



Presidential Message

Dear AAMP Family,

As we look forward to our annual meeting in New Orleans, I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President. It's been one of the most incredible experiences, and I am grateful to you for your support. Program Chair Dr. Gerald Grant has assembled a wonderful program for New Orleans. The theme of our meeting will be "The Future." Please check out the program at <http://www.maxillofacialprosthetics.org/neworleans2014/>.

As my Presidential year comes to a close, I would like to thank the Board of Directors, the Executive Board, and Dr. Bob Taft, our MFP Director for the ACP, for their support and team work. One of the greatest strengths of our Academy is our sense of family. Family is all about relationships, and our Academy is no different – our relationships matter. One of the most important relationships of the Academy is our relationship to the American College of Prosthodontists. Even though maxillofacial prosthodontics may not be formally recognized, it is a subspecialty of prosthodontics. With the Affordable Care Act and the change from expense driven reimbursement to outcome reimbursement, subspecialty recognition is critical for our future, so that reimbursement is maximized. Although we had worked with the ACP previously concerning the educational requirements of our fellowship and residency programs and our meetings, we felt that it was in the best interest of the future of our Academy to solidify our relationship with the ACP, so that the future of maxillofacial prosthodontics is solid. Therefore, we invited Dr. John Agar, President of the ACP, and Deal Chandler, Executive Director of the ACP, to attend our interim board meeting. From there, a preliminary report for the justification of subspecialty recognition (which can be found under the member's section of our website) was accomplished and presented to the ACP BOD at their interim Board meeting in June. Currently, additional research is underway, so that, hopefully, one day, subspecialty recognition will become a reality. In addition, we explored our meeting structure with the College so it would be financially beneficial to both organizations. For the future, a collaborative, congenial relationship with the ACP is essential for our survival, so that we can better serve our patients, our residents, and our specialty of prosthodontics and the subspecialty of maxillofacial prosthodontics.

The second relationship that we explored was our working relationship with the ISMR. In meeting with the ISMR officers, we found that we both wanted to work together in outreach—for the AAMP, particularly, with outreach in the United States. We found a common cause in promoting each other's organizational activities. Most importantly, we discovered that keeping the AAMP an organization of maxillofacial prosthodontists was of top priority for our membership. For the future, it meant that we wanted the AAMP to continue being the organization for maxillofacial prosthodontists, even though our membership may not be as large as other organizations and even if we are challenged with the financial costs of putting on an annual meeting.

Today, with the challenges of the Affordable Care Act and with the economy not as vibrant as before, one might think of the future as daunting, but, it is also a time of opportunity – a time to reflect and be open to what is possible. In closing, I thank you - the Academy- for the opportunity to serve. My hope is that we will always remember that TEAM means "together everyone achieves more" — not only for today, but for the future as well.

My sincerest gratitude,

Betsy Davis

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2016

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Chicago, IL

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Providence, RI



From left to right:
Drs. Paul David, David Reisberg,
Craig Van Dongen, Joseph Huryn
and Alvin Wee
(Not pictured: Dr. Arun Sharma)

AAMP Committee Chairs 2014-2015

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- ♦ Past Presidents
- ♦ Awards

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- ♦ Annual Program

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- ♦ Insurance and Oral Health
- ♦ Memorial

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- ♦ By-Laws
- ♦ Publications and Nomenclature

Members interested in joining a particular committee should contact the Committee Chair.

CURRENT AAMP MEMBERSHIP

Current Membership	471
Fellows	114
Associate Fellows	51
Affiliate Fellows	29
Max Pros Technicians	4
Life Fellows	101
Students	172

ELEVATION OF AAMP STATUS

Associate Fellow:

Drs. Matilda Dhima, George Syros,
Joseph Randazzo, and Sassan Nadjmi

Affiliate Fellow:

Drs. Balendra Singh, Muaiyed Buzayan,
and Varun Acharya

Life Fellow:

Drs. Rodney Knudson, Robert Engelmeier,
and James Lemon

Spotlight on the AAMP President-Elect: Dr. Mark Chambers

By: Dr. C. Zemnick



**Department of Head and Neck Surgery,
Section of Oral Oncology and Maxillofacial Prosthodontics
The University of Texas, July 2014:**

