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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Let's Communicate



Dr. Nancy Dubois
President, APC

On May 26 2014, during the Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Les Journées Dentaires Internationales de Québec (JDIQ), it was with pride and honour that I assumed the role of APC President Dr Bernie Linke lead the APC with exceptional expertise and dedication.

When I joined the APC in 2008, I did not realize how important this Association was for the profession of Prosthodontics in Canada. However, when I became a member of the Executive committee, I understood the crucial role played by the APC in representing prosthodontics at the National level. The Association's Mission Statement is "To advance our Specialty and serve

our Members, while acting as the National and International voice of Prosthodontics for Canada". Fortunately, APC past presidents have been highly dedicated and proactive in building a strong foundation in support of the APC mission statement.

As a result of the Annual Environmental Scan, the Canadian Dental Association (CDA) identified nine megatrends in dentistry. Many of these trends have a direct impact on the prosthodontics providers and patients. The Role of Alternative Providers and the Perception of Commercialization of Dentistry are among some of these trends. The APC is regularly consulted by the CDA to provide position statements in support of the development of The National Oral Health Action Plan adapted to today's reality.

Another area of interest at the provincial level is the associations' fight to stop attempts by alternative providers to increase their scope of practice. Rightfully so, since patients may not be presented with all the necessary information they require to fully consent to the best possible treatment. An expanded scope of practice accepted by a Provincial Health Authority, could lead to nationwide acceptance through the Government of Canada Inter-provincial Labour Mobility Initiative. Sometimes, a simple change in the words used to define a service can have a huge impact on a scope of practice. Raising national awareness of the provincial prosthodontics associations' challenges will provide another perspective that will help in making decisions on a smaller scale.

With people living longer, comes an increased number of prosthodontic procedures, with some more complex than others. Patients have the right to be fully informed of all their treatment options and no one is better trained than prosthodontists in providing the required education to meet that goal.

More than ever, as a group, we should strive to develop more effective communication tools to unite the profession. I am hopeful that you will be proactive in maintaining your APC membership in good standing and encourage others to join.

In closing, I strongly encourage you to discuss your challenges and voice your concerns either through your provincial association or directly through the APC Executive Committee.

Enjoy your summer vacation!

Dr Nancy Dubois
APC President

MESSAGE DE LA PRÉSIDENTE

Communiquons !

C'est avec grand plaisir et honneur que j'ai pris la relève du Dr Bernie Linke comme Présidente de l'APC le 26 mai 2014, lors de l'Assemblée Générale Annuelle (AGA) tenue pendant les Journées Dentaires Internationales de Québec (JDIQ), à Montréal. Le Dr Bernie Linke, Ancien Président, a dirigé l'APC avec grand dévouement et expertise.

En 2008, alors que je m'enrôlais avec l'APC, je réalisais pas l'important rôle que cette association jouait pour la profession de la prosthodontie au Canada. C'est en joignant le comité exécutif que j'ai commencé à saisir le rôle fondamental joué par l'APC dans la représentation de la profession au niveau national. L'énoncé de mission de l'APC est "D'enrichir notre Spécialité et de servir nos Membres tout en étant la voix nationale et internationale des Prosthodontistes du Canada." Heureusement, les Anciens Présidents de l'APC ont été assidus et proactifs dans l'établissement de fondations solides supportant l'énoncé de mission de l'APC.

Récemment, L'Association Dentaire Canadienne (ADC) a identifié neuf méga tendances lors de leur Scan Environnemental Annuel. Plusieurs de ces tendances ont un impact direct sur les prosthodontistes et leurs patients. Le Rôle des Prestataires Alternatifs en dentisterie ainsi que et la Perception de Commercialisation de la Dentisterie font partie des ces tendances. L'APC est régulièrement consultée par l'ADC afin de confirmer des énoncés de position qui entre autres, contribuent à développer un Plan d'Action en Santé Dentaire adapté à la réalité d'aujourd'hui.

Un autre point d'intérêt est le combat des associations prosthodontiques provinciales pour arrêter les tentatives d'élargissement de champs d'activités professionnelles des prestataires alternatifs de soins dentaires. Une lutte tout à fait légitime puisque les patients pourraient ne pas recevoir toute l'information nécessaire leur permettant de faire meilleur choix de traitement. Un champ de pratique élargi approuvé par une Autorité en Santé Provinciale, pourrait se voir appliqué à l'échelle nationale si l'initiative de Mobilité de la Main-d'œuvre Inter-Provinciale du Gouvernement du Canada est appliquée. Parfois, le changement tout simple d'un mot pour définir un service peut avoir un impact majeur sur le champ de pratique. La sensibilisation nationale sur les défis rencontrés par chaque association provinciale offre une autre perspective qui peut permettre de faire de meilleures décisions à petite échelle.

Une population vivant plus longtemps, requiert soins prosthodontiques plus nombreux dont, certains plus compliqués que d'autres. Les patients ont le droit d'être informés sur toutes leurs options de traitement. Qui est mieux entraîné pour offrir tous ces choix ? le prosthodontiste.

