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Oh Canada!

Canada is always a hospitable and convivial place to visit (for those of us from south of the border) and the venue for the 86th Annual Scientific Session of the Academy of Prosthodontics in Niagara Falls was no exception. What an awe inspiring backdrop the Horseshoe Falls provided for this year's session! The falls actually embodies our organization, ever present, powerful and yet ever changing.

The meeting got off to a splendid start on Tuesday with the Dr. Louis Blatterfein Welcome Reception and Dinner, always a highlight of the meeting. It is a time for sharing collegial and personal time with those that we have grown with and to talk with new members and invited guests we had not had a chance to speak with before. The dinner was excellent and was just a taster of more culinary treats to come later in the week. The slide show, as always, was a big hit. Our hats go off to our local arrangements committee co-chaired by Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Jarvis for a fine sampling of Canadian hospitality. It could not have been done any better, thank you very much! We would also be remiss if we did not acknowledge our corporate sponsors for their generous contributions, we appreciate it.

The scientific session started as it always does, with a call to order, invocation, followed by the introduction of guests and recognition of distinguished fellows. I think the number of distinguished members in attendance even surprised our immediate past president, Dr. George Murrell, for he later commented that it would have taken less time to introduce those who were not prominent in the profession of prosthodontics.

This year's theme, *Creating Change with Innovations in Prosthodontics*, was jump-started with an effective and humorous look at our ability to be creative presented by Roger Firestien. How many of you have implemented your ideas for your "dream bathroom"? Hope you also took a look at your home and life insurance policies. Completing the first morning's presentations on creativity and effecting changes in the future were academy fellows Dr. Tom McGarry, Dr. Charles Goodacre and Dr. Eric Rasmussen.

The second day looked at the implant interface to include

by **Geoffrey Thompson**

lectures on predictable esthetics, prostheses design, treatment planning, and surgical and post-surgical considerations. Presentations were made by Dr.'s Peter Schüpbach, Carlo Ercoli, Alper Çomut, Heidi Myshin, Joseph Kan, Bernard Touati, and Associate Fellows Jeffrey Rubenstein, Christopher Marchack and Steven Sadowsky.

The afternoon social outing gave us an up close and personal look at just where all the water goes when it crosses the falls. Magnificent! From the perspective below the falls, it is unbelievable that anyone of sound mind would venture a crossing over or down the falls. In the evening, we headed to the uproariously funny Oh Canada Eh! for dinner and a show. A good time was had by all and a very good time was had by "Johnnie" Agar and Stephen Campbell.



Photo courtesy of Ross Tallents

I had the pleasure of sitting next to Dr. George Zarb on the bus ride back from dinner. We talked about what I was doing in the Army and what he was going to do now that he was retiring. My presupposed ideas about retirement were dashed when he told me about all the things he would be involved in. Congratulations again Dr. Zarb, you are an inspiration to all of us.

Friday's scientific session focused on occlusion and disorders associated with "non-ideal" occlusion. Presentations shared the historical basis for treatment, the current state and recommendations for future research. The morning talks were

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The Problem with Reality

I am still unsure how exactly I came to be attending a five day long Leadership Institute designed to help the Medical Center “grow leaders from within”. In all likelihood I was there either because I really thought I would learn something useful, or because my Chair or Dean gave me the old line about how this leadership focus would be good for my career or because my Chair or Dean told me that someone had to go or else the College of Dentistry would look bad. It could also have been a result of some combination of all of the above. As it turned out, the week was better than I expected (having no expectations helps, of course). Specifically, the lecture on the morning of day two would cause me to rethink my hitherto never self-questioned strategy for interacting with the world. I must admit that I cannot remember the name of the presenter, although I do remember he was a Professor from a middle tier Business School. Regardless, I have reanalyzed his words many times in the past ten years and although I have massaged the message a little, the essence of the concept remains unaltered, especially as it relates to a very simple question...“Who Am I?”

The Professor addressed the Who Am I question by posing another. At the outset, he asked us to consider two boxes. In one box were the words “Who *I* think I am” and in the other box were the words “Who *others* think I am”. Now, when the group of us (twelve people) were asked if we were really who we thought we were or we were really who others thought we were, we lined up on the side of the “Who I think I am” answer by the ratio of eleven to one. Within 30 minutes of spirited debate, however, it was zero to twelve...with only one savvy person having no need to change

her mind. If you are like me, your initial reaction to this either-or question is to say something like “No one else can know what I am thinking, or know what my reasons for acting the way I do really are, or know how I feel about the world around me. Only I know these things, and therefore, only I know who I am”.

