



# AP Newsletter

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**AP President Lisa A. Lang**

## President's Column

In my July message to the Academy of Prosthodontics, I spoke of building on the momentum created from our virtual annual meeting to affect our specialty once again. Two months into 2022, and we are off to a great start. The Executive Council of the Academy of Prosthodontics had a successful in-person interim meeting in November. We were able to get back to the business of the Academy rather than combating the obstacles of Covid-19.

Over the course of the summer, we were approached by the Italian Academy of Prosthetic Dentistry (AIOP) for permission to translate the Glossary of Prosthodontic Terms to Italian. This seemed like a very worthwhile project so during the interim meeting we were able to develop a proposal for the

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agreement to insure the integrity of the Glossary and its distribution. I am proud to announce that the AP, the AIOP, and the Editorial Council of the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry have come to an agreement and on February 9, 2022 the agreement was signed. I'd like to thank all those involved in the project for their help in making it come to fruition, Academy Fellows Arun Sharma, Carlo Ercoli, Mijin Choi, Dr. Stefano Gracis (AIOP), Dr. Riccardo Del Lupo (AIOP), and Mr. Joe Jackson from Elsevier.

The Glossary of Prosthodontic Terms Committee continues to play a very important role in our specialty. Under the leadership of Fellow Danielle Layton, they continue to keep abreast of the latest changes in prosthodontics. They are currently addressing digital terminology, and its definitions and derivatives. Given MEDLINE Mesh is devoid of these terms, she and her committee may take on the larger task of addressing Medline indexes to guide the research community in how these terms may apply to research. This is a tremendous task and her committee should be commended for their work in

this extremely important contribution to the literature.

The History and Records Committee continues its great work to preserve our history through honoring our most valuable resource, our prestigious Life Fellows. The committee has shifted their focus to editing our precious video recording of Life Fellows. A treasure recently restored was a video of Life Fellow Tom Curtis, which had laid dormant since it was recorded in 2006 at the Grand Hyatt in San Francisco by Fellows Kent Knoernschild and Sree Koka. In February, the video was posted to the [APHistory.net](https://aphistory.net) Website. Please check out his as well as the many others on the website. I know you will enjoy them as much as I have. A great Big THANK YOU to Fellows Jon Wiens, Kent Knoernschild, Sree Koka, Keith Ferro, and Steve Wagner for all their efforts in this labor of love.

These are two wonderful initiatives that encompass the mission of the Academy of Prosthodontics, dissemination of knowledge and fellowship. They also lead us into our theme for this year's scientific meeting, *"Future Outlooks and Past Perspectives"*.

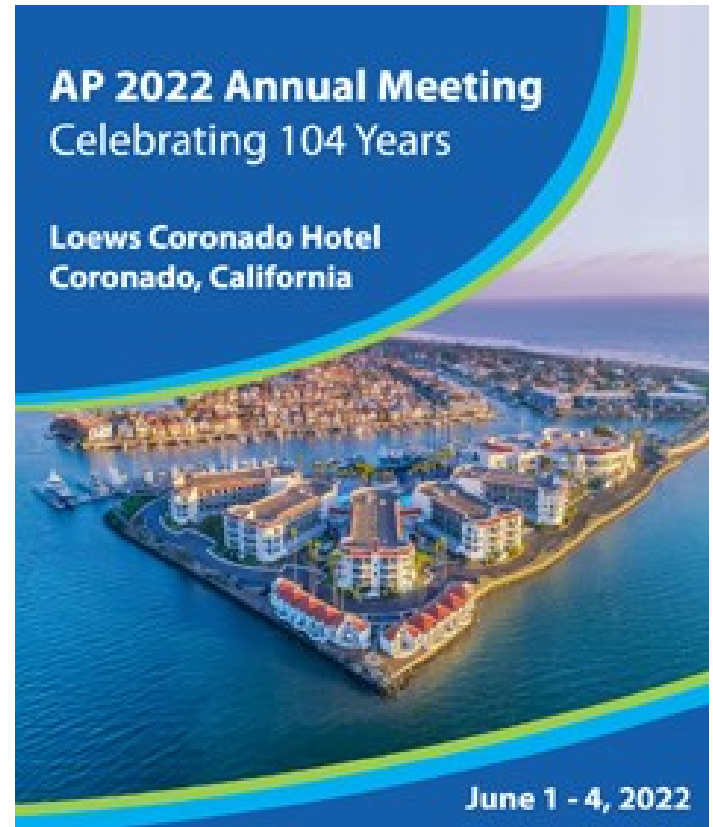
As I write this message, we are three months from our  
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annual meeting, which will be celebrating the 104<sup>th</sup> year of the Academy of Prosthodontics. Fellow and Vice President Izchak Barzilay has brought to life my vision of “*Future Outlooks and Past Perspectives*”. He has planned a wonderful four day meeting in which we will explore all aspects of Prosthodontics, the pharmaceutical biological aspect of dentistry and healing, and curricular innovations. While I’m sure we will all learn a thing or two from all our speakers, I am most excited about our Thursday’s program as we are bringing back a little controversy through debate. After each presentation topic, we plan to have Academy Fellows provide a point-counterpoint of debate on the topic. I look forward to the intellectual gymnastics and the dialog this will bring to our discussions.