Front Row (L to R): Dr. Theresa M. Hofstede; Dr. Richard C. Cardoso; Dr. Ruth A. Aponte-Wesson; Dr. Tiffany L. Grant
Back Row (L to R): Dr. Azadeh Afshari; Dr. Eszter Somogyi-Ganss; Dr. Mark S. Chambers (Section Chair); Dr. Jack W. Martin; Dr. Adegbenga Otun

A: As is true with many of you who are reading this spotlight, after I completed my prosthodontics training, my destiny was to be in an oncologic treatment facility, helping those with oral dysfunction through maxillofacial prosthodontics and oral oncology. Rehabilitating oral deficits of patients with cancer and treating their oral morbidities gives me great satisfaction, knowing that I am contributing in a small way towards a better quality of life for these individuals.

Q: What events led you to your current position as Professor and Chief of Oral Oncology and Maxillofacial Prosthetics at MD Anderson Cancer Center?

A: A fortunate destiny with mentors that allowed me to grow academically and imparted great wisdom for my future career path. As Winston Churchill was known to say, "Destiny commands, and we must obey."

Q: As a fellow of the Academy for over 16 years, how or where do you see maxillofacial prosthodontics evolving over the next decade?

A: First, maxillofacial prosthodontics is ever-changing with the technological advances in rehabilitation and treatment (i.e., adaptive external beam radiation therapy and targeted therapies), specifically, microvascular reconstruction, novel biomaterials, multi-dimensional imaging and modeling. Individuals with head and neck cancers are living longer today because of these advances, and we, as maxillofacial prosthodontists, must adapt to this new world of contemporary multidisciplinary care. As treatment becomes intensified in this patient population, so do the longitudinal effects of the oral morbidities, increasing the need for effective rehabilitation. Second, the future is very bright for maxillofacial prosthodontics, as has been discussed recently with our partner, the American College of Prosthodontics (ACP). Under the leadership of Drs. Robert Taft, Lawrence Brecht, and Betsy Davis, the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics formally requested support from the ACP in a unified front to the American Dental Association (ADA) in requesting subspecialty recognition for maxillofacial prosthodontics from the Commission on Dental Accreditation. Subspecialty recognition will allow us to work with Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) and other groups to improve the precision and levels of reimbursement for both professional and facility billing.

I am highly honored to serve as the next AAMP President and continue the legacy of so many brilliant leaders in our discipline. I want to specially thank Dr. Betsy Davis for her tireless efforts as our current President. Dr. Davis is a magnanimous leader and has represented our Academy with grace and perseverance. We are abundantly blessed with her fresh ideas and energy in action.

As many of you know, Dr. Mark Chambers will be inducted as our next president later this year. We felt that a few questions to our incoming president would let you know a little bit more about him. We would like to thank Dr. Chambers for taking time out of his demanding schedule to share a little about himself with us.

Q: Please tell us a little about your personal life, i.e., where you grew up and about your family? What do you enjoy doing when you are not working?

A: I grew up in Louisville, Kentucky, and my mother and three sisters reside there today. My wife RoseMarie and I married in 1991, and moved from Louisville to Houston in 1993, when I began a fellowship in maxillofacial prosthodontics at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. We have thoroughly enjoyed our time in Texas and have recently moved our ranch (Chambers Circle C Ranch, Inc.) from the coastal waters to Montgomery, Texas (57 miles north of Houston). We have an equine operation nestled in the beautiful forest of Montgomery where we raise and train American Saddlebreds for competition.

Q: What training or experiences have led you to become a dentist and eventually a maxillofacial prosthodontist?



Chambers' Wild Commander, American Saddlebred Weanling, winning the Texas Equine Futurity Competition.

HEAD & NECK CANCER SYMPOSIUM

Dr. David Reisberg, Professor of Surgery at The University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System, represented the AAMP at the recent Staffileno Family Head and Neck Cancer Symposium held in Chicago on January 17, 2014. Dr. Reisberg, an AAMP Fellow and BOD member, lectured on the topic "Prosthetic Reconstruction and Long-Term Maintenance".



