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Message from the President



Dr. Bernie Legatto

President, Association
of Prosthodontists
of Canada

Dear Friends and colleagues:

I am so pleased to extend greetings to you for the first time in my new role as your President. It is indeed an honour and a privilege to serve as President of the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada and I hope to accomplish a great deal on your behalf. The specialty of prosthodontics is both a dynamic and rewarding branch of dentistry. I'm proud to represent you and contribute to the growth of our association.

First, I would like to acknowledge the excellent work of our outgoing executive members with special thanks to Dr. Randy Mazurat, our past President. Thank you for your commitment and dedication.

Prosthodontists across North America are facing new challenges. We are all increasingly aware of the clinical encroachment of other dental professionals and para-professionals. As a professional association, we need to develop a proactive approach to increasing our public profile with patients, the public, our communities, the media, different levels of government and other dental professionals.

We must position ourselves as the accredited specialists and distinguish ourselves from those who are adopting the titles of aesthetic and reconstruction specialists. Although, it is a significant part of our public message, we must go beyond simply presenting our years of training and professional expertise. We need to raise the visibility of our

unique and specialized skills and tell the story about the value and benefits for patients. This is at the heart of the public awareness strategy that we must adopt as an association.

What I offer is a renewed call to action as an association. Our ability to raise awareness about prosthodontics will be that much stronger if we speak with one voice. Not all prosthodontists in Canada belong to or support our association. We need to get the word out about the benefits of belonging to the APC and encourage our colleagues to get involved and attend events.

The future of prosthodontics in Canada rests in our ability to not only build a strong professional association but also nurture talent in our dental communities. This means getting involved in professional mentoring, promoting our specialty, nurturing talented young dentists and encouraging their professional development and post-graduate studies.

There is much to do and much to be proud of as Canada's prosthodontists. My hope is that we can use the challenges ahead as an opportunity to strengthen our professional ties and redefine our public identity.

I look forward to the year ahead and seeing you in Kelowna.

Warm regards,
Dr. Bernie Legatto



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Join Us in the Beautiful Okanagan Valley: The Napa of the North

Association of Prosthodontists of Canada National 2007 Annual General Meeting

You are invited to the 2007 AGM for the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada in Kelowna, British Columbia from September 27 – 29. This year, treat yourself to the sights, tastes and delights of the Okanagan Valley recently referred to by *The New York Times* as “a Napa of the North”.

This year's AGM, hosted by the APC, will bring periodontists and prosthodontists together at the Grand Okanagan Resort (www.grandokanagan.com). This year's line-up of speakers (see agenda on the web page) includes national and international leaders and award winning researchers.

Opportunities for professional development and networking as well as the most recent innovations and research will be balanced with opportunities to experience all that Kelowna in the heart of the Okanagan Valley has to offer.

While staying at the Grand, you will enjoy a panoramic view of Okanagan Lake. Kelowna, dubbed the small city that offers the world, is located on the eastern shore of the Okanagan Lake. Surrounded by mountains, it boasts lush orchards, pristine sandy beaches, vineyards and has more than 2,000 hours of sunshine each year.

It's vineyards of the Okanagan Valley that have recently garnered international attention. There are over 60 wineries in the valley and over a dozen in the Kelowna area. Conference attendants and their guests will be treated to a wine masters dinner at the acclaimed Mission Hill winery on Friday night.

Conference attendants will take part in another favorite Okanagan pastime, golf. On Thursday morning the conference golf tournament will be held at the Harvest Golf Club one of the Okanagan's most prestigious championship golf course.

You may prefer to explore the artisan boutiques, galleries, museums, and bookshops in Kelowna. You may want to bicycle along the lakeshore or take in some of the activities of the Okanagan Wine Fall Festival and sample some of the internationally recognized wines of the region.

Register early as registration will be limited. For more information go to www.prosthodontics.ca or contact Lane Shupe at shupe@direct.ca.

We'll see you in Kelowna!



