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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dr. Duncan Chambers
President, APC

Hello to all my colleagues and fellow Prosthodontic specialists. With so many organizations in dentistry I am proud, and humbled, to be representing the only organization in Canada composed exclusively of Prosthodontists. Our organization remains the only unified national voice for Prosthodontists in Canada.

Thank you to all that attended our recent Annual General Meeting in Toronto in September. It was one of the most well attended meetings in recent memory and a lot of new and creative ideas were formulated. It was a great pleasure to see our organization grow with the voting in of several new members. I would like to welcome the following new members to the APC: Dr. Oliver Pin-Harry, Dr. David Chvartzaid, Dr. Tonini Ciocca, Dr. Michael Barczak, Dr. Pamela Barias, Dr. Ekram Moustafa, Dr. Franco Laurent, Dr. Caroline Nguyen. Dr. Francine Albert was recognized with a presentation and a gift for her outstanding efforts as President of the APC for two years. She continues to be involved in the APC executive as the Past President as well as the APC representative of the Canadian Dental Specialties Association (CDSA).

The meeting was the official unveiling of our new website. Thank you to our administrator, Mrs. Christine Wyatt, for her tireless efforts in creating this website. The goal of making the website more patient orientated has been successfully achieved. The "Find a Prosthodontist" search function on this website may prove to be a valuable tool to bring patients into your practice. I encourage you to visit our new website and ensure that your practice profile is accurate.

We have been actively seeking corporate sponsorship for the website and the Frontline and I am glad to announce that Astra Tech has offered a discount of 10% on all restorative components, excluding equipment, software and Atlantis custom abutments. Please see the membership benefits section of the website for the complete list of our corporate partnerships. Both Nobel Biocare and Calian have sponsored this edition of the Frontline.

Dr. Michael MacEntee recently represented the APC at a special meeting of organizational members of the International College of Prosthodontists (ICP) held during the recent ICP meeting in Hawaii. This was the first meeting of this group with representatives from several prosthodontic organizations in the USA, South Africa, South America, Europe, and Asia, Israel, Japan, Korea, Singapore, and the APC. The meeting was chaired by Dr. John Wolfaardt (APC member) who proposed, on behalf of the ICP Board of Councilors, that organizational members form an advisory committee through which they can offer advice and assistance to the Board. The APC supports the request in forming an advisory committee within the IPC, which will be done at no cost to our membership.

The Canadian Dental Association has implemented a new USC&LS maintenance process. The new maintenance process moves the authority to decide on code requests to the corporate members and a specialty representative. That authority will be exercised through separate ballots for each code request. Dr Henry Levant is the APC's USC&LS code representative and will gladly receive your request for proposed changes to the codes and input them into the ballot process on behalf of the APC. Please email your requests through our website to Dr. Levant or myself.

The APC was recently in the news with an article done by Mr. Colin Perkel of Canadian Free Press titled "Seniors, experts decry lack of financial help for implant denture 'necessity.'" The APC position was that dental implants improve the function and quality of life for edentulous patients and the APC encourages the government and insurance companies to cover more of the costs associated with this treatment modality.



The next Annual General Meeting of the APC will be held in conjunction with the Pacific Coast Society for Prosthodontics (PCSP) in beautiful Victoria, British Columbia at the Fairmont Empress Hotel. Featured on the Condé Nast Gold List 2011 & Travel + Leisure 500, Best Hotels of the World 2011, The Fairmont Empress majestically sits at the cornerstone of Victoria's sparkling Inner Harbour. The group room rate is \$249, but many upgraded room options are available, ask for the APC/PCSP rate. This year's meeting features an outstanding Scientific Session on June 21-23, from 8am-1pm each day,

leaving you plenty of free time to enjoy all that Victoria has to offer. Featured speakers are Dr's: Arnold Rosen, Richard Roblee, William Becker, J. Robert Kelly, Gregory Kinzer, Robert Winter, Rade Paravina, Steven Chu, Ricardo Mitrani, and many others.

Registration opens on 01 March, 2012. The registration fee for our members is \$695.00 (\$750.00 after Jun 1, 2012). Please register early by following the link on our website or visit the Pacific Coast Society for Prosthodontists website at www.pcsp.org to finalize your registrations for the meeting activities.

I look forward to seeing you next year in Victoria.

Sincerely,
Duncan Chambers
President, APC

Bonjour à tous mes collègues et pairs Spécialistes en prosthodontie. Conscient de l'existence d'un nombre important d'organisations professionnelles dentaires, je suis fier et honoré de représenter une organisation composée exclusivement de Spécialistes en prosthodontie. Notre organisation constitue la seule voix nationale pour les Prosthodontistes au Canada.

Je remercie tout ceux qui ont assisté à la dernière Rencontre Générale Annuelle tenue à Toronto en Septembre dernier. De mémoire, le taux de participation a été l'un des meilleurs et plusieurs idées nouvelles et créatives en ont découlé. J'étais très satisfait de voir notre organisation croître grâce à l'acceptation par vote de plusieurs nouveaux membres. J'aimerais accueillir les membres suivants à l'APC: Dr. Oliver Pin-Harry, Dr. David Chvartzaid, Dr. Tonini Ciocca, Dr. Michael Barczak, Dr. Pamela Barias, Dr. Ekram Moustafa, Dr. Franco Laurent, Dr. Caroline Nguyen. Le Dre Francine Albert a été reconnue par une allocution et un présent pour ces efforts hors du commun en tant que Présidente de l'APC au cours des deux dernières années. Elle continue d'être impliquée à l'Exécutif de l'APC comme ancienne Présidente ainsi que comme représentante de l'APC au sein de l'Association canadienne des spécialités dentaires (ACSD).

