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## “Windy City”-In Review

President Stephen Campbell, in his welcome remarks, noted Program Chair Dr. David Eggleston had invited a group of speakers that ensured this meeting would be a special event and scientifically memorable. He was certainly correct.

As the meeting opened, we remembered Life Fellow Jim House for his service to our Academy and to prosthodontics. President Campbell installed Mr. Masahiro Kuwata as a Honorary Fellow; Dr. Brian Kucey, Dr. Michael McCracken, Dr. Robert Wright as Associate Fellows; Dr. Carlo Ercoli, Dr. Alan Hickey & Dr. Peter Stevenson-Moore as Active Fellows; Dr. C. Jerry Andres, Dr. William Koto-wicz, Dr. Donald Kramer, Dr. Brock Love, Dr. Clifford VanBlarcom as Life Fellows—Congratulations to them all!

The meeting opened on Thursday morning with Dr. Gérard Scortecchi presenting the results of a study of 1234 patients operated on between 2001 and 2008 substantiating the validity, the safety, and the excellent

by Dr. Thomas Vergo

cosmetic outcome obtained when basal disk-type implants combined with the patient's own stem cells can make the difference for immediate fixed teeth in extremely atrophic jaws. Dr. Lyndon Cooper followed with a presentation entitled: “Control of Peri-Implant Tissues: An Experimental Approach”. He helped us understand the biology of peri-implant tissue adaptation following tooth extraction and implant placement, appreciate the role of prognostic data in controlling clinical scenarios for implant esthetics and appreciate the effect of procedural choices on implant esthetic outcomes. Dr. Mijin

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## The death of removable prosthodontics has been greatly exaggerated?

of denture fabrication skills and simultaneously convince edentulous patients of the merits of this primary intervention in the context of this negative public perception?

Removable prosthodontics is a clinical offering requiring high diagnostic and technical competence if predictable functional success and patient comfort is to be achieved. The importance of this service has been diminished in the past few decades due to a distorted focus on other prosthodontic technologies and interventions. The fascination and romance with implant prosthodontics in recent decades has been understandably replete and implant prosthodontics is only starting to mature into its proper position as one of the essential prosthodontic tools used for permanent tooth replacement. An important element of this maturity is the realization that implant prosthodontics has limitations, is not universal and is associated with the potential for morbidity and adverse outcomes. The dawn of implant support for our essential prosth-

odontic oral devices has witnessed a corresponding demise, demonization and abandonment of “devices removable”.

Modern prosthodontics has benefited significantly from the contributions made by biological research and our enhanced

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Mention dentures in polite company and invariably, comments are provoked that contain negative sentiment or anecdotes of humour. Images of dentures in a glass beside the bed come to mind and recollections of tricks that an elderly relative could perform with false teeth cascade into the conversation. Self-serving sections of the dental profession, the dental device and dental products industry have actively propagated this imagery and capitalized on this negative perception without much thought for universal consequences. Yet on a global scale, complete removable prosthodontics is an essential and critical service when reviewed in the context of the range of complete prosthodontic services the dental profession has to offer edentulous patients. So how does the dental profession nurture the teaching

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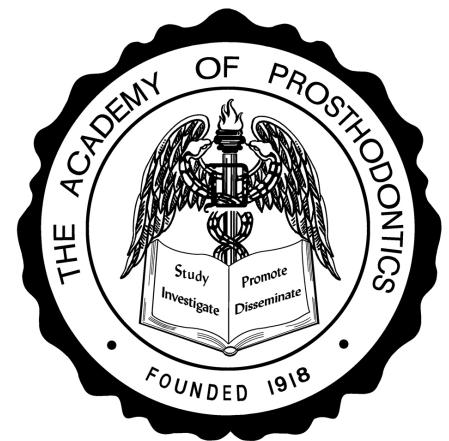
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# Secretary-Treasurer Notes

By Sreenivas Koka



## Fellowship

Currently, there are a total of 138 Fellows of the Academy of Prosthodontics: 56 Life or Junior Life Fellows, 66 Active Fellows, 13 Associate Fellows and 4 Honorary Fellows. In Chicago, the only Associate elected by the Fellowship for elevation to Active Fellowship was Brian Fitzpatrick. New Associates elected by the Fellowship were David Bartlett, Tom Salinas, Radek Mounajjed and Arun Sharma.

