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AAMP Annual Newsletter

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

It is my pleasure to invite anyone interested in the art and science of reconstructing head and neck defects using artificial materials like silicone and acrylic to the 57th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics. Maxillofacial prosthetics restores defects caused by cancer surgery, congenital defects and trauma. Our Vice President and Program Chair, Dr. Robert Taft, has assembled a renowned list of speakers that challenge us to confront the changing dynamics of our specialty and to maintain our leadership role in the future.



The Program covers three days of lectures, Nov 1-3, 2009. The first day is devoted to procedures that are supportive care of H&N cancer patients. The second day provides discussion regarding implant supported prostheses. The third day is devoted to Advanced Digital Technology. Advanced Digital Technology is the latest scientific development in the use of CBCT scans, virtual imagery software and 3D MD cameras to produce virtual images for surgical planning and construction of prostheses. This final day of our program will highlight the value of multidisciplinary treatment planning using the latest Advanced Digital Technology.

Dr. Robert Taft has created a CE workshop with excellent hands-on opportunities to enhance your capabilities in diagnosis and treatment planning.

Thank you for joining me in San Diego for the 57th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics. I encourage you to meet us at the crossroads of the past and the future.

Glenn E. Turner, DMD, MSD
President
American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics

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Total Membership	262
Life Fellows	83
Life Affiliate Fellows	4
Fellows	114
Associate Fellows	45
Allied Technicians	2
Affiliates	13

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(Left to right) 2008-2009 Officers of the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics: Drs. Terry M. Kelly (Immediate Past President), Steven E. Eckert (President Elect), Robert M. Taft (Vice President), Glenn E. Turner (President), Steven P. Haug (Vice President-Elect), Mark S. Chambers (Executive Secretary / Treasurer), and Jeffrey C. Markt (Recording Secretary).

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Fellowship Dr. Donna M. Hecker	Strategic Planning Dr. Terry M. Kelly	Time and Place Dr. Mark S. Chambers	

AAMP Fellows interested in joining a particular committee should contact the Chair.

News from the Reorganization and Streamlining Committee

In an attempt to facilitate the approved transition in composition of the AAMP Board of Directors, Resolution 09-1-06 was passed at our 2009 Interim Board of Directors Meeting. The resolution states:

“Per AAMP Bylaws 8.1, the BOD shall schedule an election to be held at the 2009 Annual Business Meeting of two Directors to complete a three-year term in 2012. Additionally two Directors shall be elected at the 2009 Annual Business Meeting to serve a two-year term ending in 2011. The structure of this election is to facilitate the smooth transition of the Board of Directors from twelve to six in number.”

Utilizing this approved format will achieve the goal of having at least six Directors and provide continuity of the Directors normally serving a 3-year term with a constant rotation (electing two Directors each year). Our Board of Directors will have eight members in 2010 and six members in 2011 and subsequent years.

If you have any questions, please contact Kenneth Kent, D.M.D. at kenkent@pol.net.

2009 AAMP Annual Meeting

Venue: *The Westin San Diego Hotel*

San Diego, California

Conference Room Rate: \$239.00

Dates: *October 31-November 3, 2009*

(Saturday through Tuesday)



This year's program will build on the concept of Maxillofacial Prosthetics at the crossroads and focus on three areas of interest: (1) supportive care for the Maxillofacial Prosthetics patient, (2) implant support and finally (3) Advanced Digital Technology. Our goal is to highlight how diverse and invaluable the treatment team is today and its direct impact on the care that we provide to our patients.

Never has there been a time where education and research has been so pivotal in the advancement of the healthcare to include the technological dimension. We need to embrace these concepts and participate in the interest of all patients entrusted in our care.

Please join us at the AAMP meeting in San Diego to see and be part of the future.

*Dr. Robert M. Taft, CAPT, DC, USN
AAMP 2009 Program Chair*

***The 2009 Annual Meeting is dedicated to AAMP Past President
Dr. Sebastian Bruno for his service to the Academy.***

ICP 2009 Meeting Promotes Maxillofacial Prosthetics

Over the past year, the AAMP has been working with the *International College of Prosthodontics (ICP)* and the *International Society of Maxillofacial Rehabilitation (ISMR)* to promote maxillofacial prosthetics within the international prosthodontic community. The result of this joint effort has inspired a half-day program on maxillofacial prosthodontics.

This program will be part of the **2009 ICP Biennial Conference in Cape Town, South Africa**. Dr. Arun Sharma will coordinate the section of the ICP meeting on maxillofacial prosthetics. Each of the three organizations will be represented: the AAMP will be represented by Dr. Terry Kelly; the ISMR will be represented by Dr. David Riesberg; and the ICP will be represented by Dr. John Wolfaardt. The program is as follows:

Saturday, September 12, 2009 08:00-12:30 P.M.