But here some scenarios that might cause one to think again, and although I realize that the examples are not watertight, they will help illustrate the concept at hand. First, let’s say that you think you are a below average teacher but your students and your colleagues think you are an outstanding teacher. Which one are you...below average or outstanding? Or what about a scenario where you think that you are a wonderful clinician, but your patients and colleagues think you are a terrible clinician. Again, which one are you...wonderful or terrible? Or consider good and bad driving. What if you think you are an excellent and safe driver, but your passengers and other drivers think that you are a poor and dangerous driver. Which one do you really think you are...safe or dangerous?

Intellectually, of course, you may be coming around to the “Who others think I am” answer. Emotionally, though, it’s a tough pill to swallow because swallowing it involves accepting the concept that “ownership” of one’s identity rests with the beliefs of others. In essence, I was faced with having to acknowledge that other people’s perceptions of me defined my identity. Needless to say, this was a startling and uncomfortable acknowledgment.

So what can we do? How can we influence what people think of us? From a wide-ranging perspective, I would suggest that most people admire certain

qualities in others, and not coincidentally, these would be the same qualities that we would love for others to see in us. For example, doesn’t everyone want to be considered honest, compassionate, selfless, punctual, a person of integrity? Please note that these are all types of behavior in which we *choose* to act a certain way. Is it really that difficult to know how to behave in order to influence others to think that you are a certain type of person? And so we are presented with one of the key obligations of accepting the answer “Who others think I am” answer: the real issue is to deter-

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Secretary-Treasurer Notes

By Stephen Campbell

Yet another journey north of the Border brought us to one of the forgotten natural wonders of the world. The Niagara Hilton was host to our 86th Annual Scientific Session, and what a view it was overlooking the 12,000 year old American and Horseshoe Falls.

We thank Dr. Murrell as the outgoing President for all that he has brought to the Academy while we welcome Dr. Clifford Van Blarcom as our new President. We also owe accolades and a debt of gratitude to our Scientific Program Chair, Dr. Jonathan Wiens, for the incredible Program he assembled. We welcome Dr. Thomas Taylor as our new Executive Councilor.

We elected three new Associate Fellows to the Academy, Dr. Benjamin Wu, Dr. Lily Garcia, and Dr. Thomas Vergo. Dr. James Taylor was elevated to Active Fellowship. Dr. Ted Riley and Dr. Gary Rogoff were elevated to Life Fellowship. All of these individuals will be installed at the 2005 meeting in Scottsdale. There are currently 136 members of the Academy, including 11 Associates, 71 Active Fellows, 51 Life Fellows, and 3 Honorary Fellows.

The total attendance at the Niagara Meeting was 199, including 116 guest dental professionals (18 non-member speakers, 30 graduate students, 44 dentists, 24 sponsors) and 83 fellows (61 active, 13 life, 9 associate). A total of 59 spouses also registered for the meeting. The total attendance including the spouses was 258.

The 2004 meeting will be a financial success and should add significant new reserves to the Academy. This is due in part to the cost effectiveness of the Canadian venue, allowing us to hold down expenses. It is also due to good meeting registration and the success of the Corporate Liaison Committee in raising support. Dr. Roy Yanase

should be recognized for his efforts. We should also thank all of our sponsors, but especially those contributing at the Platinum level - Ivoclar, NobelBiocare, and Straumann USA. The Academy financial year closes on November 30 and we will have year-to-date information at that time.

While the 2004 Niagara meeting will be a financial success for the Academy, we need to look ahead to the 2005 Scottsdale meeting. The commitment to the hotel and social events is considerably greater than for Niagara. The Niagara venue was cost effective due to the Canadian location. In addition, Niagara had two dental schools close by and their related professional communities from which to draw. Scottsdale has none of these advantages. Finally, the newly adopted annual program budget for speaker reimbursement will increase Academy expenses. Expenses will be higher and there is concern about decreased revenues due to fewer guests.

The Executive Council established a \$150 late fee for members who do not register 15 days prior to the meeting (May 2, 2005). This will be presented as an early registration discount on the registration form. There will be no member meeting registration fee prior to May 2. Member registration from May 2 on will be \$150. In addition, student registration was set at \$125 for early registration 30 days prior to the meeting and \$195 after that (April 17).