## Online payments and registrations

The large majority of Fellows have opted to utilize the credit card payment op-

tion for dues and meeting registrations. This is greatly appreciated as is the feedback, both supportive and critical that I have received as Peter Stevenson-Moore and I work to improve the process. From my selfish point of view, the more credit card payments we receive the better as it makes tracking of payments much easier.

However, checks will still be accepted from Life Fellows who prefer this method of payment as well as from those who work at institutions that can not provide a credit card payment option. Starting with next year's dues, all others will be expected to pay their dues online using a credit card.

## New Mexico meeting (May 12-16, 2010)

The Hyatt Tamaya Spa and Resort will host our annual scientific meeting and the scenery and temperatures will be very nice in mid-May. The Albuquerque area is at an altitude of over 4,000 feet so come prepared to stay hydrated and wear sunscreen

or a wide-brimmed hat to fend off the sun's rays.

**Airport and transportation:** The recommended airport for the annual meeting is Albuquerque (ABQ). Santa Fe lies further away from the hotel and does not have an established shuttle system whereas there is an established shuttle system (NewMexi tours) from Albuquerque airport to the hotel. <http://tamaya.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/services/transportation/index.jsp>

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understanding of human oral biology. This research has provided us with improved restorative materials and osseointegration procedures that have produced an expanded range of prosthodontic treatment possibilities. With further biological understanding that will inevitably flow on from a deeper understanding of cell biology and stem cell research, hi-technology prosthodontic solutions will come from this field of research and move toward the ultimate tooth regeneration from stem cell activation. Scanning the prosthodontic literature in only a cursory manner will convince even the ardent cynic that the art and science of prosthetic dentistry is currently being driven more by biology than by art. This is somewhat of a reversal of what existed less than a generation ago.

However, prosthetic dentistry will remain a surgical skill where art and technique must co-exist with science and biology. Hazards exist for our patients if mindless technique adherence and thoughtless worship of dental digital technologies is allowed to substitute for an accurate diagnosis and evidence based biological approach to seeking an appropriate prosthodontic in-

tervention. The use of dental implants should not be used as a substitute treatment strategy to compensate for clinical and technical mediocrity with removable prosthodontic technique. High technology biological solutions with dental implants will not solve the problems of the world's edentulous multitudes in our vast socioeconomic global landscape. Implant prosthodontics is not the universal solution even in the developed world! So where does the profession progress to from here?

It is important to acknowledge this fact at a time when the digital revolution is seeking apparent simpler technology solutions for all problems. It is time to re-kindle a focus within dentistry onto the critical nature of this simple removable prosthodontic service for countless millions of edentulous patients who do not have nor require access to implant prosthodontics. Clinical technique and time honoured prosthodontic competence based on scientific validation of clinical efficacy is core to this reawakening and will remain true to our evidence based guiding principles. Removable prosthodontics will continue to demand a high level of technical competence and this competence will have a potent influence on the functional

outcomes for those patients denied access to an implant overdenture or implant supported fixed prosthesis. This clinical technique competence will also enhance the outcome of implant prosthodontics. Erosion of these primary prosthodontic competencies will lead to significant negative outcomes for all stakeholders.

The art and science of removable prosthodontic methodology continues to be very important and there is a concern shared by a growing body of clinicians and teaching academics that this area of clinical dentistry has been trivialized and fewer teaching resources are being directed to this important area of dental education. When one refers to the art of prosthetic dentistry, it is possible to conjure up images of Michelangelo standing on a ladder, hammer and chisel in hand, beating a large monolith of quarried stone into submission, diligently and skilfully removing each chip of marble that does not resemble "David". Of course, study has informed us that this is far from reality and that masterful technique is essential to creating such works of fine art. Many years of study by the student apprenticed to the master is required to impart such art skills in much the

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Service is offered to and from the Albuquerque airport and the hotel, via vans or sedans.

Cost: \$40.00 for the first person, \$10.00 each additional person within the same party. Please contact the Concierge for private sedan pricing.

Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with pick-up every hour on the hour. Private sedans are also available after 6:00 p.m. upon request.

Reservations: Are required. Please contact the hotel concierge at least 24 hours before arrival at the airport or departure from the hotel for arrangements.

Cancellations: Minimum two hours notice is required to avoid a cancellation fee.

However, given the resort location of the hotel complex and its distance from the Albuquerque airport, it is highly recommended that you rent a car if you plan to do any off-resort sight seeing during the meeting.

