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APC: Part of the International Prosthodontic Community



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I must start by thanking you all for your overwhelming response to my request in the last Issue of *FrontLine* for your communication with me by e-mail to share your thoughts and ideas on ongoing APC issues and initiatives. It is your input at this level that allows me to better set the agenda of the APC Executive Council to address the recommendations and concerns of our APC Membership as we fulfill our CDA-granted mandate of representing the Specialists and Specialty of Prosthodontics in Canada.

You'll recall from our last Issue that I reported

that the APC Executive would be proceeding with the further development of the APC relationships and lines of communication with the international Prosthodontic community. Indeed, along with our own CDA President's message, both the Co-Presidents of the International College of Prosthodontists as well as the President of the American College of Prosthodontists have kindly contributed to this Issue. It is for this reason that one of the major themes of this Issue is the APC's role as an integral part of the international Prosthodontic community.

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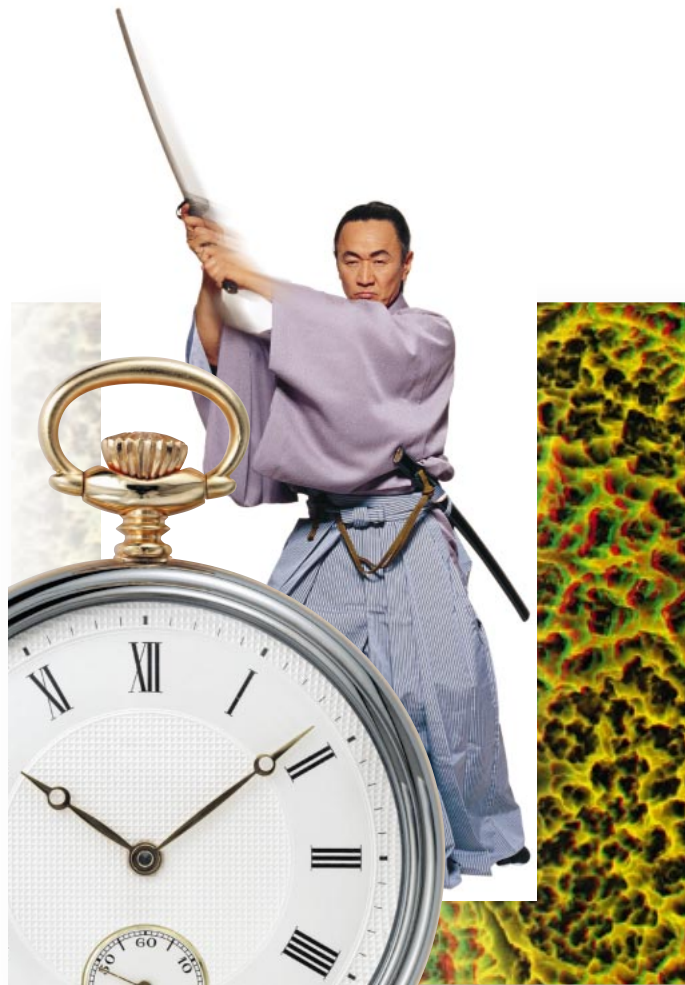
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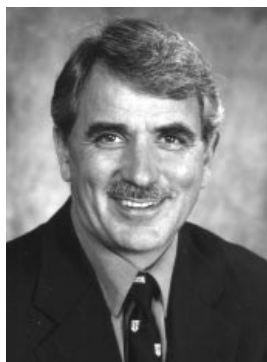
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Building a new CDA together

A Message from the President of the CDA



Dr. John Diggins

To help me prepare this column, I read through the November 1999 issue of *Front-Line/Première Ligne*. I was impressed by the level of organization, commitment and energy in APC, evident from the pages of this very informative publication.

Reading the newsletter gave me a good sense of the issues occupying the minds of APC members as we prepare for the workshop on the relationship between CDA and the dental specialty organizations to be held in Vancouver in March. In advance of that workshop, CDA contacted all specialist organizations seeking input on how CDA meets your needs, how we can serve specialist members better and what are the primary concerns of specialists.

Of course, different groups place emphasis on different issues. However one common thread emerges; there is a clear desire expressed by a majority of specialist groups for a rapprochement with CDA as the credible unifying force for the Canadian dental profession. As a specialist, I have a deep understanding of the evolving relationship between specialty associations and the national professional organization. As president of CDA, I am committed to working towards a renewed organization closely in touch with the concerns of members.

