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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dr. Caroline Tram  
Nguyen  
President, APC

My dear friends and colleagues,

What a year it has been! To everyone that has worked with me during my first year in office as president of the APC, a big heartfelt thank you for your support, comments, suggestions and helping hands. To all the others, I hope we can get you more and more involved to make our profession the best it can be!

As 2017 comes to a close and we are about to start 2018 with a new blank leaf, I want to send out a message of unity to our profession. If the denturists' attempt to expand their scope of practice has taught me one thing, it is that, sadly, the

Prosthodontists of Canada are not a unified force in this fight. This makes it much easier for the denturists to divide and conquer. I have listened to the different voices unhappy with the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada's approach to tackling this issue. My message to you is that, as Prosthodontists, we should all understand that there is one problem, but there are many paths and potential solutions to fix it. We all think our treatment plan is the best, but we have to admit that our colleagues' treatment plans are acceptable too. As a members' organization, the officers follow the direction of the majority of our members. The APC is blessed to count amongst its members many highly motivated and very experienced clinicians from diverse educational and regional backgrounds – it is understandable that we would not all see things from the same perspective, and this is our greatest strength as a national organization. I hope we can each put our personal egos and interests aside, dig into our common love for and pride in our profession, and work together to preserve the preeminence that makes practicing Prosthodontics so beautiful and rewarding every day. I am convinced that, if we all worked together, we would be unstoppable. If we put all our voices together towards a common goal, everyone will hear us loud and clear.

The Royal College of Dentists of Canada held its 52nd Annual Convocation Ceremony at the Westin Calgary Hotel on September 23rd 2017. I would like to warmly welcome the latest RCDC fellows in Prosthodontics into our beautiful profession!

Most Prosthodontists in Canada are members of the APC. If you read this but are not a current member, I hope you will consider contributing the minimal annual fee and join back our ranks to strengthen our representation of Prosthodontics in Canada, and help us protect our Specialty against the increasing number of threats to our patients' safety.

In closing, our next Annual General Meeting will be held during the Centennial Celebration of the Academy of Prosthodontists May 9-12 2018 in Chicago, IL. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend, as this promises to be an exceptional meeting. Our very own past President Dr. James Taylor is the current President for the Academy of Prosthodontists, which makes combining our AGM to their centennial doubly meaningful for Canadian Prosthodontists.

Meanwhile, I wish you all a very happy Holiday Season and a wonderful New Year 2018.

Warmest regards,  
Caroline Tram Nguyen



# MESSAGE DE LA PRÉSIDENTE

Mes chers amis et collègues,

Quelle année! À tous ceux qui ont travaillé avec moi durant ma première année à la présidence de l'APC, un grand merci du fond du cœur pour votre soutien, vos commentaires, vos suggestions et votre aide. À tous les autres, j'espère que nous pourrions vous motiver à vous impliquer de plus en plus pour rendre notre profession toujours meilleure!

Alors que 2017 touche à sa fin et que nous sommes sur le point de commencer 2018 avec une nouvelle page, je veux envoyer un message d'unité à notre profession. Si la tentative d'élargissement du champ de pratique des denturologistes m'a appris une chose, c'est bien que nous ne sommes malheureusement pas unis dans ce combat, ce qui rend toutes prises de position difficiles et, ainsi, notre profession vulnérable à long terme. J'ai entendu quelques murmures de mécontentement au sujet de l'approche de l'Association des prosthodontistes du Canada pour s'attaquer à ce problème. Mon message à vous tous est que, en tant que prosthodontistes, nous devrions tous comprendre que lorsqu'il y a un seul problème, il y a toujours beaucoup de chemins et de solutions possibles pour le résoudre. Nous pensons tous individuellement que notre plan de traitement est le meilleur, mais nous devons admettre que l'approche de nos collègues est souvent également acceptable. En tant qu'organisation régie par ses membres, les dirigeants doivent suivre le choix de la majorité même si parfois cela ne fait pas l'affaire de tous. Nous avons de grands esprits dans notre profession. J'espère que nous pourrions chacun mettre de côté nos égos et nos intérêts personnels, creuser dans notre amour commun et notre fierté pour notre profession, et travailler ensemble pour préserver tout ce qui fait d'être un prosthodontiste si beau et enrichissant chaque jour. Je suis convaincue que si nous travaillions tous ensemble, nous serions imparables. Si nous mettons toutes nos voix ensemble pour un but commun, tout le monde nous entendra haut et fort.