Cette rencontre a permis de révéler notre nouveau site web. Un merci spécial à Mme Christine Wyatt, notre administratrice, pour ces efforts soutenus pendant la création de ce site. Le but de ce site web était d'être plus orienté vers le besoin des patients et il a été atteint. La fonction "Trouvez un Prosthodontist" pourrait s'avérer un outil très utile pour amener des patients dans vos pratiques dentaires. Je vous encourage à visiter le site et vous assurer que votre profil est à jour.

Nous avons activement recherché des partenaires d'entreprise pour parrainer le site web et le Première Ligne et je suis fier d'annoncer qu'Astra Tech offre maintenant un rabais de 10% sur toutes les composantes prothétiques, excluant l'équipement, les programmes informatiques et les piliers personnalisés Atlantis. Prière d'explorer la section avantages aux membres sur le site web pour une liste complète de nos partenaires d'entreprise. Ensemble, Nobel Biocare et Calian sont commenditaires de cette édition du Première Ligne.

Lors de la récente rencontre annuelle du "International College of Prosthodontists" (ICP) tenue à Hawaii, le Dr Michael MacEntee a représenté l'APC lors d'une rencontre organisationnelle. C'était la première rencontre de ce groupe composé de représentants de différentes organisations incluant les États-Unis, l'Afrique du Sud, l'Amérique du Sud, l'Europe, l'Asie, Israël, le Japon, la Corée, Singapour et le Canada. La rencontre a été présidée par le Dr John Wolfaardt (membre de l'APC) qui a proposé, au nom du Conseil des Auteurs de l'ICP, que des membres de l'organisation forment un comité consultatif qui offrirait conseil et assistance au Conseil des Auteurs. L'APC supporte cette demande de former un comité consultatif au sein de l'ICP. Cette initiative n'occasionnera aucune modification aux frais d'adhésion à l'APC.

L'Association Dentaire Canadienne a mis en oeuvre un nouveau processus de maintenance pour le Systeme de Code Uniforme et Liste de Service(SCU&LS). Le nouveau processus de maintenance donne l'autorité de décider sur des requêtes de codes aux membres de sociétés et représentants de chaque spécialité. Cette autorité sera exercée par des bulletins vote séparés pour chaque requête de modification de code. Dr Henry Levant de l'APC est le représentant pour le SCU & LS. Il se fera un plaisir de recevoir vos requêtes de modification de codes ainsi que de les enregistrer dans le processus de bulletin de vote au nom de l'APC. Prière d'envoyer vos requêtes par courriel à Dr Levant ou moi-même par l'entremise de notre site web.

L'APC était récemment citée aux nouvelles dans un article de la "Canadian Free Press" écrit par Mr Colin Parkel et intitulé "Personnes âgées, les experts dénigrent le manque d'aide financière pour les besoins en prothèses implantosupportées". La position de l'APC était que les implants dentaires améliorent la fonction et la qualité de vie des patients édentés. L'APC encourage le gouvernement et les compagnies d'assurance à couvrir une plus grande partie des coûts associés à cette modalité de traitement.

La prochaine Rencontre Annuelle Générale de l'APC sera tenue en conjonction avec le "Pacific Coast Society for Prosthodontics" (PCSP) dans la belle ville de Victoria en Colombie-Britannique, à l'hôtel Fairmont Empress. Mis en vedette dans le "Condé Nast Gold List 2011 & Travel + Leisure 500, Best Hotels of the World 2011", le majestueux hôtel Fairmont Empress est la pierre angulaire du superbe Port Intérieur de Victoria. Le taux de groupe pour une chambre sera de \$249. Plusieurs options sont disponibles si vous désirez rehausser la qualité de votre chambre. Demandez pour le taux de groupe APC - PCSP. Cette année, la rencontre qui sera tenue les 21 au 23 Juin, 8am-1pm chaque jour - vous laissant amplement de temps pour jouir de la ville de Victoria. L'impressionnante Session Scientifique sera composée de conférenciers tels que Dr Arnold Rosen, Dr Richard Roblee, Dr William Becker, Dr J. Robert Kelly, Dr Gregory Kinzer, Dr Robert Winter, Dr Rade Paravina, Dr Steven Chu, Dr Ricardo Mitrani et plusieurs autres.

L'inscription sera possible dès le 1er mars 2012. Les coûts d'inscription seront de \$695.00 (\$750.00 après le 1er juin 2012). Prière de vous inscrire tôt en suivant le lien vers notre site web ou en visitant le site du "Pacific Coast Society for Prosthodontists" au www.pcsp.org afin finaliser vos choix d'activités pour la rencontre.

J'ai bien hâte de vous voir l'année prochaine à Victoria.

Sincèrement,
Duncan Chambers
Président, APC



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AGM MEETING SEPT 23, 2011



Drs. Ischak Barzilay and Kirk Preston (Bernie Linke in background)



Dr. Berge Wazirian, and newly approved members Bobby Baig, Mario Rotella, Tony Ciocca and David Chvartzaid (APC member)

APC Annual General Meeting

**June 22nd, 2012 at 5 pm in the Buckingham Room
of the Fairmont Empress Hotel in Victoria, BC**

in conjunction with the Pacific Coast Society for Prosthodontics.

See <http://www.pcsp.org> for details.