The Vancouver meeting gives us a unique opportunity to develop our relationship further. In that

forum we will have open dialogue in good faith, and all major issues pertinent to CDA / specialty association relationships will be discussed. I hope that at the end of that meeting, we will have a clear path to a newly defined relationship with specialty groups within the structure of CDA.

I am encouraged to see the strength of the commitment APC members have historically shown to CDA. An impressive 84% of your Members are members of CDA. A number of APC Members sit on key CDA committees. Dr. Benoit Soucy, a Past President of APC, is Manager of Professional Services at CDA. I sincerely hope that your Members will continue to play such a vital role in the years ahead.

Recently, I was glad to hear that APC will be combining its Journal with the September edition of the *Journal of the Canadian Dental Association*. With an APC Associate Editor and three APC editorial consultants on the JCDA masthead, your Members will ensure that the September edition of the JCDA, devoted to Prosthodontic topics, will be a good read. Perhaps other specialty groups will follow your leadership in helping to revitalize our national Journal.

Speaking of revitalization, CDA itself is being remade. We are examining who we are, what we do and how we are governed. I invite APC Members to be active participants in this exciting project. I look forward to seeing you in Vancouver for the next step in the process of ensuring that CDA is truly representative of all dentists in Canada. That way, we can all work towards promoting optimal oral health for Canadians and serving the needs of the Canadian dental profession.

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Dr. Brian Monteith

The ICP's goal was to establish a College that would be a truly international organization and which would strengthen and confirm universally the role of Prosthodontists as dental specialists.

A close collegial relationship has long existed between the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada and the International College of Prosthodontists. The ICP was barely 5 years old when, in 1989, it was joined by the APC in co-hosting the highly successful joint meeting that took place in July of that year in Toronto. The bonds of Prosthodontic collegiality that were struck at that meeting were further strengthened with the two organizations co-hosting the memorable San Diego meeting of 1995. We in the ICP look forward to future co-operation in advancement of our common goals.

The ICP was formed in 1984 at a time when Prosthodontics was as yet only partially recognized universally as a specialty. Its set goal was to establish a College that would be a truly international organization and which would strengthen and confirm universally the role of Prosthodontists as dental specialists. In 1988, the International Journal of Prosthodontics was adopted as the official journal of the College and under the founding editorship of Jack Preston and subsequently Gunnar Carlsson, has continued to support the organisation throughout the years. This journal has gained significant recognition for its international flavour, quality of production, validity of scientific content and relevance of clinical material.

The early ICP presidents included such Prosthodontic luminaries as Harold Preiskel (UK), Peter Schärer (Switzerland) and Jack Preston (USA). However, with the steady increase in the global membership of the College and to facilitate its organizational aspects, it was decided in 1995 to institute a dual Presidency. The first Co-Presidents to serve under this expanded format were George

Zarb (Canada) and Takao Maruyama (Japan). The Immediate Past Presidents are Gunnar Carlsson (Sweden) and Bernard Smith (UK).

The College biennial scientific conferences have usually been held in the country of origin of the then current President. Thus, Oxford (England), Interlaken (Switzerland), Toronto (Canada), Hiroshima (Japan), Bürgenstock (Switzerland), San Diego (USA), Sliema (Malta) and most recently Stockholm (Sweden) have provided excellent venues for stimulating collegiality, dialogue and co-operation between the world's Prosthodontists. With our assumption of office at the beginning of 2000, and being representative of New Zealand and Australia, the centre of presidential activity has found its focus (for a brief interlude) in the antipodes, with the 9th Biennial Conference of the ICP scheduled to take place in Sydney in 2001.

In our previous dual role as Vice-Presidents, it was our responsibility to organize the scientific program for the Stockholm Conference. This presented an interesting challenge – with Stockholm being almost directly opposite New Zealand /Australia in global terms. The wizardry of email, "global communication" and an unprecedented level of interest in the numbers of delegates who attended, worked wonders. In addition to focus sessions with keynote speakers addressing specific topics, 172 oral and poster presentations were delivered by Members.

