the membership. In addition, the need for checks and balances remains as well as some form of representation and a variety of other mechanisms to ensure that key information exchange occurs between the grassroots membership and the Board of Directors. These methods will give confidence that best governing practices are being implemented.

Ample opportunity will be provided for comments and queries from the membership during the Town Hall meeting. A series of structured critical questions will be brought forth by the committee with the hopes of raising the awareness of governance design and by providing answers to those and other questions to ease any membership concerns. The potential transformation of the House of Delegates to Regional Trustees will be highlighted.

The Town Hall meeting is your opportunity to be a part of a new contemporary governance design for

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## "And Now for Something Completely Different"

I would like to make a heartfelt plea for all to attend the ACP 2006 Annual Session. Not because Program Chair Lily Garcia, D.D.S., M.S. has assembled an amazing array of unique, gifted and engaging speakers; not because of the hallmark perennial courses including the Board Prep, Implant Surgical Training, Assistant's Workshop, Writer's Workshop, Classification/PDI Workshop, Mentors/Educators Seminar, Private Practice Seminar; not even the inaugural TECHNOFAIR; and not even because of the variety of accompanying stellar social events — ALL taking place Nov. 1-4 in sun drenched and fun filled Miami.

All of that sounds suspiciously like a gratuitous plug rather than a gracious invitation. I have one critical motive to request your personal appearance at this year's meeting. That is to provide you with the opportunity to directly participate in creating the new model of governance for the College. On Saturday morning, we will host a facilitated town-hall style meeting to explore a new way of optimizing each member's participation



Dr. Bruce G. Valauri  
D.D.S., F.A.C.P.

and representation in the ACP. I want to see you there and more importantly; I want to hear what YOU have to say. More details of this session are highlighted in the cover article by Governance Task Force Chair Jonathan Wiens, D.D.S., M.S.D.

He and his dedicated task force have spent countless hours researching, deliberating, debating and developing considerations — all for our future. This is the opportunity to make a significant difference in how we may be able to work more cohesively, more efficiently and effectively in communicating the activities and direction of the College.

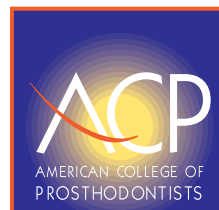
It is essential that ALL College members be there. It is that important.

I implore you to be a part of this groundbreaking event. Your voice, comments, criticisms, conjecture, support, observations and concerns all need to be heard.

PLEASE... BE THERE!

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## EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Stephen D. Campbell, D.D.S., M.M.Sc.

### We Need You All and More



Dr. Stephen D. Campbell  
D.D.S., M.M.Sc.

**L**ike a community... Like neighbors... Like old friends... Like family... We are forever bound.

While we are each different and collectively form the fabricate of a diverse group, we share a common thread that links us all. We are prosthodontists and it feels good.

There are approximately 2,750 ACP members. Most estimates put the total number of

trained prosthodontists between 3,300 and 3,500. We are by far the smallest of the mainstream core specialties. This is a severe disadvantage when dealing with organized dentistry, in any advocate role, when working with manufacturers to grow our ACP Education Foundation, and in providing access to care.

This is why each one of us needs to count more. Each of us needs to be more involved than the typical member of other specialties. It is not enough to expect the ACP and Central Office to provide this or that service. Each of us needs to take an active role in advancing and growing prosthodontics. We all know how great prosthodontics is. Part of our role is to get everyone else to realize what we already know. How do we do this? By being inclusive rather than exclusive. Ask Apple computer what they would do if they had it to do all over again. There are many examples.

As a collective whole we can be much more... a strong parent organization working with a group of committed individuals and organizations to advance all of prosthodontics, to improve the quality of life for all people. For example, look at the changing role and growth of the Prosthodontic Forum Organizations.

The Forum Organizations that now include:

- Academy of Osseointegration
- Academy of Prosthodontics
- American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry
- American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics
- American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics
- American College of Prosthodontists
- American Equilibration Society
- American Prosthodontic Society
- Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics
- International Academy of Gnathology
- National Association of Dental Laboratories
- Northeastern Gnathological Society
- Pacific Coast Society for Prosthodontists

The National Association of Dental Laboratories and the International Academy of Gnathology are the most recent additions. There are several other groups on the brink of joining. The Forum has become a strong, advocate voice that shares many of the same issues. Collectively we can be far more than the individual parts.

We are in a unique position as the parent organization. They strengthen our role, and we serve as a parent organization that ties it all together. Likewise, we serve as their advocates and address many of the issues at the national level they cannot — a wonderfully symbiotic syntheses of our diverse past. We can be a strong voice for Prosthodontics far beyond our own size. We need to continue to strengthen and call on this diversity. As a result, our numbers are growing. We need to plan and better utilize this incredible collective resource.

There are also many untapped opportunities that we need to pursue. For example, dental education has changed. Dental education use to be discipline driven but has shifted to "comp care" models in preparing the beginning practitioner. Whether we like it or not, most schools now use a comprehensive educational model that employees general practitioners as primary care, single provider models of education. They also establish career models for young and growing students. Almost all schools rely on general practitioners to provide the majority of dental school education today. They teach a little of everything, and not surprising the core relates to prosthodontics.

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## New Committee Chairs Appointed



Lisa A. Lang, D.D.S., M.S.

The ACP Board of Directors and the Center for Prosthodontic Education welcomed **Lisa A. Lang, D.D.S., M.S.** as Chair of the ACP Center for Prosthodontic Education. Dr. Lang received her dental degree from the University of Michigan and an MS and certificate in prosthodontics from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio where she is currently an Associate Professor and Head of Implant Prosthodontics.

An active Fellow of the College, Dr. Lang has been involved with the CPE for the past several years as an invited speaker of the popular Prosthodontics Update course. In addition, she has served as co-chair of the ACP pre-ADEA symposium on Electronic Learning in 2005, and is currently Chair of the Education and Advancement Committee and Moderator of the 2006 Annual Session TechnoFair. Dr. Lang is a member of several other dental specialty groups including the Academy of Prosthodontics, Academy of Osseointegration and the International Association of Dental Research.



Col. Thomas Schneid,  
D.M.D., M.S.

The ACP Board of Directors also appointed **Col. Thomas Schneid, D.M.D., M.S.** as Chair of the Federal Services Committee. Formerly a Special Interest Group of the College, the Federal Services Committee is now an official committee of the Board. Col. (Dr.) Schneid received his dental degree from the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia and an M.S. from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. He earned certificates in prosthodontics and maxillofacial prosthetics from the Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio where he is currently Program Director of the USAF Prosthodontics Residency Program.

Col. (Dr.) Schneid is a Fellow of the College and was actively involved in the Federal Services Special Interest Group. He also is a member of the American Dental Association.