The guest professional registration fee was increased to \$495 for the 2004 meeting. The fee was \$295 and \$395 for 2002 and 2003 respectively. The increase registration fee did not appear to affect the number of non-members registering for the 2004 meeting. Guest registration will remain at \$495 for early registration prior to the meeting and \$595 for late registrations (April 17).

Advanced Meeting Payment Established for Members

Importantly, the membership recommended and approved a non-refundable advanced meeting payment of \$250 to be included with the 2005 dues statements for all members. This does not apply to Life Fellows of the Academy. The \$250 will be credited toward their social events expense if members register in the hotel room block by the published deadline (May 2, 2005). The fee is not refundable (no portion of it).

Dues

All 2004 dues were paid. Dues statements for 2005 will be prepared in November and will reflect the current JPD subscription rate. The 2005 subscription rates will remain unchanged from 2004. As a result, the 2005 AP dues will remain unchanged from 2004. However,

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In memoriam: Dr. Judson C. Hickey

Academy Fellow Art Rahn shared a most special relationship with Dr. Jud Hickey. We are especially grateful that at a difficult time, Dr. Rahn graciously shares with us a personal vignette of Dr. Hickey. Dr. Rahn writes:

“Judson C. Hickey passed away on October 24, 2004. Those of us who saw him regularly certainly were saddened but at the same time relieved that his 15 year battle with Alzheimer’s disease had finally come to an end.

Jud’s outstanding leadership capabilities along with his many contributions to dentistry and prosthodontics are well known to the members of the Academy, so I will not repeat them. What some may not be aware of is what a kind and caring person he was. The number of people whom he encouraged and helped in his lifetime is insurmountable. The individuals he met and worked with were treated in the same thoughtful manner. As a Dean, Jud was always willing to assist and mentor his faculty in achieving their career goals. I ought to know because I was one of them.

Dentistry has lost an outstanding individual and I personally have lost a very good friend to whom I owe a great deal.”

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the following:

Jud C. Hickey Day Care Center, 1901 Central Ave, Augusta, GA, 30904.

Aldersgate United Methodist Church Building Fund, 3105 Wheeler Road, Augusta, GA, 30909.

Dr. Judson C. Hickey Student Scholarship Fund MCG Foundation, 1120 15th Street, Augusta, GA, 30901

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mine what the best qualities of human character are, then work to develop these qualities in ourselves and present them to those around us in order to influence their perceptions of us. Of course, we cannot please everyone all of the time, but choosing those whom we respect the most as the arbiters of our character would be most meaningful. I grant you that the task becomes harder if we are not particularly adept at sensing how others are feeling. After all, it would be very difficult to influence how others perceive us if we cannot sense the effect that our actions are having. But the advice of close friends who have above-average sensitivity can help a great deal, as long as one is willing to ask for the help.

So *being* a certain type of person depends on others *perceiving* that we are

that same certain type of person. Regardless of what we think we present as our image, it is the received image that defines judgment. So we must act a certain way in order to make sure that we are perceived in the way that we would like to be. But what if acting a certain way seems to contradict who we think we really are? What if we don’t want to be who others want us to be? Now being honest, compassionate, etc, are things that all of us would like to be (I hope). But other, less clear-cut traits can make for difficult choices. For example, certain lines of work require someone who can mingle in large crowds with ease. Many of these same lines of work often benefit from ‘schmoozing’ skills as well. What if one doesn’t like to mingle with large crowds or schmooze the night away? What should we do when certain traits, like being an excellent schmoozer, are admired by some and loathed by others? Perhaps we can aim for a simple

enough goal: engage in activities where we like our own traits and these same traits are needed and admired by others. Should we ever attain this form of “I am who I want to be” nirvana, we must also be prepared to enjoy it to the fullest.

Alignment of these three key elements, then, would serve us all well according to the Professor from the middle-tier Business School. By now, you can probably tell that lining up the first two elements “Who I think I am” and “Who others think I am” is important. But it is crucial to make sure that these two are aligned with the third element, “Who I want to be”. If we align the first two elements only to be in conflict with the third, the answer to “Who I am?” and “Who others think I am?” will be the same: “miserable”.

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the \$250 Advanced Meeting Payment will be added to the dues for 2005.

ADA CERP Re-application

The ADA CERP re-application was submitted by the July 30 deadline. Drs. Eckert and Koka should be recognized for their efforts in preparing the draft submission. The S-T organized the re-application according to the ADA's established guidelines and completed the draft document for submission.