Stockholm provided a compelling backdrop to the scientific part of the proceedings and a unique venue for the inauguration ceremonies and presidential investiture. The latter took place at a gala banquet held in the "Golden Hall" of the Stockholm City Hall. This is a spectacular, soaring, candle-lit space - its ceiling lost in shadows and its

walls lined with glittering mosaics of gold leaf. The Nobel Prize banquets are held here: mention was made of how privileged we were to be inaugurated in the same locale that had seen the presence of many of the great figures of our century like Mother Theresa and Nelson Mandela, who as Nobel Prize winners, had dined and been fêted there previously.

The Sydney venue - we believe - will provide different, but no less compelling attractions. And although getting there would seem set to involve Canadians in a sizeable time change, the jet-lag is likely to be less daunting in real terms than the arithmetical computation would suggest. In planning the scientific program for Sydney, the ICP is heavily reliant upon its Canadian contingent. Michael MacEntee has been entrusted with co-chairing the Scientific Committee and also assumes the duties of Treasurer on the ICP Executive Council. Doug Chaytor's consummate abilities as an organizational Secretary will be well-known to APC members - and as ICP Secretary, he continues to bring his inimitable style to bear upon ICP affairs. Hopefully, many Canadian Members are planning to attend and to contribute by way of oral or poster presentations.

The College Board has approved some new initiatives to be implemented over the next few years. An outreach program has been established with the aim of increasing the profile of the College and to support and promote the specialty of Prosthodontics generally. Presentations by College members in Slovenia and Lebanon have been scheduled for this year.

The Board is currently discussing a more formal relationship between various Prosthodontic organizations throughout the world by way of organizational membership. This will facilitate cooperation in pursuing common goals of greater recognition and higher educational standards within the specialty. We also hope that many more individual Members of the APC will consider also joining the ICP.

We are heartened by the ongoing contribution that Canadian Prosthodontists continue to make in promoting the interests of our profession; we welcome members of the APC to join us in Sydney, and look forward to ever-increasing opportunities for reciprocal support and shared activity in the way ahead.

Brian Monteith
Co-President
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Sydney, Australia



Dr. Terry Walton



The American College Of Prosthodontists and The **Association Of Prosthodontists Of Canada**



Dr. Arthur Nimmo

Greetings from Florida! I am pleased to have the opportunity to address the Members of the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada. The American College of Prosthodontists is continuing to work on projects related to the major issues affecting the specialty of Prosthodontics as we enter the new millennium. This year, a task force headed by Dr. David Felton is examining the problem of recruitment of dental students into graduate Prosthodontics programs. Dr. Thomas McGarry and his committee have continued their work on the classification systems. The Classification System for Complete Edentulism has been published in the March, 1999 issue of the *Journal of Prosthodontics*, and the ACP is in the process of promoting its use at dental schools. Once this is fully implemented, dentists may be in a better position to refer denture patients to Prosthodontists based on diagnostic findings. The Classification System for Partial Edentulism will be presented at the American Association of Dental Schools annual meeting in April in Washington, DC.

We are evaluating the ADA-approved definition of the Specialty of Prosthodontics, which was last revised in 1976. In addition, we are analyzing the process traditionally used to select examiners for the American Board of Prosthodontics. Currently, we are preparing the ten-year review required of all dental specialties by the American Dental Association.

The *Journal of Prosthodontics* has continued to be a huge success and a great membership benefit, due to the efforts of Dr. Patrick Lloyd, Editor-in-Chief, and his outstanding staff. The JP recently received the Special Citation Award from the International College of Dentists.

There have been some changes in our central office. We have a new Executive Director, Mr. Ed Cronin, who comes to us with extensive association management experience. Also, we have a new Director of Membership, Ms. Colleen Ryan.

There are thirty-six Canadian Prosthodontists who are Members of the ACP, including your current APC President, and I would encourage everyone to join. ACP members receive the *Journal of Prosthodontics*, the ACP Messenger, attend the annual session at a reduced fee, and receive a number of other benefits. The ACP Board of Directors and the APC Executive are currently working together to open further lines of communication and co-operation in the interest of developing joint initiatives for the promotion and representation of Prosthodontics in North America. We are examining the feasibility of a combined meeting of the ACP, ICP and APC at some time in the future.

This year's ACP Annual Session will be on November 15-18 at the Hilton Waikoloa Village Resort on the big island of Hawaii. This is a beautiful resort location and a great place to bring your family – they feature a special program that allows the kids (and adults) the opportunity to play with the dolphins in the lagoon. Dr. Ana Arnold, program chair, has arranged an exciting scientific program and it runs for only a half day, each morning. This will give you the opportunity to swim, snorkel, play golf, and tour the island in the afternoon. I hope that you will be able to join us!

