President’s Column

At the completion of the 100th Anniversary of the Academy, we have been treated to an extraordinary review of the history of our unique and great prosthodontic organization. One can and should be inspired by all that we have accomplished. Also, consider that in its day almost all the basic tenants of prosthodontic care were presented to and debated by our Fellowship. We have set the Standards of Care in every constituent of restorative dentistry. In our lifetimes we placed our theoretical understanding and practice standards into the development and recognition of the following areas:

1. Denture Prosthodontics
2. Occlusion
3. Periodontal Prosthodontics
4. Maxillofacial Prosthodontics
5. Composite Resin Adhesive Dentistry
6. The Development Ceramic Restorations
7. Critical Thinking and Evidence
8. Implant Dentistry
9. Critical Thinking and Evidence Based Literature

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10. CAD CAM  
11. Geriatric Dentistry

Each of these topics sparked heated debate and encouraged our Fellowship to contribute their thoughts and opinions in learned journals. In fact, at least five international journals were created, developed and edited by Fellows in the Academy.

There are so many persons to thank for our outstanding celebration, but first I want to recognize Past President Dr. James Taylor, whose energy and passion for our Academy truly made the difference.

Thanks to Carlo Ercoli and his Centennial Committee for having overseen the conceptualization and consultation phase that brought our celebration to reality, including the JPD editorial series, branded products and the overall coordination.

Carol Lefebvre and her Program Committee created for us a most memorable program, one that also reminded and educated us on our great history and all the legends who made us what we are today. The speakers presented their interpretation of the future in many of our key topic areas. The program proceeded with both the Associate Fellows and presentations from national and international prosthodontists that aspire to become members. We must recognize that Academy Fellowship has become more diverse and has brought into Fellowship many of the most established scholarly and recognized international prosthodontists.

The Academy brought back the opportunity for young and aspiring prosthodontists to present table clinics chaired by Geoff Thompson. Twenty-nine individuals gave wonderful clinics and the Academy Fellowship was highly engaged. The enthusiasm seen in that that session was, for me, inspiring and will continue.

Jonathan Wiens and his History and Archives Committee, including great work with Brien Lang and Ken May, brought our history to life. They assembled and mobilized all photographic, textural and documentary archival materials, going so far as to travel to Chicago to take home boxes of material. They have produced a comprehensive book on our history that will be distributed to each Fellow at the 2019 meeting in Banff, Canada.

Lisa Lang and her Local Arrangement Committee organized the finances, venues, events and AV arrangements. Extra effort by Dean Morton and his committee resulted in a record setting $257,500 in sponsorship for the Centennial meeting. The support and recognition we have within Industry and from our own Foundation should be very much appreciated.

The day prior to the meeting, President James Taylor led a Centennial Strategy Session, entitled: The Next 100 years, involving many AP Past Presidents and the Executive Council. This session took the form of a structural iterative conversation that explored the substantive questions reflecting on the update of our Academy’s Strategic Plan later in 2018.

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The Academy has had many “think tanks” over the years, and I find these to be some of my finest memories that have left me more understanding of the issues and inspired. I am even more interested to listen carefully to what our Fellowship believes to be true. It is my intention to examine a few key topic areas together in Banff.

The Outreach Program of the Academy has unquestionably been one of the most successful activities in our history. This year was the Program’s 25th year of service to populations in need and was successfully extended to parts of Africa. We all cannot thank our Fellows and their students enough for the charity and kindness they have shown so many patients who never would have experience such expert care.

The new edition of the Glossary of Prosthodontic Terms led by Keith Ferro and his committee, was completed this year and represents intense dedication and work. It is another true contribution to Prosthodontics by the Academy.

The Future Leaders on Prosthodontics Workshop (FLIP) led by Sree Koka and supported in part by the Academy, has been extremely successful with the primary objective of providing education for prosthodontists in academia and in private practice internationally, training in leadership and management. Many Academy Fellows have presented, and the program is growing.

It is moments such as this one, here in Chicago, seeing some of us looking directly down from the John Hancock Observatory or appreciating the greatness at the Art Institute of Chicago, that bring the warmth and closeness of our Fellowship into its best form. At the Centennial Gala Celebration, we saw our Fellows dressed in full 1918 regalia, and we won’t soon forget the effort and pleasure Ed Plekavich, Frauke Muller, Geoff Thompson and Susanne Scherrer. The Hall was historic, and the comradery and happiness seen that night reminds us why we are all together as a family. The very emotional presentation of the 2018 Distinguished Service Award and acceptance speech by Brien Lang brought such happiness to us all, as we truly experienced with him the blessing of a great, successful and very giving career. This was truly a night to remember.

