PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

Revolution and Evolution

In the glamour of Hollywood, visual effects artists gather annually in February to celebrate their achievements by doling out awards raging from “the best animation of a character in a live motion picture” to “the best animated character in an animated picture”. The Visual Effects Society Awards would certainly suggest that technology is increasingly blurring the lines between reality and digitally created interpretations of reality. In fact, the winner of the lifetime achievement award this year, Steven Spielberg, commented that it gets harder and harder each year to know what is real and what is computer generated reality. I found it interesting that a group of visual effects artists who stand at the forefront of computer generated reality face the same challenge as many professional organizations - how to evolve and embrace technology that is changing the dynamics upon which organizations base their existence. In fact, as the Master of Ceremonies introduced the program, he eloquently stated, “We are at a critical time in our evolution; we are in the midst of a technological revolution.”

I thought this certainly applies to the science driving many aspects of maxillofacial prosthetic care today. Data captured digitally for diagnostic purposes or manipulated to create models, surgical templates, ceramic units, and prostheses are changing the delivery of care in prosthodontics and maxillofacial prosthetics and upping the ante to remain viable as a healthcare provider in these fields. Interpretation, management, and application of the data become an important skill set that must be incorporated to function effectively as a provider as well as to be successful as an organization. The keeper of these skill sets will direct the care in the future. As an organization, maintaining viability and generating impact in our field require that we attract and retain individuals that find our sub-specialty full of creative opportunities. Providing those opportunities requires that we evolve as an organization to become a repository of knowledge in our field that is leading edge and forward thinking. In our favor, the AAMP has built a very credible reputation as the keeper of knowledge in the field to date; how we position ourselves going forward will determine whether we have an impact 25 years in the future.

In that vein, at the 2007 annual meeting in Scottsdale, the Board of Directors (BOD) tasked the President with creating a committee for Strategic Planning. As such, working with an outside facilitator, the first meeting of The Strategic Planning Committee was held the Friday before the Interim BOD meeting in Chicago. Committee subgroups examined five identifiable core areas of focus and generated a preliminary draft with actionable items. As the committee continues its progress, information regarding the AAMP Strategic Plan will be posted on the website. Stay tuned for more updates in the near future.
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One of the tenets for moving forward as an organization is to engage in partnerships with like organizations and entities to share knowledge that will enhance our impact and broaden our sphere of influence. As such, the BOD voted to become an organizational member with the ICP, and will begin to work towards strengthening our relationship with the ISMR. Similarly, we continue to share our annual meeting experience with the ACP, this year in Nashville and next year in San Diego. After speaking at length with the President of the ACP, Dr. David Pfeifer, it is clear that the ACP is committed to continuing this close association, and we have finalized a joint meeting agreement to that effect for Nashville. Certainly, locating the annual meeting in conjunction with the ACP venue helped to create an outstanding turnout of students registered at the 2007 annual meeting. This reflects a concerted effort to involve students in our annual meeting during their postgraduate prosthodontic programs. Past President Rubenstein and The Student Membership Committee, in particular, have been very active in addressing the pool of potential future members of the organization.

Advocacy is an important component of maintaining viability as an organization, and we will need to continue to remain vigilant regarding reimbursement for our services. Healthcare delivery is migrating to the lowest common denominator for payment of services, and we must continue work to facilitate coverage and adequate reimbursement for our services. Under the Medicare plan, 2008 reimbursement for physician services is scheduled to be reduced by 10% on average. Scheduled reductions in 2007 were avoided as Congress intervened to delay reductions in physician reimbursement. Once again, we are faced with the likelihood that if Congress fails to act, the downward spiral in reimbursement will continue. In addition, another 5% decrease is scheduled for Jan of 2009. As such, I urge you to contact your state legislators to make them aware of our concern. Listed in the ADA website is a section entitled “Advocacy” (www.ada.org/prof/advocacy/index.asp). Go to “Legislative Action Center” located under the “Speak Out” section which contains a sub-heading “Congress and President”. Selecting this tab allows you to contact your state legislators via e-mail or phone. It is a very expedient way to make your concerns known to those that control healthcare policy.

As an organization, the ability to shape our field of expertise and maintain a leadership role in developing educational standards and best practices relies on attracting the best that prosthodontics has to offer. To that end, our Vice President and Program Chair, Dr. Steve Eckert, has assembled a renowned list of speakers that not only represent the broad envelope of maxillofacial prosthetic care, but challenge us to confront the changing dynamics of maxillofacial prosthetic care and the opportunities that exist to maintain our leadership role in the future.