Community Outreach Program Wins Oral Health Award

The American College of Prosthodontists nominated the Academy of Prosthodontics Community Outreach Program for the ADA's Geriatric Oral Health Care Award. This Award recognizes individuals and organizations that have improved the oral health care of older Americans through innovative community health care delivery projects. The AP Program was selected as the winner of this year's Award and will receive a \$2,500 award. ACP President, Dr. Nancy Arbree should be recognized for organizing this effort.

Congratulations to the Academy and everyone that has been involved with the Program. This seems to be an appropriate time to recognize the genesis of the Program. According to Jerry Graser, it came during a summer Officers Meeting in Michigan, when Brien Lang was President, Charlie Swoope was Pres-Elect, and George Smutko was VP. Jerry was S-T and Ed Plekavich was the Recording Secretary. They were looking for an altruistic project for the Academy when Ed introduced the idea of fabricating dentures for different Indian Reservation inhabitants. He had worked for the Indian Health Service after dental school and knew of their great needs. Ed, Eric and all of the Academy Fellows that have participated over the past 11 years should be recognized.

2005 Scottsdale Hyatt Regency Scottsdale at Gainey Ranch, May 17-21, 2005

The 2005 Annual Meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Scottsdale at Gainey Ranch from May 17-21, 2005. The EC will meet on Tuesday, May 17 and the Welcome Dinner will be Tuesday night. The Get Acquainted Breakfast and opening scientific session will be Wednesday morning. The second business meeting will follow the close of the scientific session on Saturday afternoon. **Departures should follow the business meeting and be planned for Saturday evening or early Sunday.** The minimum guest room block is 400 and the room rate is \$235 per night. Lisa Lang will serve as the Local Arrangements Chair along with Bill and Donna Laney. A site visit took place on November 4 in preparation for the 2005 meeting.

Following discussion with the Council, it was decided that exhibitors would be limited to two days of the Annual Scientific Session. As a result, the exhibits will be on the 2nd and 3rd days (Thursday and Friday mornings).

2007 New York Grand Hyatt New York April 25-29, 2007

Negotiations were completed with the Grand Hyatt New York for the 89th Annual Session. The contract was signed in June 2004. The first EC meeting and Welcome Dinner will be on Wednesday, April 25. The meeting will end with the 2nd business meeting on Sunday afternoon, April 29, 2007. The room rate is \$209 per night

I look forward to continuing to serve you as Secretary-Treasurer for the next three years and deeply appreciate the trust you have placed in me.

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shared with us by esteemed Academy Fellows Dr.'s George Zarb and Thomas Taylor and by Dr.'s Lysle Johnston, Paul Pokorny and Charles McNeill. It is my pleasure to report that no chair-throwing, fist fights, or profane swearing occurred in what, in times gone by, would have been an incendiary event.

The Presidential Reception and Installation Banquet were located at the Hilton Niagara Falls and again the superb planning and execution of the event by the local arrangements committee showed. As a group, we clean up pretty good don't we? A great dinner was served and we were entertained by "In Effect", a high school vocal jazz ensemble. We sadly said goodbye to Dr. George Murrell as our president, but warmly greeted Dr. Clifford VanBlarcom as he was installed as our 82nd Academy president.

On the final day, the session challenged what we thought we already knew, exposed us to new treatments and materials, and gave us a look at education and prosthodontic records. Papers were presented by Academy Fellow, Dr. Richard Frank and Dr.'s Steve Marquardt, Alan Hickey, Peter Stevenson-Moore, Harel Simon, Norman Hammer, Timothy Saunders and last but not least John Zarb.

With the close of the 86th Annual Session we go back to our busy lives, and when we get a moment, we will look back upon our time spent in Niagara Falls with gladness. We now set our sights for Scottsdale, Arizona, the sight of next years meeting and it looks like a good one!

Dr. Douglas A. Atwood: A Legend in His Own Time

by Fellow Ted Riley

“Gentleman’s gentleman”, father figure”, “ fatherly love”, “gentlemanly presence”: These are the phrases former students and members of The Academy of Prosthodontics used when asked to describe Academy Life Fellow Dr. Douglas A. Atwood. Dr. Atwood always told me it was his job to help others grow in their careers. He was bursting with pride having former students standing with him at the recent AP meeting in Boston. Knowing that Drs Stephen Campbell, Ichiro Nishimura, Robert Kelly, and Edwin Riley were active members of the Academy, meant more to Doug than any personal accolade. He did his job and did it well. He is the reason many of us consider ourselves prosthodontists. More important than his role as a prosthodontist however, is his role model as a person.