Please look at some point at last year’s programs and our diverse international Fellowship. So many of the finest minds and people throughout the world make up our Fellowship. This fact needs to be recognized and cherished.

Well, I have babbled long enough here. I will enjoy our traditional yearly Academy style long weekend at Harold Litvak’s home with the Taylors. I am so honored to serve you all.
Secretary-Treasurer Notes
By Mijin Choi

2018 Centennial Meeting

On May 11th, The Academy of Prosthodontics celebrated the 100th Anniversary Meeting in the city of Chicago where the first meeting took place in 1918. This special historic annual meeting was successfully launched with the Welcome Reception and Louis Blatterfein Dinner, led by the immediate past president Dr. James C. Taylor, at the John Hancock 360 Observatory Deck. The meeting was filled with special events that were beautifully orchestrated by RES and transported the attendees back to the 1918 era. The meeting concluded at the Historic Congress Hotel’s Gold Room for the Presidential Installation Dinner. During the installation Dinner, thanks to Dr. Steven Wagner, a special collection of pictures of the past members were beautifully portrayed and made the meeting even more special. The Executive Council sends special thanks to everyone who worked tirelessly to make the meeting memorable.

2019 Annual Meeting

The next meeting will be held in Banff, Canada from May 29th through June 1st. The meeting will be hosted at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel. We will kick off the 101st meeting with the Welcome Reception and Louis Blatterfein Dinner at the Banff Center for Arts and Creativity founded in 1933. For the Group outing, we will be visiting Lake Louise in the Canadian Rockies, known for beautiful turquoise, glacier-fed water. The detailed travel guide to Banff is posted on the AP website. Link to Banff Travel Guide

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2018 Centennial Meeting - Business Meeting Highlights

The new following Slate of Officers was approved by the fellowship:

President: Dr. Kenneth Malament
President-Elect: Dr. Carol Lefebvre
Vice President: Dr. Lisa A. Lang
Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. Mijin Choi
Councilor: Dr. John Sorensen
Councilor: Dr. Izchak Barzilay
Councilor: Dr. Carlo Ercoli
Councilor: Dr. Kent Knoernschild
Past President: Dr. James Taylor

The Governance Committee proposed an update on the requirements for Life Fellowship to:

Any Active Fellow who attests that they no longer receive primary income from activities related to dentistry and has been a Fellow of the AP for 20 years (Including Associate Fellowship), may become a Life Fellow upon written request to the Executive Council, submitted in October, in time for the Interim Executive Council Meeting.

2020 Annual Meeting Date Change

The 2020 meeting will take place in Asheville, NC. The new meeting date for 2020 is May 13th through May 16th.

New Fellows, Associates, and Life Fellows

The President, Dr. Malament, and the Academy Fellowship welcome and congratulate the new Associates, Fellows, and Life Fellows. The installation ceremony will be held at the opening scientific session in Banff Canada, 2019.

The new Associate Fellows are Dr. Fatemeh Afshari, Dr. Wael Att, Dr. Florian Beuer, Dr. Luca Cordaro, Dr. Irena Sailer, and Dr. Chandur Wadhwani.

The New Life Fellows are Dr. Jamie Kaukinen and Dr. Roy Yanase.

The New Active Fellows are Dr. James Kelly and Dr. Cortino Sukotjo.

Congratulations to all on the newly elevated Fellowship status!
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2018 Distinguished Service Award

By David Brown - Presenter’s Perspective

One of the Immediate Past President’s responsibilities is to chair the committee selecting the next recipient of the Academy’s Distinguished Service Award. In 2017, we met just before the Installation Banquet in Sarasota. While there are so many Fellows deserving of this award, our selection was Dr. Brien Lang.

The next day, after the last presentation, Brien was standing outside the Ritz Carlton. I was so excited for Brien; I took that opportunity to quietly tell him that we had selected him to be the next recipient of the Academy’s award.