Executive Council Meeting

June 21, 2012 at 2 pm in the Empress Hotel Library

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Dr. Bernie Linke | Editor and Vice President, APC



In the spring the University of Alberta had their 'White Coat Ceremony' for the second year dental students signifying the start of their involvement with providing patient care. The speaker, Dr. Kieth Manning, the Immediate Past president of the Alberta Dental Association, a prosthodontist and member of APC, gave an excellent speech causing me to reflect on my career, my appreciation for what we, as dentists, provide for our patients and how privileged we are in this profession. I was challenged to do my part to look after our profession as he spoke on professionalism and how close we are coming as dentists to losing the privilege of being viewed as a profession by the public and by government. Canadians are viewing dentists with less respect and less trust. A CDA IPSOS Poll of Canadians indicated that only 9% of the population trust their dentist and 7% value our services. What has changed within our profession that has resulted in such a low level of value and trust?

The drive for efficiency and profitability within our practices is necessary. However at what point do we cross the line where profitability becomes the main motivator rather than holistic patient care? The line is crossed when each patient is viewed as a project with a financial reward attached to its completion. It is a fine line to be sure and I would not want to convey that I always know where that line is for each patient: a guiding factor for me has been if my patient to some degree feels they have received a benefit from my treatment. In the area of prosthodontics, which has many areas that are subjective, this can be challenging at times. The more I take the time to allow my patients the opportunity to evaluate the treatment options I present and explain the treatment that will be provided, and then provide the treatment with excellence, the more appreciation I have received from my patients. We are privileged as prosthodontist to be able to provide treatment for our patients that can dramatically improve their function and appearance. Let us do our part to take some time with our patients to have them understand and value what we are providing for them.

The offering of our time and talents for endeavors other than those directly related to our practices has in my opinion significantly decreased over the last 30 years. Organizations with a long history of providing leadership and mentorship in all disciplines of dentistry are struggling to maintain their membership and member involvement. Dental schools have difficulty attracting prosthodontists to provide valuable input for students. The end result is an ever increasing disconnect between the leadership and mentorship that years of being and behaving as a professional can provide to students and new graduates.

My encouragement to all APC members is to become involved in some way outside of your practice that will promote dentistry, prosthodontics and the lives of those within our sphere of influence.

Au printemps, l'université de l'Alberta a tenu sa cérémonie des sarraux blancs pour les élèves de deuxième année de médecine dentaire. Ceci signifie leur début en tant que cliniciens prodiguant des soins cliniques. Le conférencier invité était Dr Kieth Manning, le président sortant de l'association dentaire de l'Alberta, un prosthodontiste et membre de l'APC. Dr Manning a livré un excellent discours qui m'a fait réfléchir sur ma carrière, mon appréciation du service que nous livrons à nos patients et comment nous sommes choyés d'exécuter cette profession. Il a parlé du professionnalisme et comment nous comme dentiste sommes sur le point de perdre le privilège de se faire respecter comme profession autant par le public que par le gouvernement. Les canadiens respectent moins les dentistes qu'auparavant. Un sondage de l'ADC rapporte que seulement 9% de la population fait confiance à son dentiste alors que 7% apprécient nos services. Qu'est ce qui a changé au sein de notre profession qui a résulté en un si faible niveau de confiance?

Il n'est pas à nier que la quête d'efficacité et de rentabilité dans nos pratiques dentaires est nécessaire. Toutefois, est-ce nécessaire que la rentabilité soit notre motivation première plutôt que le soin du patient? Il s'agit d'une ligne facile à dépasser particulièrement quand chaque patient est vu comme un projet avec une récompense monétaire en bout de ligne. Cette limite n'est pas toujours facile à définir toutefois la ligne directrice pour moi semble être si le patient perçoit qu'il a réellement bénéficié du traitement. Dans le domaine de la prosthodontie ou plusieurs objectifs de traitements sont subjectifs, la perception d'un bénéfice peut être floue. Il me semble que plus je prends le temps d'expliquer les options de traitement à mes patients ainsi que les marches à suivre pour chacune des options et finalement que j'exécute un traitement avec excellence, plus ces patients m'apprécient. En tant que prosthodontistes, nous sommes très privilégiés de pouvoir offrir des traitements qui ont un impact sur l'apparence et la fonction des patients. Il est critique que nous passions le temps nécessaire pour qu'ils comprennent nos efforts et puissent les apprécier à juste valeur.

Selon moi, le don de notre temps et de nos talents pour des projets autre que ceux reliés à notre pratique a significativement diminué au cours des 30 dernières années. Nombreux organismes avec une excellente réputation de leadership et de mentorat dans les disciplines de la dentisterie sont en difficulté par rapport à leur membership et l'implication de leurs membres. Les facultés dentaires attirent difficilement des prosthodontistes pour l'enseignement de leurs étudiants. En bout de ligne, il y a de moins en moins d'exemple de cliniciens démontrant du professionnalisme et de mentor pour les nouveaux gradués.

J'encourage donc les membres de l'APC à s'impliquer dans des activités en dehors de leur pratique privée qui vont promouvoir la dentisterie, la prosthodontie et exercer une influence sur les vies des gens dans notre environnement proche.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dr. Francine E. Albert
Past President, APC

I was recently at the Academy of Prosthodontics meeting in Hilton Head, South Carolina. During the meeting fellow APC member John Zarb and I were received as active fellows of the Academy. I consider it a true honour to be welcomed into such a prestigious group. The Academy of Prosthodontics has a mandatory attendance policy which means that between 85-95% of its members are present at every meeting. I enjoy the high level of scientific content but moreover, the social activities during the week allow me to converse with world renowned prosthodontists. I am able to gather information on how to run a practice, what is their clinical experience with a particular material or even how to deal with a challenging patient. I look forward to this meeting every year and I want to thank my mentors Dr George Zarb and Dr Izchak Barzilay who were more than instrumental in allowing me to reach this objective.