In 1981, the Harvard School of Dental Medicine recognized Dr. Atwood’s accomplishments by a Distinguished Faculty Award with the citation “Teacher, researcher, clinician, administrator, you have managed to wear four hats without getting a swelled head.” He didn’t just wear the hats. He wore them with distinction.

Dr. Atwood is a second generation Harvard dentist who at the age of ten began to have a dream of attending Harvard Dental School like his father and practicing dentistry with him. He lived that dream and expanded it to include many other pursuits. Dr. Atwood has a very unique educational background. He was admitted in 1943 to both the Harvard Medical School and Dental School under a joint degree program. He was simultaneously commissioned a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, and, when the army decided not to accept the five year training program in dentistry, he received an M.D. in 1946. After a surgical internship at Boston City Hospital, he spent two years as a surgeon in the U.S. Army Medical Corp. Unlike his classmates, he returned to Harvard and received his D.M.D. cum laude in 1951. He never lost his dream. In comments made when he received a Distinguished Alumni Award from Harvard in 1993, Dr. Atwood stated: “My dream was so persistent that all through Harvard Medical School, my 15 month



internship at Boston City Hospital and two years in the Army Medical Corps, I kept asking myself “ How will this help me to become the best dentist I can be?” His unique background certainly influenced his scholarly approach to patient care, teaching and research.

Former student and Academy Fellow Ichiro Nishimura described Dr. Atwood’s research as follows: “Dr. Douglas A. Atwood has been justifiably called the Father of “Residual Ridge Resorption (RRR)” research. . . . In 1980 Dr. Atwood came to Japan as one of the symposium speakers at the International Association for Dental Research meeting held in Osaka. He described RRR as a disease entity, pointed to the multiplicity of factors responsible, classified the ridge shapes and introduced a reliable animal model and a standardized assay system to measure RRR for future experiments. This was a significant presentation for Prosthodontists that he opened our eyes and redefined our profession in the context of patients’ biological variations. The impact of his research has been so strong that we still see many studies designed after his original work. Dr. Atwood also touched many souls as an educator. Under Dr. Atwood’s leadership, we all learned two things; integrity and humanity. While the law of science applies equally to everybody, each one of us differs significantly. It is quite all right to be different.”

Dr. Atwood always said he had three families; one in West Roxbury with his wife Minnie and their six children ,one at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine and a nationwide family, The Academy of Prosthodontics. Academy Fellow Stephen Campbell in describing his relation with Dr. Atwood captures the sense of family that Dr. Atwood brought to Harvard . Steve writes: “Doug led by example. He was an incredibly dedicated, caring and hard working individual. I stayed on as a faculty member at Harvard for 10 years after my graduation. This was largely because of the model of research, practice and service that he had dedicated his life to. There may have been easier paths to take, but the role model that Doug offered just felt right. Along the way Doug became the father figure I had lost

as a young man. He couldn't give you success, but he could open the doors and provide the pathway for you. What can the right mentor do? I can't imagine a better example. Doug filled many roles at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. However, the one that never makes the CV is the impact on the people whose life's he touched. Doug filled my life as a role model."

Personally, I first met Dr. Atwood when I was an undergraduate dental student at Harvard. Being his first graduate student in Prosthodontics, we developed a close bond and I had the pleasure of working closely with him as student and colleague. To many, Dr. Atwood was Harvard. He was President of the HSDM chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, President of the Harvard Odontological Society, HSDM delegate to the Associated Harvard Alumni, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Medical Staff at the Brigham Hospital. He was a consultant to the ADA's Council on Dental Education and Hospital Dental Service, and its Commission on Accreditation. He was Harvard's faculty delegate to the American Association of Dental Schools and a member of its sections for Removable Prosthodontics, Postdoctoral Education, and Clinic Directors. In addition, he was Chairman of the I.R.Hardy Prosthetic Conference, and President of the Academy of Prosthodontics, the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations, and the Prosthodontic Group of the International Association for Dental Research. More important, Dr. Atwood always was and still is a class act! At Harvard, he genuinely cared about others and always did his best to do the right thing for patients, students and faculty.

