Academy of Prosthodontics
74th Annual Meeting
Lexington, Kentucky
May 15-20, 1992

The Academy of Prosthodontics will hold the 74th Annual Meeting in Lexington, Kentucky. Program Chairman Swoope, Local Arrangements Chairman Ellinger and committee members have worked hard to ensure a successful scientific session and exciting social activities. This year there will be a continuing education course preceding the annual session - details may be found on page 3. We hope all of you will attend and bring your spouses. Each Academy member is encouraged to bring at least one guest.

Scientific Session
We are looking forward to an interesting and stimulating program in Lexington. All of the essayists have been confirmed. The program will provide an exciting balance of removable, fixed, implant and maxillofacial topics.

The first three essayists on Sunday: Jerry Andres, Gary Goldstein, and Val Jekkals, will present material with a video format.

The Tuesday morning session will provide outstanding guest lecturers who will be of interest to everyone. Tom Cooper will discuss, "Control of Your Life Through Stress Management." Reed Polk will follow with a presentation on relationships, "Crossroads or Crossfires."

Social Events
This year the Commonwealth of Kentucky celebrates 200 years of statehood. We are proud to invite you to share in our celebration. For the Academy membership, their spouse and guests, we have prepared a multitude of social events and activities.

On Friday evening will be the 'Call-to-the-Post' Reception and Welcome Dinner. Renew acquaintances and make new ones. Southern charm and soothing melody will be awaiting you and your guests.

To orient our spouses to our great city, we are planning a Bluegrass Country Tour on Saturday. We will honor our Academy's Officers with the President's Reception that evening at the Spindletop Hall, the elegant home of the University of Kentucky faculty and alumni club (coat&tie).

A special event is planned for 12:30 p.m. Sunday when we will travel to Churchill Downs in Louisville. We will enjoy a buffet and see some of the races on the 'card' that afternoon. We will finish the day in grand style with a two hour ride on an Ohio River sternwheeler, The Belle of Louisville. We will be entertained with songs of those olden days by the 32 note Calliope. A Dixieland Band will liven up the dance floor. Bring your straw hat, banjo, and poker cards (coat&tie).

At 3:00 p.m. Monday we are offto the Kentucky Horse Park, a state facility located a short distance from our hotel that is dedicated totally to the horse. The 1,000 acre park was once owned by Patrick Henry and contains campgrounds, swimming pool and tennis courts. We will tour the horse farm, watch the parade of breeds, and visit the museums (dress casual).

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Paralysis by Analysis?

It was gratifying to receive more than a dozen communications regarding the “Perspectives” article on the ACP-FPO sponsor and parenthood question. A majority of the comments were supportive of the article’s viewpoint. Those with a different viewpoint were well received and documented their rationale. There were still others with respected opinions and knowledge who chose not to respond, punctuating this issue with a pregnant silence.

Several points of clarification are necessary as a result of these responses. Relative to membership criteria of American prosthodontic organizations, only the American College of Prosthodontists and the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics have a constitutional membership requirement of being an “educationally qualified” prosthodontist. Other organizations, therefore, may contain generalists as well as specialists in the discipline. This may be the central basis for many contentions in favor of the proposal and the logic that the specialty of prosthodontics be represented by prosthodontists.

Secondly, the membership numbers previously cited from the FPO database have been updated. Sixty-five of the ninety-five members of the Academy of Prosthodontics are also members of the American College of Prosthodontists. These numbers do change continuously as members join, change status, or leave various organizations.

A problem for some of us in multiple organizations is that we may feel that we wear different “hats” at various meetings which occur throughout the year. Actually, as prosthodontists, we wear one hat. The ACP-FPO issue for prosthodontists is a precarious one. We may be capable of doing great harm to the specialty and ourselves by creating internal strife and polarizations. This is real, not just perceived or conjecture.

There is proclaimed support for the FPO by Individual Membership Organizational Members (IMO). A measure or vital sign of this support can be directly seen by the willingness of those organizations and their members to pay dues. Two of the seventeen FPO member organizations, The Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics and Northeastern Gnathological Society, have a constitutional requirement of FPO dues payment thereby achieving 100% contributions.

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Secretary-Treasurer Notes

Spring has sprung and the annual meeting can’t be far behind. A number of guest invitations have been received — have you sent one to a friend? Please return the Social Events form to me and your hotel registration form to the Marriott. Local Arrangements Chairman Ellinger and his committee have gone all out to provide for an enjoyable time while in Lexington and Program Chairman Swoope has a stimulating Scientific Program that has something for everyone, including spouses and guests. Looking forward to seeing you in Kentucky.

