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American College of Prosthodontists Education Foundation: First Female Hispanic to Chair ACPEF

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—CHICAGO—The American College of Prosthodontists announces that its Immediate Past President Lily T. Garcia, D.D.S., M.S., F.A.C.P, has been confirmed as Chair of the American College of Prosthodontists Education Foundation (ACPEF.) David A. Felton, D.D.S., M.S.D., F.A.C.P., will serve as Vice Chair. Dr. Garcia was confirmed as the new Chair of the Foundation at its February meeting effective immediately, with a term through February 2014.

“During the next year, the Foundation will focus on projects including New Horizons, an exciting new initiative for the support of the prosthodontic specialty,” said Dr. Garcia. “To be confirmed as the first female Hispanic chair of the American College of Prosthodontists Education Foundation is an honor.”

“Dr. Garcia’s vision, leadership, service and dedication to the Foundation and specialty of prosthodontics makes her the right choice at this critical time for advancing oral care for all,” said Dr. Felton.



In addition to serving as Chair ACPEF, Dr. Garcia was appointed Chair-Elect of the Board for American Dental Education Association (ADEA) and is the recipient of the 2012 Hispanic Dental Association (HDA) Women’s Leadership Award. Dr. Garcia is Professor of the Advanced Education and External Affairs in the Department of Comprehensive Dentistry at the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio. An accomplished author, Dr. Garcia has published numerous articles and abstracts. She has edited several dental textbooks, served as a reviewer and editorial board member for several scientific journals, and co-authored the text *Osseointegration and Occlusal Rehabilitation*. Dr. Garcia is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and Fellow of the ACP. Dr. Garcia maintains a practice limited to prosthodontics. Dr. Felton is Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Prosthodontics*.

The ACP is the only prosthodontic specialty organization whose membership is based solely on education credentials. ACP members must be in or have completed an ADA-accredited advanced education program in prosthodontics.

The mission of the ACPEF is to secure and steward resources with the aim of advancing prosthodontics. As a catalytic agent for prosthodontics, the ACPEF provides funding to support education, research and growth of the specialty and discipline of prosthodontics.

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*The American College of Prosthodontists is the professional association of dentists with advanced specialty training who are the experts in the restoration and replacement of teeth to create optimal oral health, both in function and appearance including dental implants, dentures, veneers, crowns and teeth whitening. To learn more about prosthodontists and prosthodontic procedures or to find a prosthodontist near you visit gotoapro.org. The ACP is a proud sponsor of the Ad Council’s first oral health campaign in its 70 year history, the **Partnership for Healthy Mouths, Healthy Lives**. The ACP is committed to educating the public about preventative, proactive simple habits honed early in life.*