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Specialists in Implant, Esthetic and Reconstructive Dentistry

YES WE WILL!!!



Dr. Francine Albert
President, APC

It is my pleasure to address you once again as your President. With my second term, I hope to continue with my goals of promoting prosthodontics at the national level and increasing our visibility within the dental community and the public. A few of you responded to my last presidential message entitled with the buzz words “yes we can” with a “no we can’t”. I quickly realized that not everyone shared my state of mind. Which is why I have now adopted the “yes we will” approach because it means action, not just words and that is exactly what this association is all about.

I want to start off by thanking all of those who attended our last Annual General Meeting in Montreal. I think that all who attended will agree that it was a success. I particularly enjoyed the scientific program. Thanks to all who contributed to our list of outstanding speakers.

APC executive members had a very productive meeting. After some brainstorming, it was decided that to a feasible extent, the APC regional councillors would be members of the executive of the provincial prosthodontic associations. These individuals could then give us a better read of provincial prosthodontics at the national level. I also believe this will allow us to address the interests and concerns of a broader group of colleagues.

The annual general meeting brought some change to our executive’s structure. It was voted that the secretary-treasurer position would now be merged and that each executive member’s term would be of 2 years. The members of the executive felt that this would allow for a better training through the chain of command as well as allow for more productivity at the Presidential level.

C’est avec plaisir que je vous adresse la parole encore une fois en tant que présidente. Lors de ce second terme, je maintiens mes objectifs de promouvoir la prosthodontie auprès de nos collègues dentistes ainsi que du public en général et ce dans les deux langues officielles.

Mon dernier mot était intitulé “yes we can” pour reprendre les paroles du président américain. Toutefois quelques uns d’entre vous m’avez récrit “no we can’t”. J’ai rapidement constaté que nous ne partageons pas tous le même enthousiasme pour l’association qui nous représente au Canada. J’ai donc changé mon optique et opté pour l’approche “yes we will”. Ce slogan reflète mieux les ambitions de l’APC car il représente une action et non seulement un désir.

Un grand merci à tout ceux qui se sont déplacés à la réunion générale annuelle à Montréal. Vous serez d’accord que l’événement fut un grand succès. Merci aussi à nos excellents orateurs qui ont participé au programme scientifique. Également des remerciements au Dr. Jamie Kaukinnen qui a présenté à notre tout premier vin fromage de l’APC. Jamie nous a donné des conseils sur la façon d’optimiser sa pratique et ce fut un beau moment pour échanger entre collègues.

Les membres de l’exécutif ont eu une rencontre très productive. Avec l’aide de Brent, Duncan, Bernie et Stu, nous avons déterminé qu’il serait avantageux de recruter les membres des associations provinciales prosthodontiques en tant que conseillers régionaux. Ceci donnerait alors un meilleur poulx de notre situation au niveau national.



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The APC held a wine and cheese event sponsored by Nobel Biocare where Dr. Jamie Kaukinen delivered a brilliant presentation on ways to optimize and efficiently run a prosthodontic practice. This event turned out to be a great forum for exchanges of ideas between busy specialists. Thanks again Jamie!

Our administrator Christine Wyatt and members of the executive are working on our association's website. StudioThink has developed the new logo which is being officially launched. Its description and historical background can be found in Christine's article.

Finally, I want to invite you to our next annual general meeting which will be held in conjunction with the Pacific Coast Society for Prosthodontics at the Silverado Resort in Napa, California from June 23rd to 26th 2010. I look forward to meeting and better acquainting myself with our new APC members featured in this edition of Frontline. Together we will continue to promote the science, art and practice of Prosthodontics...yes we will.

Kind regards,
Francine Albert

La réunion générale annuelle a emmené un changement à la structure du comité exécutif. Il fut voté que la position de secrétaire et trésorier serait fusionnée et que chaque terme serait d'une durée de 2 ans. Les membres de l'exécutif étaient d'accord que ceci permettrait une meilleure familiarisation avec les sujets de l'heure avant d'être au sommet de la chaîne de commandement.

