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AP President Mijin Choi

President's Column

Mijin Choi

Dear Academy Fellows,

It is both an honor and a privilege to serve as President of the Academy of Prosthodontics during this exciting and transformative period in our specialty. As we continue to grow, innovate, and expand our influence, I am thrilled to share some of the advancements and initiatives that underscore our commitment to excellence in prosthodontics education, research, and patient care.

Aligning Our Priorities with Our Mission

As the oldest specialty organization in prosthetic dentistry, the Academy of Prosthodontics has focused on providing *key knowledge and leadership in*

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prosthodontics. To achieve this mission, we prioritized the Fellowship of distinguished clinicians, educators, and leaders from around the globe. This purpose continues to guide every aspect of our work.

As the ethical standard bearer for the specialty, the Academy strives to serve as *a trusted advisor to the prosthetic dental industry, mentor emerging leaders, maintain the Glossary of Prosthodontic Terms, and present a premier annual meeting that showcases the latest advancements and future direction in prosthodontics.* With these objectives guiding our actions this year, the Executive Council has made significant strides in aligning our initiatives with our mission.

Fellowship Taskforce (FTF)

The Executive Council (EC) has reaffirmed the importance of fostering connections among distinguished clinicians, educators, and leaders early in the career paths of potential Fellows. To achieve this mission and support the growth of the Academy, we aim to identify talented individuals at an early stage and provide mentorship to help them become emerging leaders. This strategy enables the Academy to engage future key opinion leaders in our field while supporting our long-standing

mission, which has guided our decisions for the past 100 years.

To facilitate this, the Fellowship Task Force (FTF) has been established. The primary focus of the FTF is to create pathways to engage young rising stars who have already made significant accomplishments in their fields.

Dr. Jonathan Wiens and I were appointed as the co-chairs of the taskforce by the EC, along with eight fellows. The FTF has worked diligently to explore new pathways to membership. Following a comprehensive survey of the FTF members, a new membership category that will attract emerging talents from around the world has been suggested. This initiative will enhance accessibility, foster diversity, and ensure that young professionals have opportunities to engage with the Academy while maintaining the high standards that define our Fellowship. In the upcoming meeting, further discussion with the Fellowship at the business meeting is planned to deliberate our directions and actions more concretely. It is our hope that a new category with clear pathways to full Fellowship be

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established to ensure the Academy continues to thrive with diverse perspectives and dedicated members.

Corporate Engagement Taskforce (CET)

An important aspect of supporting the mission of the Academy is building mutually beneficial relationships with our corporate partners.

All prosthodontic organizations face the common challenge of providing unique value to corporate partners. The Academy of Prosthodontics is uniquely positioned to address this challenge, as its mission is to cultivate influential leaders who, through their connections with colleagues in the field, aim to advance education, research, and patient care.

Recognizing the importance of the relationships with our corporate partners, the Corporate Engagement Taskforce (CET) has been established to explore ways to develop sustainable and mutually beneficial partnerships with industry leaders. By fostering a collaborative spirit, the CET aims to create a measurable, flexible, industry-relevant value proposition that benefits both our corporate partners and our members. Through carefully structured efforts and programs—such as

product assessments, advisory panels, and corporate-sponsored student forums—we plan to drive innovation while nurturing the next generation of prosthodontic leaders.

Communication Committee

Guided by our mission, we are focusing on strategic improvements to enhance our operations, ensuring continuity and effective communication. Our leadership teams are re-evaluating our communication strategies with our dental colleagues to continue to maintain our position at the forefront of our field. We aim to be recognized as the leading organization in social media through platforms like the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry and others.

2025 Annual Meeting

Looking forward, we are excited about the upcoming 2025 Annual Meeting at the beautiful Westin Kierland Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona. This meeting will feature cutting-edge scientific presentations, discussions, and opportunities for networking and collegial exchange. It is through these interactions—both formal and informal—that the Academy fosters its unique spirit of Fellowship, collaboration, and innovation.

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As we continue to align our priorities with our mission, I express my deepest gratitude to all of you for your contributions to the Academy. Whether through clinical practice, research, mentoring, or committee engagement, your dedication fuels our progress and ensures the Academy remains a leading organization in prosthodontics.