Academy fellow Robert Kelly eloquently summarized what Dr. Atwood meant to those who attended the Prosthodontic program at Harvard. Bob writes: "Highly influential mentors offer more than one-on-one experiences, they create environments of synergy that both nurture and inspire. My most meaningful (and challenging!) professional time was unquestionably that spent being stretched as both a scientist and clinician within the academic home that was the vision and creation of Dr. Douglass Atwood. He taught me convincingly that the study of Prosthodontics and basic sciences at the highest level were a natural fit and that both needed to



Dr. Atwood in the company of former students at the 2003 AP meeting in Boston. From left to right. Dr. Ichiro Nishimura, Dr. John Murrell, Dr. Stephen Campbell, Dr. Ted Riley, Dr. Doug Atwood, Dr. Hans Peter Weber, Dr. Bob Kelly and Dr. Gary Rogoff.

be accomplished exceedingly well to be meaningful. Faculty and students he attracted were engaged in the breadth of those biomedical sciences that truly impact the practice of Prosthodontics and may very well be our lifeline for increased prominence as a specialty. Not by coincidence, his environment was also populated by truly exceptional artists and teachers of the reconstructive crafts, materials utilization, diagnostics, communication, and patient management skills so integral to specialty level practice. Equally important, I learned how to eat lobster like a native, to never draw attention to a bad slide by apologizing for it, that a key element to any success lay in "doing your homework", and that "gold in the academic bank" had value. And that international scientific and academic prominence, fatherly love and the essentials of a gentlemanly presence were wonderfully compatible traits."

It should be obvious from the comments of those of us who were lucky to be members of both Dr. Atwood's Harvard and Academy families, that he earned our respect, deserves our thanks, and has our admiration.

Dr. Atwood is now enjoying his retirement on Cape Cod, spending time with his grandchildren and working with the local conservation commission. You can be sure whatever he does, Life Fellow Doug Atwood will do it with dignity and class.

Fellows in the News

Dr. Jonathan Wiens

Academy Fellow Jonathan Wiens was honored this past Spring as the 2004 Alumnus of the Year presented by the University of Detroit-Mercy School of Dentistry. This prestigious award was presented to Dr. Wiens by fellow prosthodontist and UDM alumnus, Dr. Paul Pokorny. Dr. Pokorny recounted many of Dr. Wiens' numerous accomplishments, and went on to state:

"Jon is a dedicated family man and I know when his daughter Jennifer had the opportunity to go to dental school he strongly encouraged her to attend his alma mater for the quality of education that she would receive there. She did and is now a proud alumnus of our school. I know Jon is pleased to have his wife Christina and his family join him here today.

In Dr. Peter Dawson's book on Occlusion, L.D. Pankey writes in the forward that there are very few "true masters" in our profession. But they that are, are those who can teach it, those who can write about it and those who can practice it! Jon is truly one of those Masters in Dentistry!"



Dr. Howard Landesman

Academy Fellow Howard Landesman will join the Colorado University Foundation as Vice President of Development for the recently consolidated University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center (UCDHSC). Dr. Landesman will officially resign his position as Dean of the CU School of Dentistry to join the independent non-profit CU Foundation on November 15.

The Colorado General Assembly honored Dr. Landesman earlier this year for his successful efforts in raising private support to build the new dental school without the use of taxpayer funds. In his new role, Dr. Landesman will oversee the development program for the consolidated Health Sciences campus with an emphasis on securing major gifts in support of Colorado University.

James H. Shore MD, chancellor of UCDHSC stated that the new Health Sciences center enjoyed an outstanding worldwide reputation..."thanks in large part to Howard's devotion to business partnerships and community service. He will be an extraordinary asset to the CU Foundation".



Dr. Ichiro Nishimura

In 1986, Academy Fellow Ichiro Nishimura was the recipient of the Novice Prosthodontics Research Award bestowed by the International Association of Dental Research. This past March, at the opening session of the 82nd IADR meeting in Hawaii, Dr. Nishimura was recognized for fulfilling his exceptional promise with receipt of the 2004 IADR Research in Prosthodontics and Implants Award. The award was made to honor his outstanding contribution to the advancement of knowledge and scientific discovery in implant and prosthodontic research.

Dr. Nishimura is Director Emeritus of The Jane and Jerry Weintraub Center for Reconstructive Biotechnology and Professor of Dentistry in the Division of Advanced Prosthodontics and Hospital Dentistry at UCLA School of Dentistry.

All Fellows are encouraged to send the Newsletter Editor (koka.sreenivas@mayo.edu) news and information regarding special accomplishments or recognition for our membership. Material will be included pending space availability.