Notre administratrice Christine Wyatt et les membres de l'exécutif ont recrutés Studio Think pour actualiser notre site Web. La même firme a créée notre nouveau logo qui est décrit dans l'article de Christine.

Enfin j'en profite pour vous inviter à la prochaine réunion générale qui se tiendra conjointement avec le Pacific Coast Society for Prosthodontics au Silverado Resort à Napa en Californie du 23 au 26 juin 2010. Il me fait toujours plaisir de rencontrer des nouveaux membres et revoir mes collègues. Ensemble nous allons continuer à promouvoir la science, l'art et la pratique de la prosthodontie... "yes we will".

Bien vôtre,
Francine Albert

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Dr. Duncan Chambers (chair), Dr. Stuart Richardson,
Dr. Melissa Lam, Nancy Dubois, Cornell Lee

Website

Dr. Bernie Linke (Chair), Dr. Melissa Lam

Nominations

Dr. Brent Beyak (Chair)

Policy

Dr. Brent Beyak (Chair), Dr. Stuart Richardson

Benefits of Membership



There was a time when a unique group of individuals like us, wanted to find and associate with like-minded professionals in an effort to pursue not so common interests as well as have some group security. There are instances where we need a group voice, for right or wrong to have any input at all in the little things that come to try us as a profession.

The only way to have a strong voice in any matter that may present is to have a strong Association, in whatever form that may take. But really, in today's environment, there seems to be a plethora of groups, prosthodontic or not that are vying for your attention. What sets the APC apart? **Dr. Brent Beyak, Past President**

1) National Representation – The APC is the recognized national voice for our chosen profession, you don't join, you don't get a say. We are well represented in ongoing issues and communications with the CDA. While each of you have a voice in the CDA if you hold CDA membership, you also have another, possibly more focused input through the APC.

2) APC Logo Advertising – Members may use the APC logo for advertising in the media, including yellow pages, as well as including it on your letterhead. The file may be downloaded from this website.

3) The APC Membership Directory – This is an invaluable resource in member-to-member communications. Updated immediately online and published bi-annually with names, addresses, and practice information.

4) The Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry – included in your membership is a subscription to the JPD, one of the founding journals of our profession.

5) Other Journal Subscriptions – APC members receive special pricing on our official journal, *the International Journal of Prosthodontics* (\$78.00/yr) as well as other Quintessence Publications, *Quintessence International* (US\$95.00/yr), *International Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Implants* (US\$120.00/yr), *International Journal of Periodontics and Restorative Dentistry* (US\$150.00/yr), *Quintessence of Dental Technology* (US\$60.00/yr).

6) Front Line – The regularly published newsletter of the APC. This current and timely publication is an effective way to communicate to the other members of the APC. Everything from Executive communications, articles and announcements pertaining to the organization of our profession, classified advertising and distribution of other informative and editorial matters.

7) Saleable Products – Looking for that hard to find official APC ball cap? Or a distinctive cast gold alloy (only a prosthodontist would say that) lapel pin to round out that next ensemble you put together for the opera? We have these and other items available.

8) Continuing Education – As members of the APC we are able to join or attend scientific sessions of many other Prosthodontic Organizations like the American College of Prosthodontists at discounted rates.

9) Discounts with Manufacturers

a. STRAUMANN CANADA - Members of the APC now receive a straight 10 % discount on any product from STRAUMANN CANADA.

b. IVOCLAR CANADA – We have also negotiated a 10% discount on all Lab products (except alloy and denture tooth forms) as well as 10% off all CE courses from IVOCLAR CANADA.

c. BIOMET 3I-Members of the APC are entitled to a 10% discount off all products excluding ARCHITECH PSR products (this offer may not be combined with any other promotional offer or discount).

You must show proof of APC membership to your local STRAUMANN or IVOCLAR representative at time of order to receive this ongoing benefit. We are also currently negotiating with several other companies for similar relationships. similar relationships.

10) Mailing List Distribution – The APC regularly receives requests from other prosthodontic organizations for the membership list in order for you to receive timely information about CE courses or other publications of interest such as SPECTRUM. Without membership to the APC, you may not receive these.

