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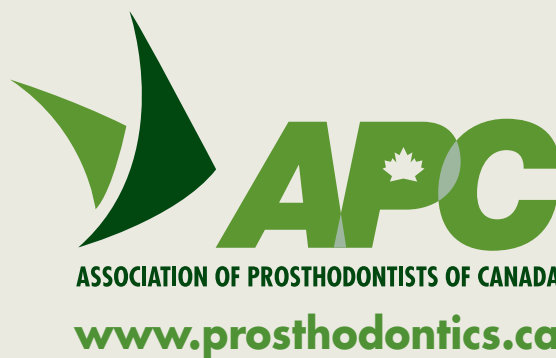
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dr. Bernie Linke
President, APC

Recently one of our members posed an interesting question to me: What in your opinion is the state of prosthodontics as a specialty in Canada?

As I reflect on the question I find a different answer depending on which 'hat' I am wearing ... private practice, educator, contributor to competency evaluation, or as President of the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada (APC).

For 28 years I was in full-time private practice limited to the specialty of prosthodontics. Patient referrals were not an issue and as such afforded me the opportunity to develop and be involved in the areas of prosthodontics that were of most interest and productive for myself. Along with an in-office laboratory and three technicians, the ability to control the variables afforded the opportunity to produce a good product for my patients. There is a range across Canada as to the 'busyness' factor for Prosthodontists based on supply and local referral patterns. We must continue to differentiate ourselves as Prosthodontists based on providing excellence in what we do and being willing to share that knowledge with those in our referral community. There are no shortcuts to excellence. The path of building a prosthodontic practice may take longer than in the past but is still very achievable.

The practice of prosthodontics today is different from 28 years ago from a perspective of materials, technologies, and techniques. However it has not changed in that patients still demand excellence and want to be treated respectfully. The determination of what is excellent has changed and the demand of patients has increased. Prosthodontists have been able to meet these demands because of our skillset in understanding the methods, materials, and how they are used and using them in the correct clinical situations.

Two years ago I made a career change to full-time academics and part-time private practice. Accepting the position as Head of the Restorative Division at the University of Alberta has given me the opportunity to see prosthodontics from an educator's perspective. The students of today will hopefully be grounded in sound prosthodontic principles. They also will be early adopters of the rapidly developing CAD/CAM and digital applications. Prosthodontists traditionally have been slow adopters of new technologies because of our training and the importance of evidence-based decisions. In many cases this gradual approach has served us and our patients well. Digital dentistry and its application to prosthodontics is there for us to be leaders in as we evaluate the technology and materials.

Recently I took the written and the oral exam of the RCDC Prosthodontics exam. For someone who graduated from the University of Washington Prosthodontics program in 1983 this was a significant challenge as I am sure my grey matter is not as operational as it once was. Although only my pride was at stake if I did not pass, I found the process of studying arduous, and the exam fair, but challenging. We as specialists in prosthodontics need to be supportive of the RCDC process. The exam has become the competency exam for Canada in the area of prosthodontics and is the one common exam the helps determine competency for those seeking to practice prosthodontics in Canada. The exam is meant to evaluate whether a candidate has the knowledge of an entry level Prosthodontist. It is meant to determine competency and not to limit manpower. Without the RCDC exam there is no standard beyond that of each institution's determination of what constitutes a Prosthodontist.

Finally from the perspective of the President of APC I am concerned about the ongoing ignorance of governments regarding the complexities of prosthodontics and the ability of denturist to perform them. The most egregious example is that of Alberta. The government of Alberta allowed denturists the right to restore implants of any kind...fixed or removable with exception of single implants. One of the major reasons this came about was because of a Calgary oral surgeon who supported the denturist position to government. We are now starting to see the result of this decision having a deleterious effect on patients...fractured mandibles and osteomyelitis, fractured abutments and abutment screws due to overloading without the ability of denturists to provide solutions to the issues.

The vast majority of Prosthodontists in Canada are members of APC. My hope is that this year we can get all Prosthodontists to contribute the minimal annual fee and become members so that we can represent and protect the specialty of prosthodontics for the well-being of the patients we serve.

So did I answer the question of: What is the state of prosthodontics in Canada? Not really, as the question will vary from each of you, given your perspective. I look forward to engaging many of you on this topic and others over the two years I have as President of APC.

