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Dr. Francine Albert
President, APC

I feel honoured and proud to be addressing my fellow Canadian Prosthodontists as the first female APC president. It may have taken 35 years to get here but let me start by acknowledging the past presidents and mentors that have been inspirational to me: Drs George Zarb and Izchak Barzilay. Both these individuals have molded me into the person and prosthodontist I am today and I am honoured to call them friends. As you will read in the next few pages, Dr Zarb is the first prosthodontist to receive the Order of Canada and we all have the opportunity to recognize his efforts by donating to the George Zarb professorship endowment fund.

The focus of my mandate will be to continue to promote the profession and increase public awareness of specialist prosthodontic care. I am fortunate to work with a very capable executive council and with the help of our resourceful administrator Christine Wyatt, we will update the website making it fully bilingual and more accessible to patients. I also hope to put together a national marketing strategy. In order to achieve these goals I need your active member participation. With more numbers we will be able to accomplish greater projects and all will benefit. I encourage you to visit www.prosthodontics.ca to update your profile, submit your annual fees and enjoy the benefits of membership listed in the following pages.

I want to congratulate our past president Brent Beyak for a successful meeting in Vancouver. It was nice to meet up with many of you and if we want our organization to remain successful, I encourage all of you to get involved and enjoy the confrerie of the APC at its upcoming events.

The 2009 annual general meeting will be held at the joint CARDP-APC scientific session in beautiful Montreal. The venue is the Westin hotel so please set aside September 23rd to 26th 2009. Many of our APC members will be part of the scientific program and the social events promise to be outstanding.

I hope to serve the prosthodontists of Canada well and look forward to seeing you in Montreal.

Une version intégrale française du journal *Première ligne* sera disponible sur le site web www.prosthodontics.ca. Je vous invite également à faire vos commentaires en français sur le blogue du président.

Au plaisir de vous rencontrer à Montréal.

Bien vôtre,
Francine Albert



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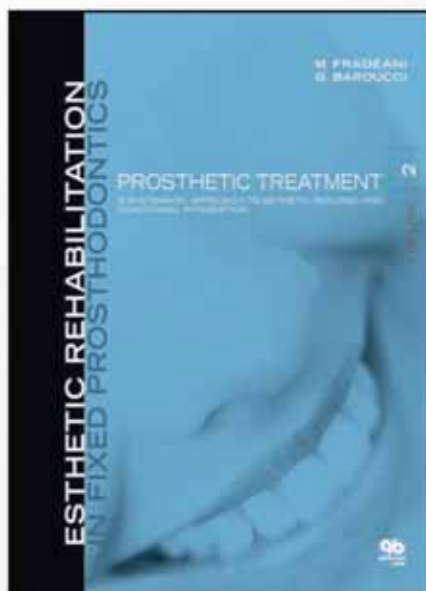
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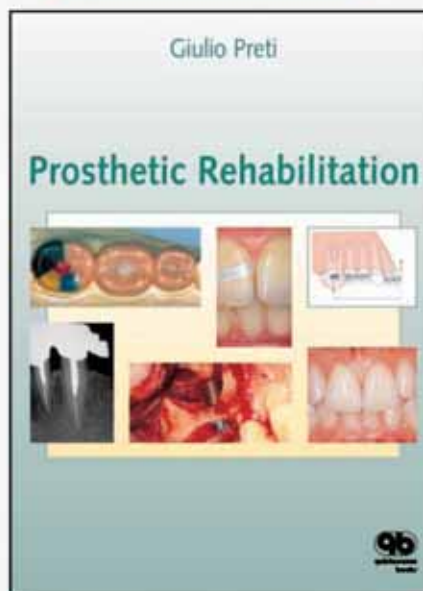
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Prosthetic Rehabilitation