I invite you to join me in Nashville for the 56th annual meeting of the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics, and I encourage you to be a part of both the revolution and evolution of our specialty.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry M. Kelly DMD
President
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Newly elected Board of Directors at the 2007 AAMP Annual meeting: (left to right): Drs. Craig A. Van Dongen, Betsy K. Davis, Samuel R. Zwetchkenbaum, and Alvin G. Wee.
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Any AAMP Fellows interested in becoming a part of a particular committee should contact the Chair to put in a request to the AAMP President Elect.

The Maxillofacial Foundation

The Maxillofacial Foundation is pleased to announce a new Treatment Assistance Program (TAP). This program is available to any maxillofacial prosthodontist treating a patient with a limited income and without public/private insurance or government reimbursement benefits. The maximum treatment grant is $1,000 per patient.

The application, policies and guidelines regarding TAP can be obtained from Dr. Thomas Vergo, Jr, Vice-President and Patient Care Director of The Maxillofacial Prosthetic Foundation by calling 617-733-9627 or e-mailing him at thomasvergo01@earthlink.net.
55th Annual Scientific Session
(October 28-30, 2007)

The 55th AAMP annual meeting was another successful event with over 25 clinical and scientific presentations. It was held at the Westin Kierland Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona, October 28-30, 2007. The meeting was dedicated in memoriam to Drs. Thomas Curtis (Orinda, CA) and Charles Swoope (Bellevue, WA).

**Ackerman Award**

This award was established to commemorate the monumental contributions of Dr. Andrew Ackerman of New York City. Dr. Ackerman died in June of 1960 when he was President-Elect of the Academy. The award was established to be bestowed upon a member of the Academy who the Board of Directors considered to have made significant contributions to the advancement of this special area of practice.

This was a year in which the Andrew J. Ackerman Award was received by Dr. Salvatore J. Esposito (Cleveland Clinic), currently residing in Beachwood, OH, for his significant contributions to the advancement of maxillofacial prosthodontics.

(Left to right) Dr. Salvatore Esposito and Dr. Mark Marunick (AAMP 2007 Awards Committee Chair)

**Barron Award**

The Joseph B. Barron Award was established to recognize Maxillofacial Prosthetic Residents who exemplify personal qualities and academic prowess with a potential to be major contributors to the specialty, Fellows in the Academy, and future leaders. This is not a popularity contest. Directors of Maxillofacial Prosthetic programs are solicited for nominations in which they score their nominees in categories of personality, professional prowess (including clinical, educational, and research), community service, publications, presentations, and achievements via honor society recognition and awards.

The Barron Award last year was presented to Dr. Marvin Alameda (left from Memorial Sloan Kettering, New York, NY) and Dr. Michael Forde (right from Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN) who demonstrated accomplishment in research, publications and patient care.

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Was awarded approximately $1.5 million from BUMED (Bureau of Medicine) for research into imaging and virtual surgical software in collaboration with Kodak and UCLS software engineering departments.

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Annual Research Poster Awards
The winners at the recent 2007 Scottsdale, AZ meeting were:

1st Place: Han, Ying
Fourth Military Medical University School of Stomatology
Xi’an, China
Abstract Title: Effect of nano-oxides on the physical properties of maxillofacial silicone A-2186

2nd Place: Wu, Guofeng
Fourth Military Medical University School of Stomatology
Xi’an, China
Abstract Title: 3D chromatic facial impression and customized facial prosthesis fabrication based on CAD/CAM techniques

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Educational Offering
The Indiana University School of Dentistry presents:
“Maxillofacial Prosthetics Intensive Hands-On Training and Patient Demonstration”
Dates: Thursday, May 15th – Monday, May 19th, 2008
Presented by Mr. David Trainer and Dr. John Levon
To register by phone, or for questions, contact the CE department at (317) 278-9000 or toll free (888) 373-4873 or by e-mail at rfuentes@iupui.edu.
INDIANA UNIVERSITY – School of Dentistry, Office of Continuing Education, IUPUI
The 2008 meeting of the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics will be held in Nashville, Tennessee. The program for this meeting will address some of the major issues of concern for the specialty and will be based on the theme: **Maxillofacial Prosthetics at the Crossroads**.

To a great extent, this meeting will bring a wake-up call to the sub-specialty as the procedures that were instrumental in the creation of this field have been systematically replaced by what amounts to surgical endeavors that replace, modify or eliminate the need for intraoral and extraoral prostheses. The meeting will discuss the evolution of intervention for maxillofacial prosthodontists and will discuss further advancement of the subspecialty as it looks to re-define its niche in prosthodontics.

Each day will begin with a renowned speaker presenting their impression of the current status of this subspecialty that is specifically related to their area of expertise.