Left to right: Dr. Mark Hutten (Organizer), Dr. David Reisberg and Dr. Lee Jameson (ACP Immediate Past President).

CONGRATS DIPLOMATE!

We would like to congratulate the AAMP member for successfully challenging the American Board of Prosthodontics:



Dr. Joseph DiFazio

We Need Your Picture! *By: Dr. S. Wagner*

To date, only 15% of our members have added their portraits to the member page on the AAMP website. We need to change that.

There are two ways to get your photo on our site:

1. Send your JPEG image to the AAMP website (<http://www.maxillofacialprosthetics.org>) by clicking on your member page (under the "Member's Only" tab), selecting "photos", and uploading your portrait.
2. Email your JPEG photo (the higher the quality, the better) to **Steve Wagner** (bigjawbone@mac.com), the Internet/Home Page Committee Chair.

Either way, soon members will be able to attach names to faces, greatly improving both communication and fellowship among our cherished dental family.

Maxillofacial Prosthetic Training Programs

Directed by AAMP Fellows

Mayo Graduate School of Medicine

Program Director: Dr. Thomas J. Salinas
Mayo Clinic, School of Medicine
Department of Dental Specialties
Rochester, Minnesota

MD Anderson Cancer Center

Program Director: Dr. Theresa M. Hofstede
University of Texas
MD Anderson Cancer Center
Department of Head & Neck Surgery
Houston, Texas

Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

Program Chair: Dr. Joseph Randazzo
Department of Surgery, Dental Service
New York, New York

UCLA

Interim Program Director: Dr. Ting-Ling Chang
UCLA School of Dentistry
Division of Advanced Prosthodontics,
Biomaterials and Hospital Dentistry
Los Angeles, California

United States Air Force

Program Director: Dr. Alan J. Sutton
Wilford Hall Medical Center
Lackland Air Force Base
San Antonio, Texas

United States Navy

Program Director: Dr. William O. Wilson
Maxillofacial Prosthetics Department
Naval Postgraduate Dental School
National Naval Medical Center
Bethesda, Maryland

Highlights of 60th AAMP Annual Session

By: Dr. Avinash Bidra

The American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics (AAMP) held its 60th annual scientific session at the Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort and Spa in Santa Ana Pueblo, north of Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 27th through October 30th, 2013. The annual meeting returned this year after rebounding from a cancellation in 2012 due to Hurricane Sandy. This meeting was held in conjunction with the 10th Biennial Meeting of the International Society of Maxillofacial Rehabilitation (ISMR). Multiple awards were given during the course of the meeting: the **Andrew J. Ackerman Award**, the highest honor of the AAMP, was presented to Dr. Rhonda F. Jacob from Houston, Texas, for having made significant contributions to the advancement of maxillofacial prosthetics (Fig. 1); the **Joseph B. Barron Award for 2012 and 2013** were presented to Dr. Terry Lin (Fig. 2) and Dr. Lauren Bolding (Fig. 3) respectively, who are recent maxillofacial prosthodontic fellowship graduates, for their demonstrated accomplishments in research, publication, and patient care. Awards were presented for the annual resident poster competition and also for the open (non-student) poster competition. The 2013-2014 AAMP President was inducted at this meeting, Dr. Betsy K Davis. The Vice President-Elect, Dr. Peter J. Gerngross, was announced at the annual meeting and joins the existing officers with support from the Board of Directors.



Fig. 1. Dr. Rhonda F. Jacob received the 2013 Andrew J. Ackerman Award for her contributions to Maxillofacial Prosthetics.

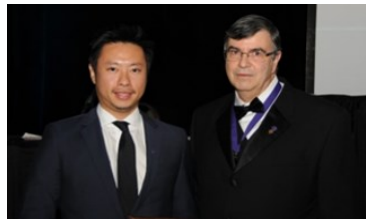


Fig. 2. Dr. Terry Lin was the 2012 recipient for the Joseph B. Barron Award.

GNYAP & AAMP presents...

By: Dr. Lawrence Brecht

A Symposium on Advanced Implant Reconstruction: Surgical & Prosthetic Considerations



DATE: October 11, 2014 **TIME:** 8am — 4pm
VENUE: NYU Langone Medical Center Memorial Auditorium, New York
CONTACT: Carol Bensky | carol.bensky@gmail.com | 201-440-6502



Fig. 3. Dr. Lauren Bolding was the 2013 recipient for the Joseph B. Barron Award.

