Record attendance, outstanding Annual Session

New technology, engaging speakers and a beautiful setting contributed to the ACP’s most successful Annual Session in Scottsdale, Ariz. from Oct. 30 through Nov. 3, 2007. From a packed Exhibit Hall to renowned speakers during the General Session and enjoyable receptions set with a backdrop of lush greens and mountain views, the five-day conference hosted the perfect mix of education and relaxation.

Another aspect of the conference was College business, which included the House of Delegates meeting on Wednesday, where a landmark decision was made by the delegates. The delegates voted to dissolve the House after the conclusion of business during the 2007 meeting. A new regional structure was adopted, which created five ACP Regions with a Regional Director and Alternate Director to be elected to serve on the ACP Board of Directors. The delegates also made history by not only approving the 2008 operating budget, in addition rolling budgets for 2009 and 2010 were also approved.

Three new Prosthodontic Forum organizations will join the group to help expand and advance the resources and insight of this critical consortium – the American Academy of Implant Dentistry, National Board for Certification in Dental Laboratory Technology and Southeastern Academy of Prosthodontics were welcomed as the newest members of the Prosthodontic Forum. In other alliance news, two new alliances were approved – a Global Alliance for individuals who have completed an advanced dental education program in prosthodontics, which has not been accredited by the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation. The second is a Predoctoral Alliance for dental students interested in the specialty of prosthodontics, who are enrolled in a program accredited by the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation and who are members of the American Student Dental Association.

For more information about House of Delegates’ actions, log in to the Members Only area of www.prosthodontics.org. See pages 6-8 for complete Annual Session coverage.

Vision 2012 campaign launches, $3.3 million raised

The ACP Education Foundation made history during the President’s Dinner at the ACP 2007 Annual Session in Scottsdale, Ariz. Dr. Stephen Campbell introduced Dr. Lyndon Cooper as Chair of the Foundation’s new campaign, Vision 2012: Brilliant Futures. The program aims to address three core goals: growth in prosthodontics; curriculum innovation and reform; and maintaining prosthodontists’ position as pioneers in dental science and technology. Vision 2012 strives to surpass the $5 million in corporate and member support raised in the last Foundation campaign.
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Dawn of a new era for the College

Perhaps this sounds like a throw back in time marking the transition into the 1970s when a group of musicians known as the Fifth Dimension produced a song entitled “Aquarius/Let the Sun Shine In” in 1969…referring to the dawning of a new golden age. Coincidentally, this song was popular at the time the College was being developed and organized for its first year in 1970. While there is no accompanying song this year, we are at the dawn of a new era for the American College of Prosthodontists. We have never witnessed so many major events that have and will continue to secure a bright future for our organization. In fact, it’s already happening. Let’s look at some of these events and realize how they will serve to guide our progress during the coming year.

Our change in governance is a monumental accomplishment, and as stated in my address to our last House of Delegates, “I am never so proud to be a member of this organization as I am today.” The reason was not only for what had transpired but the process and engagement witnessed by members of the Board of Directors. Activities with governance may also be observed by viewing our newly enhanced ACP Web site. While the new form of governance may be more nimble and efficient, it will also be more accountable.

During the past two years, our Board of Directors has placed enormous energy into the initiatives surrounding three major task forces that are serving to drive the issues developed form our last Summit II – Reframing the Future of Prosthodontics. The three major groups are Science and Technology, Education and Growth. The College will move forward on all fronts and the progress in each area will be addressed throughout the year.

The Science and Technology Task Force hosted a Digital Prosthodontics Technology Conference this January, which was a follow-up to last year’s Research Symposium. This engages the emerging technologies and will move toward the development of our own clinical evaluators within the next several years. By moving in this direction, we are insuring our ownership of the developing technologies into the future. Within the next several years, we intend to network our clinical evaluators and also develop centers of excellence with grants to promote prosthodontic innovation through research. This is not an easy task but we are confident we can succeed.