Sincerely,
Bernie Linke
President, APC

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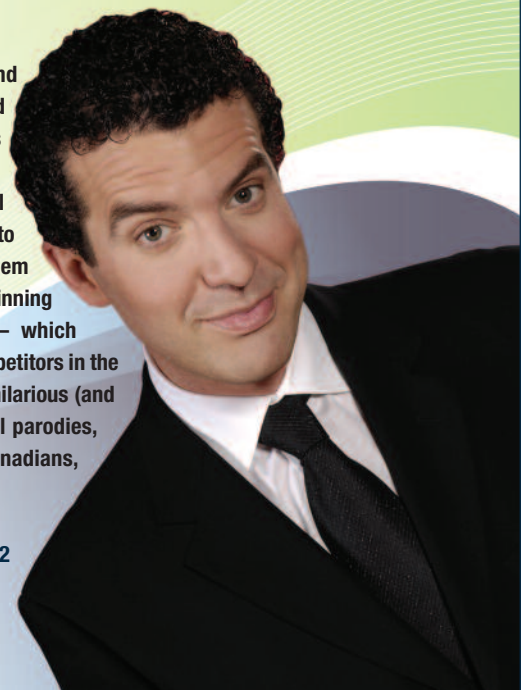
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Rick Mercer just received ACTRA's 2012 Award of Excellence in recognition of a body of TV work spanning almost 20 years.



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PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dr. Duncan Chambers
President, APC

I would like to thank the APC membership for the privilege of serving as your President for the last two years. I also wish to thank all the members of the executive and our administrator, Christine Wyatt, for all of their support during this time. It has been five years since my induction into the APC Executive by then President Bernie Legatto. I wish to thank and honour all of the Presidents that came before me and offer encouragement and congratulations to those that follow. It has been a time of great progress for the APC and the advancement of the specialty of Prosthodontics.

Our website was redesigned to more consumer friendly. It has been transformed from a website that was initially for our member use into one that also targets our patient population and referring dentists. The public can find out what a Prosthodontist is, as well as see some clinical examples of what we do. All members in good standing can be found

under a "Find a Prosthodontist" search function. Website activity reports have been promising and I look forward to seeing the website grow.

We have officially enhanced our national consolidation with eight other dental specialties with the formation of the Canadian Dental Specialties Organisation. This organisation was a long time in development by pioneers Dr. James Taylor, Dr. Izchak Barzilay and others. This is a newly formed organisation that was formed under the direction, by a unanimous consensus of all nine recognised Canadian Dental Specialties. Its founding Directors, Dr. Christopher Robinson, Dr. Leland Mc Fadden and Dr. John Perry turned governance over to the first CDSA Board and President in January 2011. The current President is Dr. Calvin Pike (Endodontist). For the first time, we have a national organisation that represents all of the dental specialties. I invite you to visit their new website at www.cdsa.

We have enhanced our Membership Benefits and continue to work with many companies to promote the specialty of Prosthodontics and increase the discounts that are available to our membership. You will likely find that you will save more through this program than the cost of your APC membership.

Throughout my tenure, we have been identified as the national voice of Prosthodontics by several media organisations and never miss an opportunity to provide editorial input and to increase public awareness of the Specialty of Prosthodontics.

I am encouraged by our strong membership numbers and by the large number of new student members. I encourage all members to become actively involved in the Association. I feel our organisation is growing in size as well as strength; yet there is still much to be done.

Sincerely,
Duncan Chambers

More options, same original body.