On a more solemn note, I learned in early May, Robert and Phyl Lytle’s son, Bob, passed away. Condolences have been expressed on behalf of the Academy and a contribution has been sent in his memory to the Academy of Prosthodontics Foundation.

The Fellowship Breakfast in Chicago was well attended by many of the Life, Active and Associate Fellows. In addition to learning about Lexington, we learned that our host Chuck Ellinger is also going to be running for a seat in Congress. Once he gets the important things behind him, like the Academy Meeting, he can concentrate on his campaigning. We all wish you well, Chuck!

The Academy’s Executive Council and Committees are functioning smoothly. Although some significant expenses have been incurred due to the name change and moving of the Secretary-Treasurer’s office, it is hoped that a large guest registration will help to offset these expenses. Nancy and I look forward to seeing you in Lexington, and don’t forget... bring a friend.

Notice: The room rates at the Marriott Hotel are $99/day not the previously reported $105/day (a hotel printing error). Please let your guests know.
News of the Fellowship

Dr. Grisius presents the Ackerman Award to Dr. Desjardins

The 39th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics was held in Reno, Nevada November 3-6th, 1991. The AAMP Awards Committee consisting of Dick Grisius, Charlie Swoope and Steve Parel presented the highest honor of the AAMP - The Ackerman Award to Dr. Ron Desjardins. Dr. Grisius noted that the Ackerman Award is not given annually by design and is only awarded at times when the committee determines that an appropriate candidate exists. Dr. Grisius proceeded to outline Dr. Desjardins many accomplishments and contributions to the AAMP as Secretary-Treasurer and President, to the JPD as author and Assistant Editor, and to the American Board of Prosthodontics as Examiner and President. Dr. Desjardins graciously accepted the award and noted his thanks to many people, his wife, Karen, and his mentor Bill Laney.

David Eggleston is President of the American College of Prosthodontists, and will preside over the annual meeting in Tampa, Florida, November, 3-8, 1992.

George Murrell is President of the American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry. Annual meeting: August 5-8, 1992 in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

On December 7, 1991 William R. Laney was presented with the 1991 Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics Research Foundation Distinguished Lecturer Award.

Chet and Caroline Perry celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary following the Wintergreen meeting. Ms. Kathy Farmwald and Ms. Helen Keating, the Academy's hosts at the mountain resort, took the Perrys to the Coppermine Restaurant for dinner and champagne. "It was a lovely evening", Chet noted.

Chuck Ellinger is running unopposed in the primary for the 6th District for the State of Kentucky which includes 19 counties. He will be the Republican Nominee for the U.S. House of Representatives in November 1992.

Birth Announcement

Patrick Stephen Riedy
December 18, 1991
9 lbs. 3 oz., 22 inches
Mother and child are doing fine.
Father is looking for hockey skates.

Lexington Update

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You may wish to take a leisurely carriage ride. Entertainment will be provided by the Kentuckians, a male choral group, and by an Appalachian comedian, a Professor from Berea College, during our "Old Kentucky Dinner". There will be four races on the video and play money for wagers.

We will complete the social events on Tuesday evening with the Reception at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Annual Banquet. The University of Kentucky Jazz Ensemble will light up the evening as they warm up for their European Tour. The Jazz Ensemble has been invited to perform at the prestigious Montreux Jazz Festival in Montreux, Switzerland. Dark suit is optional, but dancing shoes are a must.

Chuck Ellinger
Chairman, Local Arrangements

C.E. on Current Therapy in Fixed and Removable Prosthodontics

The Board of Directors of the Academy of Prosthodontics Foundation is pleased to announce joint sponsorship with the University of Kentucky, College of Dentistry, Commonwealth Dental Network, of the course to be held on May 15, 1992. This event will take place at the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort, Lexington, KY. The title of the course is Current Therapy in Fixed and Removable Prosthodontics.

Featured speakers are: Dr. Charles L. Bolender, University of Washington, "Dental Implants: Problems and Their Solutions"; Dr. Charles J. Goodacre, Indiana University, "The Current Status of Metal Ceramic and All-Ceramic Restorations"; and, Dr. Glen P. McGivney, University of Buffalo, "Restoration of the Partially Edentulous Patient." Registration will commence at 8:00 a.m. and the course will start promptly at 8:30 a.m.

Call to the Post

The course will finish at 3:30 p.m. with questions and answers until 4:30 p.m. Those individuals interested in attending should complete the C.E. registration form enclosed or contact the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry: (606) 233-6252.