Let us continue working together to uphold the excellence of our Fellowship, inspire future generations, and elevate our impact on the specialty of prosthodontics. I wish you all a joyous and healthy holiday season and a happy new year! I look forward to welcoming you in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Warm regards,

Mijin Choi, DDS, MS, MBA, FACP

President, Academy of Prosthodontics ■

Secretary-Treasurer Notes

By Thomas Salinas



2024 Meeting Summary

The Academy met in Denver, Colorado this past May 29-June 1st at the Four Seasons hotel. This year's annual meeting brought

together an exceptional gathering, fostering scientific exchange, fellowship, and camaraderie. The event featured a remarkable lineup of presenters from North America and Europe. While attendance was somewhat limited, the meeting was widely regarded as a success, thanks to the high-quality program and the vibrant energy throughout the four-day event. Moving forward, new policies will be introduced to boost participation.

Membership report

Prior to the 2024 AP meeting, membership consistent of 144 Fellows including 11 Associate Fellows, 73 Active Fellows, 52 Life Fellows and 8 Honorary Fellows. This is a slight decline from the previous year

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of 146 with the difference being attributed to 2 resignations and the balance of deceased Life Fellows. After the business meeting concluded, 3 new Life Fellows, 4 Active Fellows, 3 Associate Fellows were confirmed totaling 147 Fellows.

At the conclusion of the 2024 meeting, the AP membership includes: 147 Fellows with 75 Active Fellows, 10 Associate Fellows, 54 Life Fellows, and 8 Honorary Fellows.

Poster Winners

The Poster session was sponsored by the Editorial Council of the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry and posters were awarded as follows:

Case Report Category:

1st Place

Chu-Chi Huang

Harvard School of Dental Medicine

Title: An Optimized Hybrid Analog-Digital Workflow for Immediate Dentures

2nd Place

Marissa Gentle

University of North Carolina

Title: Analyzing ISFPD Creation Methods: Clinical Report

Research Category:

1st Place

Elfatih Eisa

Eastman Institute for Oral Health,
University of Rochester, NY

Title: Temporal Relation Between Sleep Bruxism and Obstructive Sleep Apnea

2nd Place

Jessica Poon and Apissada Jindarojanakul

Harvard School of Dental Medicine

Title: Comprehensive Review of Digital Restorative Protocols for Full-Arch Implant Rehabilitations

AP Financial Summary

There is a financial shortfall in the budget report, which includes costs related to the low meeting

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registration and low sponsorships. It was suggested that efforts should be made to avoid scheduling AP meetings in the beginning of May which might overlap with the ITI World Symposium meeting.

The Academy is navigating challenges related to sustaining meeting expenses, including event planning and scientific venues. While the foundation provides some financial support, the Academy is actively developing strategic plans to ensure long-term stability and success:

1. Fellowship dues increased to \$1,335.00 for the coming year (\$537 assessment, \$98 JPD subscription, \$500 for annual meeting social events fees and \$200 Meeting Registration)
2. The EC is authorized to apply annual inflationary adjustments to current assessments and meeting registration.
3. Life Fellows be assessed a \$200 Meeting registration fee due at the time of registration and not part of annual dues.

Premise of Operations from 2024 Business Meeting

RESOLUTION FOR LIFE FELLOWS TO BE ASSESSED A \$200 REGISTRATION FEE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EC TO APPLY ANNUAL INFLATIONARY ADJUSTMENTS TO CURRENT ASSESSMENTS AND MEETING REGISTRATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION TO HAVE FELLOWSHIP DUES INCREASE TO \$1335. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The 2026 & 2027 Annual Meeting Locations

With discussion from the Executive Council and vote from membership, the 2026 annual meeting will be held at the Boca Raton in Boca Raton, FL, which is a 5 Star Forbes resort. The scientific program is being assembled.

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The 2027 sites were discussed at the 2024-business meeting, which included Hawaii, Newport Beach, CA and Sun Valley Idaho. The membership voted in favor of Hawaii and the Hilton Waikoloa Village was site visited and chosen with contractual agreement.

It is my pleasure to serve on the executive committee as Secretary Treasurer. I look forward to seeing everyone very soon. Have a good winter, and the spring will be here for you before you know it.

Best regards,

Tom Salinas

AP Secretary Treasurer ■



2025 Academy of Prosthodontics Annual Program in Scottsdale, AZ

By Kent Knoernschild



**AP Vice President
AP 2025 Program Chair**

The 2025 Academy of Prosthodontics Annual Meeting will be held at the amazing Westin Kierland Scottsdale Resort and Spa

in Scottsdale, Arizona, from May 28 to 31, 2025. President Choi and I have created an outstanding speaker lineup. The AP2025 program theme is "Prosthodontics: Shaping the Future," and our invited speakers will share engaging information and create the context for rich plenary discussions.

