

AAMP Connections



President's Greetings

Dear Friends and
Colleagues,

It is heartening to think we are only a few months away from seeing each other in person at the 69th Annual Meeting in Austin. Our Board of Directors and Officers have been busy with monthly virtual meetings and had the first in-person Interim Board Meeting in two years in Chicago (April 9-10). The excitement of an in-person meeting was palpable and we look forward to gathering on October 30th in Austin. I would like to extend kudos to our Vice President Dr. Alvin Wee and his Program Committee for lining up some exciting speakers on the theme of "Treatment Longevity for the Maxillofacial Prosthetic Patient" for our 2022 Annual Session. Dr. Richard Cardoso, Chair of the Corporate Liaison Committee has done outstanding work lining up corporate sponsors for our Annual Session in these uncertain economic times. I commend all of our Officers, Board Members and Committee Chairs and members for their tireless work on our behalf. I am proud of their dedication. I look forward to developing the next generation of AAMP leaders and encourage our younger members to get involved by contacting committee chairs. Thanks again for your continued commitment to our mission, and I hope to see everyone in-person in Austin.

-Joe Huryn

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SUNDAY, OCT 30, 2022

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
CONFERENCE WORKSHOP
POSTER SESSION AND WELCOME
RECEPTION

MONDAY, OCT 31, 2022

GENERAL SESSION
PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION AND
BANQUET

TUESDAY, NOV 1, 2022

GENERAL SESSION
CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS
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Guest Speakers

"Treatment Longevity for the Maxillofacial Prosthetic Patient"

Chandra Srini
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Poster awards for the
meeting are generously
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Meet our upcoming President

Dr. Theresa Hofstede



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?

I grew up on a dairy farm in a small town in the Niagara peninsula in Ontario, Canada. I am the youngest of 4 children. My husband and I have two sons, both of whom are studying at the Texas A&M University in College Station. When I am not at work, I like to go swimming and spend time with my family.

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



A combination of my interest in art and science led me to the field of dentistry. My interest in MFP was initially sparked after I attended a lecture on obturators during my third year of dental school. However, the greatest influence was the hospital-based internship that I completed. During this time, I worked very closely with surgeons and prosthodontists who treated head and neck cancer patients.

Where do you see our specialty heading? How is the field changing/evolving? Where do you see our future?

I believe the field of maxillofacial prosthodontics is evolving. Advances in digital technology, virtual surgical planning and changes in the care of the head and neck cancer patient will continue to drive this evolution.

How do you maintain a balance between your career and personal life?

Maintaining a good work life balance can sometimes be very difficult, but here are some of the strategies that I have used.

- Manage your time carefully and prioritize things that are important.
- Remember to take some time for yourself
- Hire others to do those chores (i.e. lawn care, house cleaning) that take away from your personal time

Contributed by Akanksha Srivastava

New Maxillofacial Prosthetic Training Program in Buffalo NY

There are currently only five domestic and two military CODA-accredited 12-month Maxillofacial Prosthetics certificate training programs in the United States: Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC), Mayo Clinic, MD Anderson Cancer Center, University of Alabama, University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), United States Air Force & United States Navy. In the past 20 years, multiple maxillofacial prosthetics fellowship programs have closed, making the training less accessible to residents and the care less accessible to patients. I am pleased to announce that a new program will be opening in July 2023 at Erie County Medical Center (ECMC) in Buffalo, New York.



Erie County Medical Center (ECMC) healthcare campus in Buffalo, New York.

ECMC is a verified Level 1 Adult Trauma Center by the American College of Surgeons, designated a Level 1 Adult Trauma Center by the New York State Department of Health, as well as a regional center for burn care, behavioral services, transplantation, medical oncology, and head and neck cancer rehabilitation. ECMC's mission is to provide every patient with the highest quality of care delivered with compassion. We deliver that care through a presence that spans Western New York, caring for eight counties as well as Southern Ontario. This includes our advanced academic medical center on our main hospital campus with 583 beds, The Center for Oncology Care, The Center for Excellence for Transplantation and Kidney Care and The Behavioral Health Center of Excellence. Finally, as a major teaching facility for the University at Buffalo, ECMC is consistently at the forefront of medical research and ingenuity.