Lastly, I wish to end my message to you by saying how much I look for to seeing all of you in San Diego, CA. Two years is too long a time for us to not see one another. It will be wonderful to once again share fellowship with you in person. Looking forward to a wonderful meeting. ■



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San Diego Visitors Center

<https://www.sandiego.org/plan/visitors-information-services.aspx>

## Secretary-Treasurer Notes

By Mijin Choi



### Summary of Interim Executive Council Meeting

The IEC meeting summary is outlined in this section, excluding the discussion mentioned in President Lisa Lang's message.

The current total AP membership includes 150 fellows consisting of 18 Associate Fellows and 75 Active Fellows (62% of membership), and 51 Life Fellows and 6 Honorary Fellows (38%). The importance of recruitment and cultivation of new leaders for the growth of the Academy was discussed. Personal invitation to the AP meeting by the AP president, to encourage the attendance of students and new prospective members, will be sent out annually.

The AP website, hosted by the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry, has been under revamping to include new functionalities that allow for the posting of digital posters. The past and future posters will be published on the AP website public domain annually along with the winners. In addition, updating the AP website format was discussed for easier navigation, a clear call to action, and a visually appealing design.

The past-president Lefebvre as chair of the AP resolutions and remembrance committee reported on the plans for the delivery of the eulogies. The upcoming annual meeting is the first in-person meeting since the COVID-19 pandemic. The eulogies of Drs. Ellinger, King, and Laney read during the AP virtual meeting will be published in the program book of the 2022 meeting.

Additionally, it is with deep regret that I report that Drs. Garlapo, Kuwata, Murrell, Guichet, and Vergo have passed since our last meeting. The eulogies of the late AP members will be given at the 2022 upcoming meeting.

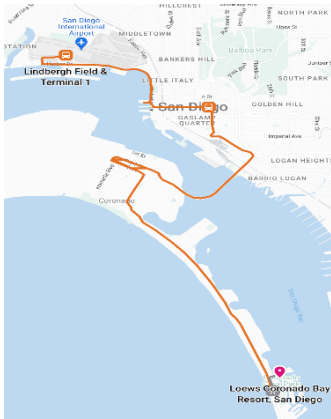
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The 2023 annual meeting is scheduled to be held in Naples, Florida at La Playa Beach & Golf Resort. The 2024 meeting will be held in Denver, Colorado.

### 2022 Annual Meeting at a Glance (June 1 - 4, 2022)



We are excited to welcome you to Loews, Coronado Bay. The [registration](#) and the [hotel reservation](#) links are attached [here](#). The **early** registration ends on **April 30, 2022**.

### Getting to Loews Coronado Hotel from San Diego

#### International Airport (SAN)

If you are renting a car, the total travel time from the airport to the hotel is about 20-30 min via I-5 S and CA-75N. A taxi or Uber ride is also available at the airport.

June 1st, 2022, the 104th annual meeting will launch with the Get Acquainted Breakfast and the welcome reception and Dr. Louis Blatterfein Dinner on a private flagship yacht on the San Diego Bay during sunset. The charter yacht will pick up the AP guests right from the Loews Coronado Hotel.



June 2nd, 2022, the annual group networking outing will take place at the San Diego Museum of Art in Balboa Park. After the museum tour, a garden reception and dinner in Balboa Park at the Prado will follow.

Academy's Guests and spouses will be offered a private tour of Hotel Del and a painting class. More details are on the AP's webpage.

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### 2021 Judson C. Hickey Scientific Writing Award



Dr. Steve Sadowsky



Dr. Michael Strangler

The Editorial Council of The Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry announces recipients of this award, which honors Dr. Hickey's distinguished career as Editor of The Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry from 1975-1991 and his contributions to dental education, research, and administration. In the Research category, Academy Fellow Steven Sadowsky and John Brunski have won the award for their article, "Are teeth superior to implants?" The article was published in the August 2021 issue. Dr. Sadowsky is a professor in the Preventive and Restorative Department at the University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry. The prize of \$2500 is awarded.

