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Scientific Session

The program committee has assembled a program that encompasses aspects of prosthodontics and allied fields. The essay presentations have known clinicians as well as providing a forum for others with projected future recognition. There is a balance in gender, age and experience. Discussers for the essayists will be Academy Fellows and a different format will be evaluated. Provision has been made for participation from the floor during the essay and panel scientific sessions.

Spouse attendance is encouraged for the Monday sessions as well as during the Friday morning break that will feature a slide presentation of the week's events entitled "Vancouver in Review."

With the exception of the first speaker, the presentation on Tuesday will feature Academy Associate Members. Wednesday morning will culminate in a panel discussion that will address some of the basic science aspects of implant placement, healing, augmentation and future trends in research. George Zarb and Glen McGivney will moderate and guide the discussion period.

Please plan on attending the table clinics after the Wednesday morning panel discussion. The Table Clinicians deserve an audience and we should support their efforts for presenting to our Academy.

Thursday and Friday will feature essayists that will be making formal presentations for the first time to the Academy of Prosthodontics. There is a diversity in subject matter over the last two days of the program. The scientific program will begin at 7:45 AM each morning. Attend, experience, evaluate and participate in the floor discussion periods.

George Smuklo
Program Committee

Social Events

The Local Arrangements Committee is eagerly awaiting your arrival in Vancouver, British Columbia. We're certain you'll find this one of the most exciting and interesting cities you've ever visited.

Really special events have been organized. On Sunday evening the annual 75th Anniversary Memento will be presented, and you'll want to be there to receive yours. On Monday evening President Lang will have a reception for members and guests at the Roof of the Hotel, which has a superb view of downtown. The "spouses' tour" on Tuesday morning will visit two outstanding gardens, the Van Dusen Gardens and Queen Elizabeth Park. The flowers will be at their peak. Lunch at "Seasons" is truly delicious, and the restaurant features a great view of the city and mountains.

The "group outing" is on Wednesday afternoon. We'll stop at the Vancouver Aquarium in Stanley Park to get a close-up look at the Beluga and Killer whales, then take the Skyride up Grouse Mountain. At the top we'll have dinner and watch the sun set in the Pacific while the lights come on in the city below. Fantastic!

Vancouver is a great city for walking, sight seeing or browsing. Bring your walking shoes! Committee members will lead daily walking tours of the downtown area, and easy-to-read maps will be in the Hospitality Room. We don't think you need to rent a car! The Hotel Vancouver is close to most things, and a short taxi, bus or elevated train ride will take you to the rest. From the airport a taxi costs $18.00 CDN and the airport bus is $7.00 CDN.

The average temperature in May is 61°F (16°C) during the day and 46°F (8°C) at night. A sweater and jacket are recommended. Days are usually sunny, but a coastal city can receive rain; an umbrella and/or raincoat is a good precaution.

The exchange rate is very favorable for American visitors. We suggest you exchange funds for Canadian dollars at your local bank, a Vancouver bank, or the Vancouver International Airport. Charges to major credit cards also receive the prevailing exchange rate.

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Perspectives from the Editor

Chronologically Gifted - Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow

The septuagenarian was approached carefully as a thorough history and examination revealed a troublesome condition. Hoping to provide direction the diagnostic findings were presented. The perplexed patient queried, "Is this a normal finding?" Attempting not to focus on the patient's age the long history was outlined and correlated to the current clinical findings. The patient, having triumphantly survived a litany of good and bad times, proudly declared being "chronologically gifted."

The Academy of Prosthodontics celebrates its 75th Anniversary this year in Vancouver, British Columbia with the program beginning on Victoria Day - carpe diem. Each and every annual meeting is important to our Academy; however, this is a special anniversary in our professional journey.

This is also a year of real and perceived change with respect to political parties, economic stability, health care reform, and the specialty and discipline of prosthodontics. Change is uncomfortably disruptive, yet we seem destined to progressively embrace it or to be reluctant dance partners.

This is an appropriate time to "look back," be retrospective, noting the Academy's chronologically gifted 75 years of highlights, successes, accomplishments. It is important to remember those who unselfishly gave their time and energy to nurture the Academy's presence in the community and to enhance prosthodontic education and treatment. It is also a good time to be prospective noting vital signs, making an assessment of our position in the time continuum and inter-relationship with other organizations. Fellows of the Academy continue to display tremendous talent, cohesion, and discipline all of which speak well for the health and continuity of prosthodontics. The quality of our scientific programs are exemplary. Our strength is further enhanced by our fellowship and willingness to openly discuss issues which may be divisive by nature but result in unity by mutual respect and candid resolution.