Our scientific program speakers are from all corners of the globe. The speakers include 7 Active and Life Fellows, 6 Associate Fellows, 4 Aspirants, and 8 Guests. Presenters are clinicians, academicians, funded researchers, deans, department chairs, and program directors and are individuals deeply involved in

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organized dentistry at the national and international level. An assimilation of this level of expertise and contribution is the norm for the AP, and I can't wait to watch this program unfold in May!

The Wands Lectureship

We are excited to introduce the Wands Lectureship, which will concentrate on topics related to people, including leadership and personal growth. In the coming years, the Executive Council will present an engaging speaker for the fellowship and guests, someone who is both entertaining and inspiring in promoting personal development. With newly available funds, our first Wands speaker will be announced shortly.

Day 1 Program (Wednesday, May 28)

Our Wednesday scientific session will address *Surgical and Prosthodontic Interrelationships* with a lineup of renowned speakers who will address complex challenges and solutions aligned with patient presentation, clinical goals, and surgical and prosthetic approaches.

The Life Fellows and Associates Fellows luncheon, a KOL session, and time availability for committee meetings will follow in the afternoon. Please contact Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Thomas Salinas to reserve a committee meeting room.

After the Poster Session with the Exhibitor Meet and Greet, we will complete the evening with the traditional Louis Blatterfein Welcome Dinner. This will be a memorable first day of learning, discussion, and reconnecting with friends.

Day 2 Program (Thursday, May 29)

The Thursday scientific session is titled "*State of the Profession – Inspiring Quality Patient Care, Research, Learning, and Excellence.*" Our speakers are deeply involved in leadership for research, education, patient care, and professional organizations and will provide the status for where we are as a profession. Using their expertise, we will recognize our strengths and challenges and investigate what opportunities for the future are available to engage with our colleagues and foster excellence. A formatted panel discussion with

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audience participation will follow. A white paper arising from this session is planned for publication. After the scientific session, later in the afternoon, a group networking outing that everyone will enjoy is planned!!

Day 3 Program (Friday, May 30)

On Friday, the scientific sessions will address *"Meaningful Innovations"* and *"Digital Innovation and Clinical Application."* The again stellar lineup for the early session will provide thought-provoking presentations that address a novel approach for addressing salivary function, clinical studies of digital materials, and decision-making regarding teeth vs. implants.

After the break, the speaker lineup continues with CAD-CAM RPD and a critical review of intraoral scanning and its applications. Our last two speakers will address dental implants, technology, and workflow, including the use of artificial intelligence, as well as consideration of analog vs. digital approach for full arch situations.

The AP business meeting will occur on Friday afternoon, as is customary.

In the evening, Dr. Choi will host the black-tie President's reception and installation banquet. Let's celebrate our fellowship and look to the future!

Day 4 Program (Saturday, May 31)

The Saturday scientific session will provide further opportunity to consider *"Complex Problems and Solutions."* This outstanding group of speakers will address issues with maxillofacial prosthetic rehabilitation, the economic impact on dental technologies, and the challenges with CAD-CAM restorations and occlusion. Our closing speaker will be Past President Sorensen with a presentation titled "Digital Daze," with a discussion of validating digital technologies and materials for clinical practice. Then we look ahead to AP2026 in Boca Raton! Please stay to the end – these are presentations you won't want to miss!

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President Choi, the members of the Executive Council, and I look forward to reconnecting and renewing our Fellowship. If you have any further questions or want to offer any assistance, you are welcome to contact me at