## Prosthodontic Standards Review Set

By Ronald D. Woody, D.D.S., Commissioner (Prosthodontics), ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation and Chair of the Prosthodontic Review Committee

**T**he ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation issued an assessment of prosthodontic standards to all prosthodontic program directors in June. This 2006 Prosthodontic Education Accreditation Standards Validity and Reliability Study is the first validity and reliability study for prosthodontic standards.

The Commission determines accreditation standards assessment based on a formula equal to the minimum academic length of the accredited program plus three years, which is six years for prosthodontic programs. The existing Prosthodontic Standards were implemented Jan. 1, 2000, which results in 2006 as the assessment year.

The ACP will remain in close communication with the prosthodontic program directors to help ensure 100 percent response to the validity and reliability study. The results will be an important foundation for the current status,

existing changes and future development of programs. The study survey is based on a five-point rating scale along with written comments on each section of the Prosthodontic Standards.

Results data will be analyzed and sent to the Prosthodontic Review Committee in January where one of the following may result:

- Authorization of a comprehensive revision of the standards
- Revision of specific sections of the standards
- Refinement/clarification of portions of the standards or
- No change in the standards but use of the results in the next revision.

Recommendations from the Review Committee will be reported to the CDA at the January meeting. All program directors are urged to complete the survey in a timely manner and make a positive impact as the specialty is poised to shape its future.

### At Your Service...

For questions regarding your membership, ACP programs and events or general inquiries, please contact the ACP headquarters at 800-378-1260; fax: 312-573-1257 or visit our Web site at [www.prosthodontics.org](http://www.prosthodontics.org).

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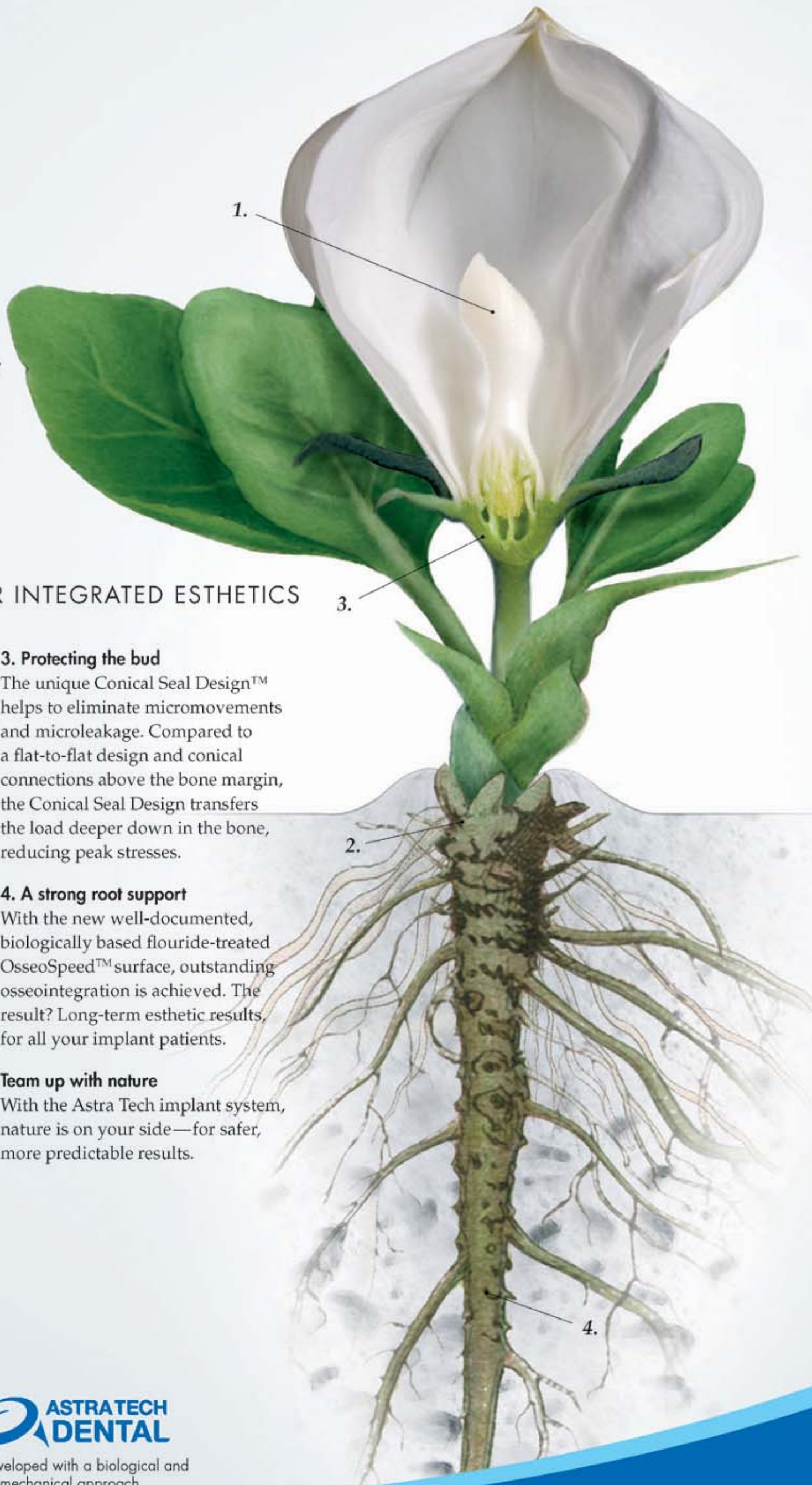
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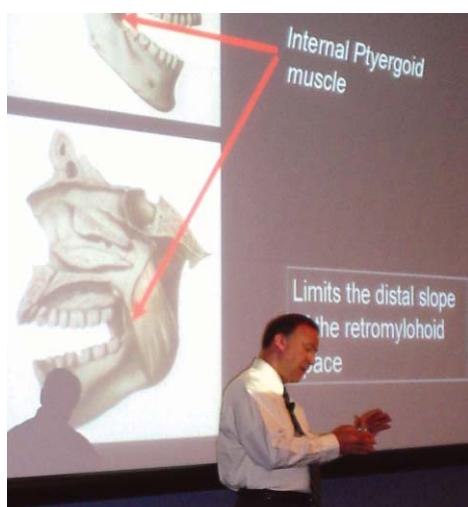
## May Denture Course Receives High Marks

On May 5-6 the American College of Prosthodontists Center for Prosthodontic Education hosted a successful course on complete dentures at the Nobel Esthetics Training Institute in Mahwah, N.J. The two-day event, which scored high marks on participant satisfaction, was well received by attendees.