Arthur Nimmo
President
American College of Prosthodontists
Gainesville, Florida

A Brief History *of the APC*

Compiled by James Taylor in consultation with the Founding Members of the APC

Prosthodontics in Canada owes its heritage to many pioneers such as Sperry Fraser, Lorne MacLachlan and Ken Kerr; but it was the initiative of three Canadian Prosthodontists in particular that gathered its qualified people under the banner of a new association, the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada (APC), in order to advance a comprehensive, educationally-based, specialty of Prosthodontics. Upon returning to Canada following the completion of their graduate Prosthodontic programs, Doug Chaytor, Don Kepron and George Zarb were dismayed to find their predilected discipline split into the twin solitudes of Fixed and Removable Prosthodontics. This professional and educational predicament was reflected in the existence of two separate organizations vying for specialty recognition: the Canadian Academy of Prosthodontics (CAP) and the Canadian Academy of Restorative Dentistry (CARD).

The ensuing polarization was a profound threat

to the identification of the specialty as an integrated focus for orofacial rehabilitation. Drs. Chaytor, Kepron and Zarb were profoundly concerned about the inherent limitations of two separate specialties in the same field, most particularly since the perceived differences related perhaps more to technique and sophistry rather than to educational principles. It was their conviction that a foundation for a specialty that was not tied to graduate education would usurp the notion of the highest level of professionalism; they therefore undertook to found the APC at a meeting in Ottawa in September 1971. The first Executive Council of the APC was elected in 1973 and comprised Don Kepron (President), George Zarb (President-Elect), Jacques Fiset (Vice-President), Doug Chaytor (Secretary-Treasurer), John Hibberd (Senior Delegate-at-Large) and Bill Harley (Junior Delegate-at Large).

The principle that Membership be open to all educationally-qualified, or licensed, Prosthodontists but also limited to dentists with these qualifications



James Taylor

A Brief History **of the APC...** *cont'd*

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was essential for acceptance of the new Association. This principle was persuasive in the decision of CAP, which had held Section status in the Canadian Dental Association (CDA) since the recognition by the CDA of Prosthodontics as a specialty in 1965, to be willing to relinquish this status in favour of the APC. In April 1973, Drs. Chaytor and Zarb submitted a letter on behalf of the APC to the Chair of the CDA Council on Dental Education, describing in detail the background of the situation and requesting that the APC be accorded Section status for Prosthodontics. The Minutes of the next Annual Meeting of the CDA Board of Governors in Vancouver in October 1973 reflect that such acceptance was contingent upon the development of an acceptable definition for the Specialty of Prosthodontics. A definition agreed upon by APC and the two Academies, CAP (1973 President: Brock Love) and CARD (1973 President: Walter Grenkow), was then approved at the Annual Meeting of the CDA Board of Governors in St. John's in August 1975. At the Annual Meeting of the CDA Board of Governors in Edmonton in September 1976, it was resolved that the APC be granted Section status for Prosthodontics.

Both the definition of Prosthodontics and Membership criteria for APC were remarkably eclectic

and indeed prescient, as subsequent developments in education, licensing and specific areas of research, such as implant prosthodontics, demonstrated. The APC's formation also served as a catalyst for the development of Provincial and Regional specialty organizations in Prosthodontics. All three Co-Founders of the APC eventually served as Presidents, with Don Kepron's seniority and distinction being recognized in his having been elected as the first President in 1973. The Co-Founders were very ably supported by numerous Canadian Prosthodontists from across the country, but perhaps most notably Jacques Fiset, Brock Love, Aaron Fenton (all of whom served later as Presidents), Ken Kerr and Alan Fee, who joined the APC's mission for official recognition by the CDA. Having much benefited from such strong roots, the current and future viability of the APC is reflected in its burgeoning Membership, its support by Provincial/Regional Prosthodontist Organizations and by the CDA, the success of its publications, and its strong relations with national and international Prosthodontic and Allied Specialty organizations.

H.Graham Pettapiece, BSc, DMD, FICD

1929–2000

Graham Pettapiece was born in Winnipeg, and died on February 14th 2000 in Victoria, two months after receiving a lung transplant necessitated by pulmonary fibrosis.