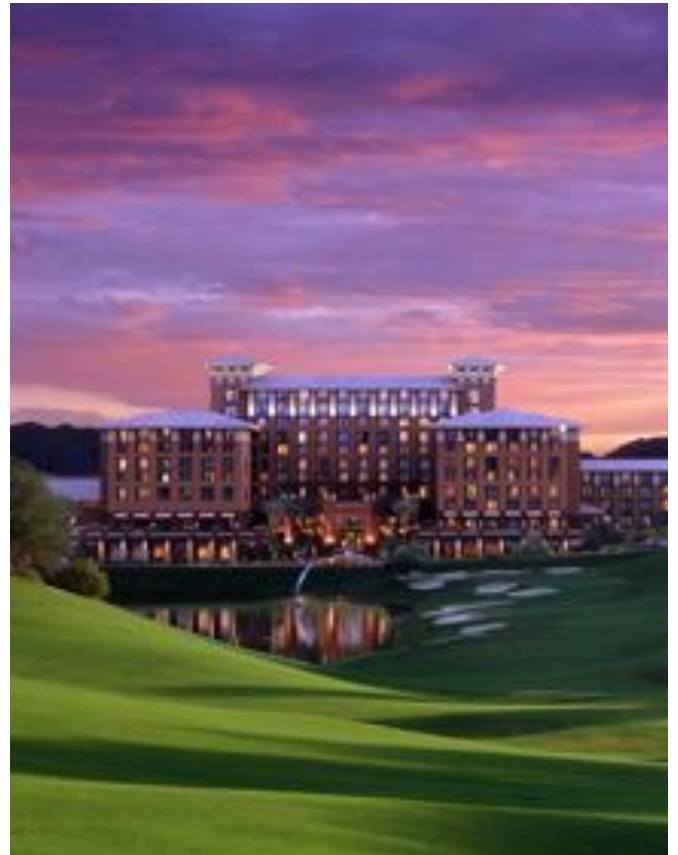
Best regards,

Kent Knoernschild

AP Vice President and 2025 Program Chair

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You may also contact RES at ap@res-inc.com.



Tips for Travel to the 2025 AP Annual Meeting

The 2025 Annual Meeting will take place in the Westin Kierland Resort and Spa. Members can find information on traveling to, parking at, and other services offered by the resort here: <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/phxws-the-westin-kierland-resort-and-spa/overview/what-to-expect/>

Please note, the resort is located in Scottsdale, Arizona which has airport service through the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. The resort does NOT have an airport shuttle service. For members who will be traveling by air, please refer to the airport's website for information on rental cars, rideshares, customs, and baggage claim here: <https://www.skyharbor.com/flying-to-phx/>

AP 2025 PROGRAM

Wednesday May 28, 2025

07:00-08:00 AM	Get Acquainted Breakfast
07:00-10:00 AM	* *Accompanying Spouse/Guest Hospitality Breakfast
07:00- 1:00 PM	Registration OPEN
08:00- 1:30 PM	Scientific Session (includes Opening Ceremony)
10:00 AM	*Accompanying Spouse/Guest Outing - Details forthcoming

08:00-08:50 AM	Opening Ceremony- AP President Mijin Choi
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Wands Lectureship-Presiding Fellow: Carol Lefebvre, AP Foundation Chair

08:50 AM -09:00 AM	Wands Lectureship Introduction	Carol Lefebvre
09:00 AM -09:30 AM	Our Academy, Our Future	David Wands
09:30 AM -10:30 AM	Wands Speaker	TBA
10:30 AM -11:00 AM	AM Coffee Break	

Surgical and Prosthodontic Interrelationships

11:00 AM -11:35 AM	The Endless Possibilities and Equally Endless Challenges of Complex Craniofacial Reconstruction	Antonia Kolokythas
11:35 AM -12:10 PM	Zygomatic Implants: What Do We Know and What We Need to Know?	Tara Aghaloo
12:10 PM-12:45 PM	Full Arch Maxilla: Are Tilted Implants the Only Option?	Luca Cordaro
12:45 PM-1:20 PM	The Intersection Between Survival, Success and Complications-The Prosthodontist's Perspective	Rhonda Jacob, Steve Parel
1:20 PM-1:35 PM	Panel Discussion	
1:35 PM	Conclusion and Announcement	Mijin Choi, Kent Knoernschild

1:35 PM-3:00 PM	AP Life Fellows & Associates Luncheon/ <i>AP Life Fellows and Associates Only</i>
1:35 PM-3:00 PM	KOL-Key Opinion Leaders Meeting/ <i>By Invitation Only</i>
2:00 PM-3:30 PM	AP Committees Meetings/ <i>AP Fellows Only</i>
3:30 PM-5:00 PM	Poster Session/ Exhibitor Meet & Greet
5:45 PM-9:00 PM	Louis Blatterfein Welcome Dinner-Advance Registration Required

Thursday May 29, 2025

07:00-08:00 AM	Continental Breakfast- All Session Attendees		
07:00-10:00 AM	* *Accompanying Spouse/Guest Hospitality Breakfast		
07:00- 1:00 PM	Registration OPEN		
08:00- 1:15 PM	Scientific Session		
	07:55-08:00 AM	Opening Remarks-Recognition of Dignitaries and Life Fellows	Mijin Choi, Kent Knoernschild

State of Profession- Inspiring Quality Patient Care, Research, Learning, and Excellence

