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Dr. Duncan Chambers
President, APC

I am very honoured and pleased to serve as the president of the APC this year. I have been on the executive since 2006 and feel strongly that the APC is the only national voice of Prosthodontics in Canada. The APC has been promoting the specialty of Prosthodontics since 1973 and its overwhelming success is due to the efforts of many individuals that have served on the executive, as regional councillors and as leaders of provincial prosthodontic organisations.

I would like to thank all that have served before me and those that continue to be involved in organizations that support Prosthodontics. Particularly, the recent efforts of Past President; Dr. Francine Albert who served for two years. Her positive "yes we will" attitude led to many successful milestones for the APC. The revised APC logo has been very well received and the goal of revising the website is well underway. Francine continues to represent us on COSA (Committee of Specialist Affairs) and the NDSO (National Dental Specialty Organisation). Our administrator Christine Wyatt also deserves special recognition for her tireless efforts in website/logo design as well as her ability to keep the organisation on track and focused. Most recent events included the very successful Annual General Meeting held during the 75th Annual Scientific Session of the Pacific Coast Society for Prosthodontics at Napa, California.

I believe it is a great time to be a prosthodontist, our numbers are growing and the public is becoming more aware of our abilities. The treatment options continue to expand and emerging technologies offer great promise. However, we must remain vigilant of the potential deregulation of our specialty services by provincial Health Profession Acts and of the Canadian Dental Regulatory Authorities Federation's (CDRAF) efforts on the national recognition of dental specialties. I hope to achieve a lot for the APC of the coming year. I look forward to serving my Country, my patients and the members of the APC with enthusiastic executive and regional councillors. I hope to see many of you at the next Annual General meeting in Toronto on Sept 24, 2011.

Kind regards,
Duncan Chambers

C'est avec grand plaisir et avec beaucoup d'honneur que j'agirai en tant que votre président de l'Association des prosthodontistes du Canada (APC) cette année. Je suis membre du comité exécutif depuis 2006 et je crois sincèrement que l'APC est la seule et unique voix pour la prosthodontie au Canada. L'APC fait la promotion de notre spécialité depuis 1975, et ce qui a fait son grand succès, sont les efforts des individus qui ont siégés au sein du comité exécutif, ainsi que les gens qui ont agi comme conseillers régionaux, et comme leader des organisations provinciales de prosthodontie.

J'en profite aussi pour remercier ceux et celles qui ont agi en tant que membres dans le passé, ainsi que ceux et celles présentement impliqués dans des organisations supportant la prosthodontie. De plus, j'aimerais remercier de façon particulière, les efforts du Dre. Francine Albert qui a servi comme présidente ces deux dernières années. Son attitude positive a mené à l'accomplissement de plusieurs phases importantes pour l'APC. Notre nouvel emblème fût très bien reçu et la révision de notre site web progresse de façon constante. Francine continue à nous représenter sur le Committee of Specialist Affairs et au National Dental Specialty Organisation. Christine Wyatt, notre administratrice, mérite des remerciements pour ses efforts soutenus dans le design du site web, de notre nouvel emblème ainsi que pour ses habiletés à maintenir l'organisation sur la bonne voie. Nos événements les plus récents incluent l'assemblée générale annuelle tenue durant la 75th Annual Scientific Session de la Pacific Coast Society for Prosthodontics à Napa en Californie, laquelle a connu un franc succès.

Je crois que c'est un grand moment pour notre spécialité car le nombre de prosthodontistes ne cesse de grandir et le public devient de plus en plus conscient de nos habiletés. Les options de traitement continuent de s'accroître et les nouvelles technologies sont très prometteuses. Cependant, nous devons demeurer vigilants quant à la déréglementation potentielle de nos services de spécialité par les Health Profession Act provinciaux et des efforts du Canadian Dental Regulatory Authorities Federation sur la reconnaissance nationale des spécialités dentaires. J'espère accomplir beaucoup pour l'APC durant l'année qui vient. Je suis heureux que cette opportunité me soit offerte de servir mon pays, mes patients, les membres de l'APC et son groupe d'exécutif et de conseillers régionaux très enthousiastes. Je souhaite également avoir le plaisir de rencontrer plusieurs d'entre vous lors de la prochaine assemblée annuelle qui aura lieu à Toronto le 24 Septembre 2011.