Plus que jamais, les prosthodontistes ont besoin de s'unir et de développer des moyens de communications efficaces. J'espère que vous serez proactifs en maintenant votre adhésion à l'APC en règle et que vous encouragerez vos pairs à rejoindre l'APC,

En terminant, faites nous part de vos défis et soucis soit par l'entremise de votre association provinciale ou directement aux membres de l'exécutif de l'APC.

Profitez bien de vos vacances estivales !

D^{re} Nancy Dubois

LETTER TO APC MEMBERS



Dr. Peter Stutman
Past President (2001)

To Members of the Associations of Prosthodontists of Québec and Canada

I have delayed writing this letter as I wanted to digest the disappointment as to why so few of our members of the APQ and APC attended the annual meeting held during the Journées Dentaire here in Montreal at the end of May.

We have as a collective group of prosthodontists a responsibility to support and respect our own efforts and to attend our own sessions. Michael Moscovitch and Jean-François Brochu put together a strong program of key Canadian and American speakers. It was a valiant effort.

We had an opportunity to show those who attended the dental convention who we are. Where was the support from our members both locally and nationally? What an insult to the presenters finding themselves in a large room with so few prosthodontists in attendance and a vast number of empty seats.

Organizations such as the American College of Prosthodontist and the Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics, which I attend regularly, always have their members in attendance because meetings such as these are for us to interact and learn.

The fact that so few attended through the two days indicates quite clearly that it certainly does not bode well to bother in the future.

It was an embarrassment to us all.

Peter Stutman DDS, Prosthodontist

PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dr. Bernie Linke
President, APC

The Association of Prosthodontists of Canada is the voice of the specialty of prosthodontics in Canada and I am grateful for the opportunity to have been the President for our organization for the past 2 years. I would like to thank the Executive and Councilors who have contributed to this organization. I would also like to thank all the members of APC, who by their membership give credibility and a means to maintain APC as the representative voice for our specialty in Canada. A special thank you to our administrator, Christine Wyatt, who does such a wonderful job in keeping the organizational components of our association going in the right direction.

The 2013-2014 year for the APC Executive involved a key issue that needed to be addressed, namely the writing of the By-laws to conform to the new government regulations for non-profit organizations. Duncan Chambers, along with the help of our administrator, did a tremendous amount of work in re-writing the By-laws. The draft of the bylaws was reviewed at our Interim APC Executive meeting in March, revised as needed, reviewed by a lawyer, revised again and then presented to you in advance for your review and approval. The past two years has seen validation of our decision to support the

creation of the Canadian Dental Specialties Association (CDSA). CDSA has become the collective voice for specialists in Canada. Please refer to Dr. Duncan Chambers' report for a detailed report of the accomplishments and ongoing issues that are being dealt with on your behalf as a specialist in Canada. Dr. Chambers is the Vice-President of the CDSA and incoming President of CDSA. Many thanks to Dr. Chambers for his ongoing work in CDSA on our behalf.

I would also like to thank one of our members, Dr. Michael Moskovitch, who a couple of years ago indicated he would like to see APC, along with the Quebec prosthodontic specialty organization have a two day prosthodontic conference along with our AGM. Dr. Moskovitch and his colleagues are to be thanked for their remarkable work in making our 2014 Montreal meeting a reality. The result is we have the opportunity for a social and educational meeting along with the AGM.

My four goals as President were:

1. Increase membership
2. Engage our Executive and Councilors
3. Promote the importance of APC to the prosthodontists of Canada
4. Contribute to making APC the organization that is the voice for the specialty of Prosthodontics.

We have made small steps in all the areas above but will need your support for us to continue to grow and evolve as a relevant and influential organization. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as President.



2014-2016 Executive - L to R:

Dr. Caroline Nguyen (Vice President)
Dr. Nancy Dubois (President),
Dr. Brent Winnett (Secretary-Treasurer)
Dr. Bernie Linke (Past President)



2012-2014 Executive and Councilors - L to R: Drs. Nancy Dubois, Pierre Boudrias, Caroline Nguyen, Brent Winnett (elected 2014), Robert Saunders, Stuart Richardson, Bernie Linke.

APC Interim Executive Meeting

**New Orleans Nov 5-8 2014 during the
American College of Prosthodontics
Annual Session**

location and time TBA

APC Annual General Meeting 2015

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ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

MAY 23-27, 2014 IN MONTREAL

The 2014 AGM at the Journées dentaires internationales du Québec

The Journées Dentaires Internationales de Québec (JDIQ) is the Ordre des dentistes du Québec (ODQ) annual meeting. Over 12,000 dental health providers attended the JDIQ this year. The organizing committee of the JDIQ graciously offered the APC to join the Association des Prosthodontistes du Québec at their annual meeting held during this event. The APC members had the opportunity to attend the meeting at no charge. They were also able to attend excellent quality continuing education due to the hard work of Dr. Michael Moscovitch, assisted by Dr Jean-François Brochu and Dr Gilles Gauthier who put together a two day program on a wide range of prosthodontic topics with speakers from the United States and Canada.