Graham obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from Loyola University in Montreal, and the University of McGill conferred his dental degree in 1955. Following graduation, Graham set up practice in Qualicum, where he practiced for 9 years before being elected at the age of 35, as President of the BC Dental Association. By this time he had also served on the Executive of the Upper Island Dental Society, had served on the Dental Services Committee of the Canadian Dental Association, had twice been President of the Parksville and District Chamber of Commerce, had served as Vice President of the Mount Arrowsmith District Boy Scouts, and as Vice-President of the Nanaimo Regional General Hospital Board.

Graham and Fay moved to Victoria in the late 60's or early 70's, and established the practice on Yates Street, from which he retired in 1994.

Graham participated enthusiastically in study clubs and continuing education programmes, and became a Certified Specialist in Prosthodontics by examination in 1980, being among the first group of prosthodontists to be recognized as specialists in the Province of British Columbia.

Graham served as a consultant to the BC Cancer Agency for 20 years, though he served cancer patients without formal recognition much longer than that. Graham was the second Canadian President of the Pacific Coast Society of Prosthodontists. In his Presidential Newsletter of 1987 Graham wrote of the "special honor and obligation" that he felt as a result of the appointment. The obligation, such as it was, is one that Graham continued to develop until the end of his life, as he continued to make young practitioners welcome to their chosen specialty, and to foster communication with the Life Members of the Society. Graham was also an active Fellow of the International College of Dentists.

Graham and Fay have nurtured a circle of friends who share the loss of a special, caring, and loving humanitarian. Regardless of the particular circumstances in which we knew Graham, we are neither lessened nor diminished by his death, but have been enriched and enabled by his friendship and support, and challenged by the role model which he has provided for us all. Graham's legacy is one that truly enriches his community, his profession, his friends and his family.

In fond memory,
Peter Stevenson-Moore

APC 2000 Annual Meeting

By the time you receive this Issue of *Front-Line/Première Ligne*, you should have received or soon be receiving a letter from the Academy of Prosthodontics inviting you as a Member of APC to attend the Academy's 82nd Annual Meeting at the Château Frontenac in Québec City. Here's a brief rundown of the scheduled events:

The Meeting will start on Thursday evening, May 18th, with a welcome reception and dinner. Friday morning, May 19th, there will be a "get acquainted" buffet preceding the morning Scientific Session; Friday afternoon we'll have our APC Annual General Meeting in the hotel's Bellevue Room. Friday evening there will be a "dine around" with a choice of four fine local restaurants, following which participants will reassemble at the Château Frontenac for dessert.

Saturday afternoon, May 20th, after the morning Scientific Sessions there will be free time to explore the city; Saturday evening will offer a dinner-cabaret-theatre show a short ride from the hotel. Sunday afternoon, May 21st, following the morning Scientific Sessions there will be another free afternoon to enjoy the city and Sunday evening the Annual Installation Banquet will be held at the Château Frontenac. Monday, May 22nd, the program winds up mid-day following the morning Scientific Sessions.

As is always the case with the Academy, there is an excellent Spouse/Companion Program prepared. We look forward to seeing you all in la belle ville de Québec!

1999/2000 APC Executive Council

At the 1999 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada (APC), held on October 16, 1999 at the Colony Hotel in Toronto in conjunction with the Team Spirit '99 Meeting, the Members voted unanimously in favour of the following Slate for the 1999/2000 APC Executive Council:

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APC News



Peter Stutman

The annual issue of the *Journal of The Association of Prosthodontists of Canada* will now be published in collaboration with the *Journal of the Canadian Dental Association*. Our Association will provide the scientific content, have four pages for our own various announcements, a membership roster and have front-cover visibility. A number of members have already committed themselves to articles for this exciting project. If you are interested in submitting a manuscript for this or subsequent issues of our journal please do not hesitate to inform either Peter Stutman or Sebastian Saba.

Our annual meeting will be held in conjunction with the Academy of Prosthodontics' 82nd Annual Meeting at the Château Frontenac in Québec City. The dates are from the evening of Thursday, May 18 to noon Monday, May 22. Do not miss this chance to be involved with one of the premiere groups of prosthodontics.

I would like to personally thank Mr. Gary Jones and Straumann Canada for their sponsoring of this issue of our newsletter. The Canadian division of

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