The Center for Cancer Care is a state-of-the-art facility adjacent to the main ECMC hospital. Here patients are treated in the Oral Oncology and Maxillofacial Prosthetics Department before, during and after diagnosis and treatment of cancer, and other oral and head and neck conditions including congenital malformations and trauma-related deformities.

Advanced dental rehabilitation is provided here by staff general dentists and maxillofacial prosthodontists. Fifteen residents from the General Dental Department at ECMC rotate through this clinic weekly, and second year general dentistry residents see patients in this center on a more routine basis.

The Oral Oncology & Maxillofacial Prosthetics clinic is adjacent to Head & Neck Oncology, Speech Therapy, and Medical Oncology clinics. This unique proximity allows a maxillofacial prosthetics fellow to have one-on-one interaction with the surgeons and other care providers to gain ample experience in all facets of complex maxillofacial prosthetic rehabilitation. There is a large surgical service in the main hospital where head and neck oncology patients undergo ablative surgery under general anesthesia and where the fellow will gain ample experience in Operating Room protocol and treatment.

There is also a nearby pediatric Craniofacial Center that refers to the providers at ECMC for oral prosthetics including nasal alveolar molding devices (NAM) for pre-surgical cleft lip and palate modifications. The program has three full-time maxillofacial prosthodontic faculty, five full-time dental oncology faculty, two full-time laboratory technicians, dedicated staff, and excellent rapport with the other dental, medical, and surgical specialists that will provide fellowship training through lectures and clinical rotations.



Maxillofacial Prosthodontists at ECMC. From left to right: Dr. Amanda Colebeck, Fellowship Program Director; Dr. Paul Canallatos; Dr. Terrence McLean.

After completing a Maxillofacial Prosthetics Fellowship at MSKCC, I was motivated to obtain my prosthodontic board certification and start a Fellowship in Buffalo in order to give back to the community, profession, and mentors who have given so much to me. While in dental school at the University of Buffalo, I was inspired by my teacher, Dr. Terrence McLean, who is my colleague now. He was my course director for pre-clinical removable prosthetics and gave a lecture on the treatment he provided as a Maxillofacial Prosthodontist. It really lit a fire in me. I loved the idea of restoring this necessary form, function, and esthetic for a patient and giving them back what they have lost. I found it very fulfilling to shadow him with his patients and see how he could change the lives of the people he was able to treat.



Dr. Colebeck and maxillofacial laboratory technician, Laura Catanese, in the ECMC prosthetics laboratory.

The time I spent at MSKCC for my fellowship year was an amazing experience and it provided me with the skills and confidence needed to join a hospital practice. I feel incredibly lucky to have the opportunity to be a program director and play a role in fostering the next generation of Maxillofacial Prosthodontists. In numbers we may be few, but in support and services we can provide, we are mighty!

By Amanda Colebeck

**Job Opportunities full details
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Maxillofacial Prosthetic Training Programs

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In memory of...

James Brudvik, DDS



James Brudvik, DDS, 89, passed away peacefully on June 22, 2022.

Jim was born in North Dakota to Grace and Gilbert Brudvik in 1933. He grew up in Mayville, ND, and often could be heard telling stories of visiting his grandparents in Mohall, ND where he spent many summers working on Grandpa Ole Brudvik's farm.

In the 1950s he attended North Dakota State University where he met his wife of 66 years. After finishing dental school at the University of Minnesota, he entered the Army. Jim and Irene were stationed in France where Jim developed a love of French cuisine and French culture which he passed on to his family.