There were two full days of lectures dedicated to a full range of prosthodontic topics. The lectures occurred on Monday May 26 and Tuesday May 27, 2014 with the following speakers:

1. Dr. Clark Stanford (Pros. University of Iowa, USA)
2. Dr. Effrat Habsha (Pros. Toronto, Canada)
3. Dr. Richard Toth (Pros. Virginia, USA)
4. Dr. Ken Malament (Pros. Boston, USA)
5. Michael Schreck, CDT, Montreal, Canada- in French
6. Dr. Chris Marchack (Pros. Los Angeles, USA)
7. Dr. Mark Lin (Pros. Toronto, Canada)
8. Dr. Hassan Moghadam (OMFS, Ottawa, Canada)

NB. The APC would like to thank Dr Denis Forest and Dr Jonathan Lang from the JDIQ who welcomed our group, Dr. Moscovitch and the APQ, all the speakers and sponsors.

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L'AGA 2014, aux Journées dentaires internationales du Québec

Les Journées dentaires internationales de Québec (JDIQ) est l'événement annuel de l'Ordre des dentistes du Québec (ODQ). Au-delà de 12 000 intervenants en santé dentaire ont assisté aux JDIQ cette année. Le Comité organisateur des JDIQ a gracieusement offert à l'APC de se joindre à L'Association des prosthodontistes du Québec (APQ) leur rencontre annuelle. Les membres de l'APC ont eu la chance de participer aux JDIQ sans frais. Les efforts de Dr Michael Moscovitch, assisté de Dr Jean-François Brochu et Dr Gilles Gauthier, ont permis de mettre sur pied un programme de deux journées d'éducation continue d'excellente qualité. Une grande variété de sujets en prosthodontie ont été couverts par des conférenciers en provenance des États-Unis et du Canada.

Les présentations ont eu lieu les 26 et 27 mai et les conférenciers suivants ont performé pour l'occasion:

1. Dr. Clark Stanford (Pros. University of Iowa, USA)
2. Dr. Effrat Habsha (Pros. Toronto, Canada)
3. Dr. Richard Toth (Pros. Virginia, USA)
4. Dr. Ken Malament (Pros. Boston, USA)
5. Michael Schreck, CDT, Montreal, Canada- in French
6. Dr. Chris Marchack (Pros. Los Angeles, USA)
7. Dr. Mark Lin (Pros. Toronto, Canada)
8. Dr. Hassan Moghadam (OMFS, Ottawa, Canada)

L'APC aimerait remercier Dr Denis Forest et Dr Jonathan Lang des JDIQ qui ont accueilli cet événement, Dr Moscovitch et l'APQ, les conférenciers invités ainsi que les commanditaires (nommés ici-bas).



Dr. Mark Lin (Toronto, Canada)

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RCDC REPORT

Dr. Nancy Dubois, APC President



NATIONAL DENTAL SPECIALTY EXAMINATION 2014

The Royal College of Dentists of Canada (RCDC) held the National Dental Specialty Examination (NDSE) Component II on June 19-20, 2014 in Toronto. Many candidates participated in the examination in hope to earn their RCDC Fellowship. Component II of the examination, previously called the Oral Examination consisted of two 90-minute-sessions during which the candidates were challenged on clinical situations presented in the form of standardized vignettes and questions. Dr. Francine Albert, together with her colleagues, developed this examination and was assisted by a group of enthusiastic examiners (see picture below) in the administration of Component II.

At the end of the 2014 Component II session, Dr. Kieth Manning, Chief Examiner for the Prosthodontic NDSE since 2009, passed the “baton” to Dr. Izchak Barzilay, the new Chief Examiner. Dr. Manning was instrumental in the implementation of many major changes ordered by the RCDC over the past few years. He faced strong challenges with his usual dedication and professionalism. The APC would like to congratulate Dr. Manning on his achievements.

RAPPORT DU CRCDC: EXAMEN NATIONAL DES SPÉCIALITÉS DENTAIRES 2014

L'Examen National des Spécialités Dentaires (ENSD) Volet II organisé par le Collège Royal des Chirugiens Dentistes du Canada (CRCDC) a eu lieu les 19-20 Juin 2014 à Toronto. Un grand nombre de candidats ont participé à l'examen dans l'espoir d'obtenir leur Fellowship. Le Volet II de l'examen, autrefois appelé Examen Oral, est constitué de deux sessions de 90 minutes pendant lesquelles les candidats sont exposés à des cas cliniques spécifiques et questions standardisées. Dr^{re}. Francine Albert et ses collègues ont développé le questionnaire d'examen au préalable. Elle était assistée d'un groupe d'examineurs enthousiastes lors de l'administration du Volet II (voir photographie ici-bas).

À la fin de la session du Volet II 2014, Dr^r. Kieth Manning, Examineur en Chef pour la Prosthodontie depuis 2009, a passé le témoin au Dr^r. Izchak Barzilay, le nouvel Examineur en Chef. Au cours de ses années en poste, Dr^r. Manning a joué un rôle clé dans la mise en place de plusieurs changements majeurs ordonnés par le CRCDC. Il a fait face à des défis de grande taille avec détermination et professionnalisme. L'APC tient à féliciter le Dr^r. Manning pour ses accomplissements.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Christine Wyatt, Assistant Editor and APC Administrator

Membership

Total membership at the time of the AGM was 188. Of that number (including the new members), 123 are Active members 32 are Life members, 4 non-Resident, 24 Student and 5 Honorary.

Nine new Active members were approved at the 2014 AGM, and nine new Student members. As well, one of our long time Non-Resident members was approved to the new membership category of Non-Resident Life Member. Congratulations to all!