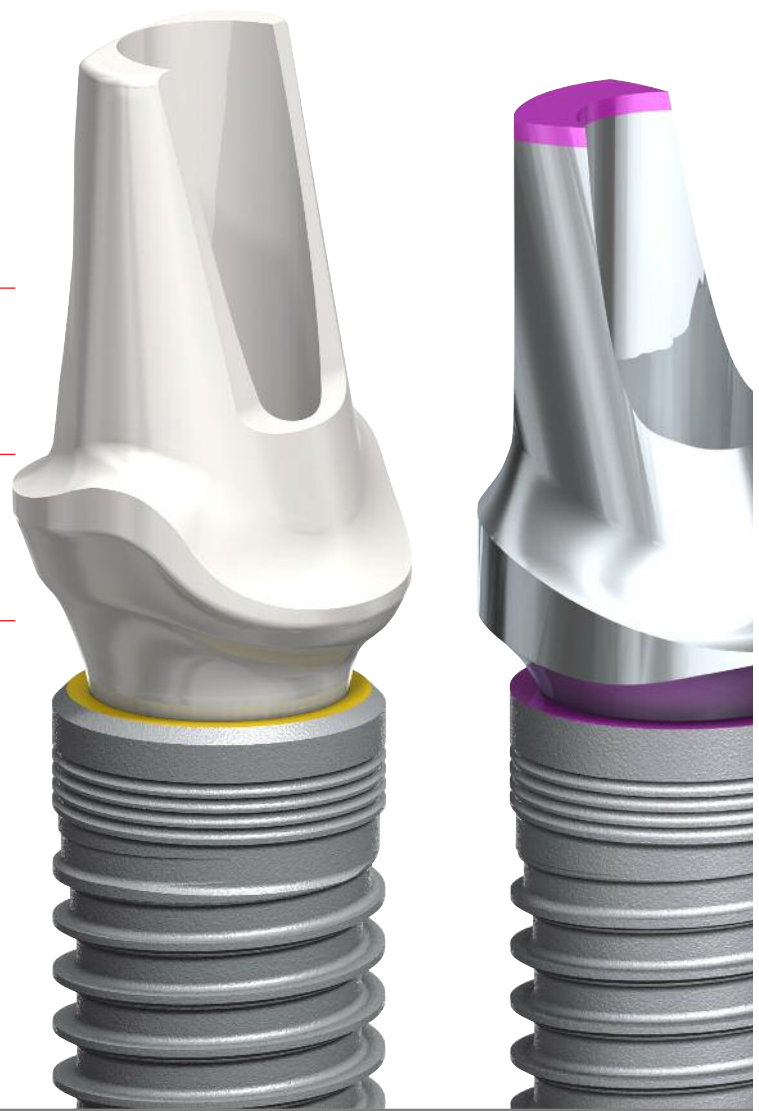
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APC Annual General Meeting May 2-4, 2013

in the Caledon Room
at the Intercontinental
Toronto Centre, Toronto, ON

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Christine Wyatt, Assistant Editor and APC Administrator

Just a reminder that the APC membership renewal process will begin again soon. Starting December 1st, our online 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 on December 31st. The email will contain your login and password reminder.

When you visit the APC website (<http://www.prosthodontics.ca>), log into the members section of the site. At the top of the Members Home page, you should find a welcome message and a description of your membership status. There will also be a "Renew Now" button and then you simply follow the prompts in the online form to confirm your member profile information and pay your membership dues. You will need to fill in an address, but just make sure that it is the same address where you receive your credit card company billing 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.

For those memberships that do not require payment (Student & Life members), the renewal process will simply take you to your member profile screen where you can update any changes in your contact information or privacy settings. Please make sure to continue to the end of the renewal process so that your membership record is updated and your membership expiry date is advanced to the following year.

If you renew in December, you will receive confirmation emails, but will not receive subsequent reminders. If you have not renewed as of December 31st, you can expect a second reminder and another one on January 31st if you still haven't renewed by then. A \$25 late fee applies after January 31st, and a list of members in good standing will be sent to all of our participating sponsor companies and to the JPD shortly thereafter, so please make sure to renew before that date.

Active APC members continue to enjoy generous discounts from our corporate sponsors. Astra Tech Canada has agreed to offer a 10% discount on all restorative components, excluding equipment, software and Atlantis™ custom abutments. Other sponsoring companies Straumann, Ivoclar, Nobel Biocare and Biomet 3i offer similar 10% discounts. APC members also receive significant discounts on the *Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry*, and on the *International Journal of Prosthodontics* as well. For more information, please refer to the Benefits of Membership page on our website (http://www.prosthodontics.ca/memberbenefits_eng.html).

APC Active members should contact their local representatives when placing orders and present their APC membership card in order to receive these discounts. All suppliers receive an annual list of **Active** members so your name may need to be checked against this list. (Note that Student and Non-Resident members are not eligible for member benefits.)

We look forward to seeing everyone again at the 2013 AGM in Toronto, ON. We will be having our meeting in conjunction with the Ontario Dental Association's Annual Spring Meeting from May 2-4 so we hope that you will take advantage of the excellent scientific program offered. Please register for the scientific sessions on the ODA website at <http://oda.ca/asm>. The AGM will take place in the Caledon Room of the InterContinental Hotel, Toronto on Friday, May 3rd at 5 pm.