Edited by Giulio Preti

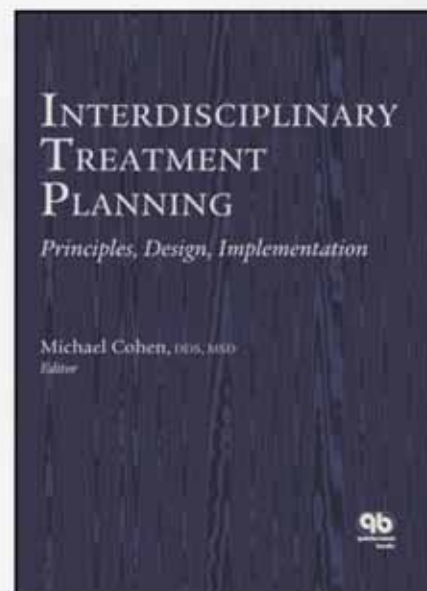
This seminal book articulates a new paradigm in prosthodontic practice documenting a radical shift in clinical focus toward a more biologic and patient-centered approach. Drawing on 25 years of collective knowledge and experience, the authors guide readers through each step of this comprehensive, multidisciplinary approach to patient care. This book centers on diagnosis and clinical decision making for prosthetic rehabilitation, which demands equal consideration of patients' systemic, psychologic, and functional needs as well as basic knowledge of the other disciplines of dentistry. With impressive supporting documentation from the literature, the authors outline a systematic approach to evidence-based prosthodontics. Restorative dentists at all levels will be eager to embrace this innovative approach to patient care.

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Interdisciplinary Treatment Planning: Principles, Design, Implementation

Edited by Michael Cohen

This extraordinary book is an offshoot of the Seattle Study Club, a popular continuing education group with hundreds of chapters throughout the US and Canada. Based on the proposition that specific treatments and techniques come and go but comprehensive treatment planning is universal and timeless, this group unites clinicians of all levels and from all disciplines, challenging them to master the principles of total case management through interdisciplinary treatment-planning exercises. In keeping with that philosophy, this book articulates the seemingly mystical process by which master clinicians treatment plan their own cases. In the first part of each chapter, 17 of the world's most prominent and respected clinicians candidly share the key principles that guide and inform their case-planning decisions and show stunning photographs from their cases. In the second part of their chapter, these contributors present the complete diagnostic facts and findings of one of their own cases and invite the reader to treatment plan the case. Applying the principles espoused in part one, the author then presents his/her own treatment plan and the actual treatment that was rendered along with large, full-color treatment and posttreatment images and radiographs. Because the authors represent every specialty in dentistry—periodontology, orthodontics, prosthodontics, endodontics, and oral and maxillofacial surgery—this outstanding and innovative book demonstrates comprehensive treatment-planning principles from the perspective of every clinician.

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Editor's Message

Geneviève Guertin

It's hard to believe yet another year has gone by and the Holidays are almost here again! The past year was a very successful one for the APC under the leadership of Dr. Brent Beyak, the enthusiastic APC Executive Council. Dr. Beyak and his team successfully organized a joint meeting with the Canadian Academy of Restorative Dentistry and Prosthodontics this past September in Vancouver, British Columbia. The meeting was extremely well run and attended. Congratulations Dr. Beyak for a very successful year as APC President!

You may have noticed that a new communication effort via the APC President's Blog was started under Dr. Beyak this past year. We're hoping it will become a tradition with subsequent presidents and increase the dialog between the members and the executive. Please refer to page 10 for more information about the APC website, www.prosthodontics.ca as well as important registration information.

As you all know, there are many benefits to being a member of the APC. These benefits include National representation, reduced journal subscription rates and significant product discounts just to name a few. Please refer to page 4 for a comprehensive list of benefits and I would urge all Canadian Prosthodontists to join the APC if you haven't already done so.

As always, we encourage you to submit content that is close to

your heart, (related to our profession, that is) to share with our membership. In this issue, Dr. George Zarb's article regarding biennial International Workshops for Young Clinical Prosthodontic Educators keeps us informed about the initiative of APC's "official journal", the *International Journal of Prosthodontics* to foster and nurture future educational leaders.

We welcomed a new executive committee member in 2007 in the person of Dr. Duncan Chambers as Secretary. He continues on this year as Treasurer and we welcome Dr. Bernie Linke this year as the new Secretary.