We have a great opportunity to make the APC a strong and vital organization and voice for Prosthodontics, all it takes is you.

APC Interim Executive Meeting

Saturday, Feb 27, 2010 at the Westin River North in Chicago, Illinois

2:00 pm – Executive Boardroom 1808

APC Annual General Meeting

June 23-26, 2010 at the Silverado Resort in Napa, California

in conjunction with the Pacific Coast Society for Prosthodontics. See www.pcpsp.org for details.

Message from the Editor

Dr. Duncan Cambers – Vice President, APC



I would like personally thank our President, Dr. Francine Albert, who has graciously accepted the position for a second term. Her leadership, dedication and positive attitude are a great asset to our organization. I look forward to another very successful year.

It is great pleasure to represent our specialty and the members of the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada. With so few Prosthodontists, compared to other specialty organizations, I believe that this organization is our only unifying body on the national level. Participation within groups such as the Committee on Specialists Affairs and the National Dental Specialty Organization (NDSO) is the

only way we will be effective in representing the unique interests of our organization.

I am very pleased with the progress on our new logo and I am excited about future changes to our website that will better assist our members and the public. I wish to thank Mrs. Christine Wyatt, our administrator, for her web efforts in these endeavors. She does much for our organization and she is often the glue that holds us together and keeps us organized.

I look forward to a year of advancing the specialty of Prosthodontics and strengthening the relationship with the provincial prosthodontic organizations. I encourage all of our members to get involved, be active, and to continue their support of this organization and all it has to offers our specialty.

George Zarb Endowment Fund



Dr. Izchak Barzilay
Past President, APC, 2004

The APC proudly donated \$5000.00 to the George Zarb Professorship Endowment in honour of one of the pioneers of Prosthodontics and Implant Dentistry. The endowment has a target figure to raise \$1 million to establish a Professorship at the Faculty in George Zarb's name.

Dr. Izchak Barzilay is a key contributor to the success of this endowment.

Membership Dues

It's time to renew your APC membership again. Payment was due by Jan 1, 2010. Please return the enclosed form via regular mail or log into the members area of the APC website to renew your membership for 2010.

Go to <http://www.prosthodontics.ca> and use the website generated forms to pay by cheque or to fax in a credit card number. Online credit card transactions are available again this year. Regular fees apply online after Jan 1st, 2010. Late fees apply after Jan 31, 2010.

If you renew online, we strongly encourage you to pass the membership form along to any colleagues who may wish to join APC.

New APC Executive Council Members

Dr. Cornell K. Lee

Dr. Lee was born and raised in Edmonton. He completed his dental school training from the University of Alberta. After graduation he went to the University of Iowa for an Advanced Education in General Dentistry residency. Following this one year of additional training he moved to the University of Connecticut for a residency in prosthodontics. During his time in Connecticut, he also performed research on dental implant fatigue testing for which he received a Masters in Dental Science.

Dr. Lee is both an American and Canadian board certified prosthodontist. In addition to private practice, he is a prosthodontic board examiner for the Royal College of Dentists of Canada and he is a part-time clinical instructor at the University of Alberta dental school.



Dr. Nancy Dubois

Dr. Dubois was born and raised in Québec city. She joined the Canadian Forces under the Dental Officer Training Program in 1988. She completed her Doctorate in Dental Medicine at Université Laval, Québec in 1992. Upon graduation, she was posted at Canadian Forces Base Valcartier where she occupied different positions as a Dental Officer. In 2007, she completed her Post-Graduate training program at University of Connecticut where she obtained a Certificate in Prosthodontics and a Masters in Dental Sciences. Her Master's thesis topic aimed to compare the retention values of Locator attachments at different implant angulations.

Dr. Dubois has been the Detachment Commander and Prosthodontist in charge of the Dental Specialty Care Center at Canadian Forces Base Petawawa since 2007. She is board certified in Canada and the United States and is actively involved with the Royal College of Dentists of Canada as a Board Examiner.



Update from the Administrator

Christine Wyatt, Assistant Editor and APC Administrator

Good news for Life Members!