The Education Task Force will be actively developing a Digital Resource Library. The intent is to create the ultimate online source for prosthodontic education and practice materials including images, videos and curriculum categorized by specific interest areas. Look forward to a preview at the Annual Session in Nashville. This year we will also be hosting a Program Directors Conference to address both predoctoral and postdoctoral standards. Our advocacy in these areas remains paramount as we will be working with the American Dental Association Council on Dental Accreditation later this year.

While the work of all of our task forces is important, we will place a concerted emphasis on the Growth Task Force including our Sections. State Sections will be asked to engage actively with the College and even develop Chapters prior to the year’s end. The real success lies in communication (an active Section Web site), a realization of value and having a sense of active engagement or belonging. Grassroots efforts are most important and your Regional Directors will be involved with this process as they engage your Section representatives. We will also look to see continued growth in our residency programs, our general membership and our newly established alliances.

The Prosthodontic Forum has assumed some very responsible advocacy positions and their unified voice can only help the future of prosthodontics including the auxiliary support professions.

We have a phenomenal year ahead. It kicked-off with the Annual Session in Scottsdale… what a winner! The largest attendance with more than 1,300 registered participants, 320 prosthodontic residents and a record number of exhibitors. The meeting boasted a strong academic program with an 800-person capacity room filled at all times; a Board Preparation Course that was sold out and had a waiting list; a bustling Technology Forum filled with residents and dental technicians; and this list goes on. Just look at the photographs throughout this issue of the Messenger – as they tell the story. It was an “electric charged” experience.

Thank you Dr. Steve Campbell (President), Dr. Goldstein (Program Chair) and Nancy Deal Chandler (Executive Director) and all the wonderful ACP staff members who orchestrated this milestone event. To top it off, we initiated our Vision 2012 – Brilliant Futures Campaign with $3 million in contributions from three of our major corporate sponsors – Astra Tech Dental, Ivoclar and Nobel Biocare. An additional $300,000 was donated by the members of the Board of Directors of the ACP and ACPEF. Not forgetting to mention we also had complete participation by the entire staff at the Central Office. This is a prime example of leadership making a statement about our future. Now you have a chance to be part of the momentum. Become involved with the College as we have a great year in store. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve.
Dr. Cooper announced three Corporate Premier Partners for Vision 2012 – Astra Tech Dental, Ivoclar Vivadent and Nobel Biocare. Fervent applause echoed the room as Dr. George Tysworth, of Ivoclar, revealed a $500,000 pace-setting gift to support the future of prosthodontics. Then, Astra Tech Dental CEO and President Mr. Scott Root shared exciting news that Astra Tech pledged $1 million – the first $1 million gift in the Foundation’s history. To top it off, Nobel Biocare Vice President and General Manager Mr. Kevin Mosher declared that Nobel would commit $1.5 million to the Vision 2012 campaign.

Dr. Cooper praised and thanked the ACP and ACPEF boards who pledged a combined total of more than $300,000 in leadership gifts. He recognized Dr. Thomas J. McGarry and Dr. Jonathan L. Ferencz, both of whom will serve as Honorary Chairs for the Vision 2012 campaign. Dr. Cooper also acknowledged the ACP staff members, who unanimously agreed to participate in Vision 2012.

Setting the Bar High: Featured Donor Astra Tech

A long-time supporter of the ACP and ACPEF, Astra Tech continues to play a lead role in advancing industry’s support of prosthodontics by making this historic gift. When asked about the motivation behind Astra Tech’s commitment, Root reinforced the company’s desire to inspire industry’s investment in the specialty.

“Dr. Steve Campbell and Dr. Lyndon Cooper communicated the vision set forth by the ACP to advance prosthodontics through specialty growth initiatives, innovative curriculum enhancement, and programs to promote new science and technology,” Root said. “They also emphasized the need for all involved within the field of prosthodontics to take an active role in helping to achieve this vision. Astra Tech wanted to step up and support the ACP in a way that would not only result in a significant contribution, but would also motivate other companies and individuals to do what they can do to share in supporting this worthwhile cause.”

