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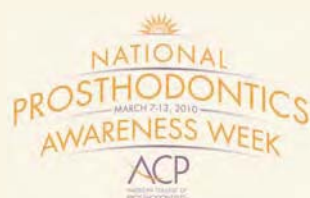
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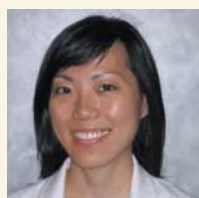
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BY JONATHAN P. WIENS, D.D.S., M.S.D., F.A.C.P., VICE PRESIDENT AND ANNUAL SESSION CHAIR



SAN DIEGO
NOVEMBER 4-7, 2009

The 39th Annual Session of the ACP is one not to miss, packed with excellent education, networking and special events, San Diego is the ideal backdrop for the premiere prosthodontic meeting of the year. If you have not registered, it's not too late! Go online at www.prosthodontics.org/AS to read complete meeting details and to register. The Manchester Grand Hyatt has lowered the room rate for ACP members. If you do not have a reservation at the conference hotel, secure your room today by clicking on the hotel reservation link from the Annual Session homepage.

This year's general registration includes an Early Bird Scientific Session on Wednesday – Advances in Maxillofacial Prosthodontics and Saturday programming including the Technology Forum and Dental Technology Workshop. Be sure

to come early and stay late to enjoy these continuing education opportunities and enjoy all that San Diego has to offer.

If you haven't already, plan to attend one or more of these exciting events and special programs (*please note, some of these events require pre-registration and may have a registration fee*):

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4

1 to 4 p.m. – Writers' Workshop – This hands-on workshop will feature tips and best practices for publishing dental research. Participants will have opportunities to use their skills in developing an actual manuscript. Learn how to develop a checklist of key items for a scientific manuscript; overcome challenges of writer's block; and how to turn those endless drafts into a timely submission for publication.

6:30 to 9:30 p.m. – Welcome Reception – Celebrate with your colleagues on the U.S.S. Midway located within walking distance from the hotel. The ACP will have exclusive access to this venue

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The College is pleased to announce the results of the ACP 2009 Election for the Board of Directors

The 2009-10 College officers are: President, Dr. Lyndon F. Cooper; President-Elect, Dr. Jonathan P. Wiens; Vice President, Dr. Lily T. Garcia; Secretary, Dr. Steven Eckert; and Treasurer, Dr. John Agar



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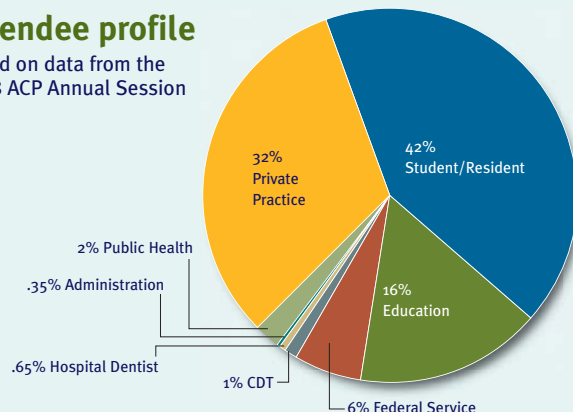
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What Are We Going To Do Now?

As the year of my ACP presidency comes to a close, I want to express my appreciation for the opportunity to be of service. It has been a time of great personal and professional growth. I have enjoyed working with an exceptional Central Office staff and outstanding Board of Directors. With the help of many members, a number of programs have been initiated or completed such as: the launching of Prosthopedia® (the ACP online digital resource library for members); a new edition of the ACP Private Practice Procedures Manual; development of a guide for institutions that want to start a new Advanced Education Program in Prosthodontics; new patient education brochures for prosthodontic offices (TMJ, Oral Cancer and Spanish translations of the patient and referral brochures); the launching of a National Prosthodontics Awareness Week; the publication of the 2008 Prosthodontic Private Practice Survey results; integrated marketing and communications plans;

meeting budget goals during an economically challenging time; development of a clinical evaluators network; and other substantial accomplishments.

However, these advancements are not what really count. In a presentation for a Whitecoat Ceremony, Dr. William Ten Pas, past president of the American Dental Association, made a profound statement. He said, "It's not what you have done up to this point that counts since that is history; it's what you are now going to do that counts." This statement is true for all of us and also for the ACP.

With the upcoming succession of exceptional leaders and the quality of the Central Office personnel, I know even greater accomplishments will occur as together we continue to strengthen the leadership role of prosthodontists in practice, education and public/professional service.

Thank you again for the privilege of service.



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complete with flight simulators and spectacular views on both the hanger deck and flight deck. Be sure to take advantage of this unique opportunity to explore one of the longest serving aircraft carriers while catching up with friends and networking with new contacts.

THURSDAY, NOV. 5

7 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Exhibit Hall – Explore the latest technology and materials for the specialty by visiting the Exhibit Hall on Thursday, all day and Friday until 2 p.m. Complimentary breakfast and lunch will be served both days in the Exhibit Hall. Please thank the companies and meeting sponsors for supporting the College and our specialty.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – San Diego Zoo Event – For family members and guests, plan to attend an excellent outing to the 100-acre San Diego Zoo. This landmark attraction is home to more than 4,000 rare and endangered animals representing more than 800 species and subspecies, and a prominent botanical collection with more than 700,000 exotic plants.

FRIDAY, NOV. 6

6:30 to 9 p.m. – Annual Awards & President's Dinner – Another can't miss event! The Annual Awards & President's Dinner will be an unforgettable evening. Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy a night with colleagues and honor the individuals that have made a significant contribution to the College and our specialty during the past year. Our current ACP President Dr. Charles J. Goodacre will present the 2009

President's Award. The 2010 ACP President Dr. Lyndon F. Cooper will be inducted.

SATURDAY, NOV. 7

12:30 to 5 p.m. – Private Practice Workshop – Led by Dr. David Eggleston, topics will include: practice management, office design, Web site strategies and more. The speakers bring a wealth of expertise for your consideration including Stewart Gandolf, M.B.A. from Healthcare Success Strategies and Mr. Seth Watson from Patterson Dental Supply, private practitioners Drs. John Murrell, Alan Hickey and Susan E. Brackett followed by Dr. Bette Robin who also holds a law degree with extensive knowledge on practice transitions.

12 to 4:30 p.m. – Bone Grafting for Implant Site Preparation – The course will focus on the most current techniques in bone grafting to improve long term clinical success with dental implants. This course is designed for the clinician that has prior implant experience and would like to broaden his/her knowledge and scope of practice and improve surgical skills. Dr. Bach Le, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon, is the course director and has planned lecture and hands-on surgical laboratory sessions with wet specimens.

Together with the 2009 Annual Session Committee, we hope that you will enjoy the expanded program and encourage you to come early and stay later to take

Plan to Attend REGIONAL MEET & GREET BREAKFAST

7:30 to 9 a.m.
Saturday, November 7

Celebrate the launch of National Prosthodontics Awareness Week, March 7-13, 2010 and the College's 40th Anniversary in 2010!