Course speakers Frank Lauciello, D.D.S., Robert Kreyer, C.D.T., and M. Nader Sharifi, D.D.S., M.S. engaged participants during their presentations on topics such as tissue/occlusion reconditioning, anatomy of the edentulous mouth, denture tooth



Participants practice using the Nobel Biocare overdenture restorative components during the hands-on implant portion of the course.



Frank Lauciello, D.D.S. lectures on the anatomy of the edentulous mouth.

selection, denture esthetics and denture alternatives. The course included a hands-on workshop, as well as an optional tour of the Nobel Esthetics facility, which was described by one attendee as "enlightening." Co-sponsored by Nobel Biocare and Ivoclar, the course attracted participants from across the country including ACP members, ACP Alliance technician members, dental technicians and prosthodontic residents.

## Missed the Course?

If you missed the Complete Denture Update course held this spring in Mahwah, N.J., mark your calendars now to attend the fall course coming Sept. 15-16 at the Georgia Tech Global Learning and Conference Center in Atlanta. The slightly modified two-day program will include additional topics on edentulism in the U.S., strategies for trouble shooting complete and partial dentures, implementing implants into your removable practice, and trouble shooting implants and removable dentures. Program speakers include Lyndon Cooper, D.D.S. from the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry; David Felton, D.D.S., M.S., also from the UNC School of Dentistry; Robert Kreyer, C.D.T. of Kreyer Dental Laboratories; Frank Lauciello, D.D.S. with Ivoclar Vivadent and Dr. Donald Ranly from Georgia Tech.

This course is designed for students/residents, dental technicians, general dentists and prosthodontists interested in receiving the latest information on complete denture treatment

and planning for the edentulous patient. Watch your mail for the registration brochure!

## ACP Prosthodontics Update – Same Great Course, New Date and Location

ACP's popular Prosthodontics Update course is moving to Boston in April 2007. This three-day program featuring many of the nation's top dental speakers is being planned for April 12-14, 2007. Course Director and Moderator, Kenneth A. Malament, D.D.S. will once again play host to an exceptional program that features the latest evidence-based concepts in esthetics, restorative, and prosthodontic procedures.

A comprehensive, one-of-a-kind program, the course will enable dental professionals of all levels to brush up on their knowledge of contemporary prosthodontics, while gaining a competitive edge from receiving the latest state-of-the-art information.

## Implant Courses – Surgical Training

Are you interested in incorporating implants into your practice? Perhaps you're already doing so and would like to increase your confidence and/or expand your knowledge and skills for better treatment planning, patient care and communication? No matter what your interest or skill level, the ACP CPE offers several didactic and surgical implant

training courses that can help you meet your professional goals.

## Introduction to Implant Surgery Dec. 10-12

Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, Loma Linda, Calif.

This three-day program provides a comprehensive learning experience in the surgical and restorative aspects of implant dentistry. The focus of the course will be on providing safe, predictable, clinically-based outcomes, while expanding the scope of diagnosis, treatment planning, and delivery of state-of-the-art care for the edentulous patient.

Course faculty, led by 20-year implant veteran Jaime Lozada, D.D.S. includes: Charles Goodacre, D.D.S., M.S.D; Joseph Kan, D.D.S.; Tony Daher, D.D.S; and Dr. Alejandro Kleinman. Leading specialists in the areas of implant and restorative dentistry, this first-rate team has designed a dynamic program specifically for the prosthodontist or general dentist with limited working knowledge of dental implants. Participants will have the opportunity to receive hands-on surgical training and participate in a live implant surgery to enhance their learning experience. The course is limited to a maximum of 12 participants. Be on the lookout for the registration brochure.



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## Enhancing Prosthodontic Faculty: the Problem of Perception

By Kent L. Knoernschild, D.M.D., M.S.

As registration begins for this year's meeting and attendees ponder which sessions are a must for their schedules, a look back at the 2005 Educators' Mentors & Predoctoral Educators' Facilitated Workshop may enlighten those considering this year's seminar.

The day-long educators' mentoring session in Los Angeles was the first of its kind and well-received by attendees. Predoctoral and postdoctoral prosthodontic educators met with professional facilitator Kermit Eide, principle partner of Tecker Consultants, for a two-fold purpose: to create enthusiasm for the specialty among dental and graduate students, and to maintain interest and understanding of the specialty among those who do not select prosthodontic specialty training. The session evolved into an exciting discussion that centered on challenges facing prosthodontic student recruitment as well as goals that are critical to positive perception of the prosthodontics as a specialty.

Attendees identified five issues critical in generating enthusiasm and broadening prosthodontics influence in academic and in private practice communities. First, a focus on the recruitment, retention and mentoring of prosthodontic faculty. Second, a focus on well-planned and well-managed therapy, which places prosthodontics as the diagnosis and treatment planning leaders at the forefront. Next, learning emphasis in dental curriculum must be founded on diagnosis and treatment planning rather than products and procedures. Then, the reliance of other specialties on prosthodontics must be stressed, and this emphasizes opportunities for working partnerships at academic and clinical care levels. Finally, attendees stressed the that marketing of prosthodontics as a specialty to students, faculty, the private practice community, and to the public is critical to continuing building the identity of the specialty. Attendees believed these strategies would contribute to meeting the purpose of creating enthusiasm and understanding about prosthodontists are critical contributors in academic and private practice environments.

The afternoon session included informal Personality Preference Survey, and attendees identified a variety of prosthodontist problem solving traits. Based on the PPS results, prosthodontists were commonly described as: (1) serious and quiet; (2) succeed by concentration and thoroughness; (3) practical,

logical, realistic and dependable; (4) well-organized; (5) takes responsibility; (6) work steadily toward goals regardless of distractions; and (7) possess a natural head for business or mechanics.

Analysis of strengths and concerns regarding prosthodontists' traits occurred through group discussions. Groups believed these traits could be ideal for prosthodontists in academic or private practice due the need for organization, responsibility and great attention to detail in meeting responsibilities. However, some groups indicated concern that prosthodontist could be perceived as critical, rigid and inflexible. They suggested this may not make the best connection with every student.

From these discussions, attendees developed preferred scenarios for the specialty. They agreed that prosthodontics should have a strong identify in academic, private practice and community settings. In particular, attendees had visions of highly trained prosthodontic faculty as educators who have capability to make adjustments to student learning styles. Learning would have a strong evidence-based component. Students would effectively be capable to recognize complexity in patient need and treat or refer as indicated.

In summary, the group agreed that prosthodontists have broad understanding of individual needs of students, faculty and patients in various settings. Prosthodontists have broad training and take responsibility as the architects of complex treatment plans. They do the "coolest stuff" in dentistry, and it takes a person with special problem solving skills. Attendees agreed as soon as students, faculty and the private practice community appreciate this, everyone will have enthusiasm for prosthodontics.