Root sees clear synergies between Astra Tech’s current focus and the mission of the ACP. “Astra Tech is providing resources and input to support the core ACP goals of growth, education, innovation and science/technology to meet the increasing demands for prosthodontic services,” he said. “With the emergence of new dental treatment options and the baby boomer generation entering a prime age bracket for prosthodontic services, we feel the time to act is now.”

“Partnering with the ACP to advance the knowledge and skill of both dental students and clinicians is vital to ensuring patients the best possible outcomes.”

In assessing the current state of the specialty, Root is optimistic. “One area in which the prosthodontist plays an important role is in the growing field of implant dentistry,” he said. “As a restorative approach to tooth replacement, effective dental implant treatment requires knowledge of the preferred prosthetic outcome and the treatment plan required to achieve this outcome.”

Implant-related education is just one of many initiatives that will receive funding support as a result of Vision 2012. Astra Tech’s leadership gift will assist in further positioning prosthodontists at the forefront of dental science and technology by helping to fund additional innovative education and research programs. The campaign will also help fund specialty program expansion and novel student recruitment initiatives.

“We’re proud to take part in this effort,” said Root. “We are confident the programs supported by this campaign will have a profound impact on prosthodontics now and in the future.”

Stay tuned for future Corporate Premiere Partner campaign profiles featuring Nobel Biocare and Ivoclar Vivadent in upcoming ACP and ACPEF communications including the Messenger, the ACPEF Update, the Vision 2012: Brilliant Futures newsletter and online at www.acpef.org.
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ACP Confirms New Officers for 2008

Confirmed as the 36th President of the College, Dr. David L. Pfeifer is currently in private practice, independently located at the John Muir Health Outpatient Clinic, in Walnut Creek, Calif. Previously he served 22 years with the U.S. Navy attaining the rank of Captain in 1980. He also received the U.S. Navy Meritorious Service Medal for exemplary service to his country. Dr. Pfeifer received his D.D.S. from Indiana University School of Dentistry. He began a residency program in prosthodontics at the Navy Graduate Dental School in Bethesda, Md., received his M.S. and M.Ed. degrees from George Washington University and B.S. from the University of Dayton. Dr. Pfeifer is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and Fellow of the American College of Prosthodontists. He is a member numerous dental organizations including the Academy of Osseointegration and the International College of Prosthodontists. He has published in various professional journals with a recent series in the Journal of Prosthodontics featuring research regarding private practice prosthodontics.

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Dr. Lily T. Garcia was confirmed Secretary of the ACP for 2008. Dr. Garcia is Professor and Chair of the Department of Prosthodontics at the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio. She also serves as Chair of the Council for the American Board of Prosthodontics. Dr. Garcia is an accomplished author, having 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 textbook Osseointegration and Occlusal Rehabilitation. She was named the 2004 ACP Educator of the Year, received the 1999 University of Colorado President’s Excellence in Teaching Award, and the Rocky Mountain Study Club Professor of the Year which is awarded by the private practice community. Dr. Garcia is also a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and Fellow of the American College of Prosthodontists. She was also selected as a Fellow in the 2005-06 Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Program. Dr. Garcia maintains a practice limited to prosthodontics.

Dr. Jonathan P. Wiens was confirmed as Treasurer of the College for 2008. Dr. Wiens has been in private practice limited to prosthodontics in West Bloomfield, Mich. since 1979. He earned his D.D.S. degree from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry and his M.S. degree in Prosthodontics from the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn. Dr. Wiens has held teaching positions at the VAMC University of Michigan and University of Detroit Mercy. He is the attending staff maxillofacial prosthodontist in the Craniofacial Institute at Providence Hospital in Southfield, Mich. Dr. Wiens attained Diplomate status of the American Board of Prosthodontics in 1982 and currently is serving as the ABP Secretary-Treasurer. He is a Fellow of the College and has served on many ACP committees, including the governance task force, informatics, maxillofacial prosthetics, nominating, parameters of care, program, strategic planning, Board Preparation Course and Forum Representative to the House of Delegates. Dr. Wiens is a Past President of the Academy of Prosthodontics, the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics and the Michigan Society of Prosthodontists.