Transition to the new Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act (NFP Act)

There is a new set of rules for federally incorporated not-for-profit corporations in Canada. These new rules replace Part II of the Canada Corporations Act (old Act), the law that has governed federal corporations for nearly a century. The rules under the NFP Act are modern, flexible and more suited to the needs of the not-for-profit sector. Every existing federally incorporated not-for-profit corporation must take action to make the transition to the NFP Act. Each corporation must replace its letters patent and by-laws with new charter documents. This means that APC must submit articles of continuance to obtain a Certificate of Continuance as well as create and file new by-laws. The articles and by-laws must comply with the NFP Act. These charter documents set out the primary rules governing the corporation.

Documents required for approval at the AGM were posted to the Bylaws and Policies page on the APC website and are still available to be downloaded.

The primary changes from our previous by-laws were the addition of a new membership category for Non-Resident Life members, and the application requirement which specifies that applicants either already hold a provincial specialty license or can produce a graduate diploma from a prosthodontic specialty program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation in Canada (CDAC) or by the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) in the United States. Quorum numbers were also modified to 10% of the total voting members (from 20%).

Journal subscriptions

APC members had a decision to make at the 2014 AGM regarding their Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry (JPD) subscriptions. The JPD has been made available as a choice of either online-only or print-plus-online. The online-only version is being offered to APC members as a block subscription (all or none, no individual selections) but at a less expensive rate. In 2014 the rate was \$82 for electronic vs. \$202 (plus taxes) for print. If the membership had chosen to continue receiving the print version, all members would automatically have received access to the online version as well. Note that the print rates are scheduled go up by another \$8 in 2015, making the average cost per member just over \$230 after taxes and our membership dues needed to rise by \$40-\$50 to accommodate that. The members present at the 2014 AGM voted to discontinue the print subscriptions of the JPD and offer the online only version to our Active members as part of the membership benefits.

Benefits

Active APC members continue to enjoy generous discounts from our corporate sponsors. Astra Tech Canada, Straumann, Ivoclar, Nobel Biocare and Biomet 3i offer 10% discounts on select products, and also receive significant discounts on the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry. For more information, please refer to the Benefits of Membership page on our website (http://www.prosthodontics.ca/memberbenefits_eng.html).

APC Active members should contact their local representatives when placing orders. All sponsoring suppliers receive an annual list of **Active** members so your name may need to be checked against this list. (Note that Student and Non-Resident members are not eligible for member benefits.) The APC membership cards will no longer be sent out due to unavailability of the card stock, so if your name is not listed with a corporate sponsor, please contact the APC Administrator. Members declining permission to release their names to the sponsoring companies are asked to use their membership receipts to prove eligibility for discounts. Members may view or print copies of their dues statements by logging into the APC website and viewing their personal profile.

APC Website

Translations continue slowly. We have had the entire patient's section of the site translated and other sections will follow. Everyone is busy, but if we could "crowd source" this project it would go much more quickly. If you can assist with the translation of even one web page it would help us get it completed more quickly and with less cost.

Christine Wyatt, Assistant Editor and APC Administrator

Association of Prosthodontists of Canada

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Welcome to New Active Members in 2014

Dr. Arif Sumar
Dr. Emilie L'Homme-Langlois
Dr. Patick Miklos (Active – NS)
Dr. Catherine Dubé (Active – QC)
Dr. Jonathan Ng (Active – BC)
Dr. David Alfaro (Active – BC)
Dr. Angela Wong (Active – AB)
Dr. Brent Winnett (Active – ON)
Dr. Dmitri Svirsky (Active – ON)

Welcome to New Life Member in 2014

Dr. Perry Goldberg (Non-Resident Life Member)

Welcome to New Student Members in 2014

Dr. Fouad Badr (Student – U Minn)
Dr. Ashkan Ebrahimpour (Student UofT)
Dr. David Powell (Student UofT)
Dr. Walaa Ahmed (Student UBC)
Dr. Vincent Lee (Student UBC)
Dr. Zhenzi (Lucy) Liu (Student UBC)
Dr. Nesrine Mostafa (Student UBC)
Dr. Yasser Khaled (Student UBC – entry fall 2014)
Dr. Peter Walker (Student UBC – entry fall 2014)

On a sad note, our sincere condolences to the family of APC Life Member **Dr. Graham Matheson** who passed away on March 23, 2014. A celebration of life was to be held in mid June with only family members attending.

NHIB REVIEW TASK FORCE

The CDA has just concluded a very successful series of meetings with Federal Parliamentarians as part of CDA's 'Days on the Hill'. One of the key issues that the CDA raised was the NIHB programme. CDA specifically asked for a comprehensive review of the entire programme and in a meeting with the federal Minister of Health, the Honourable Rona Ambrose, the Minister confirmed that there will be a review and she invited CDA to contribute to the initiative. Consequently, CDA is establishing a 'NIHB Review Task Force' composed of one representative from each interested Corporate Member.

Minister Ambrose indicated that the NIHB review will be conducted jointly between Health Canada and the Assembly of First Nations. Given that the CDA has developed a close relationship with the AFN, there will be good opportunities for consultation and sharing of information on our respective approaches. For the past three years, the AFN has been joining CDA in its 'Days on the Hill' and our two organizations regularly consult each other. So, the necessary links to the AFN are in place and should prove to be helpful.