The 2006 Educators' Mentoring & Predoctoral Educators' Workshop is set for Wednesday, Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dr. Knoernschild will be joined by Lisa A. Lang, D.D.S., M.S. as moderators. The focus, Advancing Predoctoral and Postdoctoral Prosthodontic Curriculum, will address innovation in curriculum development and student assessment using active leaning and multimedia formats.

To register for this workshop, and all 2006 Annual Session functions, go to [www.prosthodontics.org/annual](http://www.prosthodontics.org/annual).

## Annual Session Table Clinic Invitation

By Ivy S. Schwartz, D.D.S., M.S.  
Chair, ACP 2006 Table Clinics Session

Please accept my invitation to present a table clinic during ACP's 2006 Annual Session. The table clinics session is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 2, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

A table clinic can be a presentation of research results, clinical outcomes, laboratory techniques or topics of general interest to ACP members and guests. Commercial presentations are not appropriate for this session. The table clinic format will be limited to poster presentations and/or displays. Slide projectors are not permitted.

If you are interested, complete the online application and e-mail it to me before the Aug. 15 deadline. To download an application, go to

[www.prosthodontics.org](http://www.prosthodontics.org) and click the Annual Session link at the top of the page. Please invite colleagues, residents and dental students to participate in the table clinics session. A list of requirements and recommendations for table clinic presentations also is available online. The table clinic abstracts, a required part of the application, will be published in an issue of the *Messenger* following the meeting.

Two judged competitions will be conducted at the table clinics session. One competition will be for prosthodontic residents. Current graduate students or clinicians who have completed their graduate training during the year of the competition are eligible for the competition. The second competi-

tion will be for dental students. Winners of the competitions will receive cash awards and invitations to the Annual Luncheon as guests of the ACP.

Table clinicians must register and pay the appropriate registration fees for the meeting. As an enticement for increased participation, however, a dental student who presents a table clinic will receive a refund of his/her Annual Session registration fee. Registration information is available from online at [www.prosthodontics.org/annual](http://www.prosthodontics.org/annual).

Thank you for supporting the table clinics session and the American College of Prosthodontists. I look forward to hearing from you soon and seeing you at the Annual Session.

## The Journal of Prosthodontics Presents "Searching the Literature for Authors and Clinicians"

By Alethea B. Gerding  
Journal of Prosthodontics Managing Editor

You have stacks of journals in your office; you know you can search PubMed or MEDLINE to access a vast body of prosthodontics research. You want to find the answer to an interesting clinical question, or want to write a manageable literature review for your manuscript. All the information available can be more than a little overwhelming.

How do you even begin to find the answer to the interesting question that arose with this morning's patient? Or how do you narrow your literature search to a manageable list as you begin to write a manuscript?

For all authors and clinicians who are overwhelmed by the vast body of published literature, the *Journal of Prosthodontics* presents the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual

Writers' Workshop. The session featured in the Wednesday, Nov. 1 line-up, from 2 to 5 p.m., is lead by Journal Editor-in-Chief David Felton, D.D.S., M.S., F.A.C.P., and Kate McGraw, M.A., M.L.S., the Library Liaison for the UNC School of Dentistry. The dynamic duo will show you tips and tricks to manage the extensive literature available.

How do you find what you are looking for? How do you narrow your search to the best and most relevant literature? How do you use the latest online tools to make your search quicker? Learn all this and more at the Writers' Workshop.

Registration for the workshop is part of the 2006 Annual Session registration online at [www.prosthodontics.org/annual](http://www.prosthodontics.org/annual). We hope to see you there!

### Register Online Now

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the College, strengthening and making your specialty more effective. Make plans now to be there for this exciting and incredibly important session.

For more information about all Annual Session has to offer, check out the Miami 2006 Annual Session registration brochure enclosed with this issue of the *Messenger* or go to [www.prosthodontics.org/annual](http://www.prosthodontics.org/annual).

Please note two schedule corrections – Saturday, Nov. 4, the 7 a.m. Navy Breakfast (as published on Page 8 of the registration brochure) is actually the VA Breakfast. Also, the 9 a.m. Implant Training Course (as published on Page 8 of the registration brochure) actually begins at 8 a.m.

# MEMBER NEWS

## New Members

(Approved by the Board of Directors during the April and May conference call)

### Student Members

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Dr. Jeff Melton  
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Dr. Keith Robinson

### Reinstated Memberships

Dr. Frieda V. Brookshire  
Dr. Thomas William Hummert

Dr. Kunal Lal  
Dr. Toni T. Neumeier

## In Memorial

The College and the Board of Directors remember the following colleagues who are deceased:

Dr. Louis Blatterfein  
Dr. Stanley Cohen  
Dr. Keith DeSort  
Dr. James Fairchild  
Dr. McClane Felt  
Dr. William Filler  
Dr. James Granata  
Dr. Raleigh Holt Jr.  
Dr. Gerald Kramer  
Dr. Wallace Lancaster  
Dr. William Masters  
Dr. Charles Moore  
Dr. Remo Sinibaldi  
Dr. R. Sheldon Stein

## 2006 ACP Undergraduate Achievement Award Recipients

Each year the American College of Prosthodontists presents the ACP Undergraduate Achievement Award to graduating dental students who have demonstrated outstanding academic excellence and clinical proficiency in Prosthodontics. This year the recipients of the award include:

Kara Arnold, *University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry*  
Conor Casey, *University of Minnesota School of Dentistry*  
Mi Young Chung, *University of California at Los Angeles School of Dentistry*  
Richard Dath Collins, *University of Texas Health Science Center Houston Dental Branch*  
Alvin Dennis, *University of Florida College of Dentistry*  
Joshua A. Drake, *University of Alabama School of Dentistry at UAB*  
Wade Dressler, *University of Maryland Baltimore College of Dental Surgery*  
Jennifer A. Ehrlich, *Oregon Health and Science University School of Dentistry*  
Jennifer Ficzyz, *University of Saskatchewan College of Dentistry*  
Adam Ford, *University of Washington Health Sciences School of Dentistry*  
Jocelyn K. Freeman, *Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine*  
Patricia H. Genho, *Creighton University School of Dentistry*  
Frank E. Gibbons, *Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine*  
James James III, *Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry*  
Sarah Jones, *University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dental School*  
David J. Kachelmeyer, *Marquette University School of Dentistry*  
Hye-Jin Kim, *State University of New York at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine*  
Jong Lee, *University of North Carolina School of Dentistry*  
Joshua C. Lee, *University of Tennessee College of Dentistry*  
Mark Ludlow, *University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine*  
Michael R. Main, *University of Iowa College of Dentistry*  
Maryse Manasse, *University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey, New Jersey Dental School*  
Eleni Michailidis, *Columbia University College of Dental Medicine*  
Cindy B. Nichols, *Medical University of South Carolina College of Dental Medicine*  
Alex George Pappas, *State University of New York at Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine*  
Meschgan Popal, *Loma Linda University School of Dentistry*  
Jeffrey J. Rockwood, *University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry*  
Gregory Rozier, *Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry*  
Michael Stephen Ryan, *Baylor College of Dentistry Texas A&M University System Health Science Center*  
Bart A. Samuelson, *University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry*  
Lucero Sanabria, *New York University College of Dentistry*  
Jayashree Savur, *University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine*  
Kellie Michelle Schaub, *Indiana University School of Dentistry*  
Benjamin Leon Schrock, *University of Mississippi School of Dentistry*  
Kelly Lynn Smith, *University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center School of Dentistry*  
Peter Inserk Son, *Tufts University School of Dental Medicine*  
Ya-Ting Tsai, *Temple University School of Dentistry*