Just as he was totally unprepared to hear this information, I was similarly unprepared for his reaction. He stood still, hardly moving, and his head bowed a bit. He started nodding his head up and down that he had heard me but was overwhelmed emotionally. Our award meant so much to him he was speechless initially, and then gave such an earnest “Thank you”, that I was left speechless with emotion. I did eventually manage to tell him it was my pleasure to let him know of our decision.

At our 2018 Chicago meeting, we felt it would be best to present the award to Brien at the Installation Banquet, rather than at the Blatterfein dinner, since the venue had a larger capacity and a better platform for the presentation. I was again overwhelmed at the Academy’s enthusiastic response to the announcement that Brien was the recipient. Once I had read my script, Brien gave a short reply, adding that he would never forget that moment. I will also never forget and am so appreciative of the Academy that I had the opportunity to present our award to him.

The presentation of the Distinguished Service Award was from various sources that presented the contributions and accomplishments during Dr. Lang’s life, and as a student and prosthodontist during his career. That material was researched and arranged for the oral presentation on Friday, May 11, 2018.

Dr. Brien Lang with Dr. David Brown

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The details of the award presentation are included in the following pages for viewing by Academy Fellows and guests. In addition, photographs taken during the event have been included for viewing that were made by an outstanding photographer, Fellow Dr. Stephen Wagner. Dr. Wagner is someone greatly respected and appreciated by Dr. Lang who thanks both David and Stephen for their contributions during this evening.

The 2018 recipient of the Academy of Prosthodontics Distinguished Service Award, Dr. Brien R. Lang, a native of Detroit, MI. Dr. Lang completed his undergraduate training from Albion College and his dental school education at The University of Michigan, where he graduated in 1961. Upon graduation, he had a general dentistry private practice in Saginaw, MI from 1961-62, and was a staff dentist at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit from 1962-65. In 1965 he received his MS degree from The University of Michigan and received his Michigan Specialty of Prosthodontics license (#477). He became a Diplomat of The American Board of Prosthodontics in 1969. He continued to live in Ann Arbor with his wife, Jo. They have three children, Kevin, Lisa, and Beth, and two grandchildren, Sara Jordan and Jessica Mae Lang.

He was appointed at The University of Michigan School of Dentistry as an Assistant Professor of Dentistry in 1965, Associate Professor in 1969, and Professor in 1972. He served as the Chair of the Complete Denture Department, as Director of the Denture Prosthodontic and Graduate Prosthodontic programs, as a core faculty member of the Michigan Geriatric Education Center, the Director of the Implant Services, and is now a Professor Emeritus in the Department of Biological and Material Sciences at the University of Michigan. While at the University he served on 71 MS degree and 2 PhD dissertation committees. His total grant funding amounts to more than $4.5 million. He has published 81 peer-reviewed articles and 15 book chapters. In 1972, Dr. Lang joined The Academy of Prosthodontics as an Associate Fellow, and became a Fellow in 1974. He served on the Executive Committee for several years, and was President of the Academy in 1993. He has been the recipient of the Jerome and Dorothy Schweitzer Research Award from the Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics, the Dan Gordon Award and Distinguished Service Award from the American College of Prosthodontics and the University of Michigan School of Dentistry Service Award. Brien was an examiner for the American Board of Prosthodontics from 1982-89 and served as its President from 1987-89. He is the President of ESPM, LLC, dental consulting firm and a Special Consultant to Nobel Biocare AG.

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Dr. Stephen Campbell’s 26 years as the Head of the UIC Department of Restorative Dentistry (DRD) marked a new beginning in his professional life, as he has elected to move his innovation, energy and intellect to explore other endeavors. His countless accomplishments have been deeply influential, and transformational for dentistry and the public it serves. He led the UIC DRD from a rocky beginning to a globally recognized institution. Steve melded his clinical expertise and passion for education with an incredible gift for administration throughout his career, both inside UIC and in his many roles in prosthodontic organizations. This unique combination of skills enabled him to position the discipline and the specialty of prosthodontics at the forefront of every advancement in patient care. As Head of DRD, he has been an innovator who enhanced pre-doctoral and advanced education in countless ways. He established a teaching philosophy within UIC and learning expectations for programs nationwide. With unique background and experience, he was instrumental in the rewrite of accreditation standards for pre-doctoral dentistry and prosthodontic specialty level care. Specifically, he was instrumental in the complete re-writing of the pre-doctoral accreditation standards from 2007 through 2010. As CODA Prosthodontic Commissioner, he supported the complete re-write of the Advanced Prosthodontic Accreditation standards, including the introduction of expanded implant learning. More recently he introduced caries risk assessment, and the in-depth knowledge and competence related to applied digital dentistry to the specialty standards. For each group, the standards ensure well-prepared clinicians as they enter practice and therefore have immense impact on patient care.