Le Collège royal des chirurgiens dentistes du Canada a tenu sa 52e cérémonie annuelle de remise des diplômes à l'hôtel Westin Calgary, le 23 septembre 2017. J'aimerais souhaiter une chaleureuse bienvenue aux nouveaux fellows prosthodontistes du CRCDC dans notre merveilleuse profession!

La plupart des prosthodontistes au Canada sont membres de l'APC. Si vous lisez ceci, mais que vous n'êtes pas un membre actif, j'espère que vous envisagerez de verser la mince cotisation annuelle pour rejoindre nos rangs afin que nous puissions représenter et protéger notre spécialité contre ce qui devient un enjeu de sécurité primordiale pour les patients.

En terminant, notre prochaine assemblée générale annuelle aura lieu pendant la célébration du centenaire de l'Academy of Prosthodontists, du 9 au 12 mai 2018, à Chicago, en Illinois. Nous espérons vous y voir en grand nombre car cela promet d'être une réunion exceptionnelle. Notre ancien président, le Dr James Taylor, est le président actuel de l'Académie des prosthodontistes, ce qui rend la combinaison de notre AGA et du centenaire de l'Academy doublement significative pour les prosthodontistes canadiens.

En attendant, je vous souhaite à tous de très Joyeuses Fêtes et une merveilleuse année 2018.

Sincères amitiés,  
Caroline Tram Nguyen



## We want to hear from you!

The Association of Prosthodontists of Canada always welcomes news and contributions from its members. Please send us any experience you would like to share with your peers. And/or information on what has been happening in your province, including special accomplishments, outreach programs, government negotiations affecting our profession, and/or prosthetic funding highlights that have come through. We look forward to hearing from you for our next edition of the *Frontline* Newsletter!

## Nous voulons avoir de vos nouvelles!

L'Association des Prosthodontistes du Canada est toujours heureuse de recevoir des nouvelles de ses membres. Faites-nous parvenir vos expériences personnelles ou toutes autres informations que vous jugez bon de partager avec vos collègues. Ces contributions devraient être de nature régionales et se rapporter à la prosthodontie. Elles pourraient se présenter sous forme d'articles décrivant des réalisations particulières, des programmes d'aide humanitaire ou des négociations / subventions gouvernementale. Nous sommes impatients de recevoir de vos nouvelles pour la prochaine édition de *Première Ligne* !

## PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT



**Dr. Nancy Dubois**  
Past President, APC

As Past President of the APC, one of my responsibilities is to represent the Specialty at the Canadian Dental Specialties Association (CDSA) which is the authoritative national voice of the collective national dental specialties associations and academies in Canada. One of the greatest strengths of the CDSA is its ability to provide support and counsel to key groups in organized dentistry like the Canadian Dental Association, the Royal College of Dentists of Canada (RCDC) and the Canadian Dental Regulatory Association Federation (CDRAF). The CDSA is a voting representative at the CDA AGM and attends the

CDA Dentistry's Leader's Forum and the Canadian Oral Health Roundtable each year. The next CDA AGM meeting will be held in Ottawa in April 2018. In addition to these advocacy and regulatory roles, the CDSA also works to facilitate dental specialty practice in other ways. Of interest to some of our members will be that the CDSA has established the CDSA Travel Award for students enrolled in a Canadian dental specialty program. This award helps fund costs related to presentation of research at an international meeting. I invite students in Prosthodontics to visit the CDSA website for more information.