New to the ACP Board of Directors are Dr. John Murrell, Director of Continuing Professional Education and Dr. Clark Stanford, Director of Education and Research.

Additional members who will continue to serve on the ACP Board of Directors in 2008 are: Dr. Betsy Brackett, Director of the Public and Professional Relations; Dr. Stephen Campbell, Immediate Past President; Dr. David Felton, Journal of Prosthodontics Editor-in-Chief; Dr. Gary Goldstein, Forum Director; Dr. Frank Tuminelli, Director of Membership; and Dr. Robert Tupac, Director of Private Practice and Patient Services.
There was never any doubt in my mind who the 2007 President’s Award belonged to… An individual that all of prosthodontics simply had to formally recognize!

Dr. Atwood was a second generation Harvard dentist who at the age of 10 began to have a dream of attending Harvard Dental School like his father and practicing dentistry with him.

He has a very unique educational background. He was admitted in the 1940s to both the Harvard Medical School and Dental School under a joint degree program. Unfortunately, the Army did not accept this five-year program. So after completing medical school, he went on to a surgical internship at Boston City Hospital, and spent two years as a surgeon in the U.S. Army Medical Corp.

Upon completing his duty, he returned to Harvard and received his D.M.D. sum laude in 1951. His unique background certainly influenced his scholarly approach to patient care, teaching and research. He chose the oral health path. He filled all of the professional roles you can imagine along the way… President of the FPO… President of the Academy of Prosthodontics... Consultant for CODA and CDEL... and much, much more. His professional life really pre-dated the prominence of OUR College. It is time to recognize him and the others that have provided our foundation.

Without a doubt his most important role has been that of a mentor. Highly influential mentors offer more than one-on-one experiences, they create environments that both nurture and inspire.

He taught us convincingly that the study of prosthodontics and basic sciences at the highest level were a natural fit. Faculty and students he attracted were engaged in the breadth of those biomedical sciences that truly impact the practice of prosthodontics and our prominence as a specialty.

The personal impact he has had on so many is incredible… for me it has been a lifetime commitment… An academic career... a program as he dreamed… It is all real today because of him. After all of these years, I am simply living his vision and dream.

Even now, I know why he is here. It is not to receive his own personal accolade that is long overdue from the prosthodontic community… he is here for me.

Thanks just never seems enough. I simply hope that in some small way I have measured up to the vision he had. I couldn’t be prouder of my time with him.
Scottsdale Table Clinic competition builds momentum

BY IVY S. SCHWARTZ, D.D.S., 2007 TABLE CLINIC CHAIR

The Annual Session’s Table Clinic Program in Scottsdale, Ariz. featured 33 table clinicians. Presenters included faculty, private practitioners, residents and dental students. The presenters offered insight into unique clinical cases, techniques, studies, protocols and research. All of the presentations were exceptional. Attendee support of the table clinic program was phenomenal. Thanks to all that attended and supported the presenters.

Two competitions took place, one for prosthodontic residents and one for dental students. The resident competition winners were:

**First Place** – recipient of an unrestricted educational grant of $750 – Andrew Pacinelli, D.M.D. – third-year resident at New York Hospital Queens. Title: *Evaluation of Fracture Resistance of Procera Crowns with a New Coping Design*

Dr. Pacinelli is originally from Wilmington, Delaware. His undergraduate studies were at Bucknell University and his dental training was at Temple University School of Dentistry in Philadelphia. His future plans are focused on working full time in private practice, teaching part time, publishing and obtaining his boards. He is currently seeking employment in the continental U.S.