Congratulations also in order to APC honorary member and past President Dr. George Zarb on his recent appointment to the Order of Canada! I believe he is the first dentist so honoured.

I am looking forward to another year with the APC under the leadership of Dr. Francine Albert. Dr. Albert's passion for our profession and her dynamic personality is sure to shake things up this year and we look forward to an exciting AGM meeting in Montreal in September 2009 again with CARDP.

With Regards, Dr. Geneviève Guertin, Editor,
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The next interim meeting of the APC executive will be held in Chicago, USA in conjunction with the Annual Session of The Academy of Prosthodontics in Chicago, April 29 – May 3, 2009 at the Westin River North

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?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9) Discounts with Manufacturers

- a. STRAUMANN CANADA - Members of the APC now receive a straight 10 % discount on any product from STRAUMANN CANADA.
- b. IVOCCLAR 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 IVOCCLAR 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 IVOCCLAR representative at time of order to receive this ongoing benefit. 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.

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

George Zarb Professional Endowment Fund



Dr. Izchak Barzilay

Past President, APC, 2004

Dear APC Members:

It is my pleasure to write to you as one of your past presidents about one of our past presidents, Dr. George Zarb.

Not long ago I was approached by a colleague who was involved in implant teaching at the University (Dr. Lesley David) to get involved in an initiative to honor George. You see at that time George had been honored all over the world but national and local recognition had yet to be bestowed on him. This made little sense to me (and others) since he had such a big influence on my way of thinking, practicing and conducting myself as a prosthodontist. A committee was struck made up of myself, a periodontist, and several oral surgeons. We decided to raise money by approaching our colleagues, the industry, and our patients, in order to set up a professorship endowment at the University of Toronto. Our goal was to raise one million dollars through donations made by dentists, patients and the dental industry. In the first week, over \$100,000 was pledged and we continue in our efforts to meet our goal.

You all know George well and know how he has contributed to prosthodontics. He put Canada on the map when it comes to implant dentistry and continues to work tirelessly by publishing a new text and by being editor of the IJP. He is one of our past presidents and was instrumental in establishing the APC. Through his education programs and the setting up the post graduate program in Toronto, there are now highly trained prosthodontic educators in almost all provinces in Canada. He was instrumental in promoting our interests at the local, provincial, national and international levels and continues to put prosthodontics at the dental forefront.

It was my real pleasure to hear that he was awarded the Order of Canada recently. No other prosthodontist has ever been awarded this honor and to have him as a recipient is an amazing accomplishment.

In this regard it is time to honor him at the grass roots level. I ask all of you to donate to this cause personally. The APC executive, at the Vancouver meeting, voted to donate \$5000. I have personally donated \$10,000 (in 5 installments). I have even had my patients donate when they tell me how great life has been since they got their implants.

Please contact the University of Toronto at the number listed and donate. All donors will be listed in the alumni journal and recognized by the university.

I hope to see all of you on the list. I expect to see the majority of donors to be prosthodontists. Let's pay back what has been given to us.

Best Regards

Izchak Barzilay

Past President APC, 2004

Please write "George Zarb Professional Endowment Fund" on the back of the cheque. For more information, or to donate using your credit card, please Sara at 416-979-4940 ext.1, or email dentistry.alumni@utoronto.ca

Dr. George Zarb

Dr. Zarb is arguably one of the most respected clinical scholars in the field of Prosthodontics. He recently retired as Professor and Head of Prosthodontics at the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto following a distinguished forty year academic career.

Dr. Zarb has lectured nationally and internationally, and has written numerous papers on different aspects of his very eclectic discipline. He has co-authored thirteen textbooks, and contributed chapters to several others. He has been a Visiting Professor in numerous Universities around the world, and has organized and edited the published Proceedings from 5 international conferences. He was a founding co-editor, together with Anthony Melcher, of Oral Sciences Reviews. His recent research was in the field of Implant Prosthodontics and he has had an ongoing part-time private practice in Prosthodontics in Toronto, since 1966.