08:00 AM-08:10 AM	Plenary Session Introduction	Kent Knoernschild
08:10 AM-08:45 AM	The Future of Academic Dentistry	Michael Reddy
08:45 AM-09:20 AM	Becoming a Better Leader with Executive Leadership Coaching	Carol Lefebvre
09:20 AM-09:55 AM	Navigating Academics and National Forums	Lily Garcia
09:55 AM-10:30 AM	Sex and Gender in Oral Health Methodology and Workflow	Effie Ioannidou
10:30 AM-11:00 AM	AM Coffee Break	
11:00 AM-11:35 AM	The National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards	Frank Tuminelli
11:35 AM-12:10 PM	The American Board of Prosthodontics	Heather Conrad
12:10 PM- 1:10 PM	Panel Discussion	Moderator- Kent Knoernschild
1:10 PM- 1:20 PM	Conclusion and Announcement	Mijin Choi, Kent Knoernschild
2:30 PM- 6:00 PM	Group Networking Outing	

Friday May 30, 2025

06:30 AM-08:00 AM	AP Executive Council 2 Meeting/ <i>AP EC Only</i>		
07:00 AM-08:00 AM	Continental Breakfast- All Session Attendees		
07:00 AM-10:00 AM	* *Accompanying Spouse/Guest Hospitality Breakfast		
07:00 AM- 1:00 PM	Registration OPEN		
08:00 AM- 1:40 PM	Scientific Session		
	07:55 AM-08:00 AM	Opening Remarks-Recognition of Dignitaries and Life Fellows	Mijin Choi, Kent Knoernschild
Reflecting Upon Meaningful Innovations			
	08:00 AM-08:35 AM	Saving the Salivary Gland through Peripheral Nerves	Sara Knox
	08:35 AM-09:15 AM	Clinical Studies on Digital Prosthodontic Materials	Marco Ferrari
	09:15 AM-09:55 AM	A Story of a Tooth, From a Restoration to an Implant. Which one is Complication Free?	Mariam-Margvelashvili-Malament
	09:55 AM-10:25 AM	Forty Years Later: Are teeth Superior to Implants?	Steve Sadowsky
	10:25 AM-10:40 AM	Panel Discussion	
	10:40 AM-11:10 AM	<i>AM Coffee Break</i>	
Digital Innovation and Clinical Application			
	11:10 AM-11:45 AM	CAD-CAM RPD: Does it Really Live Up to Our Clinical Experience?	Eric Caron
	11:45 AM-12:25 PM	Intraoral Scanning Research: Research, Clinical Applications, and Limitations	Hongseok An
	12:25 PM- 1:05 PM	Artificial Intelligence to Elevate Implant Dentistry: Current Trends	Ahmet Orgev
	1:05 PM- 1:40 PM	Tradition Meets Technology for Full Arch Workflows: What Have we Learned?	Armand Bedrossian
	1:40 PM	Conclusion and Announcement	Mijin Choi, Kent Knoernschild
11:00 AM- 1:30 PM	Accompanying Spouse /Guest Outing		
1:40 PM-05:00 PM	AP Business Meeting/AP Fellows Only		
7:00 PM- 10:30 PM	President’s Reception and Installation Banquet-Advance Registration Required		
Saturday May 31,2025			
07:00 AM-08:00 AM	Continental Breakfast- All Session Attendees		
07:00 AM-10:00 AM	Accompanying Spouse/Guest Hospitality Breakfast		
08:00 AM-12:45 PM	Scientific Session		
	07:55 AM-08:00 AM	Opening Remarks-Recognition of Dignitaries and Life Fellows	Mijin Choi, Kent Knoernschild
Complex Problems and Solutions			
	08:00 AM-08:40 AM	Restorative Options in Cleft Lip and Palate Patients	Amara Abreu-Serrano
	08:40 AM-09:25 AM	Economic Impact on Dental Technologies	George Tysowsky
	09:25 AM-10:05 AM	CAD-CAM and Occlusion	Mark Montana
	10:05 AM-10:30 AM	<i>AM Coffee Break</i>	
Complex Problems and Solutions			
	10:30 AM-11:10 AM	Logic and Logistics in Maxillofacial Prosthodontics: Balancing Evidence and Practicalities in Complex Prosthetic Rehabilitation	Sarah Lee
	11:10 AM-11:50 AM	The Management of Two Tooth Spaces in the Esthetic Zone	Tony Rotondo
	11:50 AM-12:25 PM	Digital Daze – Validating Available Digital Technology and Digital Materials for Prosthodontic Private Practice	John Sorensen
	12:25 PM-12:45 PM	Roundtable Discussion	
	12:45 PM- 1:00 PM	Closing Remarks	Mijin Choi, Kent Knoernschild
		2026 Annual Meeting Review	Carlo Ercoli

Save the Dates! ■

One on One with Dr. Danielle Layton, Active Fellow of the Academy of Prosthodontics

By Konstantinos Chochlidakis



Welcome Dr. Danielle Layton. The Academy of Prosthodontics Newest Executive Council Member!