The Federal Government's decision for a NIHB review is good news. The first step for CDA is to ensure that we have the appropriate process in place to consult Corporate Members and CDSA and develop consensus positions to ensure that the profession can speak with one strong voice - hence the need for a NIHB Review Task Force.

The OMFS group, as an individual provincial specialty organization (Alberta, AOMSA), and as a national specialty organization (CAOMS) have made significant changes to the NIHB; however, the changes seem to affect only their specialty (OMFS). They have successfully removed the requirement for predetermination on many surgical procedure codes, exam codes and xray limitations, but just for OMFS.

Recently, I received predetermination notice from NIHB for a patient needing dentures. On the bottom of the predetermination it said predetermination of benefits is no longer required for dentures greater than 8 years. My receptionist called to enquire if the policy changed from 5 years and was told that it is eight years and that "the no predetermination required clause applies **only to denturists**."

The current system of providing prosthetic services to those with NIHB coverage is very difficult and I believe that many NIHB covered members have been denied timely and necessary prosthodontic care due to the bureaucracy and limitations imposed by NIHB.

CDSA would like to solicit feedback from APC members about the problems they are having with NIHB and any specific recommendations that they may have.

PS: Feel free to use all parts of this letter to solicit input from APC members but please do not have them send their input to directly to me. A concise list of problems and suggestions for improvements is requested from the APC that can be included in the CDSA submission to the CDA task force.

CDSA REPORT

Dr. Duncan Chambers, APC representative to CDSA,
Vice-President CDSA, APC Past President 2010-2012



The Canadian Dental Specialties Association (CDSA) has progressed from a vision to becoming the officially recognized national voice of Dental Specialties in Canada. The CDSA has made significant progress to fulfill its mandate as the authoritative national voice of Canadian National Dental Specialty Organizations.

The CDSA has established a strong relationship with the Canadian Dental Association (CDA). The CDA has formally disbanded its internal Committee On Specialist Affairs (COSA), which was traditionally the conduit between the CDA and Dental Specialists; the CDSA has officially taken on this role.

There is now a direct link between the CDSA and the CDA for all dental specialty organizations. Prior to the formation of the CDSA, a committee of Specialist Affairs (COSA) formed by the CDA represented all dental specialists, now each specialty association selects its own representative through the CDSA.

All nine members of the CDSA (one representative for each specialty organization) recently had their second meeting with the board of directors of the CDA in April. This annual meeting will allow us to discuss important issues concerning dental specialists. The President of the CDA has opened a direct line of communication and has invited the President of the CDSA to call him directly on any matter of concern. In return, the CDSA has been available to respond to many requests by CDA for input on matters concerning dental specialists. Not only does the CDSA meet with the CDA board of directors, representatives of each of the nine specialty organizations attended the CDA annual general meeting and the CDSA also selects the person to fill the specialist representative voting seat at the CDA. This is significant as there are only 18 voting representatives at the CDA and the CDSA will have a voice at the CDA.

For the first time, the CDSA developed a program for the 2014 CDA National Dental Forum at the CDA annual general meeting in Ottawa. This was an interactive three hour forum that provided an opportunity to examine and discuss current issues and concerns in dentistry among CDA's Members and leadership. It allowed CDSA to highlight its role as the voice of dental specialists.

The CDSA has identified the need for recognition and participation in other national dental organizations as one of its key objectives. The CDSA has obtained observer status at the annual council meetings of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada (RCDC). The CDSA has also obtained observer status at the annual board meeting of the Canadian Dental Regulatory Authorities Federation (CDRAF).

Recent activities of the CDSA include:

1) The CDSA was asked by the CDA to nominate a member to sit on the CDRAF (Canadian Dental Regulatory Authorities Federation) board that considered the application for specialty status for dental anaesthesia. Each dental specialty organization was given the opportunity to provide input to the CDRAF and the CDSA let each specialty voice its own opinions in this matter. The application for specialty recognition was unsuccessful.

2) CDAC (Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada) proposal for changes to the requirements for program directors. These changes have been requested by the Association of Canadian Faculties of Dentistry (ACFD). Basically, they would eliminate the requirement of the specialty program directors that are American Board Certified to ever have to complete the NDSE (currently they have two years) and would eliminate the requirement for program directors to be licensed/registered as dental specialists in Canada. CDSA has voiced its concerns for the proposal and is unanimously opposed.

3) The CDA concluded a very successful series of meetings with Federal Parliamentarians as part of CDA's 'Days on the Hill'. One of the key issues that the CDA raised was the NIHB program. CDA specifically asked for a comprehensive review of the entire program and in a meeting with the federal Minister of Health, the Honourable Rona Ambrose, the Minister confirmed that there will be a review and she invited CDA to contribute to the initiative. Consequently, CDA is establishing a 'NIHB Review Task Force' composed of one representative from each interested Corporate Member. The CDSA has nominated a dental specialist to this task force.

I am proud of what the CDSA has achieved in a relatively short period of time. Its future success will depend on the active involvement of each of the nine dental specialty organizations and individual dental specialists across Canada. The CDSA greatly appreciates your support and will continue to endeavour to be the national voice of dental specialty organizations.