Registration fees are:

$65.00 for Academy Members
$35.00 for graduate students,
$65.00 for dental assistants and
$145.00 for dentists.
Kentucky Bluegrass

The Bluegrass region of Kentucky is known for its rolling pastures of verdant bluegrass which produces a small blue flower in early spring. There is a prevalence of seemingly endless undulating white wood fences which frame gently rolling meadows and pastures. Also noted are the presence of stone fences which give a clue as to the success of the Kentucky equine. The abundance of thinly bedded limestone with its high calcium and phosphorous content nourishes the soil, and the pastures of horse farms. Championship horses have been bred and trained for generations here. May Temperature Range: High-76°, Low-54°, Average-65°

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How do the other member organizations measure up? Several IMMO’s are just above or below the 50% level. Let’s be forthright, verbal commitments are easy to make, as we can always rescind conditions of our verbiage over time. Incomplete dues payment reflects directly upon the commitment, or lack thereof. It is easy to hide behind the guise of “no perceived value” or “what does it do for me?” If we believe that there is value in the FPO then all IMMO’s should reach 100% contribution levels. The Academy of Prosthodontics dues payment to the FPO has been at the 95% level, voluntarily.

What are a few of the potential challenges that the Academy of Prosthodontics might face as a result of this ACP-FPO proposal? The most significant may be the privilege to represent or respond to prosthodontic issues; or to interface with the ADA indirectly or directly.

The Glossary of Prosthodontic Terms and the Principles, Concepts, and Practices of Prosthodontics are Academy projects in which FPO member organizations are invited to participate. Any organization which is the parent of the specialty may determine that they are the appropriate body to author such matters. The ACP-FPO proposal is not a spectator event. The magnitude of this proposal should encourage prosthodontic organizations to refocus on their mission and purpose. Hopefully, resulting in clarity of direction, recognition of definition, self-worth and preservation of those qualities which are endogenous to its organization and its members.

If the proposal is successful and voting in the affirmative is achieved by a mere majority it will reflect ill winds and foretell seeds of discontent. If this proposal is good for prosthodontists and prosthodontics then it should succeed by a unanimous decision reflecting the commitment, health and strength of the specialty behind the cause.

There is a need for frankness, diplomacy, and respect from each vantage point to rise above this situation and look towards unity. Our goal should be to safeguard our specialty, while at the same time project the vision of our Academy’s future.

Newsletter Editor
The views expressed in this column are not necessarily those of the Academy of Prosthodontics.

AP Newsletter
Name Change?

The Academy Officers and Newsletter staff are considering naming the AP Newsletter. The rationale for a name change would be to provide identity and elevate the concept of the “newsletter” to be more of a formal document. We would like the membership to participate in naming the newsletter. A few names that have been suggested are: The Academy Observer, or Signal, or Beacon, etc. We would like to know what do you think? Please submit your newsletter name to the Editor or express your ideas to any AP Officer on this concept with recommendations. A vote on the newsletter name will occur at the Business Meeting in May.

• Special Interest Groups •

The following Academy members have a special interest in fishing:
- Carl Andres
- Dewey Bell
- Milton Brown
- Tom Curtis
- Aaron Fenton
- Gary Goldstein
- Gerald Graser
- Niles Guichet
- Davis Henderson
- Ron Jarvis
- William Kotowicz
- Glen McGivney
- Stephen Parel
- Arthur Rahn
- Eric Rasmussen
- Edwin Riley
- Ken Rudd
- Dale Smith
- Tom Taylor
- Jonathan Wiens
and Noel Wilkie.

The most fascinating “special interest” is Ken Adisman’s with Trochilidae, which is the study of Humming Birds.

Spouse’s Section
A spouses Hospitality Suite will be available from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday through Wednesday. On the Spouse’s Tour we will visit the Gainesway Farms one of several outstanding Thoroughbred Horse farms. The lunch site for the Tour will be at the Red Mile which is the world’s fastest harness race track. We will take a relaxing stroll in the new Thoroughbred Park which features a 3 acre meadow and grove with life-size equine statues created by Gwen Reardon.

Side tours are being planned to Pleasant Hill a restored Shaker Village and National Landmark (30-40 minute ride). The historic village has interpreters and artisans demonstrating the Shaker way of life. Authentic craft shops are open daily and lunch will be available at the village dining room. Don’t miss the country cured ham, biscuits and lemon chess pie. Other tours include trips to Berea College student industries famous for its Appalachian handcrafts. If enough interest is shown a tour will be arranged to a nearby distillery that produces one of the more well known Kentucky bourbons.

Downtown, the homes of Mary Todd Lincoln, Henry Clay and Confederate General John Hunt Morgan are open to the public. The Victorian Square and Festival Market offer downtown shopping.