**Events and social activities**

Wednesday May 12, 2010

Welcome Dinner

Thursday May 13

Spouse's hospitality  
Get acquainted break-fast

Spouse's outing

Morning scientific session

First business meeting for Fellows

Friday May 14

Spouse's hospitality  
Social outing - balloon ride/turquoise museum/tram ride/nature walk and brunch  
Afternoon scientific session

Saturday May 15

Spouse's hospitality  
Outreach breakfast  
Morning scientific session  
APF board meeting (lunch and afternoon)  
Installation banquet

Sunday May 16

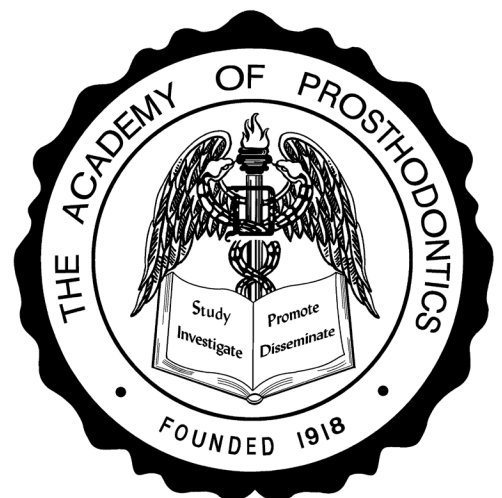
Morning scientific session  
Second business meeting

I appreciate the Fellowship's latitude to permit an afternoon scientific session on Friday May 14 to provide for a bal-

loon ride social outing activity. The brunch that will follow the balloon ride, tram ride, turquoise museum tour or nature walk will end at approximately 12.30 pm at which time the scientific session will begin. It will make for a long day, but we did want to provide the opportunity for a balloon ride experience since we are visiting one of the best places in North America for this type of activity. Following on, this means that both Thursday night and Friday night will be free of any scheduled activities.

**Second business meeting**

In looking at airline reservation options, it is likely that Fellows residing in the eastern or central time zones

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**Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort and Spa  
Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico  
12-16 May 2010**





# Featured Speakers in New Mexico

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## **Terry Walton BDS MDS Sc MS**

**Title: The Biologic Width and Sub-gingival Restoration Margin Placement - Some Inconvenient Truths**

Dr Walton graduated BDS Sydney University 1974, MDS Sc Sydney University 1979, MS University of Michigan 1981. He has maintained a Private Specialist Prosthodontics Practice in Sydney since 1983. He served as Co-President of the International College of Prosthodontists 2000-2001. Research interests: long-term outcome of the fixed dental prostheses; zirconia veneer thermal compatibility.

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## **Ali Tahmaseb DDS**

**Title: How guided is guided surgery?**

Ali Tahmaseb, DDS, graduated at the Dental School of the University of Ghent, Belgium, in 1993. He was trained in implant dentistry between 1995-1999 in different academic centers, UCLA, NYU and University of Vienna. He works currently in private referring offices in Brussels, Belgium and Tilburg, The Netherlands. He is an ITI-fellow, researcher and assistant professor at the dental school of the University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands (ACTA) where he is involved in different research projects in guided surgery and augmentation techniques.

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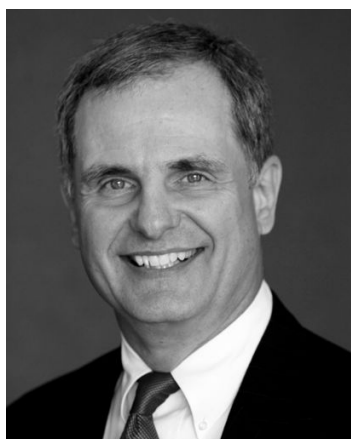
## **Elie Berbari MD**

**Title: Prosthetic joint infection can occur perioperatively or by hematogenous route.**

Dr Berbari is currently an Associate Professor of Medicine in the division of infectious diseases at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, USA. Dr Berbari graduated with an MD degree from St Joseph Medical School, Lebanon in 1992. He finished his residency training in 1995 and subsequently finished his infectious diseases training at the Mayo Clinic where he is currently a member of the ID division.

Since joining the Mayo Clinic Infectious Diseases division in 2000, Dr Berbari has been involved in various clinical practice, research and education activities. His primary area of research is in the field of bone and joint infection.