In 2005 and 2010, Steve was awarded multimillion-dollar educational grants from Astra Tech to support pre-doctoral education that resulted in an exemplary and award-winning (ADEA/Zimmer Implant Education Teaching) learning model. In addition, the pre-doctoral and specialty prosthodontics programs have provided a large-scale patient care clinical outcomes database, which has generated numerous publications, with more to come.

The UIC Advanced Prosthodontics Program’s development of a comprehensive, integrated curriculum that incorporated all phases of dental implant care for patients helped it grow from 5 residents in 2000, to 27 by 2016. Nearly 100 residents have completed the state-of-the-art program, providing a large group of knowledgeable and skilled clinicians locally, nationally and internationally. The patient care programs have profoundly changed the local community by supporting access for the underserved.

As digital dentistry evolved, he helped lead its adoption into dental education through the Advanced Prosthodontic curriculum in support of surgical and prosthetic care. Steve subsequently developed the first

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comprehensive digital curriculum for pre-doctoral education and obtained a $1.1 million grant from Henry Schein, Inc. to support it. This led to a $2.3M digital initiative with Straumann Dental Implants, to support collaborative pre-doctoral and specialty level student learning and allow for a state-of-the-art digital facility. Over the last 6 years, Steve obtained 9 million dollars in gifts/grants/contracts for the College and over 13M during his tenure.

Steve’s department, faculty and students have received dozens of teaching and research awards, including more than 50 University and National Awards over the past 6-years. Residents have received 28 national recognitions during this period including finalists and winners for the John Sharry Award. Recently, this included the UIC Departmental Teaching Excellence Award. His National Board Part II Mock Exam program has helped lead the College to top 6% performances nationally, with no failures over the past 3 years. The Department has supported some 170 MS Graduate Student Degrees during his tenure, 50 in the past 6 years. He developed the College’s Faculty Practice, MS Graduate Degree Program, Clinic and Research Day, Comprehensive Predoctoral Clinic Model, Predoctoral Dental Implant and Digital Dentistry Programs, as well as the Advanced Standing DMD Program that posts some 12M in tuition annually. During his tenure, the pre-doctoral and Advanced Prosthodontic Programs have not received any recommendations from the CODA and have received 25 commendations.

Steve is past president of six national and international prosthodontic organizations. He is the recipient of the ACP Educator of the Year, ACP Dan Gordon Award for Lifetime Achievement, the 2015 ACP Presidential Citation and the AAFP George Moulton Award.

Steve helped lead the ACP task force that developed the Digital Dentistry Curriculum and the resources for pre-doctoral education and supported the development of the first Glossary of Digital Dentistry Terms. He led in the development of the 2018 ACP publication, Defining Digital Dentistry: A Survey of Recent Literature. His fund-raising with the ACP Education Foundation, as well as his personal commitment and support helped put the ACPEF on strong footing.

Steve believes in excellence and sets the example by achieving it. By mentoring UIC’s own and attracting outstanding faculty to move to Chicago, he created a collaborative, congenial and fostering department that has set the standard that helped UIC build an international reputation. His legacy is carried and multiplied in the lives and the professional growth of countless students, residents and faculty, whose lives are touched by the leadership example of a man with a Renaissance Impact.
Mentorship and the Academy of Prosthodontics

By Alon Preiskel

Mentorship is far more than transfer of knowledge and experience; it’s a vital part of personal and professional development. Small wonder it is the cornerstone of the community of the Academy of Prosthodontics.

As an Associate Fellow, my experience of mentorship has shaped my relationship with the Academy. Being new to such a distinguished group can be daunting…my mentors provided that personal welcome and embrace that everyone desires when they arrive somewhere new. As the famous saying goes, “You may forget what they said, but you will always remember how they made you feel”. It is that special welcome that inspires the next generation to engage with the AP and strive to be part of this unique community.

The relationships that develop not only provide the material guidance to the newcomer, but also generate the sense of giving that is the essence of any community. Your mentor is the guide to the society that you join and the portal to the collective us.