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Welcome to New Active Members in 2012

Dr. Roxanne Saldarriaga, Vancouver, BC
Dr. Ming-Yi Chou, Toronto, ON
Dr. Robert MacIntosh, Winnipeg, MB
Dr. Mark Hopkins, Victoria, BC

Welcome to New Life members in 2012

Dr. Anthony Sneazwell
Dr. Mario Urrutia
Dr. Bernie Legatto
Dr. Mark Grossman
Dr. Rosaire Bastien
Dr. Uwe Kastner

Welcome to New Student Members in 2012

Dr. Faisal Alquarni – Loma Linda resident
Dr. Lubna Alkadi – UBC resident
Dr. Ian Thornton – UBC resident
Dr. Faranak Zaeimdar – UBC resident
Dr. Diego Ardenghi – UBC resident
Dr. Samer Mesmar (fall 2012 entry to UBC)
Dr. Azadeh Shojaei (fall 2012 entry to UBC)
Dr. Richard Kratz (fall 2012 entry to UBC)
Dr. Eszter Somogyi-Ganss (UofT resident)
Dr. Waad Kheder (UofT resident)
Capt. Brent Winnett (UofT resident)
Dr. Kinga Baskai (UofT resident)

Congratulations to new RCDS(C) Prosthodontist Fellows in 2012

APC would like to encourage all non-APC members to become a part of their national specialty association.

Dr. Mosa Mohammed A. Altassan
Dr. Mohammed K. Baig
Dr. Joseph Anthony Bernard Fava (APC Active member)
Dr. Lilia Marcela Ibarra
Dr. Maged Philip Henry Mishriky (APC Student member)
Dr. M. Patrick Pedlar (APC Active member)
Dr. Maysaa Sakr (APC Student member)
Dr. Meng François Seng
Dr. Todd Claude Slogocki (APC Student member)
Dr. Berge Wazirian

APC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

The **APC Award for Academic Achievement** is offered each year to the top student accepted to each of the Canadian graduate programs in Prosthodontics who demonstrates leadership and acumen in their field of study.

Dr. Caroline Nguyen, our APC Western Regional Representative, presented the APC Award to Dr. Richard Kratz at the University of British Columbia.

Dr. Richard Kratz (far right), classmate Dr. Samer Mesmar (left) and APC Western Regional Representative, Dr. Caroline Nguyen, Assistant Professor UBC (centre).



INTRODUCING NEW U OF T STUDENT MEMBERS



Dr. Somogyi-Ganss

Dr. Somogyi-Ganss was born and raised in Hungary. After completing her Doctor of Dental Medicine degree at the Faculty of Dentistry at Semmelweis University in Budapest, she received a scholarship from the Swedish Institute. During her six month visit to Sweden she studied at the Periodontics clinic at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm. While there, she was pleased to accept an offer to enter a basic science

Ph.D. program in oral biology. After defending her thesis on non-collagenous proteins in bone and dentin, she followed her husband to Canada where she took up several teaching responsibilities.

She had been accepted to the Prosthodontics specialty program at the University of Toronto in 2010, where she has been improving her clinical and research skill and is currently in her third year as a senior resident.

In her free time she is an avid dancer and loves to take photographs of her two daughters.



Waad Kheder

Waad Kheder graduated from the University of Mosul, Faculty of Dentistry in 1996 with B.D.S. Degree. After the completion of a one year internship program he worked as a clinical instructor for two years in the Prosthodontics Department at the University of Mosul, faculty of Dentistry. Then, in 2001 he completed his M.Sc. in Conservative Dentistry from the same school.

In 2002 he worked for 6 months as a "visitor lecturer" in the University of IBB, Faculty of Dentistry (Republic of Yemen), after that, in 2003 he moved to work as a lecturer in Ajman University of science and Technology (UAE). In addition, he worked as a specialist dentist in dental polyclinic in Dubai. In 2010 he moved to Canada and completed the Occupation Specific Language Training Program in Fanshawe College, London Ontario. In fall of 2011, he started the M.Sc at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Dentistry, Prosthodontics Department. Waad is married and has a 6 yr. old son. His parents and brothers live in the north of Iraq (Mosul City) where he was born.



Capt. Brent Winnett

Capt. Brent Winnett is currently completing his third year in the Graduate Prosthodontics residency at the University of Toronto. He first enrolled in the Canadian Forces during his first year of dental school at the University of Western Ontario in 2002, and, after graduation in 2005, he was stationed in Halifax. During that posting he served at: CFB Halifax; 12 Wing Shearwater;

overseas on a multinational humanitarian mission to Southeast Asia with the U.S. Navy aboard the USNS Mercy; and, finally aboard the HMCS Preserver, including a multinational NATO exercise in the North Atlantic. He then applied and was accepted for post-graduate training in Prosthodontics by the Canadian Forces and subsequently was posted to Toronto in the summer of 2010.