Just as important, we must become more prospective if the Academy of Prosthodontics is to further evolve, endure, and excel. Collectively being retrospective, introspective and prospective may allow the development of a 'quintessence' — the knowing and understanding of where we have been, where we are, and where we are going. The 75th Anniversary of the Academy of Prosthodontics is a wonderful time to salute our heritage, trumpet our presence and achievements, and project the professional leadership on behalf of our patients and prosthodontics for another 75 years and beyond.

Newsletter Editor

Secretary-Treasurer Notes

President Lang and I recently returned from a site visit to Vancouver. Local Arrangements Chairs Rich and Mary Frank have things in good shape for the meeting. It truly is a spectacular setting and the Scientific Program under George Smutko and Committee is just as spectacular.

In addition to the social activities described elsewhere in the Newsletter, the Local Arrangements Committee has kept Tuesday afternoon open so we can enjoy the beautiful surroundings. Even if one can't take the Cruise or train trip, try to allow for a day trip before or after the meeting. If coming from outside of Canada, remember to bring a passport or birth certificate.

The Fellowship Breakfast in Chicago was attended by some 40 Life, Active and Associate Fellows. President Lang kept a tight schedule due to the threatening weather and full agenda for the Executive Council. It was good seeing familiar faces as well as some of the new Associates. Although the Council meeting started early, we still ran into a delay at the airport due to weather problems in various parts of the country and had a three hour delay into Vancouver. The Council accomplished a great deal and the majority of committees are functioning well. We look forward to finalized reports in May.

The Social Events form and Hotel registration card has been mailed. If you or your guest don't have one by early April, let me know. The hotel deadline for booking is May 1, 1993. A special limited edition momento has been arranged to commemorate the 75th Anniversary so make sure you and your guest(s) sign up early. When they are gone, no others can be obtained.

Don't miss this one — it truly will be a superb 75th Anniversary meeting in a "spectacular by nature" setting.

Secretary-Treasurer Graser
News of the Fellowship

Dr. George Zarb was the fifth recipient of the T.C. White Lectureship awarded by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, Scotland. This International Lectureship has been awarded to four other individuals: Drs. Moyers and Laskin, USA; Dr. Nyman, Sweden; and Dr. Obwegeser, Switzerland. Dr. Zarb was the first academic prosthodontist to be so honored.

In December 1992 Dr. Zarb was the recipient of the Goldstein Visiting Professorship to the Hadassah School of Dental Medicine in Jerusalem. During his stay he was made an honorary member of the Israeli Dental Society.

Drs. Harold Litvak and Gerald Barrack have been elected President and Vice-President of the Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics. Dr. Jack Preston received the Jerome M. and Dorothy Schweitzer Research Award at the annual meeting in December 1992.

Dr. David Eggleston has been elected President of the Pacific Coast Society of Prosthodontics.

Dr. Stephen Parel has been elected President-Elect and Dr. Gerald Graser Secretary of the Academy of Osseointegration.

Dr. Alan Carr received the first Quintessence/Academy of Osseointegration Research Award for the Best Paper Published in IJOI in 1991. Dr. Carr was honored at the Academy of Osseointegration meeting in San Diego in March 1993.

Foundation Report

Estate Planning Seminar

Jon A. Barwick, a Certified Financial Planner and Timothy J. McDevitt, an attorney specializing in Estate Planning will present the Foundation’s First Seminar on Monday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. on May 24th. All Academy Members, spouses, and guests are encouraged to attend this complimentary seminar titled “The Economics of Charitable Estate Planning.” This interesting and informative session will follow a luncheon. Pre-registration is required.

The Foundation thanks the many members who have contributed to the President’s “One for Five Club,” and our goal is 100% participation. If you have not contributed, please send your contributions to Cliff VanBlarcom, AP Foundation Secretary-Treasurer.

The Foundation looks forward to sponsoring this seminar and welcoming you to Vancouver.

David H. Wands
Development Committee

One for Five Club

The Foundation continues to experience rapid growth and expansion as it serves the profession. Thirty members of the Academy have joined the One for Five Club. Five members have committed to a $1,000.00 annual gift while seven have committed to a $500.00 annual gift and eighteen will contribute $250.00 each year over the next five years. Additionally twelve Academy Fellows have made individual patron donor gifts which has helped the Foundation development process. The continuing education course sponsored jointly by the University of Kentucky and the Foundation resulted in a net profit of over $1,800.00.

Under direction of Dave Wands, this year part of the annual program will be devoted to financial management. The Foundation’s Board of Trustees is pleased to sponsor an afternoon seminar in Vancouver. Transfer of the assets of the E&R Foundation to the APF will take place in Vancouver. As in the past, applications for prosthodontic student research grants will continue through the Research and Grants Committee chaired by Jim Brudvik. Finally, Ed Plekavich and his Special Projects Committee has been working on an outreach program for the membership which could offer advantages both to those who might choose to participate and to those whom we serve. More on that opportunity will be available during our annual meeting. Please let your Board of Trustees know if you have suggestions for your Foundation.