Meet your Section Officers and Regional Directors. Don't miss this opportunity to network with your colleagues and learn how you can be a part of an exciting year ahead!

advantage of the fantastic educational value and outstanding location. The Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel is first class. San Diego is alive with many shops and restaurants and as an ocean front destination it cannot be surpassed. See you in San Diego!

The American College of Prosthodontists recognizes and appreciates the support of the following organizations that are sponsors of the 2009 Annual Session:



Gnathological society engages graduate students

By Marion S. Brown, D.M.D., F.A.C.P.

With the leadership of President Dr. Stephen Hudis, the Northeastern Gnathological Society has started an initiative to engage graduate students in the New York area prosthodontic programs to become involved in the organization and to provide support for their prosthodontic careers.

Acknowledging the importance of having young prosthodontists and dental technologists as members of the organization, the NGS has supported and subsidized the attendance of students in prosthodontic and technology programs for years. In the past few years, dental members of the NGS have supported students of area dental technology programs by opening their offices to the students as a summer externships in their office laboratories. This has proved to be valuable for both dentists and students as many of the students have acquired jobs in these offices upon graduation.

Dr. Hudis and the Graduate Student Committee have actively pursued current students and recent prosthodontic graduates to identify their needs and find out how the NGS could help them in their careers. Past Presidents Dr. Robert Rawdin, Dr. Leonard Kobren, and Committee Chair Dr. Marion Brown met with a small group of students and young prosthodontic graduates for an open table discussion at a recent dinner event.

This past summer the NGS hosted a seminar for area postgraduate prosthodontic and dental technology students. The seminar took place at New York University College of Dentistry. A comprehensive treatment planning presentation was by Dr. Victor Avis and Master Dental Technician Mr. Paul Federico. Approximately 50 students attended and the format of the presentation allowed for interaction and discussion between the students, presenters and other NGS members in attendance. The students found it to be a stimulating and practical discussion of clinical prosthodontics.

With the start of school this fall, Dr. Hudis has charged the NGS Graduate Committee to select an resident from each of the six New York Metropolitan postgraduate prosthodontic programs to be an NGS Graduate Student Liaison. These liaisons will actively meet with Dr. Hudis and the Graduate Student Committee in an effort to keep in touch with all graduate students and keep them apprised of NGS meetings and with all the NGS has to offer, including mentorship, as they complete their programs and pursue their prosthodontic careers.

Prosthodontic Appeal Committee working hard towards goal

Members of the 2009 Prosthodontic Appeal Committee, led by Chair Dr. Gregory N. Guichet, are contacting their colleagues throughout the College to spread the word about the important campaign for the ACP Education Foundation.

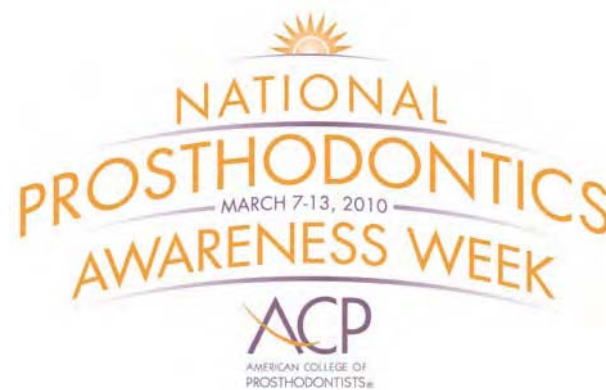
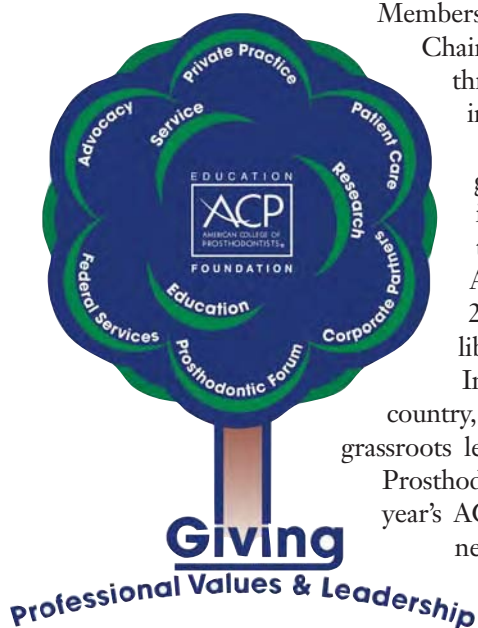
The appeal was created to promote renewable, yearly giving options for prosthodontic visionaries who are interested in impacting the specialty of prosthodontics through projects such as: a National Prosthodontics Awareness Week, the 40th Anniversary of the College in 2010 and enhancements to the online digital resource library, Prosthopedia®.

In addition to contributions from members across the country, several noteworthy developments have occurred. On the grassroots level, both the California Section and the Pennsylvania Prosthodontic Association contributed \$2,000 for the appeal. This year's ACPEF Annual Appeal 2009 volunteers have also raised nearly \$100,000 to date for the effort.

The 2009 Prosthodontic Appeal Overview and Pledge Form mailed with the 2009 Membership Directory this summer. Thanks to those members who have already returned their membership directory pledge

forms. Each and every pledge received will bring the Foundation one step closer to reaching and exceeding its goal for the 2009 Appeal.

Thank you to all contributors of this year's campaign. Through your generosity the College and Foundation will continue outstanding programming to support the specialty. To learn more visit www.acpef.org. Stop by the ACPEF Booth during the Exhibit Hall at Annual Session in San Diego to celebrate the year's success with your colleagues.



College announces National Prosthodontics Awareness Week in 2010

The ACP is pleased to announce a brand new initiative of the Board of Directors, Regional Directors and Section Officers: National Prosthodontics Awareness Week (NPAW)!

The Board charged the NPAW Task Force to develop this initiative to enhance public awareness of the discipline of prosthodontics. NPAW is designed to be a grassroots member driven program that will help to meet this need. National Prosthodontics Awareness Week (NPAW) was officially recognized by Illinois Governor Pat Quinn through a proclamation declaring March 7-13, 2010 as National Prosthodontics Awareness Week.

SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 7-13, 2010

The NPAW Task Force has developed a toolkit that Sections and Members can use to support this exciting, new ACP initiative – complete with action plans and templates for press releases, letters, proclamations and public service announcements. A month by month Action Plan Checklist has been developed for Members, Sections, Dental Programs/Students and the Prosthodontic Forum. Everyone is encouraged to review these plans once they're available online soon at www.prosthodontics.org.

A special Regional Meet and Greet will be held at Annual Session in San Diego on Saturday, November 7, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. During this meeting Regional Directors will review the Action Plans and Section Officers will work with their members to leverage this awareness at the local level. National Prosthodontics Awareness Week preparation will require every member to create their own personal action plans. Every Section will be looking for member champions to spread the word about National Prosthodontics Awareness Week.