Naturally, the mentor’s interaction works both ways as there is the personal satisfaction of advising a willing learner. Having received generous mentorship myself, I appreciate the communal sense that inspires us to give back. Benjamin Disraeli stated, “The greatest good you can do for another is not just to share your riches, but to reveal to him his own” Mentorship provides the opportunity to create new relationships and gain insight into new perspectives that a newcomer will bring. These newcomers inject their own professional experiences thereby exposing the mentor and, by extension, the Academy to new concepts. Such inputs help the leadership keep abreast of developments.

Mentorship is assisted by formal structure but can then develop informally. When I was considering studying for an MBA, words of encouragement and support from an Academy Fellow were the final push that led me to undertake my new studies. My AP mentors have guided me about the history and ethos of the Academy and even encouraged me to present some unusual topics. I will always remember and be grateful for their help.

Becoming a mentor is an opportunity to develop one’s leadership style. It provides the opportunity to evaluate how different colleagues react to your leadership. Steven Spielberg described, “The delicate balance of mentoring someone is not creating them in your own image but giving them the opportunity to create themselves.”

Mentorship benefits the Academy in many ways. It permits the cultural and societal values to be perpetuated from one generation to the next; that which is imperative for any long-lasting institution. Not only does it encourage the new members to become active in the society, but also allows the leadership to be engaged with the newcomers and assess who the leaders of the future could be.

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Future Leaders in Prosthodontics
By: Jennifer Priebe, DDS MS

It was a chilly autumn morning in Rochester, Minnesota on October 27th, 2013. I made my way to the auditorium in the Gonda Building at The Mayo Clinic, much like I had done on countless other early morning occasions in the past during my prosthodontic training. But this time, it was much different. This time, I was attending the very first FLIP. I was honored to be tapped to participate, but also humbled to be amongst this crew that will undoubtedly become the “leading edge leaders” in our profession... someday. Little did I realize that these participants, many of whom I did not yet know, would become friends and acquaintances by the adjournment of the workshop.

As it turns out, I was right. I was, in fact, sitting amongst our future leaders in that auditorium. Since FLIP 1, numerous participants have progressed to important leadership positions including Dean, section/department/division director, program director and organizational officer, just to name a few leadership roles. Others have continued on in their current roles, presumably with a sharpened leadership skill set that materializes with increased self-awareness, active learning, experience, and practice. With what can only be described as unique, the FLIP culture that has emerged throughout all of the workshops “en totale” cannot be found in any other prosthodontic courses. The culture boasts professionalism and consists of leadership training in a workshop setting while also networking with colleagues and rubbing shoulders with established leaders and legends. A celebratory meal and a group photo have become important traditions. FLIP results in the building of genuine friendships, something that most likely has not been experienced since the camaraderie that we all remember and cherish from our residency days. These relationships serve as a basis for collaborative and an exponential future impact in prosthodontics that could only before be imagined, but which now is anticipated.

Since FLIP’s inception, the FLIP culture has been cemented in 5 additional workshops that were held in Rochester, MN once again, Rochester, NY, London, UK, Jackson, MS, and Yorba Linda, CA. Additionally, a FLIP Reunion gathering took place in May 2018 at the Centennial Meeting of the Academy in Chicago, IL. A seventh workshop (FLIP7) is slated for September 2018, in London, UK and an eighth workshop (FLIP8) is scheduled to be held in Asia for the first time in March 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand. To date, 21

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Academy Fellows have been faculty in at least one FLIP workshop:

David Bartlett
Carol Lefebvre
Mijin Choi*
James Taylor
Hans Peter Weber
Lisa Lang*
Harold Preiskel
Charles Goodacre
Susanne Scherrer
David Felton
Sreenivas Koka
Frauke Muller
Carlo Ercoli
Neal Garrett
Jonathan Wiens
Kumar Shah*
Jennifer Priebe*
David Chvartszaid*
Carlo Poggio
Baldwin Marchack
David Eggleston
*Former participant and now faculty

Additional course faculty are drawn from non-dental backgrounds and who can share insights regarding general leadership and management experiences. To date, there have been 112 participants who have attended from all over the globe, including North America, South America, Europe, Asia, and Africa.

The FLIP programs consist of content that is meant to build leadership skills, which include general leadership and management experiences. Examples include neuroscience of leadership, creativity, negotiating, building resilience, team building, conflict resolution, leadership styles, managing talent, and fundraising. FLIP workshops also develop leadership savvy for those in academics as well as private practice in order to accommodate all career types in prosthodontics.