The 2013 Annual Resident Poster Awardees



1st place: Smith, Nicole
Air Force Postgraduate Dental School
Lackland, Texas
"Evaluation of the Sealing Capability of Implants to Titanium and Zirconia Abutments Against Porphyromonas Gingivalis, Prevotella Intermedia, and Fusobacterium Nucleatum Under Different Screw Torque Values"



2nd place: Makihara, Kana
Aichi Gakuin University School of Dentistry
Nagoya, Aichi, Japan
"Longevity of Abutment Teeth for Obturator Prostheses"



3rd place: Colebeck, Amanda
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
New York, New York
"Fabrication of Tongue Positioning Stent for a Partial Maxillectomy Patient"

The 2013 Annual Open Poster Awardees



1st place: Speksnijder, Caroline
University Medical Center
Utrecht, Netherlands
"Neck and Shoulder Function in Patients Treated for Oral Malignancies: A 1-Year Prospective Cohort Study"



2nd place: Bellia, Elisabetta
University of Turin Dental School
Turin, Italy
"Mandibular Motor Control Evaluation In Hemimandibulectomy Patients Using A 'Reach-And-Hold' Task"



3rd place: Takebe, Jun
Iwate Medical University School of Dentistry
Morioka, Iwate, Japan
"The Effects of Ionizing Radiation on Osteoblast"

An Interview with Past President Dr. Rubenstein

By: Dr. Christine Wallace

Q: What was the most memorable event for you during your term as President of the AAMP?

A: I think the process of attempting to develop an initiative to have a consensus conference on contemporary maxillofacial prosthetic rehabilitation procedures was most memorable. Communicating with leaders in the ADA, AMA, NIH, NCI, etc..., proved to be a daunting exercise, but nonetheless verified/affirmed how averse the health care community is to advancing for the needs of the patient populations we serve.

Q: What advice do you have for younger members of the AAMP as they start their careers in both Prosthodontics and in particular, Maxillofacial Prosthetics?

A: Younger members of the AAMP are in need of determining what offers them the opportunity to have a full, rich and rewarding career not necessarily or exclusively from the standpoint of financial gain but to satisfy their subliminal desire (which attracted them to pursue MFP) to offer service for those in need of the esoteric treatments we are trained to provide. Striking a balance between the professional and private components of life often is a conflict that is difficult to reconcile/balance. To dedicate oneself to providing Maxillofacial Prosthodontic treatment services exclusively is an extraordinarily difficult challenge. On the other hand, to have MFP as a side bar in a private practice sets limits on the ability to perfect your craft, in that sporadic intervention challenges the ability to create enough inertia for meaningful provision of cutting edge patient care management. With that said, maxillofacial prosthetics sharpens your focus for all of prosthodontics and makes an individual, so trained, to have a broader, more comprehensive focus in patient care management which, in my view, sets us apart from those not so trained.

Q: What advice do you have for the leadership of the AAMP?

A: The leadership of the AAMP should always, first and foremost, be the voice and flag bearer of the subspecialty and discipline of Maxillofacial Prosthetics. This Sisyphean effort should be the cornerstone of maintaining the integrity and vitality of this organization. Maintaining a critical mass of members will be a challenge in the years to come with a decreasing number of training programs, economic challenges of newly-trained individuals with notable educational debt burden to be accommodated, the “graying of the membership”, and the ongoing and incessant issues related to recognition/support for treatment services being provided. The “new age” treatments available should be available to those in need and not only to a miniscule scintilla of the patient pool needing or who could notably benefit from such services.



Above: Dr. Jeffrey and Mimi Rubenstein at the Academy of Prosthodontics meeting in Bern, Switzerland, taken by Dr. Bob Taft during lunch at Hotel du Lac in Verenna / Lake Cuomo.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR MAXILLOFACIAL PROSTHETICS UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM



The Department of Restorative Sciences, University of Alabama School of Dentistry, invites applicants for a full-time position as Program Director of the Maxillofacial Prosthetics Residency Program at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor, non-tenure-earning.