Throughout the meeting, the ACP Booth on Thursday, Nov. 5 and Friday, Nov. 6 will be the hub of activity for members looking for ideas on how to promote NPAW and prosthodontics in their communities.

Will you be a champion for NPAW? Stay tuned for more information in the College's weekly e-newsletter the Wednesday Wake-up Call.

Goals of National Prosthodontics Awareness Week:

- To raise public awareness about the critical importance of oral health
- To raise public awareness on how to best care for missing teeth
- To raise public awareness of the pro bono care that prosthodontists provide in their local communities.
- To inspire dental students to pursue a career in prosthodontics

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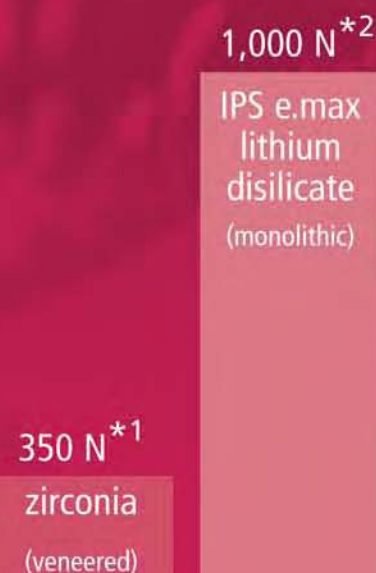
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Reflections from a Past President



Before I try to recount any aspects of my term as ACP President, I must state that no president actually accomplishes anything as an individual. Achievements are the result of the efforts of the entire council, its committees, and ultimately, of the College itself. Much of what an individual may

contribute comes during the years prior to the presidency, during service on committees and in other offices. The presidency is merely the culmination of those previous years of service. There must be a consensus agreement for any action to occur and for any substantial achievement; the membership must allow the action. The president is tasked with providing direction and leadership, and allowing dissenting factions an equal voice. This having been said, I will try to recapitulate some of what I consider the highlights of my term in office.

The College was growing in many directions, and there was considerable stress on its financial ability to achieve its goals. It was evident that fiscal responsibility was essential, and that a reasonable and workable budget had to be established. Once this was done, it became necessary to do what no president

wants to do – go to the membership for a dues increase. This was presented at the Nashville meeting, and, blessedly, overwhelmingly approved.

The College has always felt it should have primary responsibility for the accreditation process, and be responsible for placing qualified individuals on the examining board. I spent many hours with the representative from the (now) Academy of Prosthodontics, Dr. Bill Laney. These were difficult

DR. JACK D. PRESTON ACP PAST PRESIDENT

meetings made easier only by the gentlemanly conduct of Dr. Laney. Even though there was substantial disagreement, the meetings were never disagreeable. Eventually from these meetings, as you all know, the College received the responsibility it merited.

I was concerned at that time, about movements to limit specialization. There was some very worrisome action about “Sunshine Laws” and desire to control what is and what is not a “specialty.” I felt that if prosthodontics were established internationally as a specialty, then those of us in the U.S. would have no problem. I wrote to world renowned prosthodontists

in nine countries, and proposed the idea of an International College of Prosthodontics. This was presented to the executive council of the ACP and supported. Following our annual meeting in Nashville I flew to London for the first explorative meeting that eventually resulted in the ICP. The support of the ACP was critical to this action.

The time I was allowed to serve the College was a period of maturation and definition of purpose. The Aims and Goals meetings were productive and helped set the course for the College and its role in organized dentistry. There will always be more to be done, new challenges and new opportunities. There are many societies and pseudo-organizations that would like to pose as having specialty interests and abilities. The general public, dental students and general practitioners must be constantly informed about the specialty of prosthodontics and how it differs from the discipline. Dental schools should stress these differences, and the public needs to constantly be informed about the differences between a fully qualified, residency-trained prosthodontist, and those individuals taking short courses.

My best wishes to the College members and those whom they choose to lead the ACP in the upcoming years.

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The new Membership Services Division Director is Dr. Eleni Roumanas. Three Regions also had elections for Regional Directors and the new directors who will serve on the Board of Directors are:

Region I (Northeast) – Regional Director, Dr. Lawrence E. Brecht; Alternate Director, Dr. Steven Morgano;

Region III (Central) – Regional Director, Dr. Thomas Bloem; Alternate Director, Dr. Lars Bouma;

Region VI (Federal Services) – Regional Director, Colonel Richard Windhorn, United States Army; Alternate Director, Captain Gerald Grant, United States Navy.

Please congratulate your new ACP Board Members and their Alternates. The Board members will be installed during the Annual Awards & President's Dinner on Friday, November 6, 2009 in San Diego. Plan to attend! Visit the Annual Session Homepage at www.prosthodontics.org/AS for more details or to register.

RESEARCH LUMINARY



Dr. J. Robert Kelly

Dr. J. Robert Kelly is likely one of very few prosthodontists who truly revels in failures. His studies of clinical failure mechanisms have provided important insights into improving “clinical engineering” with all-ceramic prostheses and he has developed validated failure tests to study important clinical treatment variables. Dr. Kelly is responsible for the development

of one major CAD/CAM ceramic and continues to be active in related materials development for automated systems. He is co-inventor of a novel dental implant for patients having limited vertical bone height that is in late-stage development with a team of colleagues at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine and Health Center.

Dr. Kelly serves as Professor, Reconstructive Sciences, Center for Biomaterials and as Director, Dental Clinical Research Center. These appointments followed 21 years (4 months and 24 days, not that he was counting!) with the U.S. Navy culminating with a tour as Commanding Officer, Naval Dental Research Institute.

His academic credentials include a B.A. in chemistry (University of California, 1974), a D.D.S. (The Ohio State University, 1979), an M.S. in dental materials science (Marquette University, 1985), the Doctor of Medical Sciences degree in oral biology (Harvard, 1989) and a Certificate in prosthodontics (Harvard, 1989). The Doctor of Medical Sciences is a Ph.D. equivalent degree granted by the Faculty of Medicine at Harvard University. He has received awards for biomedical research (Harvard), research and post-graduate education (Association of Military Surgeons of the U.S.) and as a clinician/scholar (American College of Prosthodontists).

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Don't miss! Annual Session Welcome Reception on the U.S.S. Midway

Plan to attend this year's Annual Session Welcome Reception being held on the longest-serving aircraft carrier, the U.S.S. Midway. The ACP will have exclusive access to the museum featuring storytelling veterans and docents, thrilling flight simulators and spectacular views from the hangar and flight decks. You will not want to miss the opportunity tour the museum and catch up with colleagues and friends while kicking off the Annual Session. For more information on this and other Annual Session events please visit the Annual Session homepage at www.prosthodontics.org/AS.