After a brief time in private practice, Jim returned to the Army where he performed many jobs and rose to the rank of Colonel. Jim served one tour in Vietnam, stationed in Saigon. Jim loved his time in the Army and began teaching for the University of Texas system. Upon retirement, Jim moved his family to Seattle where he took a position at the University of Washington Dental School.

A specialist in his field of Prosthodontia, Jim traveled the world lecturing, writing articles and a book, and sharing his knowledge. He retired from the University of Washington in the mid 2010's.

Jim and Irene were ardent adventurers and visited six continents. Jim loved learning and spoke eight languages (some more fluently than others). As he got older, he spent more time watching his grandchildren from the sidelines of sports fields around Seattle.

Jim was also a talented painter, an accomplished musician and an avid golfer. He sank his last putt in the summer of 2021.

Jim is survived by his wife, two daughters, two sons-in-law, four grandchildren, his sister and her family.

If you had a conversation with a smiling stranger in a checkered flat cap at the Folklife Festival, on the bus, or one of Seattle's libraries, that was Jim. He could make a friend in the grocery checkout line.



By: David Reisberg

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"Member Spotlight"

Maxillofacial Prosthetics- my work is my hobby

Dr. Harry Reintsema



Please tell us a little about your personal life

I was born in 1958 in the northern part of the Netherlands where I continue to live. Both my parents were teachers, and I have one sister just over a year younger than I am. In my youth I spent much of my free time at a farm nearby and worked there mainly during the weekends and holidays. What is left of that is my fondness of working in my garden and being outdoors. Since 1965, I am also a member of our local swimming club where I used to be active in competitive swimming and waterpolo. I continue to be actively involved in the latter combined with chairing this swimming club.

This is also where I met my wife, Yvonne, and we started dating in 1977. Unfortunately, after 36 years of a great partnership in our marriage, I lost her in 2019 after 7 years of fighting breast cancer. Luckily, we have 2 children, Rob (33 years old) and Annemiek (31 years old), so I continue to enjoy family life, especially with my 2 grandchildren Robin (4 years old) and Rosa (2 years old). A true pleasure to be part of!

In 1992, we had built our current house in the Gasselternijveenschemond, a rural area with plenty of space for living and still not too far away from work (a little over 40km/25miles). This is an enjoyable 45min drive to my pretty busy and challenging job at the University Medical Center Groningen (UMCG) at the department of oral and maxillofacial surgery as a maxillofacial prosthodontist as well as the head of the center for special dental care. During the summer season, I ride my bicycle to work once a week which is a great exercise.



Tell us about your journey to becoming a dentist, a prosthodontist and eventually a maxillofacial prosthodontist.

I think I chose to study dentistry (1976-1982 as 'something medical') more or less by luck. Perhaps also because the brother of my best friend had just finished his education to become a dentist at

the time and he was truly enthusiastic about his job. It was definitely not a career decision I had always dreamt of.

I studied at the University of Groningen, a nice student city close to my home, so I could continue my personal life the way it was. At the same time, my wife started to study physiotherapy in Groningen, where we started to live together for the first time. During the last 2 years of my study, I got involved in teaching at the dental school as a student-teacher and in a research project of a PhD student.

I graduate in 1982 and obtained a position at the dental school as a faculty primarily for teaching and a PhD study ("an in vivo study on the effects of fluoridated toothpastes on de- and remineralization of enamel"; defended in January 1988). In 1983 Robert van Oort, who started maxillofacial prosthetics in Groningen at the department for oral surgery, gave a course on MFP for staff members at the dental school and invited me to also treat some MFP-patients. After a year it started as a formal position for me for 2 half days a week. This is where it all started and without a formal training in prosthodontics or MFP in the Netherlands available in those days, he gave me a thorough training on the job including training time at cancer centers in Amsterdam and Rotterdam.

Soon after, formal multidisciplinary treatment teams were established in our hospital for head and neck cancer as well as congenital disorders (like cleft and hypodontia care), and maxillofacial prosthetics became truly included in those teams. A most interesting time for a young and eager professional to start one's career! In 1990, the Dental School in Groningen was closed (and oddly re-established in 1995).