Bien à vous,
Duncan Chambers

EDITOR
Dr. Bernie Linke

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Dr. Bernie Linke | Vice President, APC



As prosthodontists we have the opportunity on a daily basis to make a difference in people's lives. For that privilege we are generally rewarded with patient appreciation, collegial respect and financial reward. By providing prosthodontic services that truly are above and beyond we will continue to maintain that respect.

How can we give back and make a difference? The article by our Past President Francine Albert in this Frontline is an excellent example of giving back through the kindness offered by being a volunteer. There are many opportunities available to participate in such humanitarian efforts. My personal experience of providing volunteer dentistry in Guatemala was rewarding and has resulted in a treasure of life long memories. The saying that 'we have won the lottery just by living in Canada' was definitely made evident during our experience in Guatemala.

Sharing our knowledge and skill set in study clubs or as part-time instructors at local Dental Schools is a way to give back and make a difference. Dr. George A. Zarb, the editor of The International Journal of Prosthodontics wrote in the recent October issue about his observations of the synergies that occur when part-time instructors and a core of full-time clinical instructors commit to making a difference in a discipline's scholarly pedigree.

We will do more to promote our specialty of prosthodontics by sharing our skill set and knowledge with dental students and colleagues than can be done by any promotional campaign.

Make a difference !

APC Annual General Meeting September 24, 2011 in Toronto, Ontario

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ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Christine Wyatt, Assistant Editor and APC Administrator

Membership Report

A warm welcome to all of our new active and student members and thank you for taking the time to introduce yourselves in this newsletter! We hope to meet you all in person at our next AGM in September 2011 and trust you will find membership in your national professional association to be rewarding on many levels. Check out the membership benefits elsewhere in this newsletter and on our website.

This year Active membership increased by six and Life membership by four after the AGM vote. Of note, it was also decided at the AGM to abolish the Associate membership category this year since it is not widely used and there are no Articles referring to it in the bylaws.

APC Identity Renovations

By the time you read this newsletter our website's new look should

be installed and a reorganization of the site's pages completed (at <http://www.prosthodontics.ca>). If you have any photos you'd like uploaded or suggestions for improvement, please contact the Administrator by email.

Membership Renewals

It's that time of year again! It's almost time to renew your APC membership. Please return the enclosed form via regular mail or log into the members area of the APC website to renew your membership for 2011. Payment is due by Jan 1, 2011. Regular fees apply online after Jan 1st, 2011. A \$25 late fee applies after Jan 31, 2011, **but those renewing memberships ONLINE by Dec 31 receive a \$25 discount (online renewals only)**. You can go to the APC website to pay by entering your credit card information securely online, or generate forms to pay by cheque, or by fax. If you renew online, we strongly encourage you to pass the membership form along to any colleagues who may wish to join APC.

Christine Wyatt, Assistant Editor and APC Administrator

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APC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING AT THE AGM IN NAPA, CA



Dr. Brent Beyak (Past President) and Dr. Jamie Kaukinen (Executive Councilor)



Dr. Bernie Linke (Secretary-Treasurer & Frontline Editor) and Dr. Francine Albert (President)

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Four new Life Members were approved at the 2010 AGM:
Craig Naylor, Michael MacEntee, Bunny Berezon and Peter Stutman.



Craig Naylor, D.D.S., M.R.C.D.(C)

Dr. Craig K. Naylor graduated from the University of Alberta School of Dentistry in 1967. From 1968 – 1971 he taught Dental Anatomy at the University of British Columbia Faculty of Dentistry. During the following four years he participated as an examiner in both written and clinical sections of the British Columbia Board Examinations. He received his Prosthetic certification in 1980.