Procter & Gamble supports research through ACP Education Foundation

Thanks to an education grant from Procter & Gamble, the American College of Prosthodontists Education Foundation awarded research fellowship grants up to \$6,000 for meritorious research proposals that seek to advance basic scientific and applied clinical knowledge in the area of prosthodontics. With the support of this unrestricted educational grant from P&G, the ACPEF is able to recognize promising research conducted by dental scientists-in-training. The ACPEF deeply appreciates P&G's support of this program.

Visit the ACPEF homepage at www.acpef.org to learn more about future research programs including eligibility, guidelines and deadlines.

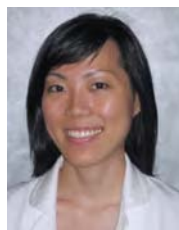
Register Now for Bone Grafting Course in San Diego

A new cutting-edge course at an unbeatable price is now being offered through the ACP's Center for Prosthodontic Education. The Bone Grafting for Implant Site Preparation is an advanced course that will feature scientific lectures and a hands-on workshop focusing on the most current techniques in bone grafting to improve long term clinical success with dental implants. A course of this nature typically costs several thousand dollars; however the ACP is pleased to offer a \$285 rate for members and a \$785 rate for non-members. For more information and to register visit the [Meeting & Events page at www.prosthodontics.org](http://www.prosthodontics.org).



Young Stars

Dr. Elsa Wong



Today, many patients are aware of implants as a treatment option and some are even educated enough to demand implants as their first choice of treatment when they come in for a consultation.

Similarly today, we as prosthodontists incorporate implants into our treatment plan. So, is it necessary to become a prosthodontist cross-trained in implant surgery? Even general dentists are now very pro-active in taking continuing education courses to advance their knowledge and clinical skills in the surgical placement of implants, yet many prosthodontists are still reluctant to incorporate surgical training into their practices.

It is exciting to contemplate the role of performing the surgical implant phase in our practice of prosthodontics. After all, as specialists we have the skills and knowledge for educating our patients and informing them of the best possible treatment options. Advances in implant technology and the Internet have facilitated communications on a global scale with the push of just a few buttons. As a result, the Digital Age has transformed the way dentists diagnose, treatment plan and manage their practices.

"Implantology" has not gained recognition as an official specialty. Periodontists, oral surgeons, prosthodontists, endodontists, orthodontists and even general dentists would like to benefit from placing and restoring implants. Every clinician who performs surgery would like to title him or herself as an implant surgeon. Finding an identity for the newest generation of the cross-trained prosthodontist in this era may seem confusing. Periodontists who perform implant surgery do not label themselves as "implantologists." Likewise, a prosthodontist should not use this misnomer just because they have had surgical training. As a recent graduate from both prosthodontics and implant training programs, I feel that an implant surgical background is essential. Since all implant treatments are prosthetically driven, a prosthodontist who is able to render both the surgical and restorative treatments can optimize the control, precision and dynamics required for successful treatment.

After completing my prosthodontic training program in 2007, I was determined to continue my education and accepted a position in the Implant Fellowship Program at New York University College of Dentistry. While in training, I joined a prosthodontic

practice as an associate and began teaching as a part-time faculty in the International Prosthodontics Program at NYU College of Dentistry. I am committed to refining my skills as a clinician and I believe that the additional hard work will eventually be rewarded in the future. My fellowship training was intense but I had the opportunity to perform many complicated surgeries as an implant fellow. These included several moderately complex periodontal surgeries such as connective tissue grafting. The surgical training offered me an opportunity to explore my identity and career options during those two years. After all, I still identify myself primarily as an "implant surgically trained prosthodontist" and not an implant surgeon.

"We are the future"...The ACP always attempts to encourage younger prosthodontists to prepare for board certification. However, I believe the ACP should not neglect the importance of encouraging all prosthodontists to pursue advanced skills in their career and perhaps above all, implant surgical training.

During this slow economy, new prosthodontists like me are most vulnerable to challenges that the business side of dentistry poses for us. We are well versed in the clinical aspects of our profession, but we always need continual training to overcome those business hurdles that may inevitably hinder us during these early years in developing a practice. The financial rewards of combining surgical implant placement and implant prosthodontic treatment can assist a new prosthodontist in balancing the lengthy treatment plan and high cost of running a practice.

Personally, for me, it is simply a necessity to have surgical implant training. Implant surgery is an excellent additional asset in my knowledge-base for providing the optimum comprehensive dental treatment to my patients. Ultimately, I see myself as a new generation prosthodontist with another useful clinical skill in my professional and practice armamentarium.

Dr. Wong earned her D.D.S. degree from New York University College of Dentistry in 2004 and her Prosthodontics Certificate from NYU in 2007. She served as a part-time Fellow in the NYU College of Dentistry's Implant Fellowship Program and is now a part-time faculty member within the Prosthodontics program, as well as an associate in a private prosthodontic practice. Her goal is to become Board Certified, operate her own private practice and continue to teach in prosthodontics.

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MEMBER NEWS

Q&A With Two College Members Who Earned Dual Specialty Board Certification



Dr. Robert Baima

DR. ROBERT BAIMA

Why did you decide to pursue a dual board option?

I decided to pursue dual training in periodontology and prosthodontics because it was evident to me that there was a paucity of expertise in this type of crossover/combined treatment planning and delivery of care in the academic world. After finishing my formal education and beginning an academic career, completing the requirements for Board Certification was a natural culmination of my training and education.

How will this benefit you in your future career endeavors?

Having the ability to interact with peers in both specialties affords me the opportunity to continuity my education in both disciplines. I feel that this is especially important as and technology and treatment options continue to evolve in the field of dental implants.

What inspires you?

To offer quality care to patients, to help in the education and training of dental students and residents and to continue to learn new technology and clinical techniques in the fields of periodontology and prosthodontics.



Dr. Miles Yacker

DR. MILES YACKER

Why did you decide to pursue a dual board option?

When I graduated dental school I felt that dentistry was constantly advancing and continuing education was necessary to deliver quality care to the patient. I enrolled in my first specialty program in prosthodontics, and developed a passion for prosthodontics and periodontics and after practicing for 12 years as a prosthodontist and completing a two-year fellowship in implantology. Following completion of each specialty program I spent considerable amounts of time organizing and reviewing what I had learned in order to become Board Certified. The board certification process is a positive experience because it helps to gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the specialty. I believe this often translates to better care for the patient.

How will this benefit you in your future career endeavors?

By being dual trained in both disciplines of prosthodontics and periodontics it became apparent to me how dependent each discipline is on the other. Another of my passions is teaching the postgraduate residents at NYU College of Dentistry. One of the points I stress in my teaching is not to see dentistry with tunnel vision but rather to diagnose and treatment plan with knowledge of the great benefits to the patient when an interdisciplinary approach is employed.

What inspires you?

I have been very fortunate to have had a number of inspirational mentors throughout my training and both an understanding and supportive family all of which helped me pursue my career in dentistry to which I am truly grateful.