Clifford B. VanBlarcom
Secretary-Treasurer
The Goods and Services Tax (GST) is applied to most purchases, including your hotel room, but US visitors can obtain a refund of this tax by submitting all GST receipts to Revenue Canada. However, the GST on meals is not rebated. Be sure to save your receipts and review the GST booklet you will receive at registration.

American Airlines is the official Academy carrier; referral to file SO263N2 will result in your obtaining the lowest possible fare. Leave a day or more after the meeting to visit nearby attractions. (Remember the Monday after the meeting, the 31st, is Memorial Day in the US.) Victoria, the Butchart Gardens and the Gulf Islands are especially noteworthy. Day trips can be arranged easily after your arrival. Or spend an extra day in Vancouver: the Museum of Anthropology is famous, the Market on Granville Island is fun, Old Gastown and Chinatown and the World’s Fair Science Center are intriguing, and the restaurants outstanding!

The Local Arrangements Committee looks forward to helping you make the most of your visit.

Rich and Mary Frank
Local Arrangements

Associate Fellows to Meet

The Fellowship Committee wishes to provide the Associate Fellows of the Academy the opportunity for increased involvement. On Monday afternoon, May 24, after the Presidential address during the business meeting in Vancouver, the Associate Fellows will meet separately with Dick Grisius as a representative of the Fellowship Committee.

The objective of this initial meeting is to establish a forum to ask questions, express concerns and make suggestions for increased participation in the Academy’s activities as Associate Fellows which will then continue on during Active Fellowship.

NERB Calls for Test Questions

Dr. Charles Cartwright, the Chairman of the Northeast Regional Board’s Examination Committee is asking members of the Academy of Prosthodontics to submit questions for use in the NERB examination question pool. These questions will be used in the new written “ simulated clinical examinations” soon taking the place of existing clinical examinations. This is an opportunity for Academy members to provide questions reflecting our recommendations for curriculum and course content. The question format is a 2x2 slide with an accompanying multiple choice question which relates to a clinical procedure. If the slides are originals they will be copied at NERB expense and returned promptly to the originator. The questions can be directed to the predoctoral or postdoctoral dental level; or to the dental hygienist or dental assistant areas.

Dr. Noel Wilkie, the chair of the Education Committee, asks that you please be prompt and generous with this request as it will certainly improve and compliment the current NERB testing process. Please forward the slides and questions to:

Dr. Noel Wilkie
David B. Kriser Dental Center
New York University
345 East 24th Street

One-on-One with Dr. John Young

Recently the Editor received information regarding John Young’s hobby of race car driving. He most recently decided to compete with the “kids” in the sport to see if the “Old Gomer” could win a championship. He worked hard, was lucky and had great support from sponsors.

“Believe me, there were days last summer when it was 125° on the track and hotter in the car that I wondered what I was doing out there, but many younger had worse trouble. I guess I didn’t know any better. I quit this nonsense back in the middle 70’s, but came back to put together a team for my daughter a few years ago. We have a real nice family gathering at most races and everyone is involved, including our Ph.D. candidate daughter who is studying Fine Arts - quite a ways from her calling.

We’re cutting back this year and only are driving or flagging the races for which we sponsor contracts or where we need to run to test certain tracks. In ’94 we will probably again make a stab at the title with my daughter or son-in-law driving for points and me driving the fill-in races. She only lost the championship shaded by one point last year and that was a total motor failure in her last race. We literally melted down three of the four cylinders. The car just doesn’t run very well with coolant out the exhaust!...”

Dr. John Young’s Racing Highlight’s

Young Racing of San Antonio won the 1992 Sportscar Club of America (SCCA) Southwest Division Regional GT-3 Road Racing Championship. For his efforts, Dr. Young was nominated as “Driver of the Year” for the Alamo Region of SCCA.

The series is contested over road racing circuits throughout Texas and surrounding states. Driving duties are shared with his 26 year old daughter, Whitney, who was runner-up in the 1991 series. The car used was a specially constructed Volkswagen Rabbit built by Tradd Racing of Austin, Texas and is maintained by Dr. Young. Pit crew is staffed by family and friends from south Texas.

The Young’s have been extremely active in automobile and racing activities for over 40 years. Daughter Whitney is a three time Solo II Champion in the Southwest Division SCCA and husband Bill is a National Collegiate Driving Champion from their tenure at Texas A&M University.

The entire family (wife Kasha, daughter Lari, and youngest daughter and her husband Bill and Whitney Van Tassel) are national level flag and communication workers who officiate at professional and amateur races throughout the county.