Primary responsibilities include administrating the maxillofacial prosthetics program and supervising residents, providing clinical teaching in the prosthodontic residency program, and possible clinical research projects.

Qualified applicants should have a DMD/DDS or U.S. equivalent degree. Qualified applicants must also be educationally qualified, board certified or board eligible in prosthodontics with an additional training certificate in Maxillofacial Prosthetics and be eligible for licensure in the State of Alabama.

Participation in an intramural faculty practice is available. Salary and academic rank will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. A pre-employment background investigation is performed on candidates selected for employment.

Interested individuals are encouraged to forward a letter of interest, curriculum vitae and names/addresses of three possible references to: Dr. Keith Kinderknecht, Professor and Director, Advanced Education in Prosthodontics and Interim Director, Maxillofacial Prosthetics Residency Program, Department of Restorative Sciences, UAB School of Dentistry, 1720 2nd Ave South, SDB 536, Birmingham, AL 35294-0007 (or email kinder@uab.edu). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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DENTAL PRACTICE FOR SALE

Northern California Maxillofacial prosthodontist seeks associate with 6 months option to purchase. Full prosthodontic practice, significant maxillofacial with hospital, university and medical plan affiliations. Seven figure gross on 3 days a week; significant opportunity to expand. Owner will facilitate.

Email: maxprosdr1@yahoo.com

Phone: 916 212-9685



Naval Postgraduate Dental School Maxillofacial Prosthetics

By: Dr. William Wilson, Jr. and Dr. Gerald Grant

The Navy has had a long tradition of maxillofacial treatment and advances in maxillofacial prosthetics, with some of the most remarkable developments made during WWII. In the early 1940's, ocular prosthetics for eye replacement were formed from blown German glass (hence the term "glass eye"), due to the inability to acquire the glass from Germany during WWII. With an increasing number of amputees, the Navy Dental School's "Esthetic and Functional Hand and Digit prosthesis and Eye Prosthesis" research project was born in the 1940's. This made possible the development of prosthetic devices for the amputee and the acrylic prosthetic eye for the blind.



Left to Right: CDR William Wilson, Jr (Program Director and Department Chairman), HM2 Clayton Campbell (Maxillofacial Prosthetics Technician), HM1 Arnel Galapir (Department Leading Petty Officer), HM1 Jonathon Garnes (Maxillofacial Prosthetics Technician Instructor).

The first documentation of a Maxillofacial Prosthetics Fellowship as a third-year addition to the two-year Prosthodontics program at the Naval Dental School

was in the 1970 Dental Annual Report to the Navy Surgeon General. The Fellowship has been active since and has provided training to over 40 Army and Navy Maxillofacial Prosthodontists over the past 44 years. The Maxillofacial Prosthetic Technician school is the only one of its kind worldwide, training dental laboratory technicians techniques in the use of acrylic for ocular prostheses, sculpting and mold fabrication for facial silicone prostheses, as well as maxillary obturator fabrication including the cast metal framework and acrylic portion. The trained technicians are expected to be competent in all aspects of dental laboratory technology, including ceramics, implants, removable and fixed prostheses. These laboratory technicians are trained to interact with patients and to provide all laboratory services, as well as to assist with all clinical services. The Maxillofacial Prosthetics Technician school became accessible to enlisted dental laboratory technicians of the Navy, Army, and the Air Force in 2008. The Maxillofacial Prosthetics Technician program has been accredited by the Commission of the Council on Occupational Education since 1982.

The Naval Postgraduate Dental School fellowship in Maxillofacial Prosthetics currently accepts one fellow per year. Applicants for this program must have completed an ADA-accredited residency in Prosthodontics and be a member of the United States Armed Forces. The fellowship program is accredited by the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation and enjoys an excellent relationship with the University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center, where fellows experience a two-week clinical rotation.