Editor's Message

by Dr. Effrat Habsha



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Editor, Association of
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The APC annual general meeting (AGM) in Montreal was quite a success! We welcomed our new APC President, Dr. Bernie Legatto, congratulated our Immediate Past President Dr. Randy Mazurat on a job well done and set our sights to the future. I am quite excited about the plans Dr. Legatto has for our organization in the upcoming year. He and his "crew" are already organizing the 2007 APC AGM in picturesque Kelowna, British Columbia. Mark your calendars for September 27-29th 2007 for this exciting event.

Your new APC vice president, Dr. Brent Beyak has also been working on a number of projects, one of which pertains to the APC membership. He highlights a number of benefits available only to APC members in this issue of *Frontline*. On that note, this year, for the first time you can register your APC membership online for a \$25.00 discount at www.prosthodontics.ca. You may have already received an email from Christine Wyatt, the APC Administrator! Take advantage of the savings and register today! In addition, in order to enable us

to get in touch with you, please update your profile online on the "members only" section in the website.

Dr. Cecilia Dong has been working with The American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) on your behalf. She has arranged for APC members to have access to the ACP's print ads describing "What is a Prosthodontist?" Please refer to her article on page 4 and to the ads on page 5 for further details.

And finally, APC Past President Dr. James Taylor's article is of great importance to all dental specialists. In it, he summarizes the current models for licensure in Dentistry for both general practitioners and dental specialists.

As always, I invite you to contact me at ehabsha@tdc.on.ca or 416-322-6862 if you have any questions or wish to share any information with our membership.

Yours truly,
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The APC: join or loose

by Dr. Brent Beyak

Well, here we are at the end of another year, amazing where the time goes, with family, busy practices, and it seems, every time we turn around, another bill to pay. It keeps you going, at least, it keeps me going.

Recently I looked over the membership list, and I was dismayed to see the drop off of renewed members this year. This must have been more than a coincidence, I am sure it is a symptom of the busy lives we all have.

Last year, in an attempt to save money, your executive (me included) decided to send the renewal application forms with the *Frontline Communique*. On the surface, it looked like a good idea, two birds with one stone sort of thing. But, on reflection, I think it might have been an error.

On my desk, at the office, I have a few piles of items that need different sorts of attention. As mail comes in, I put it into one of the piles, depending on the action required. One pile goes directly to my accountant/bookkeeper for payment (seems like this is always the biggest pile), one pile goes in my briefcase so that I can take it with me and read it as I wait on the ferry, or at home in the comfort of my spacious den (uh huh), and the third pile goes into the waste/recycling bin, for much later attention. If I did not know the membership application was in the frontline, I would have sorted it into the briefcase, for convenient perusal. I would go on in bliss, thinking everything

was hunky dory, but the dues for the APC never get paid.

Please check your records to see if you have paid your membership dues for 2006. It is surprising who has not. I have tried to contact many, but the data base is not up to date, and so I have only had limited results. Speaking of data bases, (nice segue eh?) I want you all to go to our website, not now, but right now, and update your contact information. This is really the only way we can keep in touch. Keeping in touch is becoming more and more vital to our organization, and in today's age of the Internet, should be easier, not harder. Once again, the APC website is www.prosthodontics.ca

The best reason to keep in touch is our most excellent membership benefits program. Really, if you are a member, you get some stunning benefits that should more than pay for your membership dues.

Imagine that, it will cost you less to join than not to join!

We have companies like Straumann, Nobel Biocare, Ivoclar, Astra, Quintessence, DUS Dental-U Inc, and Kavo on line for up to 10% discounts on almost everything they sell, so if you buy from these companies with proof of APC membership, you should save well in excess of the APC dues. Again, check out the website (I will be working on the membership page for the website right after this, I hope I put it in the right pile) for the listing of our full membership benefits package. These benefits are ONLY available to members in good standing, so it really behooves you to make sure you are there.

Promoting our Specialty is a Benefit of Membership in the APC

by Dr. Cecilia Dong

Although patients are becoming more informed on the role of prosthodontists and our specialty of prosthodontics, there is still a need to increase this awareness. The Association of Prosthodontists of Canada would like to work with their members to face this challenge and we discussed some strategies recently at the APC annual general meeting in Montreal.