**Second Place** – recipient of an unrestricted educational grant of $500 – Steven Park, D.D.S. – third-year resident at Columbia University. Title: *A Three Dimensional Analysis Measuring the Accuracy of Computer Guided Flapless Implant Placement*

Dr. Park is from Vancouver, Canada, and is planning to work in private practice and teach at Columbia University.


Dr. Espinoza graduated from Columbia University, where he is currently a third-year prosthodontic resident. He plans to practice in New York and teach part-time after graduation. Dr. Mackie earned her D.D.S. from New York University and is now a first-year prosthodontic resident at Columbia.

The dental student competition was developed to encourage dental students to learn more about prosthodontics and consider the specialty as a career choice. The dental student competition winners were:

**First Place** – recipient of an unrestricted educational grant of $500 – Angela Halverson, B.S. from the University of Alabama. Title: *Retention Characteristics of Ball Attachments*

**Second Place** – recipient of an unrestricted educational grant of $350 – Matthew Gillespie, B.S., a second-year dental student from the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio Dental School. Title: *Development of Surface Coatings for Silver Nanoparticles*

**Third Place** – recipient of an unrestricted educational grant of $200 – Alexander Bogler, B.S. from the School of Dental Medicine, Stony Brook University. Title: *Comparing Traditional Impression vs. CT Biomodels in the Construction of Fixed Maxillofacial Prosthesis*


Prepare your Table Clinic submission and plan to enter the 2008 ACP Table Clinic Competition in Nashville. Stay tuned for guidelines, deadlines and Table Clinic news in upcoming issues of the ACP Messenger, in ACP e-mail communications and online at www.prosthodontics.org/AS.

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ACP, ABP dues clarification

With the continuing evolution of the relationship between the ACP and the American Board of Prosthodontics, a concern was raised and addressed at the recent ACP Annual Session. It is a requirement that a Fellow of the ACP be current with dues to both the ACP and the ABP.

Maintaining Diplomate status as defined in the bylaws of the ABP requires payment of ABP dues, will lead to forfeiture of “Fellow” status in the ACP, and reversion to “Member” designation. This is independent of dues payment to the ACP.

As per ACP Bylaws – Art. III, Sec 3.2, Part (b) Active Fellowship. Individuals who meet the qualification for Active Membership and are Diplomates of the American Board of Prosthodontics holding a current annual certificate shall qualify for Active Fellowship.

I thank you for your anticipated cooperation.
– Frank J. Tuminelli, D.M.D., F.A.C.P., ACP Membership Division Director

2008 Research Fellowships awarded

The ACP and ACP Education Foundation are pleased to announce the 2008 ACP Research Fellowships, sponsored by the ACPEF.

A Crossover Study Between Two Oral Appliances for the Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea Primary Investigator: Bradley M. Bishop, D.D.S.; resident, Graduate Prosthodontics; University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. Research Advisor: Ronald G. Verrett, D.D.S., M.S.

Analysis of post-fatigue reverse-torque values at the Abutment/Implant Interface for a Unitarian implant design Primary Investigator: Paul Cashman, B.D.S.; resident, Graduate Prosthodontics; University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. Research Advisor: Robert L. Schneider, D.D.S., M.S.

Relationship Between Clinical Periodontal Biotype and Labial Plate Thickness: A Pilot Study Primary Investigator: Ryan Cook, D.D.S.; resident, Graduate Prosthodontics and Periodontics; University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. Research Advisor: Hans Peter Weber, D.M.D.

Bonding Characteristics of Acrylic Denture Teeth to Denture Base Resins Primary Investigator: Madelyn L. Fletcher-Stark, D.D.S.; resident, Graduate Prosthodontics; The University of Washington School of Dentistry, Department of Restorative Dentistry. Research Advisor: Kwok-hung (Albert) Chung, D.D.S., M.S., Ph.D.