He is the recipient of numerous awards and honors including an Honorary Doctorate of Science from the University of Gothenburg, Sweden; an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from Dalhousie University, Canada; an Honorary M.D. from his original alma mater, the University of Malta; an Honorary Doctorate of medicine from the University of Turin, Italy; and an Honorary Doctorate of Science from the University of Montreal. He was the recipient in 1993 of the International Association for Dental Research Award in Prosthodontics and Implant Dentistry, as well as an Honorary Fellowship from the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of England.

Dr. Zarb received the Thaddeus Weclaw Honorary Fellowship from Academy of General Dentistry in 2001, the Elmer S. Best Award from the Pierre Fauchard Academy in 2005, and the Goldhaber Science Award from Harvard University in 2006. He was recognized twice by the Canadian Dental Association (Honorary Member and Distinguished

Service); and he is the only recipient of all 3 awards from the Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics – Teaching, Research and Professional Service. In February 2008, he received the Golden Medal from the American Prosthodontic Society.

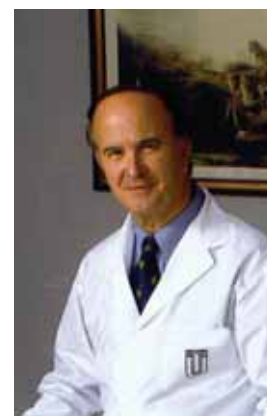
He is Past President of the International College of Prosthodontists, the Academy of Prosthodontics (USA) and the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada.

This past autumn, he delivered Keynote Lectures at the meetings of the International College of Prosthodontics, the Asian Society of Prosthodontics, the American Academy of Oral Maxillofacial Surgery and the American College of Prosthodontics. The latter organization awarded him their Distinguished Speaker Award at the recent Arizona Meeting just after his being awarded a Fellowship in the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland on the occasion of his 69th birthday in October. Earlier this year he was the recipient of the Award of Merit from the Ontario Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. He was also made an Honorary Member of the Alberta Dental Association at the 2008 annual Meeting.

He has also just completed a new book for the Quintessence Publishing Company – “Osseointegration: Ongoing Synergies in Prosthodontics, Surgery and Biomaterials”, which will be published imminently and which he co-edited with Tomas Albrektsson, Gerald Baker, Steven Eckert, Clark Stanford, Dennis Tarnow and Ann Wennerberg.

He continues to serve the profession as the current Editor-in-Chief of the *International Journal of Prosthodontics*.

His wife Janet is a retired Clinical Psychologist. Their 4 children and 9 grandchildren live in Toronto and Calgary, and in North Carolina, USA.



Dr. George Zarb

APC Honorary Member and
Past President

By Dr. Francine Albert

I was fortunate to attend the CDA annual general meeting in the spring. I was stricken by the commitment that CDA members and provincial association presidents have to dentistry in Canada. I also participated thru the Committee of Specialists affairs (COSA) in supporting CDA with specialty advice. I want to take this opportunity to recognize James Taylor's efforts to serve our interests within COSA for the past ten years. I hope to carry on the torch as successfully.

It was decided that the COSA representative would also serve on the National Dental Specialty Organization (NDSO). This group seeks out opportunities to provide feedback on issues independent from the work of the CDA and COSA. It acts as a collective voice for dental specialty organizations in Canada. Therefore I invite any APC member to get in touch with me if he feels that certain topics need to be addressed.

Several APC members participated, in differing capacities, in the 2008 CDA Annual General Meeting. They had the opportunity to celebrate the installation of the new President, Dr Deborah Stymiest, at her 2008 President's Installation Dinner at the Chateau Laurier in Ottawa.



Pictured, from left to right, are: APC Past-President Benoit Soucy (attending as CDA staff), APC V-P Francine Albert (attending as incoming APC Rep), APC distinguished member Claude Lamarche (attending as CDAC Chair), Dr Stymiest, APC Past-President James Taylor (attending as outgoing APC Rep), and APC Past-President Jack Gerrow (attending as NDEB Registrar)

Dr. Terry Donovan Honorary Membership

By Dr. Brent Beyak



This year, at the AGM in Vancouver, we presented our Honorary Membership award to my friend and mentor, Dr. Terrence Donovan.