As I close the ST's note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the AP membership and the Executive Council for their strong support and trust in me. It is an honor to support an organization that harnesses strong and diverse leadership and mentorship. I look forward to continuing the efforts to create more inclusive and strong fellowship within our organization. ■



### Academy of Prosthodontics 2021-2022 Executive Council:

**President** - Lisa A. Lang

**President Elect** – John A. Sorensen

**Vice-President** – Izchak Barzilay

**Secretary-Treasurer** – Mijin Choi

**Immediate Past President** – Carol A. Lefebvre

#### Executive Councilors:

Carlo Ercoli

Kent L. Knoernschild

Arun B. Sharma

Thomas J. Salinas

## 2022 Academy of Prosthodontics Annual Program in Coronado, California

By Izchak Barzilay, Program Chair



As our meeting gets closer and closer, we can start looking forward to seeing each other face to face. As always, our meeting starts with recognition of those fellows who

have been elevated. We also pay respect to the Academy Fellows who have left us over the past year. This year we will have five such presentations.

The scientific program has come together well, and we have made sure that it has something for everyone. In certain areas we have stepped outside of classic prosthodontics to bring in added content. Of course, we want to make sure that we showcase our Associates, while at the same time we get to experience the presentation skills and abilities of our aspiring new Associates as they present their first papers. We even have several established

fellows who are presenting at the program. The four days of main podium presentations shape up as follows:

### June 1, 2022

- Creation and Evolution of a Dental Company During Difficult Times. (Graham Blackbeard)
- Purée All Day; Clearing the Muddy Waters of a Prescribed Dental Soft Diet to Improve Patient Outcomes. (Reva Barewal)
- Retrograde peri-implantitis: is endodontics a culprit in the process? (Amir Azarpazhooh)
- The effects of Cannabis Use on Prosthodontics. (Reefa McDoom)
- Thinking outside the box....there is no box! (Evangelos Rossopoulos)

### June 2, 2022

- Dispelling the “CSI Effect” Myth: An Overview of Contemporary Forensic Dental Identification. (Anthony (Rick) Cardoza)

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### The AP DEBATE SERIES

-Bite Force Measurements and its Effects on Material and Treatment Choices (Elahe Behrooz)

Debaters – John Sorensen and Ed Plekavich

-The “One Abutment-One Time” Concept – Truth or Myth? (Stavros Pelekanos)

Debaters – Terry Walton and Carlo Ercoli

-Overdenture Full Arch Impressions: Digital vs Conventional (Michael Scherer)

Debaters – David Eggleston and Stephen Wagner

-Virtual Articulators: Where Do We Stand and What’s Next? (Wei-Shao Lin)

Debaters – Gary Goldstein and David Gratton

We look forward to seeing you in San Diego!

## 2022 Coronado, California MEETING EVENTS

### Get Acquainted Breakfast

*(Scientific Session Attendees)*

**Loews Coronado**

**Wednesday, June 1, 2022• 7:00 am - 8:00 am**

### Welcome Reception & Dr. Louis Blatterfein

*Dinner (All are Invited to Attend)*

**Sunset Dinner Cruise on the San Diego Bay**

**Wednesday, June 1, 2022• 5:45 pm - 9:00 pm**

### Group Networking Outing *(All are invited to Attend)*

**San Diego Museum of Art in Balboa Park and**

**Dinner at the Prado**

**Thursday, June 2, 2022• 2:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

### Business Meeting *(AP Fellows Only)*

**Loews Coronado**

**Friday, June 3, 2022• 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm**

### President's Reception and Installation Banquet:

*(All are invited to Attend)*

**Loews Coronado**

**Friday, June 3, 2022• 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm ■**

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## One on One with Dr. Effrat Habsha, BSc. DDS. Dip. Pros. MSc.

By Peter Stevenson-Moore



Dr. Effie Habsha was born in Tel Aviv, Israel, and emigrated to Toronto, Canada with her parents when she was 4. Her father and mother developed a business centred on the importing and sale

of hardware for the construction industry. Effie assisted with the retail aspects of the business from an early age and suggests that this is one reason that she has been so comfortable with the management of small components involved with implant restorations. She has the greatest appreciation and respect for the role model that her father provided as she grew up, and for the advice and guidance that she received as her career developed.