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## **Ed Sevetz DDS**

**Title: "You see only what you know how to look for."**

Dr. Sevetz is a board-certified oral and maxillofacial surgeon who was taught how to place Zygoma implants as an alternative to bone grafting in patients with deficient volumes of maxillary bone. He worked with the technique's originator, P-I Brånemark in Sweden 19 years ago. P-I restricted the zygomatic implant use to work only in Sweden until 13 years ago. Dr. Sevetz's center was chosen by Professor Brånemark to be one of approximately a dozen and a half from around the world to be involved with a prospective study of "Z fixture" use, with pooled-results published in IJOMI.

**Chicago meeting retrospective**

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Choi reviewed how ultrasonographic dental images can be captured and communicated among dental care professionals and patients to benefit prosthodontists with time-efficient decision making, diagnosis, and surgical site evaluation. Dr. Carl Driscoll presented a retrospective and prospective look at the edentulous patient restored with implants. He presented current & potential complications and looked to the future as a guide to the implant restoration of today. Dr. Bhavani Venkatachalam presented her study that compared the debond/crack initiation strength of a pressed leucite-based low-fusing ceramic and a feldspathic porcelain fused to noble and base alloy specimens. Dr. David Felton presented a literature review determining what co-morbid systemic factors exist for the completely edentulous patient, and high-

lighted the importance of counseling patients to maintain their dentition in a healthy state for as long as possible.

Dr. Howard Landesman was the Presiding Fellow for Friday's presentations. Dr. Harel Simon presented the dilemma and numerous challenges clinicians face when restoring patients with severely resorbed edentulous ridges. He discussed the possibility of fixed reconstruction in these patients, and the use of prosthesis guided augmentation to obtain lip support in fixed implant reconstruction. Dr. Matts Andersson presentation was entitled: "The Impact of Accuracy and Precision in the Digital World of Prosthodontics", and he discussed the accuracy of digital systems today, the important of accuracy and whether we should accept less accuracy to save cost.

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### **Nadim Z. Baba, DMD, MSD**

**Title: Prefabricated fiber posts: Does the clinical data support the laboratory results?**

Dr. Baba received his DMD degree from the University of Montreal in 1996. He completed a Certificate in Advanced Graduate Studies in Prosthodontics and a Masters degree in Restorative Sciences in Prosthodontics from Boston University School of Dentistry in 1999. Dr Baba currently serves as a Professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and a Fellow of the American College of Prosthodontics. Dr Baba is an active member of various professional organizations including the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics and the International College of Prosthodontists. He is also the president of the California Section of the American College of Prosthodontics.



### **Kumar C Shah BDS MS**

**Title: "Orthodontic Alignment for Optimal Tooth Preparation and Emergence Profile"**

Dr. Kumar C Shah received his dental degree from the National University of Singapore. He earned his Master of Science degree and a Certificate in Prosthodontics at The Ohio State University. He has completed his Maxillofacial Prosthodontics fellowship training at University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Currently, as an Assistant Clinical Professor at UCLA School of Dentistry, he directs the Pre-doctoral Implant Courses and is Associate Director of the Graduate Prosthodontics Residency Program.

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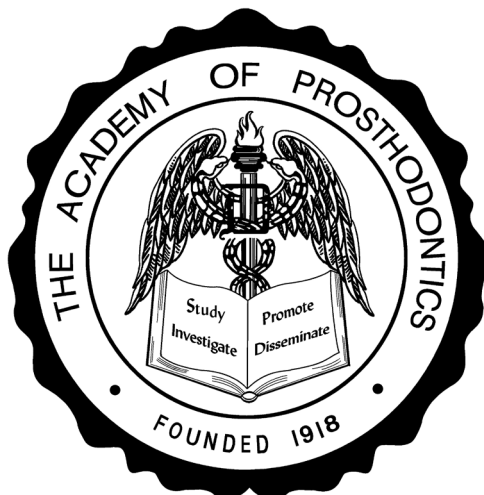
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same way that the art of removable prosthetic dentistry was historically taught. The notion of a clinician in a white coat fashioning wax and ivory into dentures without a specific clinical strategy and functional driven techniques is equally absurd. Clinical techniques born of masterful trial and error coupled with the knowledge gained from clinical and biological research is the reality of modern prosthodontics. Yet for all of this experience and knowledge and in the face of rising global demand for affordable prosthodontic interventions, educational resources directed at teaching removable prosthodontics are diminishing. This critical area of removable prosthodontic education is being progressively relegated to teaching only at postdoctoral level. Is it possible that the international prosthodontic community can exert political influence and cause this trend to be reversed for the sake of all edentulous citizens of this planet?