8:30am	Dr. Lawrence Brecht	<i>Clefts and Nasoalveolar Moulding</i>
9:00am	Dr. Jana Rieger	<i>Functional Assessment: Choosing So That You Don't Lose</i>
9:30am	Dr. Dale Howes	<i>The Use of Zygomatic Implants in Midface Reconstruction after Trauma and Oncological Resection</i>
10:00am	Dr. Hishashi Taniguchi	<i>In Vivo Application of Modal Analysis to Maxillofacial Prosthodontics</i>
11:00am	Dr. Harry Reintsema	<i>Treatment Outcomes with Implants in Head and Neck Oncology Patient</i>
11:30am	Dr. John Beumer	<i>Implants in Irradiated Tissue</i>
12:00am	Dr. Betsy Davis	<i>Facial Protheses at the Crossroads: Lessons of the Past and Future Horizons</i>

For more information, Please log on to: <https://www.icp-org.com>

UPCOMING RELEVANT CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

International Anaplastology Association

24th Annual Conference. November 12-15, 2009. Espace Saint-Martin Centre de Congres. Paris, France. For information and registration: <http://www.anaplastology.org>

American College of Prosthodontists

39th Annual Session of the ACP. Wednesday, November 4, 2009, through Saturday, November 7, 2009. Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego, California. For information and registration: <http://www.prosthodontics.org>

International Society for Maxillofacial Rehabilitation

9th International ISMR Meeting. May 2010. Genova, Italy. Dates still pending. For more information and registration: <http://www.ismr-org.com>.

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 19-22, 2009. This meeting is designed for children and adults with facial differences and their families. Lectures and workshops will be offered, as well as a full social calendar of events. It is a great opportunity to rekindle old friendships and to make new friends in the Ameriface community. For more information about Ameriface and the family conference, please visit: www.ameriface.org.

Dr. David Reisberg, President



Highlights from the 56th Annual Scientific Session

The 56th Annual Scientific Session was held at the Gaylord Opryland Resort in Nashville, Tennessee on October 25-28, 2008. The meeting was dedicated in memoriam to Drs. Verdi Carsten (Syracuse, NY) and Thomas Cowper (Cleveland, OH). **Founded in 1953**, the **AAMP** is an organization dedicated to the prosthetic correction and management of maxillofacial (head and neck) defects acquired from surgical ablation of cancer or traumatic injuries, congenital-birth defects, and alterations in growth and development.



Dr. Verdi F. Carsten, 1924-2007.
AAMP Past President

The three day scientific program provided multiple evidence-based lectures, poster presentations, and continuing education courses advancing mainstream concepts and new developments in head and neck surgical oncology, craniofacial reconstruction, and maxillofacial biomaterials and rehabilitation.



Dr. Thomas R. Cowper, 1946-2007.
AAMP Past President and
Andrew J. Ackerman Award Recipient

Multiple awards were given throughout the course of the meeting. The **Andrew J. Ackerman Award**, the highest honor of the AAMP, was awarded posthumously to Dr. Thomas R. Cowper for having made significant contributions to the advancement of maxillofacial prosthodontics.

The Annual Poster Competition

The first prize winner of the **Annual Research Poster Competition** was awarded to Dr. A.K. Stanton for her poster on "Inhibition of *Candida Albicans* Biofilm on Denture Acrylic Resin with Thin-Film Coatings."

Second place winner was Dr. Sameet Sheth for his poster on "Maxillofacial Rehabilitation Using Mini Dental Implants."



(Left to right) The 2008 First Place Annual Research Poster Competition winner Dr. A. K. Stanton presented by Dr. Terry M. Kelly.

(Left to right) The 2008 Second Place Annual Poster Competition winner Dr. Sameet S. Sheth presented by Dr. Terry M. Kelly



ADA Accredited Maxillofacial Prosthetics Training Programs

MD Anderson Cancer Center

Program Director: Dr. Jack Martin
University of Texas MD Andersen Cancer Center
Department of Head and Neck Surgery
Houston, Texas

UCLA

Program Director: Dr. John Beumer III
UCLA School of Dentistry
Division of Advanced Prosthodontics, Biomaterials, and
Hospital Dentistry
Los Angeles, California

Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

Program Director: Dr. George Bohle III
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
Department of Surgery Dental Service
New York, New York

United States Air Force

Program Director: Dr. Villa Guillory
Wilford Hall Medical Center
Lackland AFB
San Antonio, Texas

United States Navy

Program Director: Dr. Gerald Grant
Maxillofacial Prosthetics Department
Navy Postgraduate Dental School
National Naval Medical Center
Bethesda, Maryland