At the Annual General Meeting in September of this year, it was decided to reduce the fees for the Life Membership category to zero. In addition, APC will open applications for Life membership to lapsed APC members who otherwise would qualify.

Life members are entitled to hold office and to vote, so one of the goals of the change in rules is to encourage our Life members to contribute their considerable experience to the running of our organization. Their wisdom and advice is much valued.

Please note that the applicants for Life membership must still be received before the AGM to be approved by the executive council and accepted by the members at an AGM for membership in the following year. Full application details and eligibility rules are available on the APC website in the Members section along with an online application form.

Membership Renewals

Every December, several email reminders go out to members in our call to renew your membership dues for another year. Many respond almost immediately, and my sincere thanks goes out to those who do.

The remainder who do not respond by the membership due date may not be aware of this, but are in fact costing their organization considerable sums of money! Their names and addresses must be teased from the database of past members. Formal reminder letters must be written and translated, membership forms printed and envelopes stuffed, addressed and stamped.

Membership renewals that arrive after the end of January necessitate additional follow up with all of our sponsoring companies and with the JPD publisher to ensure that the member receives all the benefits they are due. All of this takes time and is costing the organization money that could better be spent on bursaries or scholarships or other more useful things.

Please try to respond to email notices promptly when membership renewal time rolls around. If you do not intend to renew or wish to be removed from our database, a simple email to that effect will greatly reduce paperwork and follow up time in the office.

Member Surveys

Please check out the member surveys on our website. There's a new opinion poll concerning the issue of the injection of botox and other cosmetic fillers by dentists. Let us know your views!

APC Identity Renovations

As you know, we have embarked on a project to develop better public visibility for APC and its members, and a key part of our plan is to revamp



our image. We are well underway with a logo and stationery re-design, new web design with some re-organization of the information, and possibly a marketing plan associated with the launch of the new livery.

Our consultation process involved doing some research on the meaning behind the original logo. Some history has kindly been provided by Dr. Doug Chaytor, which I would like to repeat here.

"We accepted green many years ago because it was associated with the Royal Canadian Dental Corps. The selection of the phoenix was made at my suggestion. George Zarb liked the reference to mythology. The members seemed to like the symbolism of the phoenix rising from its ashes as our specialty is devoted to recreating dental health, facial appearance and psychological well-being. In effect giving new life to old faces. I hope we can keep that symbolism even if the phoenix looks like a space age bird. " Dr. Chaytor is one of the founding members of APC and has offered to become the chair of our APC historical committee!

The design composites received have been posted to our new Member Forum which can be found on the APC website in the members-only section. They were initially provided in grey-scale so that we wouldn't get hung up on colour issues right off the bat. A further example of different colour variations has now been posted to the forum. Please feel free to weigh in with your ideas and preferences.

The design on the right is my personal favorite because it contains a simple, yet authoritative font combined with an icon that pulls together the Delta for Dentistry motif with the Phoenix from the old logo in a more modern, abstract style. It does rather look like a space age bird, doesn't it? The colour also lends a nod to our traditional green but in a more updated shade, and we've even managed to include our distinctive Canadian maple leaf as an integral part of our new identity.



One of our new councilors, Dr. Nancy Dubois said it best when she wrote about our possible colour choices saying that "the color green denotes balance, harmony, stability, growth, health, environment, physical healing and youth. After all, isn't it what we want for [ourselves] and our patients? I would add a gradient in value because, we do work with value on a regular basis."

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2010 AGM Montreal Executive Council Meeting



Dr. Francine Albert (APC President) presenting the Past President plaque to Dr. Brent Beyak (Past President)



President Dr. Francine Albert and Secretary/Treasurer Dr. Bernie Linke



(left to right) Dr. Jamie Kaukinen (Executive Councilor), Dr. Stuart Richardson (Executive Councilor) and Dr. Francine Albert (APC President)

2010 AGM Montreal Executive Council Meeting



APC Vice President Dr. Duncan Chambers, Past President Dr. Brent Beyak and President Dr. Francine Albert



Past President Dr. Brent Beyak



Dr. Duncan Chambers, Vice President, conversing with Christine Wyatt via Skype during executive meeting.