Effie Habsha has two sisters, one of whom went on to become an accountant while the other became a

lawyer much to their parents' satisfaction as this provided all the basic professional support that any family might need to access!

Effie attended private schools in Toronto followed by attendance at the University of Toronto (UoT) obtaining her general dental degree in 1995. It was during this time that she first met Academy Fellow Dr. George Zarb whose brilliant lectures encouraged her to apply for further prosthodontic training. This started with a summer studentship at the end of her doctoral degree that confirmed her interest in prosthodontics and led to acceptance into the graduate prosthodontic program based at UoT and the Mount Sinai Hospital resulting in prosthodontic specialty qualification in 1998. She regards Dr. Zarb's mentorship as having been key to her later accomplishments as he provided the support that allowed her to follow her own interests.

While attending UoT, Effie also encountered Academy Fellow Izchak Barzilay who recognized her talents and invited her to join his Prosthodontic Associates practice in Toronto (PA). Effie describes

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this professional relationship as being very close and supportive, enabling her to undertake teaching, research, activity in organized dentistry, and in provincial, national and international outreach including the PA initiatives in Uganda. Another example of her teaching and outreach activity has been the founding of [Women in Dentistry: Work. Life. Balance in 2010](#). She admits that her own ability to maintain work-life balance has been a challenge. In her own words “I recognized that I cannot have it all at the same time and it’s OK not to be at the top all the time”. She has taken the longer view by placing emphasis on individual components of her life and career at different times recognizing that for her, investment in her chosen profession had to wait until later in life.

Family became a priority with the birth of her daughter, Eden, who is now 20 and hoping for entry to medical school. Mother and daughter are very close and support one another. (I could hear Eden in

the background of the office during our conversation, apparently coaching a high school student!) Her seventeen-year-old twin sons, Aaron and Jacob, appear to be preparing for careers in business and dentistry respectively, while her youngest son Liam (14) is still in school. One cannot help but feel that her strong role modelling may have resulted in at least two of her children pursuing careers in health sciences.



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Now that the responsibilities of bringing up children have diminished, she is able to devote more time to teaching, lecturing and other activity in organized dentistry. Her social media posts speak to her frequent involvement with study clubs and major dental associations.

Effie appreciates her involvement with the Academy and observes from her experience with the AP Fellows that “great leaders develop great teams”. She recognizes particularly the leadership contributions of the female AP Fellows who have had profound influence on clinical practice, education, research, administration, and publication. This appreciation extends very much to her involvement with the PA practice where she works in Toronto under the leadership of Academy Fellow Barzilay. ■

## AP Fellows in the News

**Academy of Prosthodontics Fellows Appointed to Prominent Positions, January 13, 2022**

Newly elected - Vice President, International

Association of Dental Research: **Dr. Mijin Choi**

Dean of the University of Iowa College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics: **Dr. Clark Stanford**

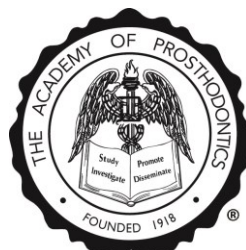
**Academy of Prosthodontics Fellows Recognized by the American College of Prosthodontists, 2021**

The ACP has announced its 2021 Awards of Distinction. Please join me in congratulating the following AP fellows whose significant contributions to our specialty and profession continue to make us proud:

**Private Practice Prosthodontist Award:** **Dr. Brian Kucey**

**Distinguished Service Award:** **Dr. Steven Sadowsky**

**Educator of the Year Award:** **Dr. Robert Taft** ■



## In Memoriam



**Academy of  
Prosthodontics Fellow  
Niles Guichet passed  
away January 18, 2022**

Another Giant in  
Prosthodontics who has  
made an invaluable contribution to our specialty has  
passed away. This is truly a loss to our specialty

[Please read more](#)



**Academy of Prosthodontics  
Fellow Thomas Vergo  
passed away March 7, 2022**

Dr. Thomas J. Vergo, Jr.,  
esteemed prosthodontist and  
maxillofacial dentist, beloved

husband, brother, father, grandfather and great-  
grandfather, passed away after a long illness on March  
7, 2022. [Please read more](#) ■

## AP Foundation

The Academy of Prosthodontics Foundation  
supports the AP Global Outreach program,  
the AP annual Poster presenters with  
registration and group outing, and much  
more!

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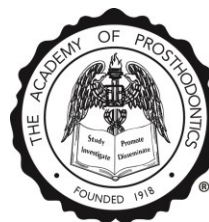
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Mark you calendars now and plan to join us in San Diego!



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