Mayo Graduate School of Medicine

Program Director: Dr. Steven Eckert
Mayo Clinic
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Section of Maxillofacial Prosthetics
New Orleans, Louisiana

Columbia University

Program Director: Dr. Kinal Lal
School of Dental and Oral Surgery
Columbia University
New York, New York



“Name the AAMP Annual Newsletter Contest”

The AAMP is looking for suggestions for the name for the annual newsletter. AAMP members or their family with the best suggestion will win a new 8 GB i-Pod nano! Deadline for suggestion submission is December 31, 2009. The Board of Directors will vote at the next interim meeting in February 2010. Send your suggestions to:

UnmcOfpResearch@gmail.com.

Elevation of AAMP Status

Life Fellows:	Dr. Thomas D. Taylor Dr. Gregory R. Parr Dr. John W. McCartney
Retired Fellow:	Dr. Richard E. Jones
Full Fellows:	Dr. Stephen G. Alfano Dr. Michael D. Brooks Dr. Aaron G. Segal
Associate Fellows:	Dr. Joseph DiFazio Dr. Harold Kolodney, Jr.
Affiliate Fellows:	Dr. Gopi Naveen Chander
Auxiliary Fellow:	Mr. Philip M. Brewer



Another Elected to the American Board of Prosthodontics

Dr. Robert M. Taft was successfully elected to the American Board of Prosthodontics. Dr. Taft is currently Dean of the Naval Postgraduate Dental School and Director of the Navy Medicine Manpower Personnel Training and Education Command, Bethesda, MD. He joins four other AAMP fellows who are currently serving as Examiners on the Board (Drs. Stephen M. Parel, Jonathan P. Wiens, Rhonda F. Jacob, Steven E. Eckert), as well as Dr. Thomas D. Taylor who is the Executive Director of the Board.

Current Research Grants by AAMP Fellows

Dr. Zafrulla Khan from the J.G. Brown Cancer Center in Louisville, Kentucky, is currently carrying out several commercially-funded studies: (1) A Phase III randomized, double-blind, placebo controlled study to evaluate the efficiency and safety of weekly dose of Palifermin (RHukgf) for the reduction of oral mucositis in subjects with advanced head and neck cancer who are receiving radiotherapy with concurrent chemotherapy. This \$199,854.20 study was funded by Amgen and started in April 2006 -Principal Investigator. (2) A Phase II randomized, double masked placebo controlled study on the efficacy of SNX-1012 in reducing the duration and severity of ulcerative oral mucositis in patients receiving crytofoxil chemotherapy for lung, colorectal and breast cancer. This \$30,000 study was funded by Serenex B and started in December 2006 -Co-Investigator. (3) A Phase II multicenter, randomized, double blind, placebo controlled, dose ranging study on to access the safety and efficacy of SCV-07 for the delay to onset of severe oral mucositis in patients receiving chemo-radiation therapy for treatment of cancers of the head and neck. This \$42,279 study was funded by SciClone Pharmaceuticals B and started in January 2009 -Principal Investigator.

The Navy research group led by **Dr. Gerald T. Grant** in Bethesda, Maryland, has been awarded an additional \$700,000/- for their study in the development and design of direct laser sintered craniofacial implants. This research group and the continued education program will incorporate elements of their research in this year's annual meeting with presentations by the 3dMD company.

Dr. Fong Wong from The University of Florida is Principal Investigator for a \$212,555 grant awarded by Neuroanalytics Corp. and NIH NINDS SBIR Phase II (R44NS047863), "Apparatus for testing pain sensitivity in Rodents." It is a sub-contract to develop operant pain sensitivity testing protocols for rodents. Dr. Wong is also the Principal Investigator of a University of Florida Seed Grant Project entitled, "Systemic effects of Cancer on Thermal pain Sensitivity in Mice" for \$10,000. Dr. Wong is also Sub-Investigator for a study entitled, "Functional Elucidation of Aberrant MicroRNA Expressions in Oral Cancer" funded by the University of Florida/ Moffitt Cancer Center for \$100,000/-

Dr. Alvin G. Wee from the University of Nebraska Medical Center was awarded an NIH / NIDCR K23 award for \$650,000/ from 2006 to 2011, as Principal Investigator. His grant proposal is entitled "Intervention to Prevent Delayed Diagnosis of Oral Cancer." He has also been accepted into the University's Clinical and Translational Research Mentored Scholars Program and will work part-time towards his Ph.D. in his new research focus area of oral cancer delay.