Effect of Denture Cleansing Solutions on the Retention of Pink Locator Attachments: an In Vitro Study Primary Investigator: Caroline Nguyen, D.M.D.; resident, Graduate Prosthodontics University of Maryland Dental School Baltimore College of Dental Surgery. Research Advisor: Rudi M. Masri, B.D.S., M.S., Ph.D.

Role of cp Titanium Surface Topography in Peri-implant Osteoclastogenesis: Rat Model Primary Investigator: Ghaedee Thalji, B.D.S.; resident, Graduate Prosthodontics University of North Carolina School of Dentistry. Research Advisor: Lyndon F. Cooper, D.D.S., Ph.D.

Inhibition of Candida albicans biofilm formation on denture acrylic resin surfaces by Amine Oxide and Candida albicans interaction with human monocytes Primary Investigator: Jonathan M. Hart, D.D.S.; resident, Graduate Prosthodontics University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Dentistry. Research Advisor: Jegdish P. Babu, Ph.D.

New ABP examiner elected

The Members of the Council for the American Board of Prosthodontics are pleased to announce that Dr. Donald A. Curtis has been elected as the new examining member of the ABP.

Dr. Donald A. Curtis received his D.M.D. degree from the Oregon Health & Science University School of Dentistry in 1981 and completed his Certificate in Prosthodontics at University of Southern California School of Dentistry in 1983. He received his Certificate in Maxillofacial Prosthetics from UCLA School of Dentistry in 1985. Dr. Curtis is a professor at the UCSF School of Dentistry while maintaining a private practice limited to prosthodontics in Berkeley, California. He is President of the Berkeley Dental Society and a Delegate to the California Dental Association. Dr. Curtis is a member of ADEA, the Pacific Coast Society of Prosthodontics, IADR and ACP, among others.

Visit the ABP Web site, www.prosthodontics.org/abp, for Board Certification Guidelines or to find a board certified prosthodontist.

ABP revamps board exams

By Thomas Taylor, D.D.S., M.S.D., F.A.C.P., ABP Executive Director

Substantive changes are being made to the oral examination process beginning in 2008. A new section of the examination called scenario based oral examinations will replace one of the current Part 2, 3 or 4 oral patient presentation examinations beginning in November, 2008. The scenario based oral examinations will involve the candidate being provided with different brief scenarios provided by the examining team and then being asked a series of structured questions to determine the level of candidate understanding of various clinical situations. The introduction of scenario based oral examinations is part of an ongoing attempt to better standardize the examination process and to ensure objectivity in grading the performance of the candidate. The scenario based oral examination will involve three 1/2 hour scenario based examination sessions during a one day period for a total 1 1/2 hour examination. Each session will be given by a different examination team.

To minimize confusion during the transition period the various parts of the examination were renamed. Effective for 2008, the Part I written examination is now the Section A written examination given in April of each year at remote testing centers near the candidate’s home. Section B includes the traditional oral patient presentation examinations (formerly Parts 2, 3 and 4). Section C includes the Scenario Based Examinations that replace one of the oral patient presentation examinations. During a transition period of several years candidates will have the choice of whether to take all three parts of Section B (the former parts 2, 3 and 4) or whether to take two of the oral patient presentation examinations plus Section C (three 1/2 hour scenario based oral examinations for a total of 1 1/2 hours).

The Board has reviewed past patterns of success and failure in the written Section A (formerly Part I) examination and has determined that successful completion of the written examination should not be time limited but permanent. Candidates who have passed the written examination no longer need to be concerned that their success in that part will expire. This change is made retroactive for all candidates who have been successful in the written examination. To read more about the ABP exam changes, visit www.prosthodontics.org/abp.
ACP presents a "leadership challenge"

I wish you all the happiest, healthiest, most productive and prosperous of New Years. Welcome 2008! The dawn of a New Year gives us pause to reflect and turn our attention to renewal at work and in our personal lives.