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## Presidential Comments

I want to extend warm greetings to everyone as we look forward to the 92<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the Academy of Prosthodontics. Many of my greatest opportunities for personal and professional growth have occurred during our meetings. The personal friendships established through the Academy and the many opportunities for individual interactions have immeasurably enriched my life, attesting to one of many unique benefits of Academy Fellowship. The excellent scientific programs with both formal and informal



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clinical advances in in the Fellowship and  
the science and art of Scholarship that have  
Prosthodontics as well been enduring hallmarks  
as associated sciences. of the Academy.

Ruthy and I look



# 'One-on-One' featuring Harold Preiskel

With Sreenivas Koka



Chain, Nobel Laureate for the development of Penicillin, who happened to be a brilliant pianist. He was so good that I never knew if he were sight-reading, or simply using the music as an 'aide memoire', in which case the page needed to be turned before the end was reached. Carrying out this manoeuvre if he was actually sight-reading was a disaster as he had

## 1. Where and when were you born?

I was born in London UK just 200 yards from the position of my current dental office. Shortly after my arrival World War II broke out. Having volunteered for the army my father became a Medical Officer at Sandhurst where I spent my first year or so until he was posted abroad. I was educated in the traditional British manner, first at a preparatory school at which I became a school captain and later at St Paul's, where I was a senior foundation scholar.

## 2. How did your mother and father most influence your life?

Both my parents had a marked effect on my life, each in their different ways. My mother enjoyed a deep appreciation of the arts and music in particular, which she pursued with boundless energy throughout her long life. She kept open house for aspiring artists, some of whom achieved world fame later. Those who were already well established also performed at our home so I was brought up with music in my blood. I well remember turning the pages for Professor

a rather short fuse. On another occasion I felt obliged to eject a drunk who was trying to gatecrash a party for a well known artist. It transpired that I had thrown out the guest of honour and my poor father had to drive around the neighbourhood to recover him.

My father was a highly respected physician and scholar. He was famous for his writing skills and sense of humour. His advice was constantly sought. His brother, a surgeon, was the youngest ever to be awarded a Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. While there can be little doubt



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that both parents had a profound influence upon my life a few errant genes appeared. Some of my parents' friends looked askance at my school-boy pranks, my enjoyment of sport, flying model aeroplanes, and occasionally getting into trouble with homemade rockets and other devices that kept my father in frequent contact with the neighbours.

### 3. Siblings? What are they up to?

I have one younger brother who is in the management of a large property company. He really should have been my older brother as he is the sensible sibling, never known to exceed the speed limit or carry out any procedure that could be considered unwise.

### 4. What attracted you to dentistry?

Actually I wanted to become an engineer, as I had the science and mathematical background to suit. However, after an interview at ICI, I was appalled to discover that with a chemical engineering degree from Cambridge I would start on a poor pay scale, in some barren part of the country, working on an industrial plant. If I joined them with a degree in classics

I would work in their Head Office in London with far better prospects. Something was very wrong, and I felt I should change course for medicine. My father suggested I enrolled for the combined medical and dental degree at Guy's. I enjoyed the dental course enormously, so much so that I saw little point in completing the medical degree.

### 5. What attracted you to prosthodontics?

Here I have a couple of confessions. As a student I wanted to be an orthodontist. The head of orthodontics was the President of the Guy's motoring club and I shared his enthusiasm for driving rather quickly. Here I had the advantage as two of my mother's brothers were international rally drivers who also performed well on racing circuits. By the time I was a dental student I was already competing in national, and occasionally international motor rallies. Nothing was written down, of course, but it was clearly understood that the residency (house surgeon)

position in orthodontics was mine. Shortly before my graduation the Head of Orthodontics was involved in a mishap where his driving skills could not match centrifugal force. I arrived on the scene to find my future boss up to his axles in a duck pond, with the avian occupants of the pond protesting vociferously, but not as loudly as the irate farmer who was standing nearby. Worse, my future boss was on the wrong end of a shot gun. Having ascertained that no one was hurt it is quite possible, indeed likely, that I expressed some merriment, but the allegation that I yelled 'Support Guy's Hospital



