

# ACP Education Foundation 2013 Highlights

*The mission of the ACP Education Foundation is to secure and steward resources with the aim of advancing prosthodontics. The Foundation provides funding to support education, research and advancement of the specialty and discipline of prosthodontics.*

## Support for Education

The ACP Education Foundation enhanced resources and opportunities for prosthodontic education in ways including:

- Hosting of bi-annual meetings for predoctoral and postgraduate prosthodontic educators: on April 5-6 in Chicago, with 125 attendees representing 58 dental schools, and on Oct. 9 in Las Vegas, with 148 attendees representing 66 dental schools.



2013 Spring  
Educators  
Conference

- Sponsorship for 265 prosthodontic residents to attend the 2013 ACP Annual Session.
- Support for new graduate prosthodontic program development in schools of dentistry which currently have no program.
- Funding for Prosthopedia®, a digital resource library for practitioners and educators that provides educational programs, model content and materials (digital photos, videos, presentations) critical to developing the best in educational programs – from lectures to courses and even entire curricula.
- Sponsorship for the 2013 Postgraduate Student Support Program, a package of ACP educational resources for more than 640 prosthodontic residents. This program introduces residents to the community of prosthodontics and information necessary to maximize their training and education, and includes administration of a mock Board exam through the Advanced Prosthodontic Program Directors to help residents assess their knowledge. 398 residents took the mock exam in 2013.

## Support for Research

The ACP Education Foundation awarded \$63,500 in research grants as follows:

### • 2013 GSK Prosthodontist Innovator Award.

Sponsored by GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare through an unrestricted educational grant, this new research award is intended to advance the understanding of prosthodontics related biological and/or materials systems, human behavior, cost and care delivery, as well as economic modeling and quality of life investigations.

Two outstanding applications were selected to share the 2013 award:

Dr. Alireza Moshaverinia is an assistant professor at the Ostrow School of Dentistry of the University of Southern California. The title of his project is *Novel Treatment Modality for Biofilm-mediated Peri-implant Bone Loss: Application of Encapsulated Gingival Mesenchymal Stem Cells (GMSCs) in Silver Alginate Hydrogel.*

Dr. Ghadeer N. Thalji is an assistant professor in the Department of Prosthodontics at University of Iowa, College of Dentistry. The title of her project is *Comparative Assessment of Alternative Macrophage Differentiation in an Early Osseointegration Model in Healthy Non-Obese Patients vs. Obese Type II Diabetics.*



From left to right:  
Dr. Bryan Jacobs,  
Dr. Kenneth Kurtz,  
Dr. Eva Anadioti,  
Dr. Amanda  
Colebeck

### • 2013 Sharry Awards Competition

Held annually since 1976, the John J. Sharry Research Competition is held to stimulate and acknowledge original research in prosthodontics by students. In 2013, a record number of entries were received from prosthodontic residents.

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"This year's Sharry Award winner was exceedingly difficult to judge," said Dr. Kenneth Kurtz, chair of the ACP Research Committee. "The wide array of topics included an EMAX study, an in vivo implant project, and a base-to-denture tooth bonding study. Dr. Eva Anadioti (Mentor: Dr. Julie Holloway) was the winner, but I believe Dr. Bryan Jacobs (Mentor: Dr. Lyndon Cooper) and Dr. Amanda Colebeck (Mentor: Dr. Edward Monaco) also gave outstanding oral presentations and the final scores were barely separable. I commend the competitors and their mentors for their outstanding effort!"

### Support for Advancement of the Specialty

The ACP Education Foundation sought to secure and steward resources for the advancement of prosthodontics through efforts including:

- **Founders Society Award**

In the spirit of its founders, the Foundation presents the Founders Society Award to honor individuals who have made a significant impact on the growth and development of the Foundation and who have demonstrated an extraordinary level of commitment to the Foundation. Dr. Susan E. "Betsy" Brackett was selected to receive the 2013 ACPEF Founders Society Award for her extraordinary service and enduring commitment.



Dr. Betsy Brackett

- **Honorary Directors**

At the ACP Annual Session in Las Vegas, Mr. Robert Ganley and Mr. Don L. Waters were introduced as the first Honorary Directors of the ACP Education Foundation, recognizing their leadership, dedication, and service to the specialty. Mr. Ganley is the CEO of Ivoclar Vivadent, and Mr. Waters is Chairman, President and CEO of Brasseler USA.



Mr. Don Waters  
and Dr. Lily Garcia



Mr. Robert Ganley

- **Annual Appeal 2013**

Drs. Nadim Baba and Robert Humphries co-chaired the 2013 Annual Appeal. All ACPEF funds support programs in research and education, but Appeal support specifically allows the Foundation to grow its endowment and underwrite some programs not covered by active major gift commitments, and also helps offset operational expenses of the Foundation.

- **Partnership Initiative & Ambassadors Club**

Through the new Partnership Initiative, the ACP Education Foundation recognizes an elite group of leaders. Collectively, the focused grant funding assists in underwriting initiatives within the specialty. Important multi-year projects can be executed through the College with these ACPEF resources that ultimately increase the value of professional benefits for all prosthodontists.

Through the Partnership Initiative, the ACP Education Foundation will also recognize an elite group of leaders in its Ambassadors Club. These individuals have committed to advancing the prosthodontic specialty by supporting the College and Foundation's work to improve patient outcomes and better serve ACP members at the highest level.