Thinking back to the last APC- PCSP joint meeting in Napa Valley in 2010, I can't help but wish that the level of participation from Canadian prosthodontists was greater. As you can imagine, it is very difficult for an executive to set out goals in hopes of achieving them when the quorum is not met at our annual general meetings. Recently, a popular woman's magazine "coup de pouce" published an article on how to choose a dental specialist. The article went on to describe the Quebec dental specialties namely denturology. There was no mention of the field of Prosthodontics. The author concluded by thanking the Ordre des dentistes du Québec's communication director. The ODQ has since apologized for the misrepresentation made by the magazine. However what ensued was even more interesting...an exchange of over 50 emails between disgruntled Quebec prosthodontists who rallied to find solutions to our branding problem. We know we have a visibility problem, let's be proactive in order to make positive steps toward increasing public awareness. And I believe the best way to do this is by participating in our provincial and national annual general meetings so that a budget can be voted in to address this problem.

As my final challenge as past president of the APC, I encourage all my colleagues to make a point to be in Toronto for the joint APC/CARDP meeting September 24th 2011. It would be great to see such solidarity at the national level.

It was a pleasure serving you and I look forward to seeing you in future meetings.

Respectfully, Dr. Francine E. Albert

J'étais récemment au meeting de l'académie de prosthodontie à Hilton Head en Caroline du Sud. C'est lors de cette conférence qu'un collègue et membre de l'APC : John Zarb et moi avons été reçus comme fellow actifs de l'académie. Il s'agit d'un grand honneur pour moi de me compter parmi ce groupe de prosthodontistes de renommée. L'Académie a une longue histoire et la présence de ses membres est obligatoire à tous les meetings. Il s'agit d'une occasion pour se mettre à jour avec des présentations d'articles scientifiques de haut niveau ainsi que de participer à des activités sociales avec des collègues de renom. Souvent, je reçois des conseils très utiles sur la gestion de mon personnel ou encore sur le traitement d'un patient difficile. J'ai toujours hâte de participer à cette semaine de fellowship et j'en profite pour remercier deux mentors qui m'ont aidé à atteindre cet objectif soient : Dr George Zarb et Dr Izchak Barzilay.

Le dernier meeting de l'APC était dans la vallée de Napa en Californie. Et tous présents peuvent attester du haut niveau de présentations et des activités sociales. Toutefois, la participation des prosthodontistes canadiens était limitée et il fut difficile de rencontrer le quorum pour notre meeting annuel. Lorsque cette situation se produit il est d'autant plus difficile de faire avancer les dossiers au sein de notre organisation. Récemment, la revue "coup de pouce" publiait un article sur les diverses spécialités dentaires au Québec. On y nommait les spécialités tout en incluant la denturologie et sans faire mention de la prosthodontie. L'auteur concluait l'article en remerciant la directrice des communications de l'Ordre des dentistes du Québec. Depuis la parution de l'article, l'ODQ s'est excusée de cette information inexacte. Toutefois ce qui a suivi cet incident fut encore plus intéressant. J'ai reçu plus de 50 courriels de prosthodontistes mécontents qui tentaient de trouver des solutions à notre problème de visibilité. Je crois que nous devons faire de même au niveau national et tenter d'être proactif afin de solutionner ce problème avant qu'il ne s'amplifie davantage. Pour moi, la solution la plus simple est de participer activement aux réunions de mon association nationale afin que nous puissions collectivement voter un budget pour passer à l'action.

J'encourage tous mes collègues à être présents à Toronto le 24 septembre 2011 pour la prochaine reunion de l'APC conjointement avec l'ACDRP. En étant solidaires, nous accomplirons de plus grands exploits.

Ce fut un plaisir de vous représenter et à notre prochaine rencontre mes amis.

Sincèrement, Dr. Francine E. Albert

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Christine Wyatt, Assistant Editor and APC Administrator

Welcome to New Active Members in 2011

Dr. Oliver Pin-Harry, Burlington ON
Dr. David Chvartzaid, Toronto, ON
Dr. Tonini Ciocca, Newmarket, ON
Dr. Michael Barczak, Winnipeg, MB
Dr. Caroline Nguyen, Vancouver, BC
Dr. Pamela Barias, Vancouver, BC
Dr. Ekram Moustafa, Kingston, ON
Dr. Franco Laurent, Brossard, QC

Welcome to New Student Members in 2011

Dr. Nariman Amiri, Iowa
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Dr. David Lalande, Georgia
Dr. Ian Thornton, UBC
Dr. Sadid Zadeh Ramtin, Alabama
Dr. Mélanie Menassa, Montréal
Dr. Lubna Alkadi, UBC

Well, our new website is officially up and running and so the membership renewal process will change very slightly as a result. Our new membership management system will automatically send every member a set of reminder emails as the membership renewal date approaches. The first one will arrive in your email inbox 30 days prior to membership expiration. The email will contain your login and password reminder.

When you visit the APC website (<http://www.prosthodontics.ca>), click the "Renew Online" button on the home page, or log into the members section of the site. At the top of the Members Home page, you should find a cheery welcome and a description of your membership status. There will also be a "Renew Now" button and then you just follow the form instructions to check and update your member profile and pay for your membership dues. You will need to fill in the same billing address used by your credit card company to send you your statement, or the transaction may be declined.

The final screen will be on the Bank of Montreal Moneris website. This is our merchant account and transaction provider, and is a secure banking site separate from the APC site. No credit card information is ever stored on our APC site. After your payment is processed, you'll receive an email confirmation.