As many of you know, Terry is a Canadian, educated in Saskatchewan, where he grew up in Regina and then at the University of Alberta where he received his DDS degree in 1967. He practiced in Regina until 1979 when he entered the Advanced Prosthodontics

program at the University of Southern California, graduating with his Certification in 1981.

During Terry's involvement in private practice in Regina, he served time on the executive council for the College of Dental Surgeons of Saskatchewan and was instrumental in ushering in Continuing Education requirements for licensure. This was in fact, I think the first jurisdiction in Canada to do so, and one of the very first in North America. He was also very involved with Public Health matters, including the Dental Care Plan for Children.

After graduation from the USC Advanced Prosthodontics program,

Terry's career took an unexpected 'temporary' side step into academia. It is here that he really flourished and found his great talents for research and teaching. He was involved as assistant and associate professor, various Associate Dean positions and as the Director of the Graduate Prosthodontic program at USC until 2006. Presently, he is working at the University of North Carolina as Professor and Chair of Biomaterials.

His academic and research accomplishments are very many indeed. He has published over 100 original articles in the dental literature and currently sits on the Committee on Scientific Investigation of the American Academy of Restorative Dentistry where he is responsible for the ongoing yearly review of dental literature as published in the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry.

To say that Terry lectures extensively is an understatement. He gives many presentations on prosthodontic topics around the world, and still finds the time to nurture his deep Canadian friendships. He seems to spend as much time in Canada as he does at home in North Carolina and loves being in the Canadian wilderness pursuing his passions for fishing, hunting and hiking, and is especially fond of his home province, Saskatchewan.

Presenting this Honourary Membership to Dr. Terry Donovan is one of the great honours of my time as your president. Indeed, it is one of the great honours of my career as a dentist and prosthodontist and I am proud to be able to call Terry my friend and mentor.

2008 AGM Vancouver Executive Council Gala



Dr. Izchak Barzilay (executive councilor) and
Dr. Brent Beyak (APC President)



Past President Dr. Bernie Legatto and Mrs. Lily Legatto



(left to right) Dr. Duncan Chambers (Secretary), Dr. Stuart Richardson
(Executive Councilor) and Dr. Paula Yliheikkila

2008 AGM Vancouver Executive Council Gala



APC President Dr. Brent Beyak and Vice President Dr. Francine Albert



Past President Dr. Legatto with APC President Dr. Brent Beyak



Honorary Member Dr. Terry Donovan with APC President Dr. Brent Beyak

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Did you know that if you renew your dues **ONLINE** before Jan 1st, 2009, you'll get a \$25 discount? Go to www.prosthodontics.ca and use the website generated forms to pay by cheque or to fax in a credit card number. Online credit card transactions are available again this year.

Regular fees apply online after Jan 1st, 2009. Late fees apply after Jan 31, 2009.

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

You may notice some more changes to the website. There is the President's blog which was started by Dr. Beyak and will be con-

tinued by Dr. Albert. We have also posted all the committee Terms of Reference online. If anyone has a hankering to become involved in one of these committees please let one of the executive members or myself know. We'll be happy to sign you up!

We also have a brand new Classified Ads page as a benefit for our members. In addition, the minutes from the 2008 Executive meeting and few photos from the Vancouver meeting have been posted.

Please check it out at www.prosthodontist.ca.

A new website project I've started is a list of past Presidents of APC. I have everyone listed back as far as 1999 (Dr. Peter Stevenson-Moore), which is as far back as the PDF newsletters go. If you were president between 1974 to 1998, or remember someone who was and where that year's meeting took

place, please drop me a line so we can fill in the blanks back to 1973.

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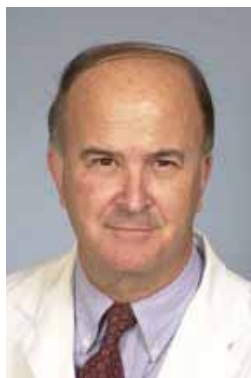
If you have any questions, please email me at administrator@prosthodontics.ca or telephone.