Also, recently several stakeholders in the CDSA identified that some dental professionals tend to extend their professional services beyond their competencies. In order to examine the trend, the CDSA has allocated funds to develop a survey that will be disseminated across Canada. The survey should be ready by 2019.

On a separate note, as dental professionals, we are acutely aware that we are obliged to protect our patients' privacy and confidentiality. To help dentists meet these obligations, the Canadian Dental Association (CDA) has created a secure electronic communications service called CDA Secure Send. This service facilitates the safe management of patient referrals between general dentists and dental specialists. Is it offered at no cost to members of the CDA's provincial corporate members. The system is secure, fast, and easy to use. It provides the ability to send x-rays, patient data, and other records. Start today by opening an account with the CDA at [www.cda-adc.ca](http://www.cda-adc.ca).

In closing, I would like to invite you to the 2018 APC AGM to be held during the Academy of Prosthodontics Centennial Celebration meeting in Chicago May 8-12, 2018.

Enjoy your New Year with your families and friends.

Dr. Nancy Dubois

## RAPPORT DE LA PRÉSIDENTE PASSÉE

D<sup>RE</sup> Nancy Dubois

En tant que Présidente passée de l'APC, une de mes responsabilités est de représenter la spécialité à l'Association Canadienne des Spécialités Dentaires (ACSD) qui est la voix nationale des associations et académies nationales de spécialités dentaires collectives au Canada.

L'une des plus grandes forces de la ACSD réside dans sa capacité de fournir du soutien et des conseils à plusieurs groupes clés comme l'Association Dentaire Canadienne (ADC), le Collège royal des Chirugiens Dentistes du Canada (CRCDC) et la Fédération Canadienne des Organismes de Réglementation dentaire (FCORD). L'ACSD possède un droit de vote à l'Assemblée Générale Annuelle (AGA) de l'ADC et assiste chaque année au Forum des Leaders de la Dentisterie de l'ADC et à la Table Ronde Canadienne sur la Santé Bucco-Dentaire. La prochaine assemblée annuelle de l'ADC aura lieu à Ottawa en avril 2018.

En 2016, l'ACSD a créé le prix de voyage étudiant de l'ACSD pour les résidents inscrits à un programme canadien de spécialité dentaire. Ce prix vise à financer les coûts liés à la présentation de leur recherche lors d'une réunion internationale. J'invite donc les résidents en prosthodontie à visiter le site Web de l'ACSD pour plus d'informations.

Dernièrement, les membres de la ACSD ont identifié que certains professionnels dentaires ont tendance à étendre leurs services professionnels au-delà de leur niveau de compétences. Afin d'examiner la tendance, l'ACSD a alloué des fonds pour élaborer un sondage qui sera disséminé à l'échelle du Canada. L'enquête devrait être prête d'ici 2019.

En tant que professionnels dentaires, nous avons l'obligation de protéger la vie privée et la confidentialité de nos patients. Pour aider les dentistes à remplir leurs obligations, l'ADC a créé un service de communications électroniques sécurisé appelé ExpediSécur ADC. Ce service facilite la gestion sûre des références de patients entre dentistes généralistes et spécialistes dentaires. Le service est offert gratuitement aux membres corporatifs provinciaux de l'ADC. Le système est sécurisé, facile et rapide à utiliser. Il permet d'envoyer des radiographies, des données sur les patients et d'autres documents. Commencez dès aujourd'hui en ouvrant un compte auprès de l'ADC à [www.cda-adc.ca](http://www.cda-adc.ca).

En terminant, j'aimerais vous inviter à l'AGA 2018 de l'APC qui aura lieu pendant la Célébration du Centenaire de l'Académie de Prosthodontie à Chicago du 8 au 12 mai 2018.

Profitez bien de vos vacances avec votre famille et vos proches.

D<sup>re</sup> Nancy Dubois



# CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE ACADEMY OF PROSTHODONTICS

Author: Dr. James Taylor President, Academy of