In 2010, a 3D Medical Applications Center was established as part of the Walter Reed National Medical Center (WRNMMC), under the leadership of a Maxillofacial Prosthodontist and AAMP member, CAPT Gerald Grant. This center, located in conjunction with the Naval Postgraduate Dental School (NPDS) Maxillofacial Prosthetics Laboratory, is the Department of Defense's largest center for computer surgical simulations, computer design and fabrication of surgical guides, custom Ti implants, and custom medical devices. It is one of the few facilities of its kind in the world. The use of this technology has proven to decrease surgical operating time and to improve prognoses for reconstructive treatment of wounded warriors. In addition, the NPDS-WRNMMC team continues to be one of the leading centers for research in the use of advanced digital technologies, developing digital curriculums for the enlisted and officer training programs, and developing processes to improve the quality of life of our wounded warriors.

Still Crazy After All These Ears (With Apologies to Paul Simon)

By: Dr. David Reisberg

I was a political science major in college and spent a year in VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) as a legal assistant in Moses Lake, Washington, before landing in dental school at Case Western Reserve. I was always more interested in the social sciences than the natural ones (what exactly is embryology, anyhow?) but I suppose my dad's influence as an orthodontist weighed on me enough to steer me toward the same career as Paul Revere, Doc Holliday and Edgar Buchanan ("Petticoat Junction" fame). While in my junior year of dental school, I attended a lecture by one Salvatore Esposito, and I was instantly smitten. To this day, I remember sitting in that slide presentation and thinking, "That's what I want to do." So after explaining to my father why I was not going to take over his orthodontic practice, I headed out to seek my fortune in the world of maxillofacial prosthetics. Upon completion of my fellowship at the University of Chicago in 1981, I was lucky enough to be offered a position at The Maxillofacial Prosthetics Clinic (MXP) at The University of Illinois Hospital. I say, "lucky," because I remember sending out a plethora of job applications and recall being accepted to several positions that had not yet been funded. Not one for full-time volunteering all of my professional skills, I decided to accept the paid position at MXP. It's funny how things just seem to work out. Thirty-four years later, I am still actively engaged at the same facility, although I must admit things have changed.

Founded in 1949, The Craniofacial Center at The University of Illinois (UIC) Hospital is one of the oldest and largest facilities in the country that provides team care to pediatric and adult patients with congenital or acquired craniofacial conditions. Since 1962, MXP has been a unit within The Center providing prosthetic rehabilitation to restore function, appearance, and an improved quality of life for its patients. Since 1981, I have been head of MXP and served as Director of The Craniofacial Center from 1998 to 2010. Other members of the MXP team include anaplastologists Rosemary Seelaus and Todd Kubon, ocularist Robert Brown, dental technologist Brian Daniels and dental assistant Maria Aguilar.

Maxillofacial prosthetics is both an art and a science. What has kept all of us engaged and passionate about our work is the opportunity to apply our creativity and advances in science to help others in great need. Two programs of note involve osseointegrated implants and digital technology.

Our oral implant program began in 1989, and we were selected as one of the original FDA study sites for the Brånemark craniofacial implants. Joining with surgeons in our microvascular surgery reconstruction program and speech and psychology team members, we are able to offer patients state of the art rehabilitation. Our digital technology program has grown to include 3D photography and radiography, as well as CAD/CAM applications for surgical guides, orthognathic splints, and facial prostheses.

So, as my 600 word limit fast approaches, I suppose I should come to some meaningful conclusion. The point is this — I love being a maxillofacial prosthodontist, as do I think we all. We get to care for our patients and restore at least a modicum of normalcy back to their lives. I also love the AAMP. I belong to no other organization that has the feeling of togetherness, sharing, and collegiality that I get right here. So after thirty-four years and counting, I guess I still am a bit crazy...crazy like a fox.

Thanks for listening.



Left to Right: David J. Reisberg, DDS, FACP; Rosie Seelaus, MAMS; Todd Kubon, MAMS, CCA; Maria Aguilar, DAIII; Brian Daniels, CDT, TE; Bob Brown, BCO

Dr. Avinash Bidra, Assistant Professor and Assistant Director Post-Graduate Prosthodontics, Department of Reconstructive Sciences, University of Connecticut Health Center, was recently awarded a \$100,000/- grant for a three-year study on implant overdentures from the Camlog Foundation

Dr. Betsy K. Davis, Associate Professor and Director of the Maxillofacial Prosthetic Clinic, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC, received a Presidential Citation from the American Head & Neck Society. She was recognized at the IFHNOS/AHNS 2014 meeting in NYC at the end of July 2014.