News from our Members

Colonel James Taylor

Following a year as the military advisor to an Assistant Deputy Minister in the Department of National Defence, APC Past President Colonel James Taylor (AKA “JT”) has been appointed Deputy Commander of the Canadian Forces Health Services Group, which comprises all Canadian Forces Medical and Dental units, clinics and institutions in North America and

Europe and is headquartered in Ottawa, ON. This position involves the day-to-day oversight, on behalf of the Surgeon General, of the Group’s operations, the strategic alignment of its elements towards the accomplishment of the Group’s wartime mission, and the discipline, development and planning of its human resources.



In his spare time, JT remains an avid polo player and currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Academy of Osseointegration and an Officer of the Academy of Prosthodontics. He also maintains a part-time clinical prosthodontic practice at the National Defence Medical Centre Clinic in Ottawa.

More News from Members

Contributed by Dr. Patrick Pedlar,
 President Association of Prosthodontists of Ontario

The ODA has plans to publish a letter in the mailing of the annual ODA fee guide or the next Ontario Dentist that includes the paragraph below. I am not sure when it will be [published], but thought it may be interesting for our colleagues in other provinces to know one of the issues the Association of Prosthodontists of Ontario have been working on.

“The APO has worked closely with the ODA to produce a must have tool for all Prosthodontists. This Suggested Fee Guide will help accomplish future growth and development of our specialty, sustaining us to continue the special care we provide to our patients.”

Our New and Student Members Introduce Themselves

Continuing our column introducing new and student members. We've asked them to briefly introduce themselves and will feature a few in each Frontline edition. Here are four more student APC members and one recent graduate:

Please welcome them if you meet them at next year's AGM.



Dr. Nariman Amiri

Credentials: DDS, Azad University, Tehran, Iran (1998)
Master of Health Informatics (MHI), Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS (2005)
DMD, UBC, Vancouver, BC (2009)
Certificate in Prosthodontics, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA (expected 2012)

Upon graduation in 1998, I practiced as a general dentist in both private and public health facilities for about 4 years. During this period I built an interest in Information Technology and its use in medical sciences. Following my interest I moved to Halifax to start

in a Masters program that was offered for the first time in Canada. My thesis research focused on designing an intelligent knowledge discovery system on the clinical database of the school of dentistry at Dalhousie. The published research paper was awarded in the IADR general session, which took place in Baltimore, MD in 2005.

I moved to Vancouver in 2005 to pursue a research assistant position in the Centre for Healthcare Innovation and Improvement (CHii) at UBC. Meanwhile, I applied for the International Dental Degree Completion Program (IDDCP) at UBC and got accepted and started in 2007. After graduation in May 2009, I moved to the State of Iowa to start the three year residency in prosthodontics. I am expecting to graduate in 2012.



Dr. Bobby Birdi

I just graduated from the Graduate Prosthodontics program at the University of Minnesota with my Masters in 2009. I have received my FRCD(C), and am pursuing Diplomate status from the American Board of Prosthodontics. I received a Bachelor's Degree in Biological and Physical Sciences in

2001 from the University of Alberta, and my Doctor of Dental Medicine in 2006 from the University of Saskatchewan.

Interests: My interests include participating in sports and spending time with my family. My research interests include hard tissue grafting, implant design, and immediate temporization. I am currently enrolled in the Graduate Periodontics program at the University of Minnesota and hope to graduate in May 2012 at which time I hope to move back to Canada to practice.



Dr. Todd Slogocki

Dr. Slogocki has been in private practice the last 14 years in Vancouver and Surrey, British Columbia. He currently is in the 1st year of his residency at LSU in New Orleans, Louisiana. Deciding to go back to school after more than a decade of private practice has afforded Dr. Slogocki with a somewhat

unique perspective and will undoubtedly assist him in his prosthodontic education and future career.