When the ACP looks back on 2007, we will remember the brave, landmark action of the House of Delegates by approving an entirely new governance structure for the College – a dramatic change that will help us to be much closer to our membership and a more effective organization. In just a few months since, we have hired a staff Sections Manager (Congratulations to Nathalie Williams who was promoted to this position!) and completed the election for the new Regional Director and Alternate positions on the ACP’s Board of Directors. This election was conducted electronically for the first time – another milestone for the ACP.

The House also approved streamlining membership categories and created two new Alliances – the Predoctoral Student Alliance and the Global Alliance. To assure organizational sensitivity to the perspectives of the international community, the Board of Directors and the House recognized that the international community needed a voice and a vote at the highest levels of the organization; thus an International Director position was added to the Board. The Global Alliance and the International Director signify a strategic change for the ACP – a change from being a U.S. organization with international members to becoming an international organization.

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“In today’s world there are countless opportunities to make a difference. And more than ever there is a need for people of all ages, from all backgrounds, with all types of life experience to seize those opportunities that lead to greatness. More than ever there is a need for leaders to inspire us to dream, to participate, and to persevere. *The Leadership Challenge* offers everyone the chance to do just that – to take the initiative and make a difference."

Kouzes and Posner describe *The Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership*® as modeling the way, inspiring a shared vision, challenging the process, enabling others to act, and encouraging the heart.

Challenging the process is about searching for opportunities to innovate, initiate change and grow, as well as experimenting and taking risks. In your reflections, I am sure you can think of elements of the ACP’s current leadership culture, strategic directions or key processes that really need to be challenged! Make a commitment to pick one – just one – and articulate for yourself and others the opportunity that resides in challenging the status quo. Think about how you would approach and achieve change. What data would be helpful to stimulate new thinking? What experiments can you run to gather intelligence that will help key decision makers see the value of change over maintenance of the status quo? How can you, as an ACP leader, create an environment that encourages innovation and fosters calculated risk taking and experimentation?

From the time I began my service as Executive Director, I have challenged the process... a lot. Our new governance structure and membership can be so much more if we are open to innovation, experimentation and change, and if we believe in a more enabling and uplifting future. The ACP is a very different organization from what it was just two years ago, and it has not even come close to hitting its full stride yet. By challenging the process during the past few years, the ACP – through its Board, House of Delegates, Sections, committees and staff – has transformed in many ways, and I can’t wait to see where we will be by 2009!

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Welcome New Members

Approved by the Board of Directors during the October meeting and during the December conference call

**Student Members**
Dr. Susan Almusa
Dr. Nouri Al-Qenaei
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Dr. James Loland
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Dr. Ilya Miloslanskiy
Dr. Graciela Shimizu Oliva
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Dr. Christiana Both
Mr. Christopher Guarlotti
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**Global Alliance**
Dr. Asghorn Jokstad

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Dr. Cynthia Aita-Holmes

**Members and Fellows to Retired Life Members**
Dr. John T. Goodman
Dr. Paul Hoffman
Dr. John William McCartney
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**Reinstated International Fellows**
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Annual Mid-Winter Convention
Sacramento, CA
Feb. 21-22, 2008
www.sdds.org

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Canadian ITI Congress
Vancouver, BC, Canada
Feb. 21-23, 2008
www.incenter.ca/canadian-congress

Chicago Dental Society
Chicago Midwinter Meeting
Chicago, IL
Feb. 21-24, 2008
www.cdso.org

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Chicago, IL
Feb. 22-23, 2008
www.fixedprosthodontics.org

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Annual Meeting
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The Department of Prosthodontics is seeking applications for a tenure-track or clinical-track (non-tenure) full-time Assistant/Associate/ Full Professor position. Responsibilities will center on predoctoral and graduate level, didactic, preclinical and clinical instruction, participation in intramural faculty practice, and include opportunities for research collaboration. Minimum requirements include a D.D.S., D.M.D. or equivalent degree. Participation in a postgraduate prosthodontics program which includes surgical implant placement experience is desirable. Certificate from an ADA-accredited postgraduate prosthodontics program, board certification in

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May 1-3, 2008
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American Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists
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May 1-3, 2008
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prosthodontics or active progress toward board certification is preferred. Salary and academic rank is commensurate with credentials and experience.