Dr. Hubert Gaucher

MESSAGE FROM Dr. Hubert Gaucher, Past President (1988)

At APC's last General Assembly this past May in Montréal, the subject of our specialty's visibility through APC's website was broached by its Executive. This kind of initiative by the way, serves as an example for Québec's APQ to get its own website going.

I asked to address the APC Assembly to announce CARDP's Annual Scientific Meeting in September in Montréal, and, while I was at it, instinctively made a rallying plea, given the dismal state of Prosthodontics in the Province of Québec.

What follows is information I was asked to share with all APC members regarding the many infringements intended to undermine Prosthodontists here.

The Québec Government BERNIER Report: ¹

The Québec Government Regulatory Agency, the *Office des professions*, published its 2013 report: *Le Comité d'experts sur la modernisation des pratiques professionnelles dans le domaine buccodentaire*.² Translated, it reads: The committee of **experts** on the modernisation of professional practices in the dental field. Dr. Bernier, the person who presided this committee, just so you know, is an MD. I guess no competent dentist could be found for the task!

The panel of experts on this committee comprised the following: 2 hygienists, 2 dental assistants, 2 dental technicians, 2 denturists, and 2 dentists sitting independently. I should also mention that the Bernier Committee operated without a single representative of the Order of Dentists of Québec present, since the latter refused to take part in such a travesty since only 2 designated dentists could be appointed. The imposed structure of this committee was clearly intended to reduce the impact of the ODQ's representatives.

The ensuing conclusions out of the Bernier Report are devastating for Organized Dentistry; to wit its recommendation to take the laboratory work prescription for dental appliances and prostheses away from the dentist's professional responsibility, and hand it over to the dental

laboratory, giving the latter complete authority for design, material selection and manufacturing procedures. In my 40+ years of working closely with dental technicians, I have never witnessed such instructions. What would be the motive to marginalize the dentist as the Dental Team Leader?

It is with a temporary sigh of relief that such recommendations have been shelved, for the time being.

Québec Denturists will become THE experts in Implant Supported Prostheses:

Another interesting twist is the outright support by the Québec Ministry of Education in financing the Denturist Collegiate Program, which intends to provide more than 750 hours of curriculum dedicated to Implant Supported Prostheses. Consequently, denturists will clearly be in a position to document and boast to the public at large, that they have more expertise than dentists, and quite likely, even Prosthodontists, in the field of Implant Rehabilitations. They will no doubt fail to mention that they have none of the actual well-rounded knowledge or practical experience that dentists possess. Furthermore, major implant manufacturers are supporting this ambition of the denturists by supplying components at both the surgical and prosthodontic levels. General dentists are being actively recruited to place the manufacturers' implants, since, according to the present Québec regulations, the Surgical Collaborator (dentist) is the operator responsible for overseeing the final implant supported prosthodontic treatments of denturists. Such a convoluted interpretation transforms, de facto, any dentist into a Prosthodontic expert and gives the needed credibility to denturists. How convenient!

University Prosthodontic Programs are under-financed:

I dedicated my career to Prosthodontics in Academia for over three decades, and can attest to the progressively dwindling financial resources allotted to the hiring of full-time Prosthodontists throughout the Québec Dental Faculties. All too often, general dentists, who had an

interest for the field, filled in whenever Prosthodontists retired or vacated. A distressing case in point: the only accredited Prosthodontic Speciality Program of our province, at Université de Montréal, had to close its doors due to floundering budgets.

Denturist Ads are displacing Prosthodontists:

Behold a TV ad now playing across our province, in which a Tooth Fairy loses her traditional garb to mutate into a voluptuous young denturist maiden, beckoning the audience to call on her for the replacement of their teeth. And this outright misrepresentation of the denturist's limited professional qualifications is actually tolerated by the various professional associations in our province, including the ODQ. What is more, to add insult to injury, dental centres, now mingling general dentists among their denturists, are aggressively luring patients with installment payment plans, something the ODQ forbids dentists from doing. Needless to say that such dental centres have full-time legal departments on retainer.

What to do? React and Act

Report Infractions:

Dr. Nancy Dubois, newly elected President of APC, clearly stated at the Montréal meeting in May, that she will make it a priority to inform APC's membership about the various controversial infringements on our specialty. I applaud her determination and encourage all APC members to denounce any encroachment, actual or looming, into the field of Prosthodontics in their respective regions so that APC can take appropriate action.

Increase Our Visibility:

Earmarked websites as well as printed and/or electronic publications, can spread the word regarding our specialty. For example, the *Canadian Journal of Restorative Dentistry and Prosthodontics* (CJRDP, www.cardp.ca) was founded in 2008 as the official publication of the Canadian Academy of Restorative Dentistry and Prosthodontics. This peer reviewed Journal, that reaches 13,000 dentists nationally, has invited APC to participate in its endeavors, and to take advantage of this additional venue, in order to learn about, and, by the same token, to inform the dental profession at large, of the Prosthodontist's perspectives. Case reports, book and article reviews, research reports, specialty announcements, CE activities and blog summaries are all welcome. Moreover, prosthodontists are encouraged to participate on the CJRDP's Editorial Board or as peer reviewers. It is now up to APC to obtain a mandate from its membership, supporting the CJRDP, the only Canadian Journal primarily devoted to Prosthodontics.