# ADEA UPDATE

## ADEA Summit to Address Important Issues Facing Specialty Education

By Gina Luke

Director, Legislative Policy Development, American Dental Education Association

The American Dental Education Association's Second Summit on Advanced Dental Education will take place Dec. 7-9 at the Wyndham Baltimore Inner Harbor in Baltimore, Md. The theme of the meeting, "The Convergence of Specialties in Advanced Dental Education: Challenges and Opportunities" is timely and provocative.

Dental educators have entered into an era that requires innovative perspectives, flexibility and change from "traditional" models and educational processes to visionary models that require action to thrive and progress.

Participants will explore contemporary and emerging issues facing residency programs, residents and academic dental institutions. Through the use of an automated response system, participants will prioritize recommendations and potential actions that can be forwarded to the ADEA Board of Directors and specialty groups in the following areas:

- increasing overlap of education standards

among the dental disciplines, the recognition of non-specialty interest areas in general dentistry, the effects on the advanced dental education system and scope of practice;

- identifying resources that are necessary to help maintain and sustain advanced dental education programs so that they may thrive in a changing educational environment; and
- exploring access to dental care and the role of graduates of advanced dental education programs in improving access to care for underserved populations.

The Summit will provide program directors and interested partners an opportunity to continue the dialogue begun at Summit I, which was held in 2004. A complete brochure will become available shortly. Open registration will commence on June 19. The registration fee is \$249 each. Participation is limited to 200 participants. For more information about the Summit contact Gina Luke at Luke@ADEA.org.

## Editor's Message

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Consider that this group of dental educators committed to the academic environment and the development of the new dentist has no collective identity. No national organization that represents them. No national organization that provides them support, continuing education and a means to communicate. They teach prosthodontics and have no national organization to identify with relative to this role, to participate in... Operative Dentistry? No. The Academy of General Dentistry? No. The American Dental Education Association? No.

Our reputation with dental students and dental institutions are in part at the whim of how this group views us. These are decisions made individual-by-individual and school-by-school. Doesn't it make sense to include them rather than exclude them? To offer them an identity and resources linked to prosthodontics and the College.

This has the potential of providing a positive direct link to every predoctoral student in the United States. So they can learn more about

us through positive support of our general practitioner and educator colleagues.

As academic affiliates they could develop an identity linked to the ACP. Imagine the strength that would provide in communicating to dental students, schools and administrators. To have a group of 300, 400 or even 500 educators who are involved in preparing students. Isn't it time to include them? What better way to reach out to and include a group in need that would benefit prosthodontics, prosthodontic education, our advanced prosthodontic programs and our specialty?

It is time to extend a hand. They can be our ally or our worst enemy working against us. We must earn their respect — their vote of confidence so that they too carry the torch and realize what we already know.... How great prosthodontics and being a prosthodontist is. What a prosthodontist really is and how we are different. Then every dental student and dean in the United States will know as well.

## PASS 2007 Announces Upgrades to Benefit Applicants and Program Directors

By Anne Wells, Ed.D.

Associate Executive Director for Application Services  
American Dental Education Association

The Postdoctoral Application Support Service, a centralized application service for advanced dental education programs provided by the American Dental Education Association, is proud to announce the launch of the 2007 PASS application cycle.

Major technology upgrades and a "makeover" of PASS simplify this year's application process and make it easier for applicants advanced dental education programs to monitor the status of their applications.

Advanced dental education program directors also benefit from new features offered through the Program Directors' Portal, including:

- **Ability to download applicant information online** as soon as applications are complete. Program directors no longer have to wait for mailed applications to arrive in their offices to identify and initiate contact with applicants. (Programs will continue to receive printed applications. As in the past, all completed applications will be scheduled to arrive at your program on or before your application deadline.)
- **Ability to view information about those with incomplete applications.** Traditionally, PASS mails only completed applications to programs. We know it is important to many program directors to identify and initiate contact with applicants in their pipelines. Using the new portal, program directors can review academic information for and initiate contact with those who have not yet completed their applications.

PASS will provide access to the Program Directors Portal to participating programs around July 1. Included will be information about accessing the portal, adding other staff users to your portal access, as well as instructions for navigating the portal, including how to view applicant information online. The data structure for applicant information will also be provided. Application processing and mailings will begin in late July.

More than 490 advanced dental education programs in 13 disciplines participate in PASS. Eighteen prosthodontics programs currently participate in PASS.

The standard set of materials that PASS sends to programs on behalf of each applicant includes:

- biographical and background information
- an essay or personal statement
- a two-page curriculum vitae
- a photocopy of an official dental school transcript
- up to three Professional Evaluations (evaluations/recommendations submitted by evaluators on PASS-provided forms)
- an Institution Evaluation (evaluation from the Dean's Office of the dental school attended, including GPA, rank in class, National Board Scores, and evaluation of candidate's suitability for advanced dental education).

Moreover, participating programs are featured in the PASS Search Engine, which gives your program high visibility among candidates for positions in advanced dental education programs.

It's not too late to participate in PASS 2007. Simply download, complete, and fax the New Program Participation Form at the PASS Web site ([www.adea.org/pass](http://www.adea.org/pass) > Dental Programs/Dental Schools > New Program Participation Information).

To learn more about PASS, visit our Web site, [www.adea.org/pass](http://www.adea.org/pass), or contact Yolanda Jones, PASS Operations Manager, at 202-289-7201, ext. 190.

## How to Avoid Yellow Page Ad Bogus Billing Scams

"Phony invoicing schemes typically prey on the inefficiency of targeted businesses. For their successful execution, these schemes rely on sloppy bookkeeping, inattention on the part of employees, and perhaps most importantly, the failure of one arm of a business to know what the other arm is doing," according to the Better Business Bureau's *Tips for Businesses*.

The Yellow Pages Association advises dental professionals to look closely at Yellow Pages bills before paying. There are many ongoing nationwide schemes under which misleading and fraudulent Yellow Pages "bills" get paid by thousands of advertisers each month.