## **Chicago meeting retrospective**

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Dr. Leslie Laing Gibbard presented a comprehensive review of Sjögren's Syndrome emphasizing the extent of the debilitation patients experience with respect to quality of life and sharing possible palliative measures to make this condition more tolerable to the patient. Dr. Francine Albert presented an evidence based approach to porcelain bonded restorations reviewing the latest evidence reported in the literature, discussing how to avoid potential pitfalls and presenting the clinical recommendations for their use. And, Dr. Rand Harlow shared preliminary data from the UIC Predoctoral Implant Program.

Saturday's program started with Dr. Avishai Sadan presenting the newest applications of zirconia based restorations, he reviewed the current limitations of CAD/CAM all ceramic restorations and he discussed luting and adhesive agents. Francesco Chiappelli, PhD contrasted traditional dentistry based on the evidence and the newly emerged model for 21st century of dentistry, evidence-based dentistry, and he distinguished between assessment of research literature based on the levels of evidence, or based on research evaluative criteria. Dr. Nicola Ursula Zitzmann reviewed the risks and complications of endodontic, periodontal and implant treatments. She emphasized that when deciding whether to treat and maintain or to extract and possibly replace a questionable tooth with a dental implant, practical criteria and a systematic process should be applied. Dr. David Gratton's presentation was entitled: "Digital Prosthodontics – Have We Arrived?" He gave us an overview of digital technologies available in Prosthodontics and reviewed evidence pertaining to chair-side and laboratory based CAD/CAM systems. Dr. Steven Sadowsky reviewed the risk factors for maxillary implant overdentures, the design considerations for the maxillary implant overdenture and the indications for a maxillary implant overdenture.

Sunday, the final day of the scientific program, began with Dr. Géza Terézhalmy presentation "Bisphosphonates, Osteonecrosis, and Dental Care: What We Know and What We Don't". He discussed the physiology of bone resorption, the mechanism of action of bisphosphonates and how to develop a treatment plan appropriate for patients with a history of bisphosphonate therapy. Dr. Sergio Rubinstein presented the parameters for integration of aesthetics and function in implant dentistry emphasizing success is achieved in a reverse pathway by working from an aesthetic goal to a healthy, supportive foundation. Dr. Harold Preiskel highlighted the rightful place of overdentures in the prosthodontist's armamentarium, warned of common overdenture pitfalls and gave clinical guidance for overdentures. Dr. John Zarb presentation described the Prosthodontic Diagnostic Index (PDI), developed by the American College of Prosthodontists for complete edentulous patients, and

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may not be able to attend the second business meeting and make it home on Sunday May 16. Please remember that attendance at the second business meeting is expected since it is at this meeting where an Associate or Active Fellow's official meeting attendance is recorded. The poor attendance at the Houston meeting led to concern among the Fellowship that the spirit of the Academy's attendance policy for Associate and Active Fellows was being overlooked. The importance of attendance at the entire meeting was stressed and embraced at last year's meeting in Chicago. My thanks to you for keeping these core issues that ensure our Academy's vibrancy in mind.

**News and notes**

Please share with me and Brian Fitzpatrick (Newsletter Editor) any noteworthy news about Academy Fellows at any time during the year. Whether it be a professional, personal or community accomplishment; the Fellowship would love to know. On a somber note, if you hear that an Academy Fellow or spouse has passed away please inform me and Jerry Ziebert (Chair of the Resolutions and Remembrance Committee) so that we can offer condolences on behalf of the Academy as well as make sure to memorialize in an appropriate manner at our next scientific session.

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reviewed a variety of treatment alternatives. Dr. Larry Brecht comprehensively reviewed the advances in cleft palate care highlighting his treatment team's 10-year evaluation of the early intervention techniques of nasoalveolar molding (NAM) and columella elongation.

"All work and no play" does make the AP Fellows dull, but the social events gave all who attended time to refresh old acquaintances, make new friends and just have fun! Starting on Wednesday evening, the Welcome Reception and Louis Blatterfein Dinner in the Astor Ballroom, River Level sponsored by AstraTech gave us the opportunity to GREET members, spouses and guests. The spouse's outing was a guided tour and luncheon at the Chicago Merchandise Mart. Our Social Outing was an "architectural" boat tour of Chicago on the Chicago River followed by dinner with the lions at the Lincoln Park Zoo, sponsored by Nobel Biocare USA, Inc. The Installation Banquet took place in the Grand Ballroom, River Level and was sponsored by 3M ESPE.