Dr. Naylor is a member of numerous dental societies and professional organizations. These include the Canadian Academy of Restorative Dentistry and Prosthodontics, the American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry, and the International College of Prosthodontists. He is past President of the BC Society of Prosthodontists, and the Canadian Academy of Restorative Dentistry and Prosthodontics. Fellowships are held in the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists.

Lectures and courses have been presented by Dr. Naylor to dental schools and organizations in Canada, the United States, Europe and Japan. More recently he co- chaired the fund raising and development of the Sirona Learning Centre at College Place. Currently Dr. Naylor is in part-time practice as a Certified Specialist in Prosthodontics in Vancouver, British Columbia.



Michael I. MacEntee, PhD, LDS(I), Dip. Prosth., FRCD(C)

Professor of Prosthodontics and Dental Geriatrics, Faculty of Dentistry, University of British Columbia.

He has been involved for most of his academic career with the oral health needs of elders - as a prosthodontist, a teacher, and a researcher. He established the ELDERS (Elders' Link with Dental Education, Research and Service) Group with colleagues at UBC to provide administrative structure to the service needs of our ageing population and to the educational needs of dentists and dental students within an overall context of research.

His work over the years includes contributions to epidemiology, biomaterials, clinical science, and, most recently, to the oral health needs of elderly populations. His research in recent years addresses oral health and quality of life in old age, with a particular focus on frailty and the psychosocial impact of oral prostheses. He serves on several editorial boards for prosthodontic and geriatric journals, and has published extensively on the measurement, distribution, impact and management of oral disorders of older adults. He is a past-president of the College of Dental Surgeons of BC, and of the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada, and the Royal College of Dentists of Canada.

Recently, he received the Distinguished Scientist "Geriatric Oral Research Award" from the International Association for Dental Research, and he is the senior editor of the book *"Oral Healthcare and the Frail Elder: A Clinical Perspective"*

NEW LIFE MEMBERS



Dr. Peter Stutman

My CV is very similar to most of us who practice in a private setting. I received my DDS from McGill University, Faculty of Dentistry in 1971, followed by an MSc of Dentistry and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies (Prosthodontics) from Boston University School of Graduate Dentistry in 1973. I am a past president of the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada and past editor of the *Frontline* newsletter. I am a Fellow of both the American College of Dentists and The International College of Dentists. In addition to APC I am a member of the American College of Prosthodontists, Academy of Oseointegration and l'association des Prosthodontistes du Quebec. For numerous years earlier in my practice I was a demonstrator at the faculty of Dentistry, McGill University and presently am involved with the faculty's continuing education program. I just renewed my lease for 5 years with an option for 5 years more because I both enjoy and love this very special aspect of dentistry. I am a Prosthodontist and I am very proud to be within this group of the elite.

(Editor's note: Dr. Stutman has also returned this year to the APC executive as Councilor)

NEW COLLEGE FELLOWS IN NOV 2009

The APC wishes to congratulate six APC members who attained their Royal College Fellowship in November of 2009.

Dr. Nimet Adatia, Dr. Hardeep (Bobbi) Birdi, Dr. Cecilia Aragon, Dr. Anaïs Landry-Schönbeck, Dr. Igor Pesun, & Dr. Kirk Preston.

Congratulations also to Dr. Bradley Bishop who has just been informed that he passed his Fellowship exams in October 2010.



From left to right: Drs. James Taylor, Peter Stevenson-Moore, Francine Albert, Izchak Barzilay, Jack Gerrow and Brian Kucey

A GATHERING OF APC PAST PRESIDENTS

Six past presidents of APC pose together at the beautiful Tamaya Resort in New Mexico during the Academy of Prosthodontics meeting in May 2010.

NEW APC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Peter Stutman

After spending a number of years on the executive and after a hiatus of a few years I was asked to volunteer by a rather persuasive Brent Beyak. I guess it was a way for him to get back at me for my gentle persuasion that propelled Brent to the lofty office he has occupied.