Industry experts estimate that as much as \$500 million is being lost each year through deceptive practices committed against businesses and other organizations that advertise in the Yellow Pages medium. The highly lucrative scams not only take money directly from the pockets of unsuspecting advertisers, they also tarnish the image of one of the country's largest advertising media.

To file a complaint online with the FTC Consumer Complaint Form you can visit the FTC Web site at: <https://m.ftc.gov/pls/dod>

### How to Recognize a Bogus Bill

Misleading and fraudulent Yellow Pages bills generally are for an amount less than \$200 — a relatively small bill that can be unsuspectingly and routinely paid without arising suspicion. Such bills often carry the famous Walking Fingers logo — a symbol that was never trademarked and therefore available for anyone's use.

Bogus invoices typically proclaim that "This Is Not a Bill" — usually on the front side. They frequently have no telephone number that you could use for inquiries. And, they're often characterized by lots of fine print on the back.

While the fake company may publish a directory, distribution is generally limited to the advertisers themselves as well as an unspecified number of public libraries, chambers of commerce, hotels/motels, gasoline service stations, restaurants, government agencies, and other non-traditional target markets.

### What Can You Do?

If you receive what you believe may be a bogus Yellow Pages bill, first of all, don't pay it. Take a good, long look at it and check your files for contracts that you have with Yellow Pages publishers. Make sure the bill is for advertising that you have actually ordered.

If you suspect that you've received a bogus bill for Yellow Pages advertising, please let DSL know by calling, 800-841-0639.

There are a number of other helpful things you can also do:

- Notify the postal inspector for your area. The U.S. Postal Inspection Service keeps track of schemes like these that are perpetrated through the mail. And, they can take action to help stop such operations.
- Contact the Federal Trade Commission.
- Contact your local Better Business Bureau. The BBB can issue an advisory to help tip off other potential victims.
- Contact the Yellow Pages publishers whom you regularly deal. Many of these publishers have active programs to help combat fraudulent Yellow Pages billing.
- Photocopy the solicitation and post it on a bulletin board. Circulate it among your accounts payable staff members so that they, too, can be on the lookout for bogus bills.

For more information about advertising in the Yellow Pages please contact the ACP's new Affinity Program for Yellow Pages Advertising at 877-697-2329, DSL Advertising Inc., or feel free to contact the ACP Director of Membership Services and Outreach, Carla Baker, at [cbaker@prosthodontics.org](mailto:cbaker@prosthodontics.org) or at 312-573-1260, extension 226.

## Top 10 most downloaded articles in the Journal of Prosthodontics in 2005

Article Title, Publication year, Accesses

1. Retention Characteristics of Attachment Systems for Implant Overdentures, 2004 — 1,144
2. American Board of Prosthodontics, 2004 — 1,122
3. Influence of Attachment Systems on Load Transfer of an Implant-Assisted Maxillary Overdenture, 2004 — 948
4. Effect of Implant Angulation upon Retention of Overdenture Attachments, 2005 — 879
5. A Clinical Report and Overview of Scientific Studies and Clinical Procedures Conducted on the 3M ESPE Lavatm All-Ceramic System, 2005 — 757
6. Implant, Esthetic, and Reconstructive Dentistry. Official Journal of The American College of Prosthodontists, 2004 — 635
7. In Vitro Wear of Nano-Composite Denture Teeth, 2004 — 588
8. Effect of Storage Solution on Surface Roughness of Provisional Crown and Fixed Partial Denture Materials, 2004 — 499
9. Shortened Dental Arch: A Review of Current Treatment Concepts, 2004 — 485
10. In Practice Evaluation of a Denture Adhesive Using a Gnathometer, 2004 — 463

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Nancy Deal Chandler  
ACP Executive Director

Since becoming your Executive Director about six months ago, I have witnessed first-hand how the College advances the interests of the specialty within organized dentistry and disseminates important information about prosthodontics to professionals and the public. For example, the ACP is the only organization recognized by the American Dental Association to represent the specialty of prosthodontics. In this regard, we advocate for the specialty in such important forums as the ADA Commission on Dental Education Accreditation, the ADA Standards Committee for Dental Products, the ADA Continuing Education Recognition Program, and the Subcommittee on the Code on Dental Procedures and Nomenclature of the ADA Council on Dental Benefit Programs.

In addition to the important membership representation and advocacy activities that the College pursues behalf of its members, the College offers many other tangible benefits to its members — five of which I have highlighted below.

Under the leadership of David Felton, D.D.S., M.S., F.A.C.P., Editor-in-Chief, the ACP's Journal of Prosthodontics continues to expand its readership and grow in value. Here are just a few JOPR factoids that are impressive by any scientific

journal publishing standards. The journal's circulation increased by 19 percent in 2005. Last year, 44,047 articles were downloaded from the online edition — up 159 percent over 2004. The number of libraries with access to JOPR increased by 51 percent in 2005; 59 percent of these institutions came from outside the United States. This year, the journal will increase its publication frequency to six issues per year. These data are evidence of the growing importance and influence of your journal as a major voice in implant, esthetic and reconstructive dentistry both domestically and internationally.

The College also provides top quality education. Our annual session, which will be held this November in Miami, has a strong tradition of excellence. The 2006 Annual Session Chair Lily Garcia, D.D.S., M.S. has raised the bar once again to new heights and added exciting new experiences to this year's program. You can register online for the annual session at [www.prosthodontics.org/annual](http://www.prosthodontics.org/annual). John Agar, D.D.S., M.A., Director of the Continuing Professional Education Division, has worked closely with the Center for Prosthodontic Education team to broaden the strategy for the Center by reinforcing its brand as the most trusted source for continuing education in prosthodontics for a broader target audience.

The 2006 ACP Membership Directory, which includes individual member data and College Bylaws and Policies as well as advertising, was mailed to you in May. The directory cover has a fresh, new look, and we are exploring the possibility of developing a searchable CD-ROM version

for 2007. As we strive to improve the usefulness of the directory, your suggestions about its content and organization would be very much appreciated. Under Frank Tuminelli, D.M.D., Director of the ACP Membership Services Division, ACP membership has grown in 2006, and new strategies for adding more value for members are being explored.

On a related note, the current membership directory online at the ACP's Web site and the "Find a Prosthodontist" feature for the public are being completely redesigned and updated, as part of a major ACP Web site redesign project which began earlier this year. This project is spearheaded by Betsy Brackett, D.D.S., M.S., Director of the ACP's Public and Professional Relations Division. The new ACP Web site is scheduled to launch in the last quarter of 2006 and promises many new features and greatly improved usability.

The ACP Education Foundation expands the College's reach and escorts the specialty into its brightest possible future by enhancing its strengths and addressing its challenges. Your support of the ACPEF strengthens prosthodontic training programs and builds consumer awareness of the specialty.