Capt. Winnett is fortunate to have been supported in his adventures by his wonderful wife, Dr. Anastazia Winnett, and his two sons, Martin and Calvin – all of whom are looking forward to him graduating.



Dr. Kinga Baskai

Dr. Kinga Baskai was born in Europe but grew up and completed her education in Canada. She attended Queen's University where she completed her Bachelor of Science with Honours. She proceeded to receive her Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from McGill University in 2009. Following graduation, she practiced as a general dentist in both Ottawa and Montreal. She also continued to stay involved

with the Faculty of Dentistry at McGill through a part time teaching position and academic research.

Dr. Baskai was accepted into the Graduate Prosthodontic Program at the University of Toronto in 2011 and expects to graduate in 2014. She has recently married and continues her academic career with the support of her husband in Montreal.

Dr. Baskai is a member of the Royal College of Surgeons, the Academy of General Dentistry, the Ordre des Dentistes de Quebec, the Ontario Dental Association, the International Team for Implantology, the Academy of Osseointegration, and the American College of Prosthodontists.

INTRODUCING NEW UBC STUDENT MEMBERS



Dr. Azadeh Shojaei

Dr. Azadeh Shojaei received her DDS degree in Iran in 2003 and worked in private practice as a general dentist for almost six years in Iran. An enthusiasm for research drew her to Canada where she enrolled in a Master of Craniofacial Science program in the Faculty of Dentistry, University of British Columbia in 2010. Her research focused on oral health epidemiology, mainly about oral health-related lifestyles in Vancouver inner city schools. Concurrently with the masters program, she enhanced her academic instructional skills through UBC continuing education courses and workshops and became a tutor for first, second and third year undergrad dental students in Professionalism and Community Services, facilitating them in oral health promotion programs.

She expects to finish a Combined MSc/Prosthodontics diploma in 2015. Research interests are in prosthodontics, oral health promotion, and quality of life particularly in elderly population. After graduation her plan will be to pursue private practice in prosthodontics in BC as well as part-time academic teaching in the Faculty of Dentistry.

When not studying, Azadeh enjoys spending time with her husband and thanks him for his love, support, and continuous encouragement.



Dr. Samer Mesmar

Dr. Samer Mesmar began his educational journey at University McGill where he completed two years in Occupational Therapy. He then studied dentistry at University of Montreal during which he did an Internship at UFR d'Odontologie Paris VII in France where he provided general dental care, especially in implant therapy, surgery and emergency management. After graduation, he completed a General Practice Residency training program at University Laval, including an Internship in Northern Quebec providing dental care to the Cree Nation of Chisasibi. Currently studying Prosthodontics at University of British Columbia, he expects to graduate with a Masters in Craniofacial Sciences in 2015. Dr. Mesmar has a particular interest in fixed prosthodontics, implant therapy and temporomandibular disorder management. Beside dentistry, the world of the automobile and racing fascinates him and in particular Formula One racing. After graduation, his plan is to hopefully have a career in Montreal, shared between private practice and teaching.



Capt. Richard Kratz

Capt. Richard Kratz is currently enrolled at the University of British Columbia as a first year Graduate Prosthodontist Resident. He completed his Hon. BSc and MSc in Nutrition at the University of Guelph in 2001. After teaching in Japan for a couple of years he returned to the academic scene and was accepted into Dentistry at the University of Western Ontario in 2003 where he enrolled into the Canadian Forces Dental Officer Training Program. Upon the completion of his DDS in 2007 he was posted to Halifax, where he served at CFB Stadacona, 12 Wing Shearwater as well as the East Coast supply ship, the HMCS PRESERVER. While in Halifax he played competitive basketball for the Halifax base team which competed in a men's city league as well as at a National level as part of the Canadian Forces National Sports program from 2008-2012. Additionally he was a row instructor a half-day a week at the University of Dalhousie Dental School when his operational services would allow it in 2011-2012 for restorative dentistry and endodontics. In the little spare time he currently has, he enjoys spending this time with his loving and supportive wife, Kimberly. Their 9 years of marriage has seen full of many great adventures, of which they hope to continue in beautiful British Columbia and the rest of West Coast Canada.