Melissa Lam

Dr Lam arrived in Canada at the age of 3 years old and was raised in Montréal. In 2002, she completed her dental degree at the University of Montreal and spent a year in a multidisciplinary residency position at the Notre-Dame hospital. She continued her post-graduate education with a speciality in prosthodontics and a Master in Sciences at the University of Montreal.

Dr Lam's practice is divided between her private office, teaching clinical prosthodontics to dental undergraduate students and residents at the University of Montreal and working at the Notre-Dame hospital with patients who have had oral facial cancer. She is a prosthodontic board examiner for the Royal College of Dentists of Canada.



Robert Carmichael

Robert Carmichael was born in Powell River on Canada's West Coast, and received his DMD degree from the University of British Columbia in 1981. He completed a 3-year residency in the Department of Temporomandibular Joint Disturbances and Removable Prosthodontics at the University of Zurich, Switzerland, and in 1985 he entered the University of Toronto Postgraduate Program in Prosthodontics. He was a Fellow of the Medical Research Council of Canada from 1987 until 1989, during which time he completed a Masters Degree in Oral Biology at the University of Toronto.

In 1989 Dr. Carmichael joined the dental staff of the Bloorview MacMillan Children's Centre (renamed Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital), and in 1991 he joined The Hospital for Sick Children. From 1995 until its closing in 2002, he was on staff at the Toronto General Hospital Dental Department. He has been on the teaching staff at the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry since 1985, and since 2000 has held the rank of Assistant Professor. Since 2007, Dr. Carmichael has served as Chief of Dentistry and Director of the Ontario Cleft Lip and Palate/Craniofacial Dental Program at Holland Bloorview. He also serves as director of the Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital/University of Toronto International Team for Implantology Scholarship Centre.



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

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 receive a 10 % discount on all restorative components, excluding equipment, software, CAD CAM coping and custom abutments. (This offer cannot be combined with any other promotional offer or discount. To take effect January 1st, 2011). For inquiries on implant programs and regenerative products, please contact your STRAUMANN representative directly.
 - 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.

NEW PROSTHODONTIC PROGRAM OPENS AT UBC



UBC inaugural postgraduate prosthodontics class. Dr. David Alfaro, Dr. Jonathan Ng, and Dr. Angela Wong with Dr. Chris Wyatt

The University of British Columbia Graduate Prosthodontics Program

The UBC Faculty of Dentistry has accepted its first residents into the Graduate Prosthodontics Program for 2010. After three years of consultation and program development, the university granted approval for the diploma in Prosthodontics combined with either MSc or PhD.

The UBC Prosthodontics Program expects to graduate three prosthodontists per year to help address the shortage of specialists in Canada and elsewhere. With an increasing aging population with full or partial natural dentitions, and a corresponding increased demand for restorative and prosthodontic procedures, our residents and graduating prosthodontists should be busy providing much needed clinical care. With the exponential increase in new dental materials and digital procedures, we hope to stimulate research within the prosthodontic specialty. In addition it is hoped we will be producing future academics to provide the educa-

tional training of undergraduate dental students and post-graduate specialty programs.

The vision of our Dean, Charles Shuler, to develop new graduate programs, expand research, and increase community involvement was key to developing the Graduate Prosthodontics Program. The support in implementation continues to come from UBC faculty and part-time prosthodontists as well as other dental specialists, the BC Cancer Agency, Vancouver Hospital, the British Columbia Society of Prosthodontists, and last, but not least, the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada.

Graduate Prosthodontics faculty members are Drs. Michael MacEntee*, Joanne Walton*, Ross Bryant, Anthony McCullagh, and Caroline Nguyen* (*APC members).