There are more than 140,000 incorporated associations in the U.S. today, and the leadership and staff of your professional association are deeply committed to continuous scanning of the environment where our members practice and interact to ensure that the College provides a lifetime of meaning and value supported by dues paying members.

## Today's Real Estate Market and Your Financial Planning

By Jeffrey E. Wherry, CFP®, CLU

Is real estate this decade's version of the tech stock boom of the late 1990s? According to Standard & Poor's, the average home price is approximately 3.1 times the average household income, an increase from an average of 2.6 times since 1960.

While the greatest appreciation tends to be concentrated in a cluster of markets, such as California, Florida and the Northeast, the boom has spread into other areas such as Nevada and Arizona. CBS Market watch recently profiled sleepy Bakersfield, Calif., located 100 miles north of Los Angeles in the hot San Joaquin Valley, where home prices rise 34 percent between March 2004 and 2005.

Low interest rates, growing personal income and a demand for housing, especially in costal markets, fueled much of this mania. However, storm clouds may be on the horizon:

- Rising interest rates can make housing unaffordable for many would be buyers. Standard & Poor's calculated that housing prices are 30 percent above normal price-to-income ratios on the coasts, an ominous sign for affordability.
- The number of speculating buyers looking to buy and churn based upon anticipated appreciation is rising. According to the National Association of Home Builders, nearly 25 percent of homes built in 2004 were based upon speculation.
- Growing reliance on interest-only-mortgages and other riskier financing may squeeze borrowers if valuations drop and rates increase. According to DataQuik Information Systems, 82 percent of mortgages purchased in May in San Diego had adjustable features.
- Renting has become more economical in many areas. Utilizing a mathematical analysis formula called Net Asset Value model commonly applied to commercial property classes, Morningstar has shown that housing prices have risen much greater than rents in many hot

areas. Since 1982, rent increases tended to mirror inflation in housing costs. Lower rents mean less incentive to buy.

No one can predict how the real estate boom will play out. Many economists, such as David Wyss, Chief Economist at S&P, foresee more of a flattening of the market than a bust. However, as an asset class, real estate is more exposed to local economic and demographic factors than national trends.

What steps should dental specialists consider to help insulate their financial planning from a potential depreciation in the real estate market?

1. **Keep total debt, including mortgage, car, business and consumer loans below 30 percent of gross income.** Cash flow may allow an investor to ride out a market drop.

2. **Avoid interest-only and other high risk loans that repay only interest but not equity.** If home prices drop significantly, an owner may face negative equity — a situation where the outstanding loan amount exceeds the market value of the property.

3. **Beware of "flipping" property.** Investors looking to buy speculative property now may very well be buying high. The end result may be selling low or holding on to non-productive property for an extended period of time.

4. **Don't always assume a property will produce income.** A prevailing theory seems to be that if the market drops, investment property can be rented until the price levels return. However, vacancy levels vary widely from region to region. Furthermore, speculative building, especially condo and condo conversions, may leave a glut of rental units forcing down rents and increasing vacancy rates. In July 2005, Fitch Ratings reported that conversions of apartments to condos increased by 350 percent in 2004 and predicts 10% of those will default.

5. **Buy and hold.** A dental specialist looking to buy a long-term personal residence probably shouldn't try to time the market. A property held for

the very long-term may experience appreciation.

How the housing situation will financially shake out remains to be seen. However, with warning signs increasing it will pay for dental specialists to be cautious in this market.

For more information, please contact Jeffrey E. Wherry, CFP at 800-300-2451 or e-mail at [jwherry@finsvcs.com](mailto:jwherry@finsvcs.com). Please visit our website at [www.tandhfinancial.com](http://www.tandhfinancial.com).

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### Prosthodontists rank sixth in highest paying jobs

1. Surgeon
2. Anesthesiologist
3. OB/GYN
4. Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon
5. Internist
6. Prosthodontist
7. Orthodontist
8. Psychiatrist
9. Pediatrician
10. Family or General Practitioner

Rank determined by mean annual salaries, according to the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, latest report, *Employment and Wages, Annual Averages 2004*.

Source: [CareerBuilder.com](http://CareerBuilder.com)

## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

### PRACTICE FOR SALE

**Canada (Kelowna, BC)** – Prosthodontic practice for sale. Attractive, high-income (7 figure billings), modern three operator office; computerized office, digital X-ray, new panoramic machine; all facets of prosthodontics – fixed/removable implants, cosmetic procedures; hygienist on staff; very desirable area; independently appraised; complete transition available (owner willing to stay on as an associate); well established referral base. 100 percent financing available. Contact Ron MacKenzie & Co. at mackenzie@telus.net.

**Colorado (Denver)** – Established prosthodontic practice seeks associate to buy-in. Great office and location. Nice mix of implants, fixed, cosmetics and removable. Terms negotiable. Live and practice near the Colorado Rocky Mountains! Contact Larry Chatterly at CTC Associates, 303-795-8800 or by e-mail at Larry@ctc-associates.com.

**Colorado (Front Range)** – Well-established prosthodontic practice with opportunity for immediate buy-in of 50 percent with option to purchase additional 50 percent at later date. Attractive & comfortable office. Consistently growing, fee-for-service dental practice. 2005 collections exceeded \$775,000. Practice Transition Partners 888-789-1085, www.practicetransitions.com.

**Maryland (Eastern Shore)** – 30+ years established fee-for-service practice. Never marketed. All levels of prosthodontics/maxillofacial prosthodontics. Call 410-742-4048.

**Nevada (Las Vegas)** – Specialized dental practice providing restorative, implant surgery and prosthetic reconstruction dentistry. With a well trained and dedicated staff this three operator, comfortably spacious practice offers an exceptional opportunity for a dentist with implant surgery and prosthetic dentistry skills. 2005 gross income exceeded \$1 million on two doctor days per week. Practice Transition Partners, 888-789-1085, www.practicetransitions.com.

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**California (Central Orange County)** – Prosthodontic associate position available in Central Orange County. 4,000 sq. ft. state of the art facility with full service in house laboratory and quality staff dedicated to providing excellence in care. Fax resume or inquiries to 714-771-7557 or e-mail to alma@guichetdental.com.

**Colorado (Colorado Springs)** – Well established, prosthodontic practice in Colorado Springs, Colo. looking to add a third prosthodon-

tist as an associate with a partnership buy-in option. New, state-of-the-art, 3,600 sq. ft. facility with spacious in-house lab. Colorado Springs has grown 42 percent in the last 10 years, and we need to expand to meet our increasing patient population. If interested in joining our premier prosthodontic practice, please contact Jane at 719-593-0005 or by e-mail at seamandds@aol.com.