Please tell us a little about yourself and your family.

I live in Brisbane, Australia with my husband Terry Walton and our daughter Georgina. Life is busy as we juggle our private practices, research, and academic teaching, all while keeping up with the activities and adventures of our lively eight-year-old daughter. Beyond work, both Terry and I are actively involved in volunteer works for our profession, and our community – it is rewarding, but also contributes to the modern complexity of lack of time.

Why did you become a Prosthodontist?

It is interesting to trace people's journey through education and beyond. As a child, I enjoyed

working with my hands – needlework, sewing, calligraphy, quilling (a medieval paper twirling art). I have always enjoyed caring for others – it was a strong philosophy of my family and was well supported by my education. Interestingly, I have also always loved solving puzzles – mathematics puzzles, but other puzzles too. Dentistry certainly leaned towards caring for people, and prosthodontics allowed me to use my hands to make, and my brain to think - and to solve those puzzles. I did not really think it would also lead to mathematical puzzles, but indeed it did, through my studies in biostatistics. Ultimately, my career has turned into a fulfilling journey that I love—one that unfolded in ways I never anticipated

What have been pivotal or important influences in your career?

I have been fortunate to have mentors and colleagues who have significantly influenced and supported my career, but the most pivotal influences have undoubtedly come from my family. Growing up with parents who were schoolteachers, I absorbed the

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importance of education through osmosis. They supported my early career choices financially, and my mother continues to do so in so many other ways - many of you would know her as a regular attendee at the Academy meetings.

My husband and I collaborate a lot in research, which not only enriches our professional lives but also offers a welcome escape from the complexities of running our prosthodontic practice. I take great pride in the research we have published together; it is gratifying to hear it cited and to know that our work may positively impact patient care.

The arrival of our daughter 8 years ago brought a wonderful burst of energy and joy, teaching me the true value of time management. Being her mother is the most important role I will ever have, and the one that has had the most influence on my career. I feel truly privileged to balance my responsibilities as a prosthodontist and researcher alongside this essential role in my life.

How did you get involved in the Academy of Prosthodontics?

I attended the Young Prosthodontists Educators Workshop organized by Dr George Zarb in 2006, and it was then when I met so many incredible prosthodontists. Following the meeting, I was invited to attend the Academy of Prosthodontics by Dr Steve Eckert. My first meeting was Chicago, 2008. I have been to nearly all since, except for when our daughter Georgina arrived in 2016, and during the COVID years. In fact, Georgina has now "joined" the Academy, having attended her first meeting in Sarasota in 2017. The Academy has been incredibly welcoming, not only to guests and members but also to our extended family, creating an accommodating environment for all.

Congratulations on your new role as an Executive Committee member at the AP! What does the AP mean to you and why?

Thank you! For me, the AP offers genuine fellowship,

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and it does so on the background of strong academia and social opportunities. The fellows of the Academy are fast to become friends - and, they are friends who will cross a room to say hello, regardless of where and when your paths next meet. Academy meetings are meetings that I do not wish to miss - and, clearly, I do cross the globe for them.

You are the Editor and Chair of the 10th edition of the Glossary of Prosthodontic Terms. Can you describe what the GPT is, its relation to the AP, and why is it important to the field of prosthodontics?

The Glossary of Prosthodontic Terms is a living repository of our prosthodontic language. It was first published in 1956 under the editorship of Carl Boucher and the Nomenclature Committee of the Academy of Denture Prosthetics, which was to become the Academy of Prosthodontics. It has since been through ten iterations. Those works have been undertaken by editors and committees

appointed by the Academy, and with each successive edition including additional terms and updating definitions to reflect understanding and use. The Glossary helps prosthodontics understand its language, so that the most appropriate term can be used where applicable; and it also reflects that language, enabling its growth without being constrained by falsely immutable benchmarks. I suppose it both decodes and encodes the language, belonging to no one person or organization, but it and our profession owes a debt of gratitude to the stewardship of The Academy for its vast utility and ongoing trajectory.

What was the process for updating the GPT like?