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The Executive Council is pleased to announce a new sponsor for APC. Astra Tech Canada has agreed to offer a 10% discount on all restorative components, excluding equipment, software and Atlantis™ custom abutments. APC Active members should contact their local Astra Tech representative when placing orders and present their APC membership card in order to receive this discount.

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We look forward to seeing everyone again at the 2012 AGM in beautiful Victoria, BC. We will be having our meeting in conjunction with the Pacific Coast Society for Prosthodontics so we hope that you will take advantage of the excellent scientific program offered by our sister association. Please register for the scientific session on the PCSP website at www.pcsp.org. Registration opens March 1st, 2012.

Christine Wyatt, Assistant Editor and APC Administrator

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INTRODUCING NEW ACTIVE MEMBERS



Dr Caroline Tram Nguyen

Dr. Nguyen was born and raised in Montreal. She completed her Doctor of Dental Medicine from the University of Montreal in 2006, graduated Phi Kappa Phi for her Master of Sciences and Certificate in Advanced Education in Prosthodontics at the University of Maryland Baltimore College of Dental Surgery in 2009, and continued with a Fellowship in Maxillofacial Prosthodontics and Oral Oncology at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Centre in 2010. She completed a community-based research project on dental health in Vietnam and research projects involving implants, removable prostheses, hygiene protocols and silicone biomaterials.

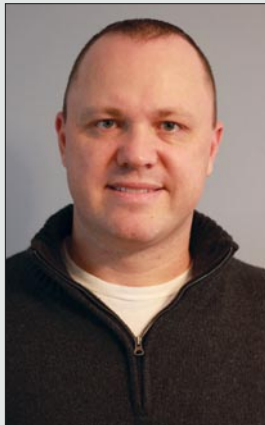
Dr. Nguyen is both an American and Canadian board certified prosthodontist. In addition to her assistant professor position at UBC, she works as a maxillofacial prosthodontist at the British Columbia Cancer Agency, is an active member of the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics International Relations Committee and is a prosthodontics board examiner for the Royal College of Dentists of Canada.



David Chvartzaid

David is originally from Moscow, Russia but he emigrated to Canada when he was 15 years old because he thought Russia was too small for his big ideas. David is currently a member of academic staff at the University of Toronto and is in private practice in Toronto. He enjoys dragon boating and travelling. David is very happy to be done with all of his exams. His family is very happy about this, too.

NEW STUDENT MEMBERS



Dr. Ian Thornton

I am a first year resident in the Graduate Prosthodontics program at the UBC. I completed my undergraduate degree in Human Kinetics at the University of Ottawa in 1996, and continued my studies at Carleton University taking the requisite pre-dentistry science courses and further psychology courses. I then completed my DDS degree at the University of Western Ontario in 2005 where my love of prosthodontics was fostered and I was continually challenged by some outstanding faculty mentors in this discipline.

Enrolling in the Canadian Forces in my first year as part of the Dental Officer Training Plan, I was subsequently posted to 1 Dental Unit Detachment Borden upon graduation. After 4 years in the dental clinic, I accepted a local posting to the Canadian Forces Health Services Training Centre where I became responsible for leading the team that implemented and administered the CF dental career and dental continuing education courses. This challenging and busy position took me out of the dental clinic for 2 years but I continued to work in private practice 2 nights per week throughout this time. During my 6 years at CFB Borden, I was fortunate to have the opportunity to partake in a dental humanitarian mission with the US Navy in the summer of 2008. Aboard the USS Kearsarge, we provided emergency dental care (mainly extractions) to the local populations on the Mosquito Coast around Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua and then to the people of smaller and/or displaced persons villages around Santa Marta, Colombia. This rewarding experience was truly the highlight of my dental career thus far and I hope to maintain an involvement in humanitarian dentistry upon graduation.

My expected date of graduation is 2014 and my research interests at this time are within the "new and emergent technologies/materials within prosthodontics and specifically in relation to their clinical applications, limitations and relevance. Clinically, I am interested in rehabilitative prosthodontics and hope to be able to further my knowledge and skills within this discipline in order to be able to better provide this service to needing CF members as I continue my career in the Canadian Forces upon graduation.

My wife Erin, and our 3 children are becoming accustomed to the city-living lifestyle and all that the great city of Vancouver has to offer. In my spare time, I enjoy skiing, NFL football, soccer, traveling and golf. Personally, I would like to thank my family for their ongoing love and support throughout my studies for without that support, none of it would be possible. I would also like to recognize the support given to me by the Canadian Forces Dental Branch in addition to all those involved with the prosthodontics program at UBC. I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead. Sanitas in Ore.



Faranak Zaeimdar DDS, DMD

Graduate Prosthodontics Resident at the University of British Columbia

I received my DDS degree in 1995 and maintained my own private practice in general dentistry in Iran from 1996 to 2007. I also taught in the restorative department at the Faculty of the Azad Tehran University for 10 years. After moving to Canada, I enrolled in the International Degree Completion Program at UBC, obtained my DMD in 2011, and consequently joined their three year Masters in Craniofacial Sciences and Graduate Prosthodontics diploma program. My decision to pursue further education in this specialty was based on the ability of prosthodontic therapy to have profound effects on an individual's confidence, appearance, and function.

My plan after graduation will be to give back to the community by establishing a private practice in Prosthodontics in Vancouver, British Columbia, striving for clinical excellence, while maintaining a continued relationship with UBC as an educator. I enjoy spending my free time with my 10 year old daughter and husband.