Dr. Chris Wyatt
Director of the UBC Graduate Prosthodontics Program
(APC Past President, 2005)

<http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca/Education/Grad/MSc/Clinical/Prosthodontics/>

NEW STUDENT MEMBERS



David Alfaro

Dr. David Alfaro was born and raised in Vancouver, B.C. He completed his Bachelors of Science in Kinesiology at Simon Fraser University and moved to New York upon accepting a position in the DDS program at Columbia University. Studying and residing in a neighbourhood with low access to dental care inspired him to participate in community dentistry projects across northern Manhattan (Washington Heights and Harlem). He became involved with various student run dental public health programs in the area and was the Percy T. Phillips student scholar for his class, with a research focus on geriatric dental care. In 2009, Dr. Alfaro was fortunate to participate in the “Somos Amigos” medical and dental mission, a volunteer program offering free care to hundreds of patients in rural Dominican Republic.

After an exciting four years in the “Big Apple”, he returns full circle to Vancouver to become a resident in the inaugural class of the advanced Prosthodontics program at the University of British Columbia. He currently lives in the UBC area with his wife and pug and is excited to be part of this important time in the history of dental education in British Columbia.



Angela Wong

Dr. Wong was born and raised in Vancouver, B.C. She received her DMD from the University of British Columbia (UBC) in 2009, where she also completed one year of General Practice residency with a focus in Geriatrics in 2010. Dr. Wong is currently in her first year of residency in Prosthodontics at UBC where she hopes to graduate with a Diploma in Prosthodontics and MSc in 2013.

Research Interests: Seniors oral health, oral health assessment tools, and the effects of implant surface topography on cell behaviour.

Other Interests: Food, Tennis, Music



Jonathan A Ng

Dr. Jonathan A Ng graduated from the University of Alberta in 2007 where he attained multiple academic accolades including the Dr. Harris S Wood Prosthodontic Scholarship as well as the Dr. G.H. Gibb Memorial prize for excelling to the highest overall level for a student in fixed and removable prosthodontics.

He completed a General Practice Residency at the University of Alberta followed by experience managing a rural dental practice in northern Alberta. He enjoys utilizing his vocational skills in providing dental aid in developing countries where he has set up mobile dental clinics in various locations in mainland China as well as Niger, Africa. His hobbies include a particular interest in guitar, photography, automobile mechanics and golf.

NEW STUDENT MEMBERS



Ramzi Hindieh

Dr. Hindieh was born in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, in 1982 where his (Canadian) father worked as a physician. He was accepted to McGill University at the age of 16, majored in Anatomy and Cell Biology and graduated with a BSc in 2003. He continued undergraduate dental studies at McGill, obtaining his D.M.D. and was directly accepted into the Prosthodontic Residency program at New York Hospital Queens in New York City. As part of the program, he receives surgical and didactic training in implant dentistry, and therefore is also a full time student at Columbia University as a post-doctoral student where part of the latter is taught. Dr. Hindieh looks forward to becoming a Fellow in the Royal College of Dentists.

COSA - NDSO REPORT

Dr. Francine Albert, Past President APC

The Committee on Specialist Affairs (COSA) and the National Dental Specialty Organization (NDSO):

Over the past number of years efforts have been made by the nine dental specialties (specialty sections) to put in place a functioning CDA Committee on Specialist Affairs (COSA) as well as an informal specialty sections' group known as the National Dental Specialty Organization (NDSO). Each of the specialty sections agreed to send the same individuals to act as both the COSA as well as the NDSO representatives. This aided in funding and allowed for some continuity of the individuals involved so that they would know each other as well as those involved from CDA, but equally importantly, they would remain familiar with the issues that arose.

With recent changes in the governance structure of the CDA there have and will be changes to the way that specialists interact with the CDA. As of April 2011 there will be a need for the funding of two specialists to represent all nine specialty sections at the Dentistry Leaders' Forum. Also, as of April 2011, the CDA will fund only one specialist to represent all nine specialty sections as a voting member to the CDA General Assem-

bly, instead of the current funding of two specialist voting members plus seven observer specialists to the General Assembly meetings. The CDA will continue to fund nine specialists, representing each of the specialty sections, to attend an annual face-to-face meeting of COSA, at the call of the CDA and only if a face-to-face meeting is required based on the need related to outstanding interactions between the CDA and the CDA-member specialists.