ACP member named first director of MCG Center for Esthetic and Implant Dentistry



Dr. Gerard J. Chiche

ACP member Dr. Gerard J. Chiche, who chaired the Department of Prosthodontics at the Louisiana State University School of Dentistry for 13 years, has been named the inaugural director of the Center for Esthetic and Implant Dentistry at the Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry. Additionally, Dr. Chiche's appointments will include Thomas P. Hinman Endowed Chair in Restorative Dentistry and professor in the Department of Oral Rehabilitation. He joined the faculty July 1 after retiring from LSU in March. He also serves on the editorial advisory board of the *Journal of Esthetic and Restorative Dentistry*. Dr. Chiche, who lectures worldwide, has

written two textbooks on dental ceramics and esthetics and numerous articles for refereed journals. Dr. Chiche earned his dental degree from Paris 7 University (now Paris Diderot University). He completed postdoctoral prosthodontics training and a fixed-prosthodontics fellowship at LSU.

ACP members deliver lectures abroad



L-R Trio of Prosthodontists: ACP Fellow Dr. Kenneth S. Kurtz, Irish Dental Association (IDA) President Dr. Donal Blackwell, ACP Member Dr. Dennis Tarnow. Drs Kurtz and Tarnow each delivered three lectures at the Annual IDA Meeting in Kilkenny, Ireland. Drs. Kurtz and Blackwell are both graduates of the NYU College of Dentistry's Implant Fellowship Program, directed by Dr. Tarnow. Dr. Kurtz received his certificate for completing the four-year surgical training program at the June 2009 commencement ceremony. Dr. Kurtz is the Associate Director for the Advanced Education Program in Prosthodontics at NYUCD, in addition to teaching Graduate Prosthodontics at Montefiore Medical Center (Director-Prosthodontic Research) and NY Hospital-Queens (Director-Maxillofacial Prosthetics).

In Memorial

The College and the Board of Directors remember the following colleague who is deceased:

Dr. Stephen Cameron



Dr. Stephen M. Cameron died on Aug. 12, 2009. He was a member of the American College of Prosthodontists and a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics. His service to the College included managing the ACP Written Mock Board Examination from 2000 through 2005 in an outstanding manner. He was one of the first members of the ACP Council for the ABP when it was reconfigured to its present form. Colonel Cameron was a maxillofacial prosthodontist with the U.S. Army Dental Corps until he retired in 2005. He was Assistant Director of the Prosthodontic Residency Program at Tingay Army Dental Clinic at Fort Gordon, Georgia from 1991 to 1998 and he was Director of the Residency from 1998 until 2003. During his last two years of service, Col. Cameron was Project Officer for major renovation of the Tingay Clinic that housed the Army Specialty Training Programs. Dr. Cameron's greatest joy was his wife, Helen, and his three children. He took pride in the skills and knowledge he shared with his colleagues and residents. He truly enjoyed analysis of the status quo and finding ways to improve the quality of prosthodontics. Col. Cameron's analytical mind, tremendous work ethic and good humored approach to teaching residents and fellow prosthodontists will be missed by all who were fortunate to know and work with him.

The ACP makes an annual donation to the ACP Education Foundation in honor of all members who have died during the year. The ACP Education Foundation accepts donations in honor of ACP colleagues who are deceased. For more information visit www.acpef.org and click on the Making a Donation link.

Members provide denture care in Wyoming to those in need

A team of ACP members, organized through the Academy of Prosthodontics, traveled to the Arapahoe Outreach Program in Riverton, Wyoming, to provide complete denture therapy for the Native American Indians in need. The laboratory work was completed on site with the guidance of Mr. Cal Cowan from the University of Washington and Dr. Bill Kotowicz, a retired life member of the College and former dean of University of Michigan. Four clinicians who are members of the College – Dr. Ken May, Dr. Jeff Rubenstein, Dr. Sharareh Tajbahsh and Dr. Steven Sadowsky – delivered 33 removable prosthetic units in four days.



From left to right: Dr. Kevin Sheridan (staff dentist on the Arapahoe Reservation), Dr. Ken May (chair of the Academy of Prosthodontics Outreach Program), Dr. Bill Kotowicz, Mr. Cal Cowan, Ms. Tina Makeshine (managing staff dental assistant), Ms. Sonja (staff dental assistant), Dr. Jeff Rubenstein, Dr. Steven Sadowsky and Dr. Sharareh Tajbahsh (graduate student at University of Washington).

ACP CODA Commissioner retires

Dr. Ron Woody has retired as the ACP's CODA Commissioner this past July. Dr. Woody has graciously served as a commissioner the past four years. The incoming ACP CODA Commissioner is Dr. Kent Knoerschild.

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ACP member creates a smile, gives new life

ACP Member Dr. Anthony LaVacca, owner of Naperville Dental Specialists, recently teamed up with Nobel Biocare and Artistic Dental Studio to partner on a special case. Becky has extreme advanced genetic periodontal disease and her teeth had transitioned out of their normal positions. Her mouth no longer represented a typical facial structure. She had no smile, her teeth looked elongated because they were super erupted and her gums were infected. It did not seem that anything she was doing for regular maintenance was making a difference and she had been told that all her teeth would eventually have to be removed. Dr. LaVacca immediately got on the phone with his associates a Nobel Biocare and Artistic Dental Studio to see what they could all do to help her and perhaps use her as a test sample case.

Her case was extreme and potentially complicated. Fortunately for her, she was a good candidate for the All-On-Four technique because of her bone density. The All-On-Four technique is just on the verge of becoming mainstream dentistry as a replacement for take out dentures. Naperville Dental Specialists worked with Nobel Biocare and Artistic Dental Studios to get the imprints and fittings they would need for Becky. "Dr. LaVacca is a mentor to both implant reps and other doctors alike," said Bill Bruni of Nobel Biocare. "He is very good at what he does. He was instructed by the top guys in the industry and they taught him to pass on the knowledge. At the end of the day though, what he really likes is for the patient to feel overwhelmed by their new smile."

Welcome New Members *Welcome New Members (Approved by the Board of Directors during the July and August Board conference calls.)*

Student Members

Dr. Cailyn X. Abramson
Dr. Hadi Al-Meraikhi
Dr. Ahmad Alawadhi
Dr. Jabran Alemi
Dr. Mohammad Q. Alenzi
Dr. Sheena L. Allen
Dr. Rene J. Alova
Dr. Abdulmonem Alshihri
Dr. Abdulaziz M. Altamimi
Dr. Nariman Amiri
Dr. Matthew Anderson
Dr. Arnav Aparicio
Dr. Sun-Yung Bak
Dr. Daniel W. Bakko
Dr. Joshua Heath Balch
Dr. Nissim M. Benbassat
Dr. Luis Boza
Dr. Ryan Burke
Dr. Carlos A. Castro
Dr. Carolina Cespedes
Dr. Quinn K. Chan
Dr. Jenn-Hwan Chen
Dr. Seung Woo Choi
Dr. Jason Chong
Dr. Pavinee Chotiwanaporn
Dr. Fotini Chrisopoulos
Dr. Dimitrios Chronaiois
Dr. Miles Cone
Dr. Justin Craighead
Dr. Sarra E. Cushen
Dr. Jeffery R. Damon
Dr. Alesandra De Fuentes