Participate in Transitioning Dental Research:

Incidentally, the CJRDP's upcoming Editorial (Vol 7-2, Summer 2014, www.cardp.ca) takes a close look at the much needed transitioning of dental research, from a strictly academic milieu (in Dental Faculties), to a close collaboration with Industry-based projects, while addressing patients' concerns for treatment outcomes. Prosthodontists are well suited to lead this transition; by using Dental Practice Based Research

models, and collectively generating scientific quality Evidence Based Data, they will reclaim and affirm their leadership in the orientations of **their** specialty.

Are Prosthodontists Collectively Disconnected?

Yes we are. We remain complacent, even smug, in our certainty that no harm could or would ever reach us, and that the authorities we pay to represent us are doing a fine job. There is also, we need to admit, a heavy dose of laziness in our laissez-faire attitude. Rather than take matters into our own hands, we're allowing private enterprise to dictate our courses, and our courses of action. Beware, for one day, we will be replaced by facsimiles. That process has already begun.

As a specialty group we must lead the way and not rely on Industry sponsored speakers to be the primary mouthpiece of Organized Prosthodontics. Otherwise, we're merely biding our time on a sinking ship.



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Dr. Hubert Gaucher

LES PROSTHODONTISTES SONT-ILS DÉBRANCHÉS? QUE FAIRE?

Dr Hubert Gaucher, ancien président (1988)

À la dernière assemblée générale de l'APC en mai à Montréal, le sujet de la visibilité de notre spécialité par le biais de son site web fut soulevé par le conseil d'administration. Il ne tiendrait qu'à l'APQ, en passant, d'en faire autant et d'entreprendre une telle initiative.

J'ai demandé d'adresser l'assemblée de l'APC dans le but d'annoncer le congrès annuel de l'ACDRP qui aura lieu à Montréal en septembre, puis, pendant mon allocution, il m'est venue l'envie de plaider la cause de la Prosthodontie au Québec, dont la situation est précaire.

Ce qui suit constitue un regard sur les violations braquées sur les prosthodontistes d'ici, que l'APC m'a prié de bien vouloir faire connaître.

Le Rapport Bernier du Gouvernement du Québec¹

L'Office des professions du Québec a publié un rapport en 2013 intitulé «Le comité d'experts sur la modernisation des pratiques professionnelles dans le domaine buccodentaire»² Dr Bernier, président de ce comité, est un médecin, soit dit en passant.

Il faut croire qu'aucun dentiste compétent ne pouvait combler ce poste.

Les membres constituants de ce jury d'experts étaient: 2 hygiénistes dentaires, 2 assistants dentaires, 2 techniciens dentaires, 2 denturologistes, et 2 dentistes autonomes. Je dois souligner que le Comité Bernier a siégé sans un seul représentant de l'ODQ à la table, étant donné le refus de ce dernier de participer à une telle parodie. La structure imposée par le Comité Bernier, qui ne permettait que 2 dentistes, cherchait clairement à affaiblir l'impact de l'ODQ.

Les conclusions du Rapport Bernier sont accablantes pour la dentisterie; notez par exemple la recommandation de soustraire le dentiste de sa tâche professionnelle de prescrire les appareils dentaires et les prothèses, pour la remettre entre les mains du laboratoire dentaire, lui confiant ainsi l'autorité entière pour le design, la sélection des matériaux et la procédure de fabrication.

Depuis plus de 40 ans, je travaille étroitement avec les techniciens dentaires, et je n'ai jamais vu une telle chose. Quel serait le motif pour marginaliser le dentiste comme chef de l'équipe dentaire?

C'est avec un soupir provisoire que de telles recommandations sont présentement mises au rancart; mais pour combien de temps?

Les denturologistes québécois deviendront les experts en prothèses implanto-portées:

Autre fait saillant: le Ministère de l'Éducation du Québec entend financer un programme de denturologie au niveau cégepien, qui dédiera plus de 750 heures de son curriculum à la prothèse implanto-portée. Les denturologistes seront par conséquent en mesure de documenter et vanter au grand public, que ce sont eux les vrais experts de la réhabilitation implantaire, et non les dentistes ou même les prosthodontistes. Ils oublieront sans doute de mentionner qu'ils ne possèdent aucunement les connaissances de base d'un dentiste, ni son expérience dentaire exhaustive.

Et de surcroît, les manufacturiers d'implants soutiennent cette ambition des denturologistes en leur fournissant leurs composantes aux niveaux chirurgical et prosthodontique. Les dentistes généralistes sont recrutés pour placer les implants, puisque, selon les règlements actuels, le dentiste est le seul intervenant responsable de la surveillance des traitements implanto-portés prodigués par le denturologiste. Cette interprétation des faits convertit tout dentiste en expert de la Prosthodontie tout en accordant au denturologiste une crédibilité tant convoitée!