PROSTHODONTICS AROUND THE WORLD

India: My Cultural Enlightenment by Dr. Chris Wyatt

Last November, I had the opportunity to travel to India for a second time to visit four dental schools in four cities. In 2010, a contingent of University of British Columbia full & part-time faculty members (prosthodontist, periodontist, and oral pathologist) were invited to speak at the Indian National Dental Congress in Chennai. This led to a number of requests for speakers to address topics of interest from Implant Surgery, Aesthetics, Microscope use in Endodontics, and CAD/CAM Technologies. This last trip in November of 2011 only involved Dr. Jeff Coil (endodontist) and myself with separate presentations on a variety of topics from the use of microscopes in endodontics, assessment of aesthetics, ceramic crowns, and veneers.

Continuing dental education is not new to Indian dentists, but has recently been made mandatory for licensure. The audiences asked great questions and were aware of the latest clinical concepts and technolo-

gies, but wanted to know what really works, just like our fellow Canadian dentists.

India is a vast country with sensory (sights, sounds, and smells) overload and people everywhere. Outside of New Delhi, those of us of white skin (and white hair!) are not the norm. However, everyone we met were very friendly, honored that we would travel to their country, and very interested in Canada!

Schools visited include Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences (New Delhi), Jaipur Dental College (Jaipur), Dr. D.Y. Patil Dental College & Hospital (Pune), Nair Hospital Dental College (Mumbai). I would like to thank the UBC Continuing Dental Education and specifically Ms. Sylvia Stevens & Dr. Harry Dhanju for organizing and facilitating our travels.



L-R: Dr. Chris Wyatt, Chair Graduate Prosthodontics, UBC (APC member), Dr. Harry Dhanju (DDS), Dr. Charles Schuler (Dean of Dentistry, UBC), Dr. Tassos Irinakakis (Chair Graduate Periodontics, UBC), Ms. Sylvia Stevens, Director, Continuing Dental Education, Faculty of Dentistry, UBC visiting the unfinished 7th Century Rayar Gopuram temple at Mamallapuram south of Chennai in Feb 2010.



Jaipur market, India



Cover photo: Dental Clinic at Dr. D.Y. Patil Dental College, Pune, India, Nov 2011



Drs. Irinakis (L) & Wyatt (R) Keynote speakers for 63rd Annual Indian Dental Conference, Chennai, India, Feb 2010.



Dr. Jeff Coil checking out the competition in Mumbai, India, Nov 2012

ON OCT 19-20, 2012, **NOBEL BIO CARE CELEBRATED 30 YEARS** SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF OSSEOINTEGRATION TO NORTH AMERICA



The accidental 1952 discovery of osseointegration by Professor Per-Ingvar Brånemark took 30 years before it was internationally accepted as a treatment modality. In 1982 Professor George Zarb played a pivotal role in organizing the landmark conference in Toronto which introduced the scientific breakthrough of osseointegration to North America. The proceedings of this historic conference enabled dental implants to gain acceptance as a treatment method in the global dental community.

As Scientific Chair, Professor Zarb, focused the 2012 conference on "Three decades of patient mediated outcomes and concerns with osseointegration." The conference featured some of the best minds in clinical dentistry, and discussion of what is the best and safest in providing treatment with dental implants.

Dr. Zarb is pictured here (second from left), with one of his former students, Dr. Chris Wyatt (4th from right) and Dr. Wyatt's current Prosthodontic students/residents. Left to Right: Drs. Samer Mesmar, George Zarb, Faranak Zaeimdar, Azadeh Shojaei, Chris Wyatt, Jonathan Ng, Ian Thornton, Richard Kratz.

WORTH KNOWING

by Christine Wyatt, APC Administrator, in consultation with Dr. Benoit Soucy, CDA director of clinical and scientific affairs, and Dr. Francine Albert, APC representative to CDSA

This article is intended as a primer on what I like to call the “acronyms of note” for dental specialists. I hope you find it informative and useful.



Changes to Canadian Dental Association Membership Model

At our June 2012 AGM meeting, Dr. Benoit Soucy, CDA director of clinical and scientific affairs, reported on the recent activities surrounding the Canadian Dental Association (CDA). He spoke at length to explain the new membership structure of the CDA and the relationship with provincial regulatory authorities to make sure that APC members are up to date on changes at the CDA over last 3 years.