Dr. Erica De Fabio
Dr. Luis Delima
Dr. Richard Brian Derksen
Dr. Matilda Dhima
Dr. Giuliana Diaz
Dr. Christopher D. Dindal
Dr. Vinh D. Doan
Dr. Jesse M. Duncan
Dr. Marina Funtik
Dr. Tzur Sela Gabi
Dr. Edward Givens Jr.
Dr. Satoshi Go
Dr. Inna Grishin
Dr. Michael L. Gurney
Dr. Techkouhie Hamalian
Dr. William Todd Hegmann
Dr. Carlos Hernandez
Dr. Ramzi Hindieh
Dr. Thuytran Hoang
Dr. William Vaughn Holland
Dr. Sarah Jafari-Namin
Dr. Rami R. Jekki
Dr. Hossam Fajsal Jokhadar
Dr. Christopher J. Jones
Dr. Maria D. Julia-Montanez
Dr. Maria Julia-Montanez
Dr. Amit Kamat
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Dr. Mehdi Karimipou
Dr. Michael T. Kase
Dr. Brandon Katz
Dr. Ryan Keyes
Dr. Kelvin Khng

Dr. Bangok Kim
Dr. Carol Kim
Dr. Doris Kore
Dr. Joshua Kristiansen
Dr. Catherine Kwon
Dr. David Lalande
Dr. Jeong Lee
Dr. Jing Lee
Dr. Tsung-Lin James Lee
Dr. Paul Leung
Dr. Bryan Limmer
Dr. Siyan Lin
Dr. Weigiang Loke
Dr. Junping Ma
Dr. Manoel Roberto Macedo
Dr. Francesco Maratta
Dr. Jamie Marquez
Dr. Thomas C. Maveli
Dr. Sloan D. McLaughlin
Dr. Patrick J. Miklos
Dr. Lauren N. Mills
Dr. Russell Morrell
Dr. Alireza Moshaverinia
Dr. Hisham Abdullah Mously
Dr. Abdulaziz Mubarek Al Benali
Dr. Atsushi Nishigori
Dr. Otabor Okundaye
Dr. Luis G. Orozco
Dr. Ambar D. Pagani
Dr. Karina M. Pezo
Dr. Wesley Phillips
Dr. Carl Pogoncheff
Dr. Sumana Posritong

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Dr. Ramtin Sadid-Zadeh
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Dr. Brent A. Medema
Dr. Jonathan Miller
Dr. Prem B. Patel
Dr. Jamie Darran Royal

Dr. Natalia J. Sanchez
Dr. David Wagner
Dr. Melanie D. Yuen

Members

Dr. Maria L. Aguilar
Dr. Bashir M. Laban
Dr. Luis J. Rueda
Dr. William Young

Global Alliance Member

Dr. Thomas G. Canning

Membership Status Changes

Reinstated Members

Dr. Mark A. Boldt
Dr. Antonio Charneco
Dr. Efterpi Zantopoulos-Deegan

Reinstated Fellow

Dr. Robert Davidoff

Members to Active Life Members

Dr. Wayne Vincent Campagni

Members to Retired Life Members

Dr. Suteera T. Hovijitra
Dr. Richard D. Jordan



NANCY DEAL CHANDLER,
MA, RHIA, CAE

Executive Director's Corner

Growing, changing College needs your care

When I look back at the history and evolution of the College's governance and committee structure during the past four years, I am reminded of the Chinese proverb that says, "One generation plants the trees; another gets the shade." In October 2007, the House of Delegates took a bold step and voted to dissolve itself in favor of planting a new organizational structure based on seven regions and a new governance structure. Those shade trees in our new structure have matured very effectively and continue to evolve as planned, often exceeding our expectations.

But development and implementation of the new structure did not involve a review of the College's division and committee effectiveness because both tasks would have been too daunting to take on at the same time. Your Board of Directors (BOD) recognized that the existing divisions and committees could be improved and streamlined by providing better mechanisms for engaging our membership in the important work of the College. In late 2008, ACP President Dr. Charles J. Goodacre appointed a Task Force on the ACP BOD, Divisions and Committees Structure with the following members – Chair: Dr. David L. Pfeifer; ACP Immediate Past President; Dr. Steve D. Campbell, ACPEF Chair and ACP Past President; Dr. Lily T. Garcia, ACP Board of Director's Secretary; Dr. David A. Felton, Editor of the Journal of Prosthodontics and ACP Past President; Dr. Bruce G. Valauri, ACP Past President; and Dr. Jonathan P. Wiens, ACP Vice President.

The Task Force was charged to review the structure for effectiveness and efficiency in: policy formulation; new product development; use of volunteer time; leadership development, clarity of roles and responsibilities; and relevance and value; and to make recommendations to the Board for potential improvements. Coincidentally, the Task Force's work began and continued through this period of economic uncertainty, which

incited a rapid, but careful "taking stock" of the current structure and reevaluation of our core values.

The BOD received and hotly debated multiple reports from the Task Force and in July approved proposed changes in the structure of the Board of Directors, divisions and committees. The goals of these changes are to improve accountability and effectiveness, ensure appropriate member involvement and participation, and emphasize and secure our core values and mission well into the future. These changes will require ACP Bylaws revisions, which were subsequently developed by the Judicial Committee – Chair: Dr. Keith Ferro; Dr. Kenneth Kent; and Dr. Richard Seals Jr.; and then approved by the BOD.

In early September, ACP members were notified electronically of proposed bylaws amendments and an impending vote. The ACP Bylaws state: "Upon approval by the BOD, the BOD shall announce proposed bylaws amendments to the membership at least 60 days in advance of a vote to Active Members and Active Fellows and International Members and International Fellows."

In early November, voting on the proposed Bylaws amendments opens electronically to membership. The ACP Bylaws require that "A minimum number of ballots shall be 10% of the Active Members and Active Fellows and International Members and International Fellows." Bylaws voting results will be announced to membership on November 9 if the 10 percent is achieved; if not, voting will be extended an additional week and so on until a quorum has voted.

Please vote on these Bylaws revisions. The College needs every eligible member's vote if we are to reach the quorum required to revise the Bylaws. Not reaching the required number of votes will result in additional expense to the College because we will need to reschedule the electronic vote. Your voice in the College's future has never been more important.

Deal Chandler may be reached by e-mail at dchandler@prosthodontics.org.