Dentists (Prosthodontist and Maxillofacial Prosthodontic care providers and Maxillofacial Technicians) at UMCG

The Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery including the recently established Center for Special Dental Care were transferred to the University Hospital (later UMCG). From that time on MFP patient care and related research became my core work. In 2003, I took over the responsibility for daily clinical services and heading our center for special dental care. Today our facility includes 5 maxillofacial prosthodontists, 3 MFP trainees, and 2 dentists for physically and mentally handicapped care, in addition to dental technicians.

Please tell us a little about your practice as a Maxillofacial Prosthodontist at UMC Groningen.

In Groningen, we established a Center for Special Dental Care in the 80's and after the transfer of the service to UMCG in 1990, it became a strong center for MFP and dental care for handicapped people. Multidisciplinary treatment was fundamental to the team and continued to become stronger over time, and MFP started to be seen as one of the core disciplines within these teams. In those days I also joined the Dutch Prosthetic Society as a board member and continued in several positions for about 10 years. In 2007, I joined the board of the ISMR, and became president for the organization from 2013 to 2016. I joined the AAMP in the 80s and have continued to attend most of the annual sessions.

I have a full-time position at UMCG where I treat MFP patients myself for 5-6 half days, mainly including intra- and extra-oral prostheses for head and neck oncology patients and medically compromised edentulous patients with occasional direct patient care for trauma and children and young adults with congenital deformities. The remaining 40-50% of my time is dedicated to supervising trainees, conducting and supervising research, as well as organizational activities as the head of our center and member of the board of the department for oral and maxillofacial surgery.

Can you share with us your vision for the future of our specialty and our organization?

In our world maxillofacial prosthetics will become more involved in complex planning in cooperation with other (surgical) disciplines. Virtual planning and guidance will become dominant but should still be based on sound prosthetic planning. Basic prosthetic skills will still be needed for the proper indication and execution of care as well. We must be cautious when non-medical IT people think they can fill that gap on their own. Again, cooperation and sharing skills and knowledge is the right way to go. We should also remember that most of us live in a fortunate environment with access to optimal care. However, in developing countries of the world access to MFP care is quite poor, and 'old fashioned' techniques and skills will continue to be needed and must be made available. I feel a responsibility to create means to help develop those needs in outreach projects etc.

Organizations like the AAMP (and hopefully the ISMR) will hopefully continue to give a platform to meet and share knowledge and to develop partnerships.



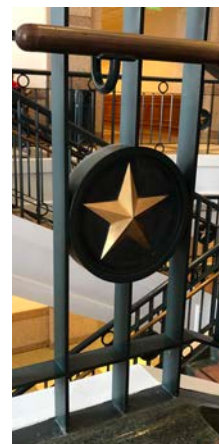
Harry's family (left to right): sister Marjam, Harry with granddaughter-Rosa, his son's girlfriend-Maartje, son-Rob, daughter-Annemiek with grandson-Robin, and son in law-Richard.

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With Much Gratitude to our Sponsors



See you all in Austin!



Photos courtesy of Ruth Aponte Wesson

In Closing...

We would like to finish this newsletter thanking all of the members that helped us accomplish the fall edition. Regardless of the limitations posed by the lingering pandemic we have continued to move forward with the leadership of our Presidents Dr. Huryn. We are excited to announce an in person meeting in Austin, TX. Note that this year the meeting will be two days. October 30th - Nov 1st , 2022.

The academy is a platform rich in opportunities. It does not matter in what category you may fall into, a student member or a life fellow, the enthusiasm and contribution can be endless and so rewarding. Some of the most valuable features of our group are the collegial environment, the never ending pursuit of cutting edge knowledge, mentorships and achieving life long friendships. We hope you enjoyed the selected items in this Falls newsletter.

*Ruth Aponte-Wesson &
e-Communications Committee*