Regards,

Christine Wyatt
APC Administrator
604-418-0278



Congratulations to APC member



Honorary APC Member and Past President, Dr. George Zarb

On July 1st, 2008 Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada, announced 75 new appointments to the Order of Canada. Dr. George Zarb was among the recipients given this honour as Members of the Order of Canada.

Dr. George Zarb is a Professor Emeritus of the University of Toronto Faculty and former head of the Discipline of Prosthodontics. Dr. Zarb received the Order of Canada, "For his contributions and leadership in prosthodontic dentistry, notably for introducing dental implantology to North American dentists".

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The insignia of the Order is a stylized snowflake of six points, with a red annulus at its centre which bears a stylized maple leaf circumscribed with the motto of the Order, DESIDERANTES MELIOREM PATRIAM (They desire a better country), surmounted by St. Edward's Crown



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Message from the Past President



by Dr. Brent Beyak
Past President, APC

Here we are, another year older, and hopefully wiser. I will take this opportunity to thank you all, for the privilege and honour of serving as the APC President, this last term. To see the mobilization and unity of our profession across the nation first hand from the helm is an amazing perspective. I will not forget the support and guidance that was afforded to me.

I would also like to specifically mention Dr. Terry Donovan, for his ongoing and seemingly tireless efforts forwarding the profession of Prosthodontics at home and abroad. His close ties to Canada are evident whenever you meet him, and it was the highlight of my tenure as President to bestow an Honorary Membership in the APC to him at the AGM in Vancouver. I know he appreciated the recognition.

Our national presence continues to grow, with a lot of help from our Web presence. Look for some interesting and innovative changes to the Web page in the coming months as we try to stretch our wings a little. Our administrator, Christine Wyatt is instrumental in making this work (among her myriad other duties), and we all should be happy she is on our team. I know I am.

Working with our talented executive was refreshing and really, one of the reasons that I was drawn to this post in the first place. The exchange of ideas, in a friendly forum, ranging from the day to day running of our practices to national issues such as Labour Mobility, or Registration of Foreign Trained Dentists was refreshing and fun. I know the APC will be in good hands after I leave and I would like to thank Francine, Genevieve and Duncan, as well as all of our councilors, for their work this last year. Honorable mention goes to our standing committee members, particularly John Zarb, Effrat Habsha and Hank Levant for their ongoing efforts.

Lastly, I wish to thank our Past President, Dr. Bernie Legatto for his personal guidance in making the transition to Your Fearless Leader as easy as possible for me. His continued presence at our meetings will be valuable to say the least.

Thank you all for your efforts, I am sure the APC is getting stronger as we go forward.

The Karlsruhe Clinical Teachers Workshops

By Dr. George Zarb

The prosthodontic educator is nurtured by both planned and accidental synergies between experienced role-models, a scholarly professional milieu and enlightened industrial support. They evolve into indispensable determinants of clinical scholarship – service to patients together with educational and research interests and commitments. Any compromise in this triad usurps the whole notion behind producing educators who recognize the merits of scientific methodology while never losing sight of their mandate to treat patients. Therefore an ongoing fostering of young early-career educators remains one of our discipline's priorities. This is a particularly urgent concern given current virtual practice anarchy which resulted from the post-osseointegration era. Patients with challenging oral rehabilitation needs are no longer the exclusive responsibility of the Prosthodontist constituency. A populist-driven 'open season' replete with instant solutions continues to be manufactured by professional ambitions and often commercially-driven treatment panaceas.

These have become very challenging times for our discipline as national and international specialty organizations continue their admirable struggles to articulate their case for what is best for the public and their constituencies. High calibre scientific meetings remain a major educational initiative as gales of change continue to blow away traditional demarcation zones between specialist and generalist clinical mandates. We have to continue to learn and adapt to newer and more highly



The two group photos taken this past October reflect the strong Canadian participation in the Karlsruhe Workshops

The Karlsruhe Clinical Teachers Workshops, cont'd

competitive practice demands if we are to survive, let alone excel. We must also remain grateful to our parent organizations for their vigilance and leadership on behalf of our specialty.