**Massachusetts (Brookline and Wellesley)** – Prosthodontic and restorative practice is looking for a prosthodontist for full, or part-time leading to full time position. Practice includes all aspects of prosthetic and restorative dentistry. In-house lab and two up-to-date facilities. Interested only in a highly motivated individual who is looking for an eventual equity position in this prestigious practice, which has been established for over 35 years. Cover letter and resume to: Dr. Michael Rubin, 1 Brookline Place, Suite 506, Brookline, MA 02445. E-mail: mr@thielrubinwang.com

**Minnesota (Minneapolis)** – University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, Division of Prosthodontics – Prosthodontists with an interest in computer-based instruction, CAD/CAM technologies, and virtual reality simulation are encouraged to apply for a full-time tenured, tenure-track or clinical-track faculty position. The school is investing in faculty, equipment and facilities at unprecedented levels in order to capitalize on new methods for educating students, residents and practicing dentists. Applicants must have a DDS/DMD degree or equivalent and a certificate of advanced education in Prosthodontics from an ADA accredited program. Preference is given to those with experience and advanced education in information and/or simulation technology. Major responsibilities include didactic and clinical instruction in the pre-doctoral program. Other duties include contributing to the overall mission of the division, participating in the School's intramural practice, and contributing to the continuing education programs and governance of the institution. Salary and academic rank are commensurate with experience and credentials. The search will remain open until the position is filled. Additional information available at www.dentistry.umn.edu. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Applicants should submit a letter of interest, curriculum vitae and three professional references to: Dr. Edward Combe (combe001@umn.edu), Chair of the Prosthodontic Search Committee, 16-212 Moos Tower, 515 Delaware Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455. The University of Minnesota is an Equal Opportunity Educator and Employer.

**Oklahoma (Oklahoma City)** – The University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry is seeking an individual for a full-time faculty position (tenure or non-tenure) in the Department of Fixed Prosthodontics effective July 1, 2006. Applicants must have a DDS or DMD degree from an ADA-accredited dental school and must be eligible for

licensure in Oklahoma. Specialty training and/or board certification is desired but not required. Responsibilities of the position will include didactic, laboratory, and clinical teaching of pre-doctoral dental students. Opportunities for research and intramural practice are available and encouraged. Salary and rank will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Applications will be accepted until the vacancy is filled. The University of Oklahoma is an EEO/AA employer. Qualified women and members of minority groups are encouraged to apply. Please send curriculum vitae and a list of three references to: Dr. Luis Blanco, Chair, Department of Fixed Prosthodontics, College of Dentistry, PO Box 26901, Oklahoma City OK 73190.

**Texas (Houston)** – The University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston invites applicants for one (1) full-time faculty position in the Department of Prosthodontics. Responsibilities include clinical and pre-clinical teaching to undergraduate dental students. The applicant must have a DDS/DMD degree recognized by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association and be eligible for licensure in the State of Texas. Previous teaching or private practice experience preferred. Advanced training in Prosthodontics is required. The appointment is expected to be at the Clinical Assistant or Clinical Associate Professor. The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston is an equal opportunity employer, M/F/D/V, and a non-smoking environment. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. This is a security sensitive position and thereby subject to Texas Education Code #51.215. A background check will be required for the final candidate. Please submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae and list of three references to: Dr. Thomas L. Huff, The University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston, 6516 M D Anderson Blvd, Suite 422, Houston TX 77030.

### SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

**New Jersey (Pennsylvania, Maryland and New York being considered)** – Enthusiastic and success-oriented third year LSU prosthodontic resident seeking employment as an associate with a possibility of partnership or purchase in the future. Interested in joining a practice in New Jersey – Pennsylvania, Maryland and New York being considered. Contact via e-mail: damontjenkinsdmd@aol.com or call 504-400-0682.

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### August

2-5 American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry  
31<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting  
Grand Cayman

### September

15-16 ACP Center for Prosthodontic Education  
Complete Denture Update 2006L  
Contemporary Therapy for Edentulism  
DenTeC@Georgia Tech - Atlanta, GA

### October

4-7 AAOMS 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
San Diego, CA

12-15 ISMR /AAMP Joint Meeting  
Maui, HI

25-29 American Academy of Implant Dentistry  
55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
Chicago, IL

### November

1-4 ACP 2006 Annual Session  
Hyatt Regency Miami - Miami, FL

### December

1-2 Fall Meeting GNYAP  
New York, NY

10-12 ACP Center for Prosthodontic Education  
Introduction to Implant Surgery  
Loma Linda University - Loma Linda, CA

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The advertiser agrees to assume all liability for content of ads printed and must be fully authorized for use of the ad's content, including but not limited to: persons' names and pictures, testimonials and any copyrighted or trademarked material. In consideration of the publication of advertisements, the advertiser will indemnify and hold the publisher harmless from any loss or expense arising out of an advertisement.

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

### Place An Ad

To place an ad, download a classified insertion form at <http://www.prosthodontics.org/cfdbm/classifiedads/classifieds.pdf>. E-mail or fax the completed form to Lauren Dethloff, director of communications and marketing, at ldethloff@prosthodontics.org or 312.573.1257.

Classified ads are \$55 for the first 60 words and \$1 for each additional word. The minimum charge is \$55. Photos are an additional \$50. Photos must be e-mailed as a high resolution (300 dpi or more) .jpg or .tiff file. Photos will be reduced to approximately 2 x 3". Photos are limited to one per ad and are subject to approval.

Payment by check, Visa or Mastercard is required prior to placement. Contact Lauren Dethloff at the ACP Central Office with questions, 800.378.1260, ext. 227.

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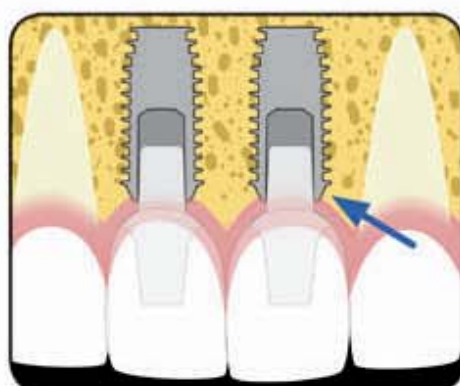
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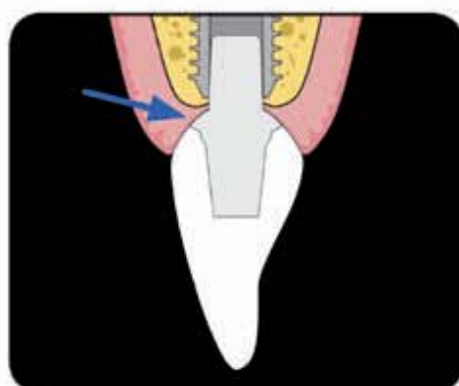
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