Dr. Zafrulla Khan, Professor and Director of Maxillofacial / Oncologic Dentistry at the J.G. Brown Cancer Center, Louisville, KY, was one of the invited speakers at the Global Health Care Summit held in India on January 4, 2014, providing a workshop in head and neck surgery and oncology. Dr. Khan also conducted a session, "Computed maxillofacial imaging on dental implantology" as Co-Chair at the 20th Computed Maxillofacial Imaging Congress held on June 26, 2014, in Fukuoka, Japan.

CAREER

Dr. Avinash Bidra, Assistant Professor and Assistant Director Post-Graduate Prosthodontics, Department of Reconstructive Sciences, University of Connecticut Health Center, will be appointed Director of Post-Graduate Prosthodontics as of July 1, 2014.

Dr. James A. Kelly recently moved from UCLA as Assistant Professor and Director of Maxillofacial Prosthetic Fellowship program to the Mayo Clinic as Associate Consultant, as of July 1, 2014.

Dr. Harold Kolodney, Professor and Chief of Maxillofacial Prosthodontics, Oral Maxillofacial Surgery & Pathology, University of Mississippi Medical Center Cancer Institute, was recently appointed as Director of the Division of Oral Oncology.

MEMBERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. Lawrence E. Brecht, AAMP Past President, Associate Professor and Director of Craniofacial Prosthetics, Institute of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery, New York University, NY, is currently the President of the Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics.

Dr. Betsy K. Davis, Associate Professor and Director of Maxillofacial Prosthetic Clinic, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC, is currently serving as Treasurer of the International Society of Maxillofacial Rehabilitation.

Dr. Steven E. Eckert, AAMP Past President and Professor Emeritus at the Mayo Clinic, is serving as Treasurer of the International College of Prosthodontists, President / Examiner of the American Board of Prosthodontics and Editor-in-Chief of *The International Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Implants*.

Dr. Salvatore J. Esposito, AAMP Past President from Beachwood, OH, is currently serving as Executive Director of the American Prosthodontic Society.

Dr. Peter J. Gerngross, Assistant Dental Chief of Dental Service at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX, and Director of the VA Dental Practice-Based Research Network, is serving on the Board of Councilors for the International Society of Maxillofacial Rehabilitation.

Dr. (Captain) Gerald T. Grant, Department Head of Naval postgraduate Dental School Research and Chief of Medical / Dental 3D Application for Walter Reed Army Medical Center, was elected as Membership Director (Region VI – Federal) / Board of Directors for the American College of Prosthodontics.

Dr. Joseph M. Huryn, Professor and Chief of Dental Service, Department of Surgery at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, was recently elected as Vice President of the American Prosthodontic Society. He is also serving on the Board of Councilors for the International Society of Maxillofacial Rehabilitation.

Dr. Rhonda F. Jacob, AAMP Past President and Professor Emeritus at MD Anderson Cancer Center, is currently serving as Co-President of the International College of Prosthodontics.

Dr. Russell D. Nishimura, Professor Emeritus at UCLA and currently in private practice in Westlake Village, CA, was recently elected as President-Elect of the Academy of Osseointegration.

Dr. Caroline T. Nguyen, Assistant Professor, Department of Oral Health Sciences at the University of British Columbia Faculty of Dentistry, was elected as Vice-President of the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada.

Dr. Harry Reintsema, Professor and Director of Center for Special Dental Care and Maxillofacial Prosthetics, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, University of Groningen, The Netherlands, is currently serving as President of the International Society of Maxillofacial Rehabilitation.

Dr. Jeffrey E. Rubenstein, AAMP Past President, Professor and Director-Maxillofacial Prosthetic Service, University of Washington School of Dentistry, obtained Top Dentist recognition in the Seattle Metropolitan Magazine for the 11th consecutive year. He was also elected as a Fellow of the International Academy of Oral and Facial Rehabilitation.

Dr. Thomas J. Salinas, Professor and Director of Graduate Prosthodontics, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, was elected to The Editorial Council of the *Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry*.