Prior to January 2011, corporate and individual membership fees were paid to provincial associations as part of dentists' licensing and/or membership fees. Ontario and Quebec provincial dental associations have voluntary membership, whereas membership is mandatory for all other provincial dental associations. Hence the CDA experienced problems with both ODA (Ontario Dental Association) and ACDQ (Association des chirurgiens dentistes du Québec) competing with the CDA for membership, especially since these two provinces contained the largest portion of Canadian dentists. CDA decided to circumvent this competition by removing individual dentist memberships and making CDA membership available only to provincial dental associations.

The new membership model put in place in 2011 is essentially a federation of provincial associations. The members of CDA are the 10 provincial dental associations and are called Corporate Members. The Quebec Dental Surgeons Association (QDSA) has chosen not to support CDA and therefore is not one of CDA's Corporate Members. In the province of Quebec, individual dentists can join CDA as affiliate (individual) members upon paying an annual fee in order to receive services such as fee guides and electronic claim transmission (iTrans). Only corporate (provincial association) members are now the voting members in CDA, not individual dentists, and the only members to vote on membership fees are provincial association members.

These changes resulted in a loss of income for CDA since the merged membership fee in Ontario had to be similar to old ODA fee, and then a similar discount had to be given to the other provinces. However, the new system is working well and CDA is working to bring other groups into the federation (CDSA, seats for Armed Forces, Dental Leaders Forum, etc.). CDA is also reaching out to rebuild relationships with dental hygienists' & certified dental assistants' associations. The new governance model is aimed at reducing duplication of effort and has created a smaller and more efficient organization.

CDA's New Role and Defining Scope of Practice for Specialties

While the CDA used to define the scope of practice of the specialties and recognized a representative of each specialty at the AGM, the creation of specialty licenses and scope of practice is the responsibility of the provincial regulators, therefore CDRAF (Canadian Dental Regulatory Authorities Federation) has been granted authority to decide on these issues and has been allowed to evolve outside of CDA. CDA and CSDA (Canadian Dental Specialties Association) have no input.

The CDRAF members are the regulators for each province in Canada, and feel that it is the only body that should deal with regulatory issues, however the CDRAF has no authority at the federal level and is simply an association of regulatory bodies whose mandate comes from their membership, and not from government.

CDA's role going forward is to define national standards of dentistry (i.e. Commission on Dental Accreditation).

The role and mandate of the CDA is the authoritative and national representation of the profession as a whole, to defend the profession, the specialties, and the protection of the public and promotion of optimal oral health.

CDA services to individual members now consist of providing fee guides and electronic claim transmission (iTrans).

Future issues to be tackled include defining who is a dentist from the point of view of electronic access to records and services. Provincial regulators should be the ones to decide and confirm licenses, however the CDA is cooperating to create a national registry of dentists to confirm the identity of dentists for the purposes of prescriptions, insurance claims, ordering from labs, and accessing patient data across provincial borders.

Specialist Representation on Committees Within CDA

Various committees within CDA deal with issues that are of concern to specialists. COSA (Committee on Specialists' Affairs), a formal committee of the CDA, was created as a forum of discussion of specialty issues within the CDA. The USCLS (Uniform System of Codes and List of Services) committee has one specialist appointed by COSA to represent all nine of the recognized specialties.

In 2008, the informal specialty sections group known as the NDSO (National Dental Specialty Organization) was created. This group's mandate

was to facilitate discussions that are of interest to dental specialties in Canada. NDSO's was created as an advocacy group for issues affecting specialists while COSA's role was to bring specialist issues to CDA and the Board of Directors. Each of these specialty sections agreed to send the same two individuals, acting as both COSA and NDSO representatives, as the two voting members to the CDA General Assembly. This aided in funding and allowed for some continuity of the individuals involved so that they would know each other as well as those involved from CDA, but equally importantly, they would remain familiar with the issues that arose, however, it did create a problem with overlapping duties between representatives of the specialists who were also members of CDA.

With changes in the governance structure of the CDA in 2011 there were also changes to the way that specialists interact with the CDA. As of April 2011, the CDA funds only one specialist to represent all nine specialty sections as a voting member to the CDA General Assembly, instead of the previous funding of two specialist voting members plus seven observer specialists. The CDA continues to fund nine specialists, representing each of the specialty sections, to attend an annual face-to-face meeting of COSA, at the call of the CDA and only if a face-to-face meeting is required based on the need related to outstanding interactions between the CDA and the CDA-member specialists. Also as of April 2011 a new agreement required the funding of two specialists to represent all of the nine specialty sections to the Dentistry Leaders' Forum.