Deliberate, considered, frustrating at times - but always interesting, and it always led to unexpected interactions as viewpoints and perspectives were explored. The identification of missing terms often opened a "Pandoras box", where the speed of research and development unintentionally resulted in the creation and modification of terms that then required quite swift attention by the GPT. In this role it was important to accept that a Glossary reflects a language,

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it does not contain it and should not seek to do so. But, as part of that understanding, it was then difficult when the GPT identified included terms that had become obsolete, potential terms that were not yet stable enough in their use for inclusion, or frequently used terms that really were in the category of “slang” – it is arguable that the simpler task for the GPT was when terms required inclusion, rather than exclusion.

Did you learn something new or surprising while updating the GPT?

The learnings were not surprising, but they were important, nonetheless. We talk about entities such as the GPT as being living lists, living repositories – but interacting with a document in real time as the world moves on around it is quite an interesting phenomenon. At the eleventh hour we were still modifying final terms, adding information that we were keen to see make the “cut” for the GPT 2023. The GPT will never be complete – but I think that its infinity horizon also adds to its presence – it almost

demands to be nurtured and updated – keen and able to grow. In many ways, it is an example to us all.

Why did you pursue a career that blends both academia and private practice? Can you describe how you balance and blend those realms of dentistry?

I think you need all things to live a balanced and fulfilling life. In my opinion, in private practice, with time, one could become blinkered by (and potentially drowned by) the business of prosthodontics. Equally, in academia, it is my opinion that with time one could become blinkered by the ivory towers, and risk overlooking the realities of patient care. Neither career path is for the faint hearted. We all see so many around us who have burnt out – early - taking their knowledge and enthusiasm with them. For me, blending the two keeps me grounded, and hopefully becomes my secret to a long and fulfilling career contributing to both fields – my patients for whom I personally care; and my patients, again, by way of academic pursuits that aim to benefit the many.

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Lastly, where do you see the future of dentistry with the advancement of technology, especially with artificial intelligence software that are emerging?

As always, I foresee that the pendulum will swing, initially, too far: With treatment planning algorithms tempting clinicians to forget (or choose) not to think; With bots automating charting in space but overlooking the three dimensional complexity of transfer of loads between teeth; With software smart notes pertaining to record the content of a consultation, but not understanding the nuances of human fears and worries. I have seen each of these things so far – and the pendulum has so much further to swing. AI is a formidable tool, but its foundations are designed by humans, and humans are fallible – we must never lose sight of that potential fallibility. I look forward to the damped oscillation that will occur, influenced by the gravity of time and the benefit of hindsight - but, that's the mathematician coming out in me!

AP Fellows in the News

Academy of Prosthodontics Fellow Frauke Müller has been awarded an Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh

November 21, 2024

The Executive Council of the Academy of Prosthodontics would like to proudly announce that Councilor and Academy Fellow Frauke Muller has been awarded an honorary fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh on November 15, 2024. In 1982, Dental Surgery became a distinct faculty within the College with a remit of education, training and maintenance of standards of professional competence and conduct. The Faculty of Dental Trainers was launched in 2016 by the Faculty of Dental Surgery. The purpose of the Faculty is to enhance patient care and safety by promoting the highest standards of training in dentistry and to support trainers in developing their roles. It is the largest of the

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College's faculties with almost 7,000 fellows and members worldwide and has its own council. The Dental Faculty's portfolio consists of a wide range of examinations and courses which have been held in 17 countries around the world. These include:

The Diploma of Membership of the Faculty of Dental Surgery (MFDS)• Membership in Advanced General Dental Surgery (MAGDS)• Specialty Membership Exams in Endodontics, Periodontics, Prosthodontics, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Implant Dentistry, and Orthodontics (Part A and Part B)• Diplomas in Clinical Dental Technology, Orthodontic Therapy, Pediatric Dentistry for Dental Therapists and Special Care Dentistry• Tri-Collegiate Specialty Membership Exams in Oral Surgery, Pediatric Dentistry and Special Care Dentistry. The Faculty works with its sister Colleges in London and Glasgow to deliver these.

Congratulations to Dr. Müller!