Dr. Robert L. Schneider, Professor and Division Director of Maxillofacial Prosthodontics, University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics, is serving on several committees in the Academy of Osseointegration: Research Submission committee, Academy News committee, and Website Development committee.

Dr. Ghassan Sinada from Baltimore, MD, obtained Top Dentist recognition and was featured as "The Silicone Savior" in the *Baltimore Magazine*.

Dr. Arun B. Sharma, Professor at the University of California in San Francisco, was recently elected as Vice President-elect of the American Prosthodontic Society.

Dr. (Captain) Robert M. Taft, AAMP Past President and Chairman of the Prosthodontic Department at the Naval Postgraduate Dental School, is currently serving as Director of Maxillofacial Prosthetics / Board of Directors of the American College of Prosthodontics and on the Board of Councilors for the International Society for Maxillofacial Rehabilitation. He is also serving as Secretary-Treasurer and Examiner for the American Board of Prosthodontics.

Dr. Thomas D. Taylor, Professor and Department Head of Reconstructive Science at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine, serves as Executive Director of the American Board of Prosthodontics for his 14th year. He was also elected as a Fellow of the International Academy of Oral and Facial Rehabilitation.

Dr. Christine Wallace, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Oral Restorative Sciences and Clinical Director of the Doctorate in Clinical Dentistry (Prosthodontics), Sydney, Australia, was recently elected as a Fellow of the International Academy of Oral and Facial Rehabilitation and will also become a Fellow of the International College of Dentists in October 2014, during a ceremony in Sydney, Australia.

Dr. Alvin G. Wee, Chief Maxillofacial Prosthodontics, Veteran's Affairs Nebraska Western Iowa Healthcare, Omaha, NE, is currently serving as Honorary Treasurer of the International Academy of Oral Facial Rehabilitation, Membership Director (Region IV – Rockies / Plains) / Board of Directors for the American College of Prosthodontics, as well as serving on the Board of Councilors for the International Society for Maxillofacial Rehabilitation.

Dr. Jonathan P. Weins, AAMP Past President, from West Bloomfield, MI, is currently serving as Past President and Examiner for the American Board of Prosthodontics.

Dr. John F. Wolfaardt, Professor at the University of Alberta / Institute of Reconstructive Science in Medicine, Edmonton, Alberta, is currently serving as Immediate Past President of the International Society of Maxillofacial Rehabilitation.

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Editorial: *A Broader View of Professional Integrity*



Integrity....when we hear the word, we may think of “honesty”, “justice”, “fairness”, “morality” and “values”. As dental professionals, we take seriously the responsibility to display professional integrity to our patients, their families, our colleagues, our staff, our mentors, and our students. We feel great privilege to deliver care with integrity in the midst of distracting forces related to reimbursement, efficiency and profit. Do we feel that same privilege of serving with integrity when it comes to serving our dental organizations? In our outcome-based world, it is easy to view our involvement in organizations in terms of the professional outcomes for ourselves, rather than as a reflection of our professional integrity. But integrity is no less important on a broader view... a view of community that demands the best of its members. Our community of the AAMP thrives and grows from the integrity of its members. This broader view of integrity is what challenges us to serve on “just one more” committee, to step up when that email or phone call request comes along, to mentor others who take over new responsibilities, and to volunteer to fill new roles within the organization.

“Being whole and undivided” is another definition of integrity that is also essential to our organization. This definition refers not just to our actions, but also to our attitudes. Putting the greater good of the community before self, giving of time and talent without anticipation of recognition, recognizing others’ strengths regardless of friendship, and allowing less-experienced professionals to grow and shine are just a few of the ways that we reflect professional integrity at a community level. Such attitudes in addition to our actions of integrity have helped and continue to foster the AAMP to grow and flourish. A wise Greek philosopher once mused that integrity determines destiny. With that in mind, let’s continue our commitment to the straight and narrow path of integrity. Let’s listen openly to our peers’ feedback, so that we might put the community of the AAMP first in our work and in our decisions for the organization.

For those who have put many hours into this 8th Edition of the *AAMP Connections*, the AAMP and I thank you. Your work is cherished and for all to enjoy.

Alvin Wee