Dr. Steve Eckert, AAMP 2008 Scientific Program Chair

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**Invited Speakers include:**

- Dr. Jonathan Wiens
- Dr. Carl Driscoll
- Dr. Sree Koka
- Dr. Donald Curtis
- Susan Habakuk & Dr. David Resiberg
- Dr. Thomas McGarry
- Drs. Thomas and Stephen Balshi
- Dr. Barry Shipman
- Dr. Jeffrey E. Rubenstein
- Dr. Thomas Salinas
- Dr. Alan Carr
- Dr. Robert Taft

**Topics:**

- Motor Vehicle Accidents
- Why Should Every Maxillofacial Prosthodontist be Boarded
- The Process of Oncogenesis
- Managing the Food Bolus
- Facial Prostheses
- Prosthodontists Placing Implants
- Immediate Implant Loading Using Acrylic Based Fixed Prostheses
- Making Financial Sense in an MFP Practice
- Implants Used with Intra-Oral Prostheses
- Why Teeth are still the Primary Retainers of Choice
- Developing and Using a Database to Improve Clinical Outcomes
- MFP in the Military: Responding to the Call

**CE Workshop:** Dr. John Wolfaardt - Nasopharyngoscopy in Maxillofacial Prosthetics
Ameriface (formerly AboutFace USA) is a national organization dedicated to people with facial differences. The mission of ameriface is to provide information and emotional support to individuals with facial differences and their families and to increase public understanding through awareness programs and education on behalf of those it serves. It supports individuals whose facial differences are present at birth, as well as those who have acquired facial differences as a result of illness, disease, or trauma.

The organization’s annual North American Craniofacial Family Conference is set for Las Vegas on July 21-23, 2008. This meeting is designed for children and adults with facial differences and their families. There are lectures and workshops, as well as a full social calendar of events. It is a great opportunity to rekindle old friendships and make new friends in the ameriface community.

For more information about ameriface and the family conference, please go to www.ameriface.org.
CAREER MOVES

Mark C. Chambers, D.M.D., M.S.
Has been appointed as Chief, Section of Oncologic Dentistry and Prosthodontics within the Department of Head and Neck Surgery at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX.

Amir H. Khatami, D.D.S.
Recently moved to the School of Dentistry Loma Linda University from The Ohio State University. Dr. Khatami will be involved with prosthodontic and maxillofacial prosthetic patient care and teach within the Advanced Education in Prosthodontics program.

Harold Kolodney, D.M.D.
Has joined the newly created Division of Oral Oncology and Biobehavioral Medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center Cancer Institute in Jackson, MS as Maxillofacial Prosthodontist. Dr. Kolodney received his training in both general and maxillofacial prosthodontics at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center under Dr. James Schweiger. He has been in private practice for the past 15 years and has been a faculty member of the Dept. of Restorative Dentistry at the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry since 1985.

Jeffery C. Markt, D.D.S.
Recently moved to the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha NE, from the Department of Hospital Dentistry, College of Dentistry, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA. He is an Associate Professor within the Division of Oral Facial Prosthetic/ Dental Oncology at the Department of Otolaryngology, College of Medicine.

Steve M. Parel, D.D.S., M.S.
Who was previously Professor and Director for Maxillofacial Prosthodontics at Baylor College of Dentistry has just started his third career. His is now the Clinical Director of the Dallas Clear Choice Dental Implant Center.

Charles Walowitz, D.D.S.
Fully retired from private practice. Emeritus staff Department of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery, The Greater Baltimore Medical Center. Also retired Head, Dental Division, The Milton J. Dance Head and Neck Rehabilitation Center, Greater Baltimore Medical Center. Currently Adjunct Faculty, Department of Post Graduate Prosthodontics, Nova Southeastern University Dental College.

KUDOS

Steven E. Eckert, D.D.S., M.S.
Served as President of the Academy of Osseointegration from 2007 to 2008.

Rhonda F. Jacob, D.D.S., M.S.
Served as President of the Academy of Prosthodontics from 2007 to 2008.

Hari Parkash, D.D.S.
Was recently appointed as Director-General, I.T.S Group of Dental Institutions, Ghaziabad, U.P, India. He was also conferred Honorary Fellowship in Dental Surgery of Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow (U.K.)

Drs. Gregory R. Parr and Thomas D. Taylor
Have been elevated to AAMP Life Fellow Status.

Richard J. Persiani, D.D.S., M.S.
Awarded Dentist Citizen of the Year from the Michigan Dental Association for community activity and the development of a foundation to provide dental care to the underserved children of Metropolitan Detroit and for providing care to children with cleft lip and cleft palate throughout the world. He is Chairman of the dental council of Operation Smile and recently traveled on medical missions to Vietnam, Paraguay and most recently South Africa and Madagascar.

David J. Reisberg, D.D.S.
Is currently serving as President of Ameriface and also served as President of the International Society for Maxillofacial Rehabilitation from 2007 to 2008.