International Relations

Dr. Alan B. Carr who is Professor at the Mayo Clinic is serving as Dean of the Dental Component of the CMDA/CMDE annual conference, providing CE to dental missionaries in Asia one year and in Africa the next—on a rotating basis. This allows maintenance of U.S. licensure without the cost of travel to the U.S. [total of 42 CE hours].

Dr. Roger P. Masella who is a Life Fellow since 2001 has been having a productive retirement by volunteering as a consultant for the Canadian Executive Services Organization, a division of the Canadian International Development Agency. He has taken seven assignments to Russia and two to Armenia. These assignments consist of advising medical and dental clinics on practice management, marketing, and strategic planning.

Special Award

Dr. Lawrence Gettleman who is Professor at the University of Louisville received a Distinguished Faculty Award for Community Service on April 20, 2009, from the President of the University of Louisville. The award consists of a medal and a cash prize. Community activities in Louisville include the regional science fairs and the Kentucky Science Fair Endowment, Kentucky Opera and Kentucky Shakespeare organizations, public radio, neighborhood improvement associations, the Harvard Club of Louisville, Temple Shalom, the U.S. Marine Hospital, Red Cross Aphaeresis, *Courier-Journal* Forum Fellow, and several automobile and flying clubs.

Kudos

Dr. Lori C. Ransohoff from Tampa, Florida, is currently treasurer for the Florida Prosthodontic Association.

Dr. Eleni D. Roumanas who is Professor and Prosthodontic Residency Program Director at UCLA has been nominated by the American College of Prosthodontics to serve as the Membership Division Director. She also recently successfully challenged the American Board of Prosthodontics.

Dr. Thomas J. Salinas who is Associate Professor at the Mayo Clinic was recently promoted to Consultant. He also recently successfully challenged the American Board of Prosthodontics.

Dr. Donna M. Hecker from Eden Prairie, Minnesota, successfully challenged the American Board of Prosthodontics.

Dr. Salvatore J. Esposito from Beachwood, Ohio, was elected as President of the American Prosthodontic Society at the annual meeting in February 2009.

Dr. Terry M. Kelly who is Director of Maxillofacial Prosthetics / Dental Oncology at the Moffitt Cancer Center, Tampa, Florida, is currently serving as a Regional Director and Board of Directors for the ACP.

Dr. Peter J. Grengross from Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, Texas, was appointed the Director of Veteran's Affairs Practice Based Network.

Dr. Lawrence E. Brecht who is Associate Professor and Director of Craniofacial Prosthetics, Institute of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery, NYU is currently serving as a Regional Director and Board of Directors for the ACP.

Dr. Steven E. Eckert who is Professor and Prosthodontic Residency Program Director at the Mayo Clinic is currently the Editor in Chief of the *International Journal of Oral Maxillofacial Implants*. He has also been nominated as Secretary for the American College of Prosthodontics.

Dr. Jonathan P. Wiens from West Bloomfield, Michigan, is currently the Vice-President of the American College of Prosthodontics.

Time for Change

Dr. Christina A. Gitto left the Cleveland Clinic after twelve years and moved to Portland, Maine and joined Maine Prosthodontics in July 2008. She now practices with Drs. Alan Hickey, Frank Musciano and Alan Newton.

Dr. Aaron G. Segal from Stony Brook, New York, has accepted a full-time position with the School of Dental Medicine at SUNY Stony Brook. He is the Director of Clinical Removable Prosthetics. He was recently accepted as an associate member of the New York Academy of Prosthodontics.

Dr. Joseph A. Toljanic who was Professor, Chief of the Section of Dentistry and Director of the Maxillofacial Prosthetics fellowship program at The University of Chicago has recently accepted and taken up a position at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in Chicago.

AAMP Publication and Nomenclature Committee

From the Editor....



This is the **third** AAMP Annual Newsletter which is still in an evolutionary state of improvement. Ideas and involvement from the AAMP membership would facilitate the speed of this process.

The **benefits** of getting involved in the AAMP far out weigh the time commitment required. The fellowship with like-minded individuals, networking opportunities, knowledge transfer, as well as the emotional and intellectual support can increase the quality of your professional career. So start by attending our annual meeting regularly, then join a committee, and the rest will follow.

The newsletter continues to **reflect** the amount of talent, leadership, enthusiasm and diversity of our small but close-knit membership. Its purpose goes beyond dissemination of information, with the continued hope of

of sparking interest in the AAMP by sponsors and by less active members.

In closing, I would like to **thank** Ms. Alisa Perkins my Research Study Coordinator who made this newsletter possible. My wife, Lisa, who despite being busy with our four young kids, was willing to help proofread this newsletter. Finally, I thank the Publication Committee and the AAMP Board of Directors for their constant support. As always, suggestions are welcome.

Sincerely, **Alvin**

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