A post-workshop survey is administered after each workshop. Selected combined results from participant responses from FLIP1 to FLIP5 yielded 72 responses of 89 invitations to participate. Overall, participants found significant value in attending a workshop. The top two areas of leadership and management skill that participants believe are significantly improved are self-awareness and empathy, which happen to be two key components of “emotional intelligence”.

FLIP has been funded by the Academy of Prosthodontics, Academy of Prosthodontics Foundation, Nobel Biocare, Editorial Council of the Journal or Prosthetic Dentistry, and Career Design in Dentistry.

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By Geoffrey Thompson, Thomas Taylor, Sree Koka, Jeff Rubenstein, Ed Plekavich

The Academy of Prosthodontics Outreach program is celebrating its first 25 years in concert with the 100th anniversary of our Academy. It has been our honor and a privilege to serve and to meet all the fine people who have supported our Outreaches, and we are looking forward to the next century of service. When asked to write an article for the newsletter, it was suggested to me that something along the line of how-do-we-do-it may be interesting, so here goes.

Early on, the Editorial Council provided very generous support for the first missions to Oklahoma. More recently, support for Outreaches have come from volunteers, AP members, the AP Foundation and many small and large businesses. The list includes but is not limited to Henry Schein Dental Supply, Dentsply, Komet, GC America, Dentsply, Straumann USA and Ivoclar Vivadent.

Omaha Outreach

The Omaha Outreach has run for 14 consecutive years beginning in 2005 and has evolved from its humble beginnings into the operation it is today. The program takes place at the Carl T. Curtis Health Center in Macy, Nebraska on the Omaha Indian reservation. Volunteers have come from all over the United States and from within and outside the Academy. Typically, Outreaches involve 5-6 dentists, 1-2 laboratory technicians and 2-3 dental assistants, resulting in 20-24 complete dentures for 10-14 patients. The program takes place in three shifts. A screening visit takes place in May and, where preliminary impressions are obtained. Shift 2 makes final impressions, maxillary- mandibular relations and completes a try-in. Final tooth setups are transported to Lincoln, Nebraska where Dental Designs Inc finalizes wax ups, processes and finishes all dentures pro bono. Shift three (2-3 dentists) delivers dentures and has a postinsertion check one-day later. Normally, there are 2-5 days between shift 2 and shift 3. Shift 3 always takes place in the last full week of July to ensure that all patients have their new dentures in time for the Omaha tribe Pow-Wow. Lodging and most meals are provided by the Omaha tribe. Coordination of events is a collaboration between Sreenivas Koka, program director and Academy Fellow, and Donna Morris, Dental Clinic Supervisor, Dr. Yosh Ameku, faculty member at UNMC College of Dentistry in Lincoln, Nebraska and Mr. Terry Johnson from Dental Designs Inc in Lincoln, Nebraska. Beginning in 2018, the Pacific Coast Society of Prosthodontics is also contributing volunteers for the Omaha Outreach.

Alaska Outreach

Eric Rasmussen was the initial organizer of the Alaska Outreach and then Dorsey Moore took it over in the early 1990’s. Dorsey ran it for several years and then passed the organizational aspects on to Tom Taylor, who has run it ever since. Academy Honorary Fellow, Dr. Thomas Jordan, has served as host for the program since its inception. Thomas recently retired from the Indian Health

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Service as an ’06 officer and is now a civilian employee at the Sitka SEARHC (Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium) hospital. Thomas’ support and organization have been far and away the most important part of the program. He’s an amazing individual! For the past 23 years, we have sent 3 clinicians (always Academy fellows) and three 3rd year prosthodontic residents from UConn who serve as lab technicians (and learn a lot about denture production). We also host the Alaska AEGD residents during the week and help them make dentures as well. We usually turn out around 30 arches of dentures. The Sitka clinic is state-of-the-art, but is not set up for denture fabrication. So, boil out is done in the driveway with a crab pot and dentures are processed in microwave ovens. Its crude, but it works well. For about the past 15 years, we have brought an oral surgeon (David Shafer from UConn) and an OMFS resident along and they place implants for mandibular overdentures and other surgical services as needed. SEARHC provides the group with lodging and rental cars since the inception of the program. The AP Foundation has generously supported travel and meal expenses for the team. Straumann USA has supported the program financially and has provided surgical equipment and components for all of the implants placed over the years. Without Straumann’s support, the program would likely have died due to financial concerns.