Academy of Prosthodontics Fellow and Past President Lisa Lang has been promoted to Executive Associate Dean at The Indiana University School of Dentistry

July 22, 2024

Dear Academy Fellows, please join me in congratulating Academy Fellow and Past President Dr. Lisa Lang for her promotion to Executive Associate Dean at The Indiana University School of Dentistry. As executive associate dean, Dr. Lang will serve as the school executive when Dean Murdoch-Kinch is engaged in external activities off site. In addition to leading the Office of Faculty Affairs and faculty development, Dr. Lang also is assuming operational leadership of two areas: Dental Faculty Practice and the Office of Continuing Education. Please see the following URL for additional information:

https://dentistry.iu.edu/about/news-events/school-news/lisa_lang_ead.html

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Academy of Prosthodontics Fellow Leslie Laing was Recently Recognized as a Recipient of Two Prestigious Awards

July 16, 2024

Academy of Prosthodontics Fellow Leslie Laing was recently recognized by 2 Prestigious awards • Queen's Toronto Alumni Branch Tricolour Champion 2020 awarded to Queen's Alumni in Toronto who are making a positive impact on the Queen's and/or Toronto Communities. • Queen's University Alumni Association 2022 Alumni Humanitarian Award (the award has since changed names to the Alumni Global Citizenship Award) presented to a Queen's alumnus/alumna in recognition of distinguished work or volunteer service, at home or abroad, which has made a difference in the well-being of others. Dr. Laing has served the position of President of the Sjögren's Society of Canada since 2018. See URL for further information:

<https://sjogrencanada.org/who-we-are/leadership.html>

Academy Fellow and Past President Dr. Thomas Taylor, Academy Fellow Dr. John Agar and Honorary Fellow Thomas Jordan

July 16, 2024

Since 1997, Dr. Thomas Taylor, professor and chair of prosthodontics, and Dr. John Agar, professor of prosthodontics—along with rising third year prosthodontics residents—have traveled to Sitka, AK nearly every June to deliver new smiles to a population that otherwise might never receive proper dental care. To date, over 800 dentures have been made. Over four decades ago, the Academy of Prosthodontics started a program in different parts of the country to deliver dentures to underserved populations. In 1993, the program landed in Juneau, Alaska with a general dentist from Oregon and member of the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC), Dr. Thomas Jordan, at the helm. In 1997, Taylor joined Jordan, and in 2003 the clinic moved from Juneau to Sitka. Jordan is retiring this year after 31 years of running the program, meaning that this summer was most likely the last for the program that has helped

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transform the smiles of hundreds of Native Americans. There is no appointed successor, and no one locally is willing to take on the massive responsibility. "Participating in this volunteer outreach program was a transformative experience for both the resident doctors and the patients. For the patients, many of whom had limited access to dental care, receiving custom dentures was a life-changing event, significantly improving their quality of life and self-esteem. For the resident doctors, the program provided a rare opportunity to apply their specialized skills in a real-world setting, fostering professional growth and a deeper appreciation for community service." When asked if there are any plans to ever return to Sitka, especially after spending a week every summer for nearly three decades working tirelessly to deliver an average of 30 dentures per trip, Taylor and Agar looked at each other and smiled. "Yes, we're planning a fishing trip," Taylor remarked. The Academy's Mission is to Study, Investigate, Promote and Disseminate. With these outreach efforts, the Academy is proud to have such representation in the community of need. Read more about the story at the following URL:

<https://today.uconn.edu/2024/07/a-service-trip-of-a-lifetime/>

Izchak Barzilay, DDS, MS, FRCD (C)

Dr Izchak Barzilay received the prestigious ACP Private Practice Prosthodontist Award-Region 7. This Award is given annually to up to 6 individual private practice prosthodontists (one per ACP United States and International Region) who have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of the specialty of prosthodontics, through prosthodontic practice, enhancing the public's understanding of the role of a private practice prosthodontist in comprehensive oral care as well as exemplifying collegiality and cross discipline outreach, and/or exemplary community service. This award is a lifetime award, and an individual may receive it only once.

Konstantinos Chochlidakis, DDS, MS, FACP

Dr Konstantinos Chochlidakis was inducted to the USA Leadership team for the International Team for Implantology (ITI). Dr Chochlidakis will be the coordinator for the membership and fellowship across the United States. Dr Chochlidakis is currently a Professor and the Program Director of the Postgraduate Program at Eastman Institute for Oral Health, University of Rochester. He has received several awards including the 2017 Glen P. McGivney Scientific Writing Award for Systematic

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review as well as the 2023 ACP Distinguished Researcher Award.

Mijin Choi, DDS, MS, MBA, FACP

Dr Mijin Choi was elected as the President of the IADR-Prosthodontics Research Group for the 2024-2025. Dr. Mijin Choi is a Clinical Professor and Program Director of the Advanced Education Program in Prosthodontics at New York University College of Dentistry. She holds a DDS, MS, and MBA, and is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics. Her research, supported by prestigious grants, focuses on dental materials and digital dentistry. Dr. Choi has received multiple awards, including the Excellence in Mentoring Award, and holds leadership positions in various professional societies and serving as current President of the Academy of Prosthodontics.



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