The International College of Prosthodontists, like the APC, does not enjoy the same critical membership mass or fiscal resources of the bigger organizations in the discipline. However, its professional commitment is a similar one. The ICP's biennial scientific meetings are of a very high quality indeed, and while its virtual absence of a strict political agenda is understandable, it certainly lends itself to a strong sense of international solidarity and goodwill. Starting in 2006, the ICP gave its unequivocal support to an *International Journal of Prosthodontics*' initiative to launch biennial International Workshops for Young Clinical Prosthodontic Educators. The first, was held at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Karlsruhe, Germany over a 3 day period at the end of October 2006 and repeated this past October. Both workshops were organized by George Zarb in his capacity as Editor-in-Chief of the IJP and locally hosted by Professor Winfried Walther who is the new Karlsruhe Academy Director. The workshops are led by a faculty of senior North American, European and Australian educators and the most recent one was attended by 36 young scholars from 22 countries.

The Workshops aim at reconciling best evidence analyses of clinical information on the efficacy and effectiveness of prosthodontic interventions within the management context of specific assigned clinical scenarios. The latter takes the form of case histories which are selected and organized as teaching packages for all the participants for pre-Workshop distribution. The case histories reflected broad and eclectic spectrum of challenges which regularly confront prosthodontic educators and practitioners.

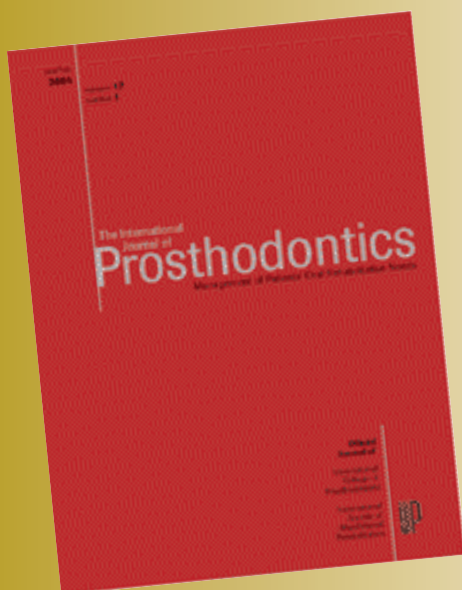
Two morning presentations comprise faculty reviews of background material specific to diverse aspects of the selected clinical case histories. After-

noon sessions see participants 'break-out' into 6 small tutorial groups, each led by 2 members of the mornings' faculty, to explore and debate the various treatment options for the case histories in the context of the mornings' review presentations. At the end of each of the two afternoon sessions, the entire group reassembles in an effort to seek a consensus on an overall pedagogic reconciliation of the days' discussions.

The third and final mornings seek a synthesis of the overall deliberations in the context of general discussions on the Workshop's objectives

The participants' evaluations of the Workshops have been very appreciative ones. They endorsed its objectives and ensured its success by virtue of their enthusiasm and commitment. The merits of biennial repeats of the format were strongly supported and it remains clear that the workshop offers an enormous stimulus and intellectual reward for similar groups of early-career academics. This is one more way of fostering and nurturing future leaders and ultimately enriching the entire discipline; and in a format which actively engages participants without commercial agendas. But it cannot be done without consistent financial support. Both of these IJP educator-specific initiatives became a reality only because of the altruism and generosity of the faculty involved; in other words they participate without any honoraria.. Their generosity of spirit made for a very credible argument for the required financial support for the Workshops from Quintessence Publishing, the ICP and above all NobelBiocare. The latter company has traditionally been a very strong and visible supporter of educational and research initiatives. Their continuing support for ventures such as this Workshop is another strong reminder that scholarship pursuits as extensions of creative synergies need not threaten our professional integrity of purpose. These are the sort of partnerships that can be united by an open-minded quest for producing more and better clinical educators.

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