NEW STUDENT MEMBERS



Dr. Ardenghi

Dr. Ardenghi is a Brazilian-Canadian who received his undergraduate dental degree from the reputable Federal University of Santa Maria, Brazil. After graduation, he enrolled on a Master of Arts program at the Faculty of Education, University of Victoria, BC. Dr. Ardenghi's master degree research focused on dental ethics, particularly regarding dentist-patient relationship. In addition to publications in international journals, his studies lead him to be elected assistant-secretary of the International Dental Ethics and Law Society (IDEALS). Giving continuation to his academic interests, Dr. Ardenghi pursued his PhD studies in the Faculty of Dentistry at McGill University, investigating dental care access for the working poor, a group in our Canadian society that desperately needs access to dental care services. During his stay at McGill, Dr. Ardenghi received prestigious research awards and also tutored ethics for undergraduate dental students. At UBC Dr. Ardenghi plans to extend his research in the field of dental care access for underprivileged populations, expecting to finish his studies in 2014. Upon graduation Dr. Ardenghi plans to work in a private dental clinic in Canada and to teach at a university.

When Dr. Ardenghi is not studying, he is toying with the latest computer technology, being a technology enthusiast and computer wiz. He also enjoys walking with his wife Lilian, and their two basset hounds (Filomena and Daisy). As a former skateboarder, he is eager to try snowboarding on the BC slopes this winter.

PROSTHODONTICS NEWS FROM OUR US SISTER ORGANIZATION



The American College of Prosthodontics recently unveiled their new, contemporary logo and patient oriented website GoToAPro.org. The new logo is designed to emphasize the word "prosthodontists" and to strengthen the College's public relations campaign. ACP and APC member Dr. Izchak Barzilay graciously shared a phrase with the College that he has successfully used in his own practice. The ACP has identified the phrase "Your Smile, Our Specialty" as the tagline for its consumer audiences and potential patients. Within the dental profession, the tagline "Advocating Excellence in Prosthodontics" will be used with the new logo.

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OUR MEMBERS IN ODD PLACES – Polar Prosthodontics CE course offered

(Contributed by Dr. Izchak Barzilay from an article written
for the Academy of Prosthodontics newsletter)



Several years ago, I had the opportunity to meet with Academy of Prosthodontics fellow Antonio Bello and Dr. Evangelos Rossopoulos (a prosthodontist in the Los Angeles Area), to discuss points of interest. We started discussing different places we'd like to visit around the world and found it interesting that each of us at some point in our lives wanted to visit the North Pole. We weren't sure exactly what there was to do up there, but figured we just wanted to get there. This being the case, we started researching the possibility of actually traveling to the North Pole. We were not sure exactly what prompted us to consider the North Pole as a travel destination, but felt it would certainly be something that we could be proud of. We tried to convince others to join us but most people (including our spouses and families) thought we were crazy and had probably sniffed too much acrylic monomer over the years.

We had only be a three week window when we could travel and in the circumstances, we enlisted the help of a group called Polar Explorers, situated in the Chicago area, who specialize in polar explorations (both poles), Greenland, as well as other adventure destinations. I met with Rick and Annie from Polar Explorers and we discussed the pros and cons of travelling through Canada vs Norway. A decision was made to travel via Norway to the pole so that we could experience all the high arctic had to provide. After dealing with the financial issues associated with such a trip, we booked and started the planning process. Another University of Rochester grad, Dr. Roberto Sanchez Woodworth, decided to join us on this adventure.

We felt that this trip would be a good opportunity to arrange for some corporate sponsorship in return for photographs of company flags at the pole. The companies were quick to point out that private sponsorship was not on the cards so we quickly jumped on this and arranged for company sponsorship with donations going to the UofR-EDC prosthodontic department. Sponsoring companies included 3M-Espe, Biomet 3i, and Discus to name a few.

The four of us met in Oslo on April 1, 2011. While in Oslo, we had a chance to tour the city and continue with our strenuous training regime that meant eating at some excellent restaurants and partaking in some wonderful local beverages. As a group we felt that part of our training should include us getting used to local cuisine and bulking up because of the harsh conditions at the pole. Some of us needed more bulking up than others. As such, we ate in the finest restaurants and enjoyed only the finest that Oslo had to offer. We felt it would be important for us to strengthen ourselves, both mentally and physically and with this being the case, food became a very important part of this expedition.

On April 3, we packed up our gear (this included Cuban cigars, tequila, ouzo, buffalo fire sticks, Antonio's leather shoes together with galoshes and oak shoe stretchers. Oh, and chocolate bars) and headed to the Oslo airport. At the airport, we boarded an SAS jet and flew to Longyearbyen. This town is situated in Svalbard (Spitsbergen), an archipelago in northern Norway. It is located at the 78th parallel (like northern Greenland) and is governed by Norway. The town has a population of about 2000 people

and we were very surprised at how modern this town actually was. When we arrived at Longyearbyen, we were immediately taken to our hotel to try on our new cold weather gear and then we were taken to our snowmobile depot where we were outfitted with snowmobile gear and snowmobiles for our 3 day ride.

While this was happening, gale force winds were whipping the island. Once we mounted our snowmobiles we traveled for approximately 3 hours directly into the wind. The winds combined with a temperature of approximately -20 degrees Celsius made for some very interesting weather conditions. We managed the ride relatively well with only one person falling off their snowmobile (me) and we arrived at the Noorderlicht schooner for an evening of excellent food, wine, drink, and the opportunity to sleep on a ship that was stuck in the ice.