Christine Wyatt, our web administrator, has been working actively on our APC website. It is not only a tool for our members, but we hope that patients will also use this site as a resource for information on prosthodontic procedures as well as to locate a prosthodontist in their area. We would like to invite our members to submit clinical photos to Christine. Her email address is administrator@prosthodontics.ca. Once we have a large enough bank of photos, we will be able to change the photos on a monthly basis.

The American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) has developed promotional materials for members of their association. The ACP has provided this material to us at no charge and we would like to make this available to our members through our website as a member benefit. I am currently in the process of obtaining written consent from the ACP to place our APC logo on these ads. The four smile ads from the ACP are shown on page 5.

"What is a prosthodontist?" brochures are normally available for purchase from the ACP for \$70 per pack of 50. If members would like to purchase these together in bulk, the ACP could offer a discount to our members. Please contact your provincial dental association to confirm that they allow distribution of this type of material.

If members would like to participate in developing the APC strategy to promote our specialty, please contact me at c_dong@umanitoba.ca.

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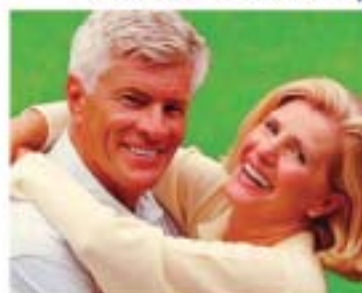


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The Current Models for Licensure in Dentistry in Canada and their Possible Adaptation to Meet Government Expectations

by Dr. James Taylor

I have the privilege of serving on the Working Group on the Certification of Specialists from Non-Accredited Programs, in support of the Dental Regulatory Authorities, formed during the 2004 CDA Academic Event and facilitated/coordinated by CDA. Below is a condensed excerpt of the current draft of the first part of our Group's report, which serves to frame the question for the specialty community; the full version may be found on the APC website. The source material, namely the draft of the report itself, was provided with the kind permission of CDA. The remaining section of the report, which proposes a way ahead on this issue, will be discussed in an upcoming issue of APC FrontLine.

James C. Taylor

Ottawa, ON

Introduction

The Government of Ontario's recent introduction of Bill 124 provides evidence that unless the profession acts in a pro-active fashion to preserve the privilege, the ability of dentistry to license its members could be taken away or at least limited by governments in the name of access to care, economic development and trade agreements, or even human rights. The purpose of Bill 124 is to ensure fair registration practices in all of Ontario's regulated professions. This is but one Provincial-level example confirming information gathered through the Federal labour mobility process of the Agreement on Internal Trade, through workshops on immigration organized by governments and para-governmental organizations, and through meetings with Ministers, Members of Parliament and Departmental staff; the ability of the profession to license its members will continue only if licensing processes:

1. Are seen as based on competency;
2. Are not seen as unreasonable barriers to entry;
3. Are seen as fair in that they impose the same requirements for Canadian and foreign-trained candidates;
4. Allow for inter-provincial mobility.

The Current Situation for General Dentistry

By signing the August 2001 Mutual Recognition Agreement, for the Profession of Dentistry in Canada With Respect to General Dentistry, the Dental Regulatory Authorities (DRAs) materialized a National Model for Licensure of General Dentists in Canada.



In this model, the role of the DRAs is mostly related to definition of the process and designation of the agencies that perform program accreditation and candidate certification. The Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC) and National Dental Examining Board (NDEB) functions can be roughly categorized as that of contractors performing services on behalf of the profession in general and the DRAs in particular. The broadest role belongs to the dental faculties since they end up being responsible for the selection of candidates, the delivery of programs that meet the requirements of accreditation and the ongoing evaluation of candidates' progress towards competency.

The Current Situation for Dental Specialists

The *Mutual Recognition Agreement, for the Profession of Dentistry in Canada With Respect to Dental Specialists* developed in 2001 remains unsigned by three provinces (BC, Alberta and Quebec) and one territory (Yukon) and as a result there is currently no true National Model for the licensure of Dental Specialists in Canada. Yet individual DRAs use processes for the initial licensure of specialists that are fairly similar and are based on accredited education and certification through examination, the same pillars that are used as the foundation for the National Model for General Dentists.