Degree: D.M.D - University of Saskatchewan 1993

Prosthodontic Residency Program: Louisiana State University Health Science Center School of Dentistry, New Orleans, LA

Personal Interests: golfing, tennis, reading, music

Family: wife (Shawna), children (Anabelle - 2 yrs, Jonathan - 1 yr)

Research Interests: anterior guidance protocols for implant retained restorations

Future Plans: Dr. Slogocki hopes to spend time in both private practice and a university setting



Dr. Michael Barczak

Dr. Barczak received his Bachelor of Science from the University of Manitoba Faculty of Science, in Winnipeg, MB in 2003 and his DMD degree from the University of Manitoba College of Dentistry, Winnipeg in 2007.

He is currently enrolled in the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, Minneapolis, MN, Certificate of Advanced Education in Prosthodontics, and expects to graduate with a Masters degree in April 2010.

His thesis research is entitled "Retrospective Cohort Study of the Frequency of Sinus Grafting with Maxillary Posterior Implants."

Following completion of post-graduate studies in Prosthodontics, and a concurrent Masters Degree, his intention is to teach at the University of Manitoba, and run a private practice clinic in Winnipeg.

Dr. Barczak is a member of the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP), of the American Dental Association, and of the Canadian Dental Association.



Dr. Bradley Bishop

Dr. Bishop completed his dental training at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. He completed his postgraduate training in prosthodontics at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, Texas (UTHSCSA).

At the UT Health Science Center he received advanced training in removable, fixed and implant

prosthodontics. He has also worked as an undergraduate instructor. He completed the UTHSCSA Preceptorship in Dental Implantology.

Dr. Bishop is a member of the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada, the American College of Prosthodontists and the Academy of Osseointegration. He will pursue board certification fellowship in the Royal College of Dentists of Canada in 2009/2010. Dr. Bishop was a student member in 2009 but will join us in 2010 as a full and member since he has recently graduated and has joined Dr. Bernie Legatto's practice in Kelowna.

Message from the Past President



by Dr. Brent Beyak
Past President, APC

As I am looking back at my involvement with the APC, I realize one stark reality. We, the members of the APC, are very few across Canada.

When I started with the APC, in 2000 or so, I was fresh from 'doing my time' with the British Columbia Society of Prosthodontists. There, I worked my way up through the executive ranks and culminated with the Presidency over some 5 years, being subjected to such issues as the insurgence of denturism, administration of the BC College prosthodontic specialty examinations and labour mobility across Canada. Then, on to bigger and better things with my tenure through the APC, first as a regional councilor and then through the executive line (another 10 years, but who's counting?). During my time here, we have been dealing with more issues, like the insurgence of denturism, specialty examination and recognition/RCDC, privacy compliance and more labour mobility. While I am less than pleased with the responses received from the various 'Powers That Be', I do think that at least having the opportunity to voice our positions was important. At least to be able to say that we gave it a shot to foster change in a way that we thought would be beneficial. I cannot help it if our comments often fell on deaf ears, or were bypassed in favour of the prevailing group-think of the time. I still feel that I can at least let the various issues rest, knowing that we voiced our side of the arguments.

Now, as my tenure here closes, I must say, we are faced with no less number of issues, including some very important changes in CDA governance and Specialty group recognition, and we must continue to voice our positions. I can say that I am glad that I have been involved, for these and many other reasons.

Herein lies the rub, and I get back to my original point. We are few, with our active membership standing around 140. In any room where you may find a number of APC members, like the AGM, or other professional gatherings across Canada, I would challenge you to find someone who has not already been involved with the administrations of the APC. Believe me, I have looked, as it is part of my job as Past President to fill our executive positions. Many of you (like me, soon I hope) have left the executive ranks of the APC as Past President and rightfully devoted that time to other things in your lives, like family or fun, thinking, 'there, I have done my time'.

Membership is more than just paying dues, it carries obligations as well as benefits and without your involvement, the APC may disappear. I would be saddened by that turn of events. Your experience and wisdom are needed, as are your time and devotion to our profession. Because we are so few, I would ask all of you to consider reentering the executive line of the APC. Nay, I beseech ye.

Respectfully, Brent Beyak