The following morning, we left the ship and spent a good 8 hours on snowmobiles. During this ride, we saw beautiful valleys, mountains, assorted animals, and eventually made our way to the Isfjord Radio Station. Here we joined other adventurers and once again had a wonderful gourmet meal, starting with whale sushi. In these parts, you are told to never leave your group without the protection of your guide. In fact, all guides carry either shotguns or pistols so that they can protect clients from possible polar bear attack.

After a night at the radio station, we returned on an 8 hour snowmobile trip back to Longyearbyen. It was our plan to visit the pole the following day; however, we found out that the ice runway at the ice camp Barneo had split. This would mean that we would need to spend several extra days in Longyearbyen until this problem could be resolved. In fact, this did not only inconvenience us, but the North Pole marathon had to be postponed. Prince Harry of England was stuck at the North Pole and unable to return because of this same problem. We then spent some time dogsledding, as well as exploring ice caves in the Longyearbyen area. This delay was a difficult one to deal with since we had no idea at this time when we could fly to the pole or even if we would get there. We changed our airline tickets to delay our departure as long as possible but even this proved difficult. Changes needed to be made to patient scheduling back home as well as family commitments. The uncertainty also led to deep discussions. A team member (Dr. Bello) was not able to stay in Longyearbyen long enough to travel to the pole as he needed to return home. His trip to the pole was postponed and will be taken another time (with family).

Our opportunity to travel to the pole occurred early on the morning of April 8. We were woken with instructions to be ready within an hour to travel to the pole. We quickly assembled our gear, consumed a quick breakfast and made our way to the airport. We boarded a Russian aircraft, which flew us for 2 1/4 hours up to the 89th parallel. At this point we are only about 100 km away from the North Pole. This part of the trip was run by Russian based adventurers who had set up an ice camp in this location and had created an ice runway to allow us to land our jet. The ice camp Barneo is set up each year for these purposes.

Our flight was the first flight allowed out from Longyearbyen after the runway at Barneo split. Ours became the test flight and once we disembarked, it was our plane that returned Prince Harry to Longyearbyen. It appeared Harry was in a rush to leave the Borneo ice camp since when he passed us, he was totally bundled up so you could hardly tell who he was and he

had his two bodyguards with him. We called to him to wish him a good trip, but he remained focused on leaving and getting back. I guess he wanted to get to London to prepare for his brother's bachelor party.

We made ourselves comfortable at the ice camp and met several people who would be working with us that day. We were given food and drink, and instructed on how to use the facilities (bathroom). We were then escorted to the helicopter that would take us the last hundred kilometers (1°) to the geographic North Pole. These large helicopters could accommodate over 20 people (no seatbelts and it was possible to open the windows while flying to the pole). We were joined by photographers, scientists and security personnel. Upon landing at the pole, the excitement level rose significantly as we were now in the vicinity of our destination. The first point of action was to find the actual pole; since the North Pole is on ice, it is constantly moving. Using GPS devices we searched for and found the actual pole.

We took our photos and planted the EDC flag. One of our travelers had a wrist watch that set itself automatically based on time zone. This watch stopped working at the North Pole (there is no time zone at the North Pole.)

We strolled around at the North Pole taking many pictures and we drank the traditional drink of the North Pole (aurora borealis - this is a combination of champagne, vodka and North Pole snow). We tried golfing, we took pictures with flags, we called home on satellite phones and being good dentists, we also called our offices. We celebrated the fact that we had reached our destination and could cross the North Pole from our bucket list.

We are all educators and as such we presented a CE course at the Pole. The title of the program was "Prosthodontics at the Pole". This seminar was well attended by all dentists in the local area and I believe we can now say that we presented and attended the northern most dental seminar ever given.

Back at the ice camp, we were once again welcomed with food and drink. Of course getting to the ice camp on the helicopter was its own experience since we had to finish any bottles of North Pole fluids that we had opened. We were all under the effects of these liquids when we arrived back to the Borneo ice camp. The Russian aircraft had returned to pick us up and we boarded the jet and made our way back down to Longyearbyen.

The North Pole portion of our trip took approximately 14 hours and is 14 hours that we will never forget. After spending one more day in the high arctic we all made our ways home on different aircraft. We made our farewells to our newfound friends and thanked Rick and Annie from Polar Explorers for being our guides and for setting up such an incredible, incredible trip.

As educators we have always spread message of prosthodontics. At this point we have spread it to the far reaches of the globe and we are now able to say that we have stood at the top of the world..... Prosthodontics on top of the world. Wait until you see where we go next.....

Izchak Barzilay



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DENTISTRY IN ODD PLACES:

Article contributed by UBC Prosthodontics Graduate Student Dr. Ian Thornton

In 2008, I had the opportunity to participate in part of Operation Continuing Promise, a US Navy led mission that provided medical, construction and humanitarian services to seven Central, South, and Caribbean American countries (Panama, Columbia, the Dominican Republic, Guyana, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Trinidad). Additionally, during the mission, the ship diverted from its planned course to provide humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations in Haiti after four back to back Atlantic hurricanes had hit that nation.

Throughout the mission, the USS Kearsarge was our home away from home. This WASP class amphibious assault ship is 257 meters long; displaces 40500 long tons of water; and is capable of a top speed of 24 knots. Normal complement of the ship while on active duty is just under 3000 personnel making the ship almost like a small town unto itself. Although during this mission, the ship was not at full capacity, it was close to that (or at least felt close to that) as there were still the integral ship's crew, along with augmentees from the United States Marine Corps, the United States Air Force, the United States Army, the United States Coast Guard, the United States Public Health Service, the Canadian Forces, other multi-national forces (Brazil and the Netherlands) and NGOs aboard. However, living/eating/working in the confined quarters of the ship readily contributed to the quick establishment of the team environment that is needed for a mission of this magnitude to succeed.