So, I think it is fair to say that the Chicago meeting was a wonderful time in the "Windy City" with no wind and beautiful weather that afforded the attendees the opportunity to have fun, learn and relax!



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shoot the bastard’ is quite untrue. Nevertheless, word reached me shortly afterwards that I had better look for residency in another department. That is how I came into prosthodontics where I met Bob Nairn who had recently returned from graduate studies with Carl Boucher. Bob made an enormous impression upon me. I managed to win a scholarship to study with Carl and the rest is history.

### **6. When and how did you meet Nira?**

We have known each other since we were about ten as our parents had been friends long before either of us were born. Far from being an arranged marriage we had a hearty dislike for one another but somehow our attitudes changed as we grew older. Anyway, we seem to have survived well over forty years together.

### **7. Your children? What are they up to?**

We have four children. Three sons and a daughter. Our two elder sons and our daughter are lawyers. Alon, our third son is known to you, he had a dental education in the UK and training in maxillofacial surgery before completing his specialist prosthodontic programme. Alon cherishes the postgraduate education he received in the USA. He teaches at the Eastman Dental Institute and practices with me in my office. He also holds a commercial pilots licence so he keeps his father under control – well almost!

### **8. Your passions in life?**

As you have heard music has been a passion for virtually all my life. Indeed, I still have music lesions from an amazingly tolerant teacher whom I torment at regular intervals. As for aviation Her Majesty taught me to fly, not person-

ally of course, but she did fund a flying scholarship that was offered by the RAF for those who passed their aircrew selection procedures. My entry into the RAF was deferred once I gained admission to medical and dental school and National Service was abolished during my student days. The net result was a new dental student armed with a full pilot’s licence in his pocket, an amazingly dangerous cocktail that led to many an adventure. Nowadays I take a rather more sober approach to aviation, flying most aircraft from business jets down to single engine antique piston engined aircraft. The adventure of flight still burns within me.

### **9. Your most meaningful (to you) professional accomplishments?**

My most meaningful professional accomplishments must surely be the cadre of students who have survived my teaching and made their own significant contributions to prosthodontics. I am both proud and privileged to have been one of the founders of the International College of Prosthodontists that brings members of our specialty together from all over the world and appears to be going from strength to strength. I also take vicarious pride in the success of the International Journal of Prosthodontics of which I am one of the founders. Bearing in mind the major influence a North American dental education had upon my professional life you will understand why being the only non-North American President of the American Prosthodontic Society meant so much to me. Little could I have imagined as a graduate student at the APS Chicago Mid Winter Meeting that one day I would be its President.

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## 10. Who are your mentors?

I should mention Bob Nairn who first aroused my interest in prosthodontics and later became my friendly academic sparring partner. Carl Boucher made an enormous difference to my professional life, opening my eyes, and setting an example for us all. Julian Woelfel kept an eye on many of my research projects. Derrick Neill my boss and later colleague and friend, could always be relied upon for sensible advice. John McLean was always on the end of a telephone, or ready to share a glass of wine, to discuss research ideas or new de-

velopments. I have been very fortunate.

## 11. If you could, would you do anything differently over again in terms of your professional life?

Probably not! Returning to the United Kingdom was a difficult decision as I was offered marvellous jobs and prospects in the United States. In the United Kingdom prosthodontics was not yet a recognised specialty and there was many a battle to fight. However, family ties were strong and I had a commitment to work at Guy's for at least a year according to

the terms of my scholarship.

Later on, another watershed was whether or not to accept a senior academic position that entailed signing a declaration not to indulge in private practice. Running an evening brothel was, presumably, acceptable, with a few fringe benefits no doubt, but private practice definitely not. Fortunately this stupid ruling has now changed. I won no plaudits and decided to keep my dental practice. I enjoyed the challenge and freedom offered by private practice, not just monetary considerations. In retrospect, it was probably the

right decision even though it meant that I could not indulge in sabbaticals or fulltime research projects. I can only say that at this later stage in my career I can look back with pleasure, and forward with anticipation of enjoying future developments in the field of prosthodontics.