Arun B. Sharma D.D.S., M.S.
Has been appointed as Assistant Editor of the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry. Dr. Sharma is Clinical Professor in the Division of Prosthodontics at the University of California, San Francisco School (UCSF) of Dentistry. Director of the Maxillofacial Prosthetic Clinic and the prosthodontist for the Craniofacial Anomalies Center at UCSF.

Glenn E. Turner, D.M.D., M.S.D.
Served as President of the Florida Prosthodontic Association from 2007 to 2008.
COMPRU is in the process of reconstructing to form the institute for Reconstructive Sciences in Medicine (iRSM) under a joint agreement by Capital Health Edmonton Region), Caritas Health Group, and University of Alberta. iRSM is a clinical and research centre that is internationally recognized and is dedicated to reconstruction and rehabilitation of the head and neck. iRSM provides an exciting and rapidly evolving interdisciplinary environment. Clinical care encompasses both congenital and acquired conditions. Research is broadly based involving translational activity for both basic and applied research. iRSM provides patient-centred care and research through a specific interdisciplinary teamwork structure that is ISO 9000 quality system driven. Commitment in excellent clinical care and scholarly activity is essential to the future of iRSM.

The prosthodontic position will be based in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry as a tenure track position with appointment to iRSM.

The level of appointment will be dependent upon the individual level of experience. The prosthodontist will have both clinical and research responsibilities within the iRSM team. Clinical responsibilities involve provision of maxillofacial prosthetic care. Research responsibilities will involve developing independent and collaborative research. Development of peer-reviewed research funding will also be required. Active engagement of the international clinical and research communities and involvement in professional organizations are an important aspect of the position.

Establishment of an annually productive international presentation and peer-reviewed scientific publication program are essential aspects of the position. The prosthodontist will also provide leadership in development and presentation of professional development opportunities. The prosthodontist will be to contribute to service activities at iRSM required.

The following qualifications are required:

1. Undergraduate university degree in dentistry.
2. Successful completion of a graduate program (M.Sc. Or equivalent) in Prosthodontics.
3. Completion of an advances research degree at a masters or doctoral level is preferred.

Please submit a curriculum vitae with a covering letter to:

Myka Osinchuk Executive Director COMPRU
Misericordia Hospital
16940-87 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta T5R 4H5
Canada

Or email to: MykaOsinchuk@caritas.cha.ad.ca
Prosthodontist BC Cancer Agency

This is an exceptional opportunity for an accomplished Prosthodontist to have an immediate and long-term impact on the delivery of specialized care in the province of BC. You will work to develop programs to support patient needs, collaborate with an inter-disciplinary team of highly specialized health care providers, and harness resources from across multiple agencies within the PHSA to maximize patient outcomes. You will also participate in the planning and execution of surgical procedures, initiate and/or participate in research, supervise general practice residents, and act as an academic resource and lecturer to UBC undergraduates, Vancouver Community College hygienists, dental technicians and denturists. Your mandate will also involve the provision of continuing dental education programs to health care providers as well as representing the BC Cancer Agency at national and international meetings.

Anyone with interest in the opportunity is invited to apply, or to contact Dr. Allan Hovan who is our Provincial Professional Practice Leader for the Program in Oral Oncology. He can be reached by email at ahovan@bccancer.bc.ca or by phone at 604-877-6000 (local at 2422).

The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
Dental School
Department of Prosthodontics

The Department of Prosthodontics at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dental School is seeking applicants for a 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 positions are 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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Sealsr@uthscsa.edu
The Department of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery, College of Medicine, at the Medical University of South Carolina is seeking applicants for a tenure-track faculty position at the Assistant/Associate Professor level. The primary area of responsibility is clinical practice with minor teaching (lecturing) and research responsibilities. Qualifications include a DDS/DMD degree, completion of an ADA-accredited advanced education program in prosthodontics and maxillofacial prosthodontics, and eligibility for licensure in South Carolina. Evaluation of applicants will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. The Medical University of South Carolina is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. If interested, please send a curriculum vitae and the names of three references. Inquiries should be addressed to:

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Message from the Editorial Team:

The American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics is a prestigious organization consisting of highly qualified, motivated individuals with lots of energy, enthusiasm and many diverse interests. The Annual AAMP Newsletter provides another avenue to increase communication and dissemination of information within this great Academy.

It is the hope of the Editorial Team that this newsletter will continue to evolve into an essential communication tool of this Academy. We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to this newsletter, especially the AAMP Historical & Archives Committee with the necessary images.

We are currently seeking suggestions on a new name for this newsletter. Please feel free to send any suggestions on a new name or comments on the newsletter to us at: “awee@unmc.edu”.

Best Regards.