Although the overall operation was four months in length, my six week leg consisted of first sailing from Norfolk, Virginia to the town of Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua on the Mosquito Coast, where our dental team provided dental services (mainly extractions) to both the local population within the city, but also to some of the smaller more remote villages in the outlying areas. This region had been hit hard by Hurricane Felix the year

before our mission and in these remote villages, many of the damaged houses still had the US Aid tarps as roofs and or walls and were thus definitely in need of the services the overall mission provided. Flying in to these villages by helicopter each day and given the fragile nature of these houses, we were forced to land at least a kilometer or two outside of town and walk into the area where we would be working to avoid the risk of the helicopters flattening the structures due to downdrafts created by the rotors. On a normal day, the villagers would run out to meet the helicopter and walk with us. Over the course of just over two weeks, I worked in the tiny villages of Betania, Yulu and Tuapi whose population on those days was increased as villagers from other local villages trekked by foot to seek the health services we were providing. What made all communication amusing is the double translation that was required as the indigenous people of this region speak the local dialect of Miskito. Therefore, we used a member of the ship's personnel to translate our questions/instructions into Spanish and then a local translator to then convert it to Miskito. It definitely made for an interesting dynamic that made us quickly learn some very primitive Miskito in order to become more effective in our daily provision of treatment as saving time on this translation game of telephone allowed us to ultimately treat more patients on a daily basis.

Upon departing the coast of Nicaragua, we sailed for a day down to northern Colombia and in particular, harboured in the town of Santa Marta. Due to the civil war that has been occurring in Colombia for years, many of the inhabitants that have been directly affected by the fighting have since relocated and congregated to displaced persons shanty villages outside of Santa Marta and it is in these villages where we concentrated our efforts. Although the facilities that we worked in were much more civilized than those that we had been previously used to (and





some patients actually had radiographs), the need for our services were just as pronounced and the frantic pace of the days continued. I mainly worked out of a shanty town called Palmira Village who welcomed us on the first day with an almost festival atmosphere. We travelled there each day from the ship by bus, with a local military escort to ensure our safety, which allowed us to get a more interactive view of the local area. Colombia is truly a beautiful country that I hope one day to be able to return to.

Over the course of 23 treatment days both in Nicaragua and Colombia, within my portion of the bigger four-month mission, our dental team (4 providers; 6 assistants; 2 hygienists; and 4 adjunctive aid workers) performed 1586 extractions, 32 fillings, 104 sealants, 302 cleanings and 6063 fluoride treatments. The main benefit of the number of extractions that were performed is that it directly and positively impacted on the respective patients daily lives as we were ultimately removing carious and/or infected and at times painful teeth that may never have been removed due to the general lack of access to a dental provider. Ultimately, in combining the dental services that we provided with those that the medical practitioners and optometrists delivered, it is easy to say that the health benefits that were afforded to the local populations and their quality of life were vastly improved due to this mission.

However, in my opinion, the Seabees (the US Navy Construction Battalion) were able to even greater assist the local population through improved infrastructure with the building of schools and other essential services that were sorely lacking, while further being able to accomplish these renovations/constructions over the course of a couple days that would have taken the local population months if not years to build with their primitive equipment. This benefit could not be understated and I got to see it firsthand. While working in one village in Nicaragua, I learned from the translator that the locals had been working (with axes) right outside our window on removing the roots of a large tree from the ground for the past six months in advance of the hopes of building an "addition" onto the two room school and would likely be working at it

for at least four to six more months. On one of our subsequent treatment days, the Seabees arrived and over the course of a couple hours with a small backhoe, accomplished this task in a matter of hours. The smiles on the local workers faces were priceless and something that will resonate with me for a long time (as will the countless smiles and thank-yous that I received after performing an extraction). Their gratitude over something like a backhoe and healthcare that we at times simply take for granted, was truly humbling.

I was and am thankful to the CF and the US Navy for this opportunity. It was a truly life changing and rewarding experience and the highlight of my dental career thus far. Additionally, while on the ship, I witnessed Operation Smile firsthand at work in their mandate of performing life altering cleft lip and cleft palate repairs to residents of third world countries that would never have had this repair completed and forever suffered from the stigma of their completely treatable and repairable condition. Being able to witness this in conjunction with my own personal experiences and gratification as a whole has furthered my desire to maintain an involvement in humanitarian dentistry upon graduation. I cannot encourage any other dentists, both generalists and specialists, enough to take time out of their busy schedules and to give back either to those less fortunate within their own communities who are in desperate need of dental care but cannot afford the fees or to go abroad and experience another culture, way of life and to give back if given the chance. Selecting a profession like dentistry and even more specifically prosthodontics that affords us that opportunity to impart this impact is truly one of the understated benefits of our profession...and perhaps one that not enough practitioners take advantage of. We all have the ability and opportunity to make a difference, and trust me, the biggest difference will be in the manner in which this type of experience will make you feel about yourself and your profession.



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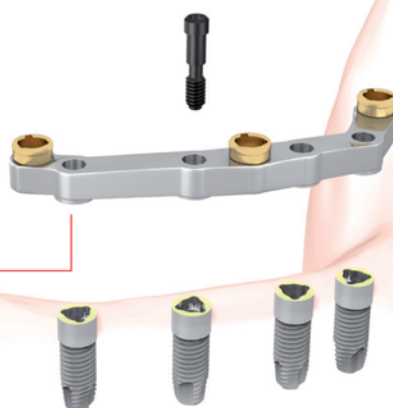
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