Wyoming Outreach

Until recently, arriving at our destination in Riverton, WY by air has been a taxing experience. Great Lakes Airlines, or as I refer to them, "Not So Great Lakes Airlines" routinely cancelled out bound and/or in bound flights on very short notice; creating havoc in travel plans every year. In addition, we could anticipate a “Disney Land” like ride as our small propeller plane approached Riverton airport, which is 5000 ft above sea level and with notable cross winds. The adventure is less exciting now, because another airline flies small passenger jets to Riverton. After Eric Rasmussen’s last Wyoming Outreach in 2008, Ken May, Steve Sadowsky, Bill Kotowicz, Jeff Rubenstein and Calvin Cowan (Jeff’s UW lab tech) formed the core. Each year, a second year UW Grad Pros Resident participates and learns complete denture management under the supervision of Jeff and other AP members. This has been a great teaching experience and excellent clinical exposure for these residents, as well as, several from University of Michigan. This year, Dr. Sharareh Tajbakhsh, former UW Grad Student, and member of the Pacific Coast Society of Prosthodontists rejoined us. This was facilitated through the efforts of Dr. Sadowsky (immediate past president of the PCSP and AP member) who initiated Outreach through this organization in concert with the AP. For the first eight years, we were based at the Arapahoe Native American Health Center in Riverton, WY, but more recently, we relocated to the Shoshone reservation at Fort Washakie outside of Lander, WY.

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The clinical and lab facilities at both are quite good and the support staff are very helpful to our efforts. The patients are recruited during the year and many have recent extractions, which can make things difficult. The "lore" of this outreach includes our daily lunches and dinners, among which is Suila’s, the ultimate Wyoming beef experience! Calvin Cowan drives his pickup truck 18 hours from Seattle, WA hauling much of the lab needs for our program. We boil out in a large pot on a propane stove and compression mold denture flasks using a 10-ton auto shop press. All phases of denture fabrication are accomplished on site. The group generally provides 2-3 dozen arches of treatment over 4 days. Some post placement follow-up is done on Friday. For the last two years, AP member Paul Martinez has made available the AP Denture lab trailer, or as Ken calls it the “Hell on Wheels”. The trailer is parked adjacent to the clinic and it has notably improved our capabilities.

Utah, Nevada, New Mexico Outreach

This group at times has included Gerry Graser, Gary Rogoff, Paul Martinez, Ed Plekavich, Jim Deboer, Ted Medina and Eric Rasmussen. Paul, Ed, Jim, and Ted are mainstays and have been doing this for a long time. More recently, it is Paul, Ed, Jim, Ted, Steve Wagner and Geoff Thompson. Geoff usually brings two second-year prosthodontic residents (Marquette), the importance of which is teaching them to give back. Typically, the Outreaches have been in the American southwest and on Native American reservations. The group usually follows a path of least resistance, that is, tribes that do not require a lot of paperwork in order to donate care. In addition, the state of Utah does not require malpractice insurance or a temporary dental license to donate care. Paul is the point man; he finds locations that are suitable and oftentimes does the necessary oral surgery prep work to get our patients ready to receive dentures before the rest of the team arrives. His contribution is invaluable, in terms of planning, checking stockage of supply, and function of equipment. He also does most of the packing and processing of dentures. Now he is inventorying and stocking the trailer for both the Southwest group and the Wyoming group. It was also Paul’s idea to obtain a mobile dental laboratory (purchased by the Foundation), which allows the group to get to some really out of the way locations. The group has made dentures using the local diabetes clinic and health center with patients seated in folding lawn chairs. Ed Plekavich is not called “fast Eddy” for nothing and he always completes the most dentures. Eric’s capabilities are legend too. If challenged, Ed can make 20 arches of dentures by himself in three and one-half days. If our work is in an out of the way location, it may be 70 miles away from the nearest place to stay the night. Frequently, after a very long day, the group would get back to the hotel too late for dinner. Because nothing is open anymore, there are a lot of sandwiches to make and eat.

Recently, our group has made dentures for recovering drug addicts and those with physical or mental disabilities. You probably cannot imagine what it is like

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when someone is trying to get their life back in order, they are interviewing for a job, and all their teeth are missing or should be extracted. A wonderful smile might just be the tipping point for getting a job. Typically, we use Paul’s office and staff for those events. 