In the above model, CDAC and Royal College of Dentists of Canada (RCDC) functions can be roughly categorized as that of contractors performing services on behalf of the profession in general and the DRAs in particular. The most significant difference between the generic model in use for specialists and the National Model for Generalists is the absence of specialty qualifying programs, which have been seen as economically unviable as a result of the small number of potential applicants in most specialties. The absence of specialty qualifying programs forces graduates from non-accredited programs to repeat their specialty education in an accredited program to become eligible for licensure in Canada, a situation that governments have deemed unacceptable.

Criteria for a National Model for the Licensure of Specialists

Experience with the National Model for General Practitioners has shown that the approach taken in that model can satisfy governmental expectations for licensure of foreign trained professionals and inter-provincial labour mobility. Hence, the National Model for Licensure of Specialists should:

1. Use accreditation and certification to establish competency;
2. Set clear requirements that apply equally to candidates from each of the four classes above but does not require anyone to repeat their specialty education just because it was done outside of Canada;
3. Provide sufficient flexibility to take into account the prior learning of candidates in the fulfilment of the requirements for licensure;
4. Have enough capacity to process a reasonable proportion of qualified applicants;
5. Provide a path for the integration of Specialists who achieve licensure outside of the Model.

In addition to requirements that are needed to satisfy governmental expectations, there is a need to facilitate international hiring for Canadian dental faculties. The "Draft Proposal for Specialty Certification of Academic Appointees" as proposed by the Deans' Committee of ACFD and approved in principle by CDRAF would work within the framework of the National Model for the Licensure of Specialists.

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Past President's Message



Randy Mazurat

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Our administration contract with Willington, Martin General Accountants has hopefully instituted some continuity into the administration of the APC. We have contracted with Willington to provide:

- **Bookkeeping and business planning** – this includes our accounts, year-end, preliminary and final budgets. Since they now have past records and don't have to get information from changing administrators, the cost for the service should be predictable for planning purposes.
- **Administration** – the maintenance of the membership mailing list, processing memberships, interfacing with the *Frontline* editor and mailings of the *Frontline*. Website updates for events and this year the mailouts for the CDSS.

Overall the system, while it has some glitches, will provide the executive with more predictable administration and house our financial records in one location. The main concern is that it is difficult for the executive to keep up to date on the membership status and we have lost the personal contact that keeps our membership numbers high. Regional councilors may be needed to play a more active role in membership renewals. The roles of the administrator is currently under review by the executive and you will be updated on any changes.

Our committees have been active in the past year. Dr James Taylor and myself have had the pleasure of attending COSA meetings. The issue of a proposed new specialty in Dental Anesthesia has stirred some debate in the meetings and is still to be resolved. Dr Henry Levant continues his fine work on the CDA universal standard of Codes and List of services committee. Chris Wyatt and myself have been active in the scientific and financial committees of the CDSS conference, participating in numerous conference calls. The logistics of planning and accommodating all the specialties has been daunting and underscores the difficulty that a small organization such as the APC has in conducting a stand alone meeting. All executive members will be

tasked to assist president elect Bernie Legatto in planning our 2007 AGM in Kelowna.

We only published one *Frontline* and did not publish a prosthodontic issue in the *Journal of the Canadian Dental Association*. It has been very difficult to persuade members to contribute articles to either publication. Our student members also have not contributed. With the high cost of publishing and posting the *Frontline* we need further discussion as to whether we wish to continue with multiple *Frontlines* in any given year.

The executive maintained constant communication via email and I would like to express my appreciation for the advice and input I received from the executive. Due to the commitments of the executive members in the past year, a suitable time and venue for an Interim executive council meeting was not found. The exec met via a conference call in early spring. The meeting was successful and we have plans to continue in the upcoming year. Conference calls are inexpensive and provide a good venue to express ideas and keep one another current.

One last item of information. Brent Beyak and I on behalf of the APC, developed guidelines for the CDA for the Recognition of Cleansers for Removable Dentures. The CDA review of our document was just completed and we anticipate the guidelines will be posted shortly on the CDA website. This project was initiated in 2004 at our AGM.

It was a pleasure to serve as APC president and I plan to continue to participate, contribute and support the incoming APC executive. Without a strong organizational presence on the national scene the interests of individual prosthodontists would not be served. I again encourage all members to support your organization. Thank you.

Randy Mazurat
APC Past President