Prosthodontic Champion Dr. Jack Koumjian

It was during my dental school years that I had a high interest in prosthodontics. Having some background in jewelry making and as a goldsmith, which is what my last name translates into, I found that being a prosthodontist would fit me well. I had a great opportunity to receive my undergraduate and specialty Prosthodontics training at Indiana University, School of Dentistry. Being in the postgraduate prosthodontic program where I was fortunate to have mentors like Dr. Chalian, Dr. Dykema, Dr. Goodacre and Dr. Van Roekel, I learned not only fundamentals of prosthodontics but also about hard work, ethics and most importantly the significance of volunteerism. Through my membership in the ACP, serving as a



Dr. Koumjian volunteering at an orphanage in Peru.

volunteer, and in a different capacity as a delegate, and being a past president of the ACP California Section, I developed a lot of friendships that I will cherish for the rest

of my life. As a specialty, prosthodontics not only rewards us monetarily but also brings a personal satisfaction especially when we make a difference in peoples' lives and

when we receive appreciation for the services that we give to our patients. There are two things as human beings that we aim in life. The first is to achieve our dreams, and

that comes with hard work. After achieving our goals, we like to enjoy them. But the measure of our success is by sharing it with the less fortunate because the true measure of our worth includes all of the benefits others have gained from our success. Therefore volunteerism has to be part of our professional life.

Dr. Koumjian is a Fellow of the ACP and currently is in private practice in Palo Alto, California. Dr. Koumjian serves on several Boards including the St. Gregory Church, KZV School and the Armenia Professional Society of the Bay Area. He does volunteer work both independently and with the Armenian Relief Society. Much of this volunteer work is done in Armenia.

Classifieds

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Arizona & Colorado – PROSTHODONTISTS WANTED: Opportunities available in CO & AZ, for part and full-time prosthodontists with exceptional compensation. Call Dr. Mark Birner at (303) 691-0680, e-mail at mbirner@birnerdental.com or visit www.BDMS-PerfectTeeth.com.

California (La Jolla) – Prosthodontist/associate/by-in for well established, excellent reputation, prime location. Private practice in beautiful La Jolla (San Diego). Modern facility, paperless office, newly remodeled. Unique opportunity will shortly lead to partnership or full ownership. Send inquiries to airesian64@gmail.com.

Maryland (Bethesda) – Partnership available in an internationally renowned prosthodontic and implant practice dedicated to excellence and leading edge care. This is a unique opportunity to be part of a highly successful prosthodontic practice that has earned a reputation for pioneering, inventions and development of state of the art techniques in implant dentistry. Serious inquires only to: tkristalis@aol.com or by phone at (703) 638-5257.

Minnesota (Minneapolis) – Fee for service group specialty practice offering full or part time practice association with long established group practice (prosthodontics). Located in downtown Minneapolis. Office has fully equipped laboratory and six operatories. Full

service of fixed, removable and implant prosthodontics offered. Three prosthodontists in group to encourage, consult with and aid transitions to group private practice. Compensation negotiated. Contact: Dr. T. A. Peterson (612) 338-8638.

New Jersey (Voorhees) – Enthusiastic, motivated, productive prosthodontist for group practice with prosthodontists, OMFS, perio, GP working under one roof. Includes premier implant practice, largest in Delaware Valley. Join successful practice with collections at 6M annually. Future possibilities for right person. Top quality abilities paramount. Location is South Jersey 20 minutes from Philadelphia. Call in confidence to: 856-770-0007.

Tennessee (Memphis) – First established, limited to prosthodontics, practice in Memphis is seeking a patient-centered, highly skilled, energetic prosthodontist with an opportunity to purchase. Facility (7,000+) houses prosthodontist-owner (IUSD grad), two periodontists/implant surgeons, one G.P.(Suite 2) plus a 3-man Zirconia (Forte scanner) in-office lab. Pros gross avg 1.23M last four years. Serious, available individuals only please.

Tennessee (Memphis) – The Dental Implant Aesthetic Center of Memphis, TN is expanding and looking for a full-time prosthodontist with experience in implant dentistry to grow with the Center. An opportunity for an equity partnership is available. If you are interested in applying for a position at

the Center, please contact our office at (901) 682-5001 or e-mail info@dentalimplantac.com. Our Web page can give you additional information about our office and staff www.dentalimplantac.com.

Texas (Dallas) – 6 Day Dental just may be the premier Fee-for-Service alliance of dental practices in the country. Our doctors earn more, seeing fewer patients, with plenty of time to enjoy a rich and healthy lifestyle. 6 Day Dental has an immediate opening for a Prosthodontist in Dallas, TX. Send CV to doctors@6daydental.com. www.6daydental.com.

Texas (San Antonio) – The Department of Prosthodontics at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dental School is seeking applicants for a clinical non-tenure, or tenure-track faculty position at the Assistant/Associate Professor level. The primary area of responsibility of the faculty position will be direct patient care in a maxillofacial prosthodontic tertiary care center. 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, completion of an ADA-accredited maxillofacial prosthodontic program and eligibility for licensure in Texas. Evaluation of applicants will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All faculty appointments are designated as security sensitive positions. Applicants should provide a personal statement delineating their qualifications and career goals, curriculum vitae, and the names and addresses of three references. Direct applications or inquiries to:

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PRACTICE FOR SALE

Maryland (Salisbury) – One-man practice 23 hr. week. 40 weeks/yr., easy \$400k. All lab work done in house by prosthodontist – gold, porcelain, removables. Needs affable young Dr. willing to work. 36 years on “the shore.” ? way between ocean and Cheasapeake Bay. Best sailing in the world. Great waterfowl, deer hunting, tennis and golf. Excellent place to raise a family. 3 Universities. Walk to work, lunch at home or with friends. Long-term relationships with real people of all levels of life. Best opportunity for a long and happy life. (410) 742-4048

Michigan (Grand Rapids) – Outstanding Fee for Service Prosthodontic Practice. Grossed in high 6 figures in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

On 4 days per week New building, 2,650 sq. ft. office, 5 high tech operatories, Digital cameras, Digital pano, Dentrix Management Software. New Tom 3-D Cone Beam Scanner in available. 1/3 fixed, 1/3 removable, 1/3 implants Full service dental lab on premises with Cerec In-Lab milling machine, Eris, Empress and Captek crowns. Staffed by CDT. Emphasis on dental implant treatment. Transition to early buyout. Dr. will stay as long as desired. Great Community. Rapidly developing medical service/research corridor. Van Andel Institute with 200 research scientists and 600 to be added shortly. Vibrant downtown, Michigan State Medical School, Numerous Local Colleges, Minor League Sports (Hockey, Arena Football and Baseball), Close to Lake Michigan beaches, Skiing, Hunting, fishing. Great place to raise a family. Take an “Office Tour” at our high tech web site at www.MooreSmiles.org Call Dr. Tim Moore in evenings at home 616-942-6838

Michigan (West Wayne County) – This well established prosthodontic practice is in a very stable, upscale suburban community. This is a cash only practice with 4 operatories. The seller has a great professional reputation and is willing to stay on for a period of time providing for a smooth transition. This is a great opportunity for the recent prosthodontic grad or another prosthodontist looking to expand their patient base. Full 110% financing is available. Contact David J. Dobbins, D.D.S. for details at (313) 550-6509.