The Outreach committee is always looking for new participants and new locations. We have members from around the world, and would it not be great to build on the foundation started in America? The committee is looking at the possibility of beginning a new program at the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota. The community appealed to dentistry, through the ADA News, for help with removable prosthodontics for their members.

Unfortunately, the African Outreach portion of this story was not ready by press time, but it could be featured in a story on its own.

The mentorship program at the AP drives the key values of professionalism, leadership and collegiality. It is the cycle of giving and receiving that is the strength of the Academy. “We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give”- Winston Churchill.

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that represents the generosity of the FLIP spirit to help the next generation of leaders in prosthodontics.

Being a part of FLIP has opened doors and provided opportunities for many “rising stars” in prosthodontics. We all strive for meaning in life and in our careers…and FLIP provides more than just a take-home message; it’s the self-awareness in terms of leadership style coupled with camaraderie, which becomes profound each and every time. This is not something that one can absorb from that leadership 101 text on the coffee table, rather it is the FLIP culture that leads to fluency in leadership.
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He holds a patent for a method and apparatus for determining the preload for screws for implant systems. He has been instrumental in developing and documenting the Origin and History of the Academy of Prosthodontics for our 100 year Centennial Celebration.

The Nominating Committee for the 2018 Academy of Prosthodontics Distinguished Service Award had many very highly qualified Academy Fellows to consider in 2018. After careful consideration, we unanimously selected Dr. Brien Lang as the 2018 recipient. Our sincere congratulations to Dr. Lang, Jo and their entire family on your receipt of this award.

We also thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all your valuable contributions to the Academy and to Prosthodontics. We are all better Prosthodontists because of you.

Sincerely, David Brown
Immediate Past President, Academy of Prosthodontics
Academy of Prosthodontics Fellows in the News

Dr. Jack Gerrow Wins the 2018 William J. Gies Award for Innovation - Dental Educator

ADEA established the William J. Gies Awards for Vision, Innovation and Achievement (Gies Awards) in 2007. The Gies Awards pay tribute to individuals, institutions and organizations that embody the ideals set forth over 90 years ago by William J. Gies, Ph.D. Over the last ten years, the award ceremony became the preeminent event for recognizing significant contributions to oral health and dental education. In a ceremony at the ADEA Annual Session on March 19, 2018, ADEA will honor Dr. Gerrow for being an individual that exemplify the highest standards in oral health and dental education, research, and leadership.

Academy of Prosthodontics Fellows Recognized by the ACP

President's Award:
Dr. Jonathan P. Wiens

Academy Fellow James Taylor elected as President of the AO

AP Fellow James C Taylor has been elected as 2018 President of the Academy of Osseointegration.

Academy Fellow Radi Masri is the new Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Prosthodontic

The Journal of Prosthodontics (JoP), official journal of the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP), welcomes renowned prosthodontist and researcher Radi Masri as the new Editor-in-Chief, effective July 1, 2018.

Academy Fellow H.P. Weber elected as President of the GNYAP

AP Fellow H.P. Weber has been elected as 2018 President of the Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics.

Academy Fellow John Sorensen Recognized by the GNYAP

The Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics has awarded the 2017 Distinguished Lecturer Award to AP Fellow John Sorensen.

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Academy of Prosthodontics Fellows Recognized by the ACP

Distinguished Lecturer Award:
Dr. Chandur Wadhwani

Distinguished Service Award:
Dr. Radi M. Masri

Educator of the Year:
Dr. Carl F. Driscoll

Clinician/Researcher Award:
Dr. John A. Sorensen

Dan Gordon Lifetime Achievement Award:
Dr. David A. Felton
Dear Fellows,

As the executive council and RES are in the final phase of the preparation for the 2019 meeting, we would like to take a moment to provide you with additional travel information. To reach Banff, you will need to fly into Calgary International Airport (the airport code is YYC) and take a shuttle bus to Banff.

We recommend that you allow at least 1 hour before your planned bus ride. Banff to Calgary typically takes 1 hour 45 minutes to 2 hours. The shuttle bus usually runs from 10 am to 10 pm every hour and can be booked online. Below are the two links to the shuttle bus companies.

- [https://banffairporter.com](https://banffairporter.com)
- Use **promo code AP2019** to receive a 15% discount, in the Promo Code section on the final payment page.

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