Les programmes dentaires universitaires sont sous-financés:

Durant plus de 30 ans, ma carrière universitaire fut dédiée à la Prosthodontie, et c'est en connaissance de cause que j'affirme que les ressources financières consacrées à l'embauche de professeurs prosthodontistes à temps-plein vont en diminuant, dans toutes nos facultés dentaires. Trop souvent, des dentistes omnipraticiens comblent les postes de prosthodontistes retraités ou sor-

tants. Autre fait démoralisant: l'unique programme de spécialité en Prosthodontie accrédité dans notre province, à l'Université de Montréal, s'est vu obligé de fermer ses portes, faute de budgets.

Les publicités des denturologistes sont en train de «tasser» les prosthodontistes:

Voyez la fée des dents à la télévision qui se transforme en denturologue séduisante, nous interpeller en nous invitant à avoir recours à ses services pour remplacer nos dents. Cette flagrante représentation trompeuse des qualifications professionnelles du denturologue est non seulement fausse, mais elle est tolérée par les associations dentaires de notre province, y inclus l'ODQ! Et pour couronner le tout, nos centres dentaires, qui ne se gênent plus d'entremêler des dentistes parmi leurs denturologistes, attirent maintenant les patients avec leurs plans de financement aux paiements échelonnés, chose que l'ODQ défend aux dentistes. Il va sans dire que de tels centres embauchent leurs propres équipes légales permanentes.

Que faire? Réagir et agir

Signaler les infractions:

La nouvelle présidente de l'APC, Dre Nancy Dubois, a déclaré, lors du congrès à Montréal en mai, sa ferme intention de faire connaître aux membres les violations de notre spécialité. J'applaudis son initiative et j'encourage tous les membres de l'APC à dénoncer toute usurpation, réelle ou potentielle, relevant de la Prosthodontie dans leurs régions respectives afin que l'APC puisse agir en conséquence.

Accroître notre visibilité:

Les sites web consacrés à notre spécialité ainsi que les diverses publications, scriptes ou électroniques, aident à exposer et diffuser notre présence. Par exemple, le Journal canadien de dentisterie restauratrice et de prosthodontie (JCDRP; www.cardp.ca) étant le périodique officiel de l'Académie canadienne de dentisterie restauratrice et de prosthodontie, existe depuis 2008. Cette publication, revue par des pairs, qui rejoint 13 000 lecteurs à travers le pays, a offert à l'APC d'unir ses efforts avec ceux du Journal afin de profiter d'un médium d'information de plus, et par le fait même, propager les points de vue prosthodontiques parmi tous les professionnels dentaires. Des rapports de cas, des revues d'articles et de volumes, des résultats de recherche, des annonces spécialisées, des activités de EC et des résumés de blogs sont tous bienvenus. Du reste, les prosthodontistes sont encouragés à participer sur le comité de rédaction du Journal ou en tant que réviseurs. C'est au tour de l'APC d'entériner la démarche de collaboration avec le JCDRP, l'unique publication dédiée principalement à la Prosthodontie au Canada.

Participer dans la transition de la recherche dentaire:

Justement, le prochain éditorial du JCDRP (vol. 7-2, été 2014. www.cardp.ca) porte sur la transition de la recherche dentaire, en parlant du milieu institutionnel (facultés dentaires) vers une coopération étroite dans les projets provenant de l'industrie manufacturière, tout en tenant compte des attentes des patients. Les prosthodontistes sont

fort bien placés pour mener cette transition; en utilisant les modèles de la recherche dentaire basée sur les faits, et en produisant des banques de données scientifiques de haut niveau, ils pourront revendiquer le contrôle et l'orientation de leur spécialité.

Les prosthodontistes sont-ils débranchés?

Oui, nous le sommes. Imbus de complaisance, dirais-je parfois de suffisance, nous nous croyons à l'abri de toute épreuve et sommes confiants que les autorités que nous avons mises en place nous protégeront. Il existe aussi, derrière notre attitude de laissez-faire, une certaine paresse, avouons-le. Plutôt que de frayer notre propre chemin, nous permettons à l'entreprise privée de dicter nos cours et notre parcours. Méfions-nous des fac-similés qui approchent à grands pas.

Comme groupe spécialisé, il nous revient de piloter notre destin au lieu d'être à la remorque de porte-paroles commandités par l'Industrie; sinon, nous guettons le naufrage.



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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? 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 the members area of the APC website at www.prosthodontics.ca
- 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. APC is a sponsoring organization and has a designated liaison from our membership to the Journal. Our preferred subscription rate of \$109 (US funds, plus GST & postage) is a significant savings over the individual subscription rate of \$245 (US).
- 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. ASTRA TECH CANADA** – A discount of 10% is offered on all restorative components, excluding equipment, software and Atlantis™ custom abutments. This offer cannot be combined with any other promotions. APC members should contact their local Astra Tech representative when placing the order in order to receive this discount.
- b. BIOMET 3i** – All APC members receive a 10% discount off all products excluding BellaTek products (this offer may not be combined with any other promotional offer or discount).
- c. IVOCAR VIVADENT 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 IVOCAR VIVADENT CANADA.
- d. NOBEL BIOCARE CANADA** – Members of the APC receive a straight 10% discount.
- e. 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.

You must show proof of full **Active** level APC membership to your local ASTRA TECH, STRAUMANN or IVOCAR representative at time of order to receive these ongoing benefits. We are also currently negotiating with several other companies for 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.

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