New York (Capital District) – Restorative dental practice for sale. Great mix of removable, fixed, esthetic, and implant prosthodontics. Owner does not place implants, does no surgery, perio, endo, or ortho. Owner relocating. Practice for sale, real estate is also for sale, or can be leased. Contact Dave Kasper (603) 355-2260, ext. 204.

Vermont (Norwich, VT – Hanover, NH) – A long established and well known limited prosthodontic practice in east central Vermont. Conveniently located near I-89 and I-91 and very near to the Ivy League College town of Hanover, NH, the home of Dartmouth College. Spacious and efficient office floor plan of 2,000 sq ft with 4 treatment rooms and a large lab. A great opportunity for someone looking to advance in the art and science of prosthodontics. Hanover, NH was #2 on Money Magazine's Best Places to Live in the U.S. in August 2007. Please call (978) 855-0643 for more information.

Washington (Seattle) – Near downtown Seattle, turn-key surgical-pros implant practice. Includes: Charts, Equipment, Long-Term Lease, Marketing/Sales Systems and Prospect List. 100% FFS. \$750K-\$1M on 2-2.5 days. Info: SurgicalProsth@gmail.com

SERVICES AVAILABLE

Washington (Yakima) – Complete set of JPD Journals. All issues are original. Bounded from vol.1, 1951 through vol.88, 2002. Have all other issues through current date but they are unbounded. Call 509-654-2264.

At Your Service...

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Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 2009

Northeastern Gnathological Society Fall Scientific Seminar
New York, New York
October 30, 2009
ngsnet.org

American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics Annual Meeting
San Diego, CA
Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 2009
www.maxillofacialprosth.org

NOVEMBER 2009

American College of Prosthodontists Annual Session
San Diego, CA
Nov. 4-7, 2009
www.prosthodontics.org

American Academy of Implant Dentistry Annual Meeting
New Orleans, LA
Nov. 11-15, 2009
www.aaid.com

JANUARY 2010

National Association of Dental Laboratories Vision 21 Meeting
Las Vegas, NV
Jan. 21-23, 2010
www.nadl.org

FEBRUARY 2010

American Equilibration Society Annual Scientific Meeting
Chicago, IL
Feb. 24-25, 2010
www.aes-tmj.org

The American Prosthodontic Society Annual Meeting
Chicago, IL
Feb. 25-26, 2010
www.prostho.org

American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics Annual Scientific Session
Chicago, IL
Feb. 26-27, 2010
www.fixedprosthodontics.org

MARCH 2010

Academy of Osseointegration 25th Anniversary Meeting
Orlando, FL
March 4-6, 2010
www.osseo.org

APRIL 2010

Southeastern Academy of Prosthodontics Annual Meeting
Hoover, Alabama
April 21-24, 2010
www.seaop.com

Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry Annual Scientific Session
Grapevine, Texas
April 27-May 1, 2010
www.aacd.com

MAY 2010

The Academy of Prosthodontics Annual Meeting
Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico
May 11-15, 2010
www.academyofprosthodontics.org

Certain uncertainties for prosthodontics



LYNDON F. COOPER,
D.D.S., PH.D., F.A.C.P.

A recent e-mail from a colleague and member of the College reminded me that, once upon a time, I was asked to learn a small amount of physics to enable my entry into our great profession of dentistry. Admittedly not fully inspired, I can still recall aspects of my formal college education – girls, beer, classic rock music, and, of course, the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle. The uncertainty principle states that the position and momentum of an object cannot be known simultaneously. I was taught that the mere act of measuring the position introduced significant disturbances in momentum. And that is where quantum mechanics and I chose to part ways.

In dentistry, we have no issue with uncertainty. We like being certain. This is our comfort zone. The margin is either open or closed and the occlusion is either correct or incorrect. We buy expensive instruments to assure certainty and we take special pride in accepting clinical data sets with 99 percent success rates and even greater experimental certainty. We extend this to the careful design of our practices and our lives. To the prosthodontist, there is a particular place for every item and a sequence of steps for every procedure. When it comes to decision making, we have a need to be sure. No uncertainty offered here.

During the past few weeks, I have experienced this through the pleasure of introducing my new students to our Graduate Prosthodontic Curriculum. We have shared the certainty of crown margins and provisional restorations, the precise dimensions of the dentition, achievement of reproducible centric relation records, the exacting geometry of balanced occlusion, those statistically certain data sets concerning dental implants and the assurance that the next few years will certainly be filled with long hours of dedicated learning. But there ends the certainty of Graduate Prosthodontic education, ground zero for any prosthodontic future.

It is difficult to estimate our current position and exactly where we are headed. Three issues of uncertainty are front and center. The first is technology. If teaching techniques for casting alloys requires a portion of our curriculum, how can our current actions lead to rapid development of digital skill sets needed to fabricate an alloy framework by selective laser sintering or milling? Does three weeks of stacking porcelain lead a resident to a near future of milled or pressed ceramic restorations? The second is demographics. Do current patients want or will they accept techniques, procedures or outcomes that are 2 or 3 decades old? Should we focus on dental implants and full mouth rehabilitation if the financial future spells removable partial overdentures and complete dentures? The third is economics. How do prosthodontic programs support their educational programs and attract talented students in an era of diminishing resources?

I believe the answer to these questions is simply “us.” The members of the American College of Prosthodontists have the opportunity to be leaders in technology, providers to emerging demographic groups and prove they are among the strongest, fiscally responsible members of dental educational institutions. The membership has the ability to look beyond its current position and become fully engaged to assure momentum in select directions. If the answer is “them,” the focus could be on our current position and how we cannot achieve great advancement to the future. By being an active participant in the ACP discussions of its own future, each of us contributes to the certainty of a bright future for prosthodontics.

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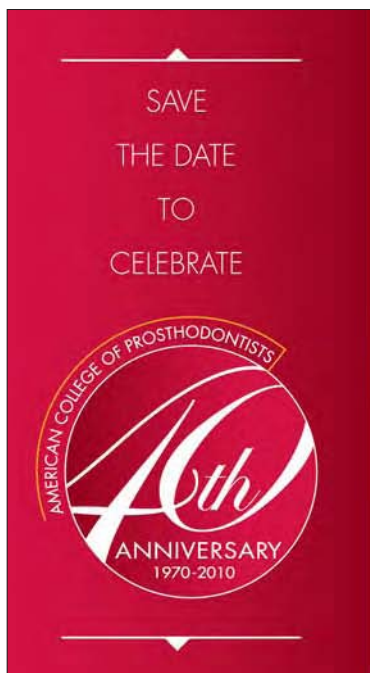
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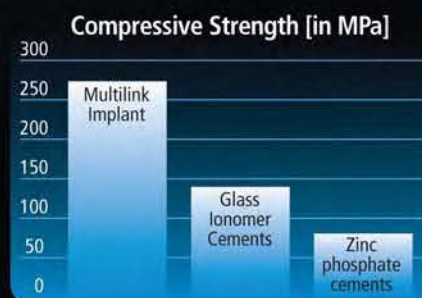
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