As part of an agreement with the PDAs to obtain attendance of two specialists to attend the Dentistry Leaders' Forum, it was necessary to agree that specialists would fund the attendance of their representatives in the same way that each of the PDAs would. Since each of the PDAs will also be covering the costs of the meetings on a rotational basis it will also be necessary for the specialist to cover the cost of meetings when it is their turn in the rotation.

As a result of the above, it will be necessary to make changes in the way in which special-

ists are represented at the CDA. The formation of a formal NDSO is a suggested plan to allow specialists to move forward and become more proactive, in both the political realm (NDSO) and the knowledge-based realm (COSA).

To form a national organization of dental specialists there are a number of issues to be dealt with such as funding, executive board make up, membership as well as policies and procedures. On November 4th and 5th 2010, representatives from all 9 specialties in Canada attended an NDSO meeting in Ottawa to begin formalizing a new organization. Each of the nine national dental specialty associations are supportive of the formation of a new organization to represent them collectively.

National dental specialty organizations need a strong voice in dealing with other national, international and provincial groups on issues pertinent to Canadian dental specialists, and having a national group to represent all nine dental specialties seems like the way to do it.



Dr. Francine E. Albert
Past President, APC

The gift of volunteering

Looking back on the last 10 years and my involvement with the APC, I am content with the progress that we have made. One of my objectives was to reach out to our francophone members through bilingual messages in Frontline as well as on the website. Second was to improve communication with our provincial associations and solicit their input by naming members of their executive as regional councilors. Finally we have improved the image of the APC with a modern logo and a patient friendly website. I am looking forward to the official launch of our site which should be very soon.

It goes without saying that I could not have reached my goal without the support and excellent collaboration of our administrator Christine Wyatt and those who have served on the executive over the years. I have truly enjoyed your camaraderie over the last decade, hence, I urge all members to look into the APC and how they may actively contribute. It is truly a rewarding experience on a personal level and beneficial to our specialty. As for me, looking forward, I want to share another one of my passions with you.

Following the last ICP meeting in Cape town, South Africa in September 2009, I was fortunate to go on a 4 day safari in Krueger National Park. During the safari, I met Jon Biondo, a New York based attorney who was returning from Malawi, Africa with two colleagues. The trip opened Jon's eyes to the daunting challenges that face this "warm heart of Africa". It is so called because the people are so gentle and kind. However, Malawi is a land locked nation with little natural resources. The life expectancy is approximately 38 years and 85,000 people die yearly of HIV AIDS infections. HIV and AIDS have left the country with a generation of orphans who face difficult obstacles such as malaria, tuberculosis, lack of clean water and violence especially against young girls. When Jon returned to New York he decided to co found Youth of Malawi, a non profit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of children in Malawi. He felt that many organizations focus on serious problems such as disease, lack of water and malnutrition while the other needs of love, hope and emotional support for a generation of orphans are not being met. The Home of Hope orphanage is approximately 2 hours driving distance from the gorgeous Salima beach on Lake Malawi. Very few orphans have ever seen the beach and yet they had heard fabulous stories and sang about such a place. It dawned upon Jon that every child should have the opportunity to enjoy a day at the beach.

In May 2010, I joined a team of 15 volunteers from Canada and the US to bring 300 orphans to the beach. These two days of fun were a life changing experience for the kids. They enjoyed a day of games on the shore and in the water as well as a nutritional breakfast and lunch. I will always remember a conversation I had with 11 year old Philip whose father was violently killed during a dispute over land. "You gave me hope". Hope that he will one day achieve his goal of becoming a nurse and provide for his little sister Grace. "I want to help people like you are doing for us."

I plan to join the second Youth of Malawi annual beach trip in October 2011. I will also join a team of 5 dentists and doctors that are willing to volunteer their expertise to improve the health and well being of the children at the Home of Hope orphanage. This eye opening experience has made me appreciate how blessed I have been in my life. I consider this rewarding act of kindness a small way to give back to kids in need. Such is the gift of volunteering.

Kind regards, Dr. Francine E. Albert