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As part of the application process, applicants are invited to complete an online confidential and voluntary self-disclosure card. This information is stored within GatorJobs and is accessible by job number to Faculty Development (when needed to fulfill reporting obligations). The self-disclosure form can be found at: http://www.hr.ufl.edu/job/dataset.html.

Initial review of applications will begin on December 3, 2007 and will continue until an applicant is identified. Applicants should send curriculum vitae, a statement describing their interest in the position, referencing requisition #0704047, and at least three letters of recommendation to:

Luisa F. Echeto D.D.S., M.S.
Clinical Assistant Professor
Search Committee Chair
Department of Prosthodontics
P.O. Box 100435
Gainesville, Florida 32610-0435

Or, the information can be sent electronically to: lecheto@dent.ufl.edu. Any questions regarding the position may be directed to Dr. Echeto at (352) 273-6907.

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Texas (San Antonio) – The Department of Prosthodontics at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dental School is seeking applicants for two (2) tenure-track faculty positions at the Assistant/Associate Professor level. The primary area of responsibility of the two (2) positions will be predoctoral education in fixed, implant and removable prosthodontics. Participation in teaching, research, service and patient care is expected. Board certification or commitment to becoming board-certified, research experience and a commitment to academic dentistry are also expected. Qualifications include a DDS/DMD degree, completion of an ADA-accredited advanced education program in prosthodontics, and eligibility for licensure in Texas. Evaluation of applicants will begin immediately and continue until the positions are filled. The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All faculty appointment offers are contingent upon licensure in the State of Texas.

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Wichitas (Milwaukee) – Marquette University School of Dentistry invites applications for a full-time, tenure track faculty position for Chair, Department of General Dental Sciences. The Chair will be responsible for the disciplines of Biomaterials, General Dentistry, Oral Medicine & Oral Radiology and Prosthodontics. This position will have primary responsibilities in the following areas: pre-doctoral curriculum, post graduate program in Prosthodontics and Dental Biomaterials, all related faculty and staff matters, resource and budget management and other related administrative areas. A detailed job description is available for review. Please submit a letter of application, record of research/scholarly activity, Faculty participates in MUSOD’s Faculty Practice. DDS/DMD degree or equivalent degree required. In addition, candidates must hold a valid dental license in some state or jurisdiction. Interested individuals should apply electronically to the following Web site: http://careers.marquette.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=51328. Marquette University is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer.

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College poised for growth, your participation is critical

By Charles J. Goodacre, D.D.S., M.S., M.S.D., Editor-in-Chief

The American College of Prosthodontists has grown from a small group of founding individuals in 1970 to more than 3,000 members in 2007. Currently, almost all of the students in graduate prosthodontics programs in the United States are members of the College. The future is incredibly bright but there is much more to be accomplished.

A progressive, forward thinking strategic plan has been developed that will substantially strengthen the specialty and discipline of prosthodontics through achievement of the following goals:

1. Catalyzing growth in prosthodontics and increasing the number of prosthodontic graduate students;
2. Creating educational innovations that will benefit practicing prosthodontists, educators, and the predoctoral and postdoctoral education curricula; and
3. Keeping prosthodontists at the forefront of science and technology through research and education initiatives.

Realization of this plan requires the involvement and commitment of not just the ACP officers and central office staff but the membership. I invite all members of the College to support these three goals through your expertise, time and financial support. Let us know how you would like to be involved so together we can turn this plan into a significant historic document.

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