Specialists' Representation to the CDA through CDSA

CDSA

Canadian Dental Specialties Association

In November of 2010, the CDSA (Canadian Dental Specialties Association) was set up to allow specialists to become

more proactive, in both the political realm (NDSO) and the knowledge-based realm (COSA). A transition is occurring to have CDSA take over the appointment of a specialist representative to the CDA General Assembly. Specialists are now represented both through the CDSA and through their provincial dental association memberships.

The nine participating specialty associations of CDSA include Canadian Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (CAOMR), Canadian Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and Oral Medicine (CAOMP/OM), Canadian Association of Public Health Dentistry (CAPHD), Canadian Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (CAPD), Canadian Academy of Endodontics (CAE), Canadian Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (CAOMS), Canadian Academy of Periodontology (CAP), Canadian Association of Orthodontists (CAO) and of course the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada (APC). Each organization contributed annual dues of \$20 per member plus seed money.

When does CDA talk to CDSA and to individual specialty associations? CAOMS (oral surgeons) feel that COSA should be disbanded, while other specialties disagree. On regulatory matters (ie foreign dentists' credentials), government should consult with both CDA and CDRAF. While CDRAF sees itself as the sole authority on regulatory matters, CDA and CDRAF have agreed to give the other organization a notification of working committee topics so that each can investigate topics separately and compare notes.

Hot Topics – Labour Mobility

One current hot topic of concern for both agencies and government is labour mobility for specialists both within Canada and from without. Licensure is only a measure of competence and is not an appropriate method to regulate manpower (i.e. labour mobility).

In the 1995 Agreement of Internal Trade (http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/ait-aci.nsf/eng/h_1l00064.html and http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/workplaceskills/labour_mobility/index.shtml), specialists from one province can apply to be accepted in another province. Of note, a separate agreement between Quebec and France (<http://www.mrfce.gouv.qc.ca/en/grands-dossiers/reconnaissance-qualifications/entente-quebec-france>) facilitates licensure when a profession exists in both locations. There is no accreditation process for dental schools in France, however, so French trained dentists must take the NDEB examination or spend 6 months in a dental residency program in Quebec. After that time, a French dentist may apply to any other province for a license.



National Dental Specialty Examinations (NDSE)

What is the relationship between

CDA and RCDS and NDEB?

The NDEB (National Dental Examining Board) is tailored as a regulatory agency service and was incorporated in 1952 by an Act of Parliament of Canada. The Act was supported by all ten Provincial Dental Regulatory Authorities (DRA)s and by the CDA and this support continues today. The NDEB is responsible for the establishment of qualifying conditions for a national standard of dental competence for general practitioners, for establishing and maintaining an examination facility to test for this national standard of dental competence and for issuing certificates to dentists who successfully meet this national standard.



The Royal College of Dentists of Canada (RCDC) was established by an Act of the Federal Government of Canada in 1965 to promote high standards of specialization in the dental profession and to recognize properly trained dental specialists. The Royal College of Dentists of Canada (RCDC) provides the National Dental Specialty Examination (NDSE) for all of the nationally recognized dental specialties in Canada including Dental Sciences, and the NDSE is used by all Provincial Dental Regulatory Authorities (DRA) as part of the requirement for licensure as a dental specialist. Successful completion of the RCDC specialty examination may lead to Fellowship and the use of the designation FRCD(C). RCDS (Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Canada) is transitioning from an honours club to a certification authority.

So, now you should be well versed in all the "acronyms of note" to dental specialists and realize that through CDSA, APC is indeed your specialty's only national voice to the CDA, and through CDA to government and also CDRAF. This means it is all the more important to be part of your national professional association so that you have an avenue of input into issues that are important to your profession. APC's success in promoting and protecting the profession of prosthodontics is due to the efforts of many individuals who participate and serve in both provincial and national organizations, and we need everyone to become involved if only in a small way.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

There was a time when a unique group of individuals like us, wanted to find and associate with like-minded professionals in an effort to pursue not so common interests as well as have some group security. There are instances where we need a group voice, for right or wrong to have any input at all in the little things that come to try us as a profession. The only way to have a strong voice in any matter that may present is to have a strong Association, in whatever form that may take. But really, in today's environment, there seems to be a plethora of groups, prosthodontic or not that are vying for your attention. What sets the APC apart? We have a great opportunity to make the APC a strong and vital organization and voice for Prosthodontics, all it takes is you.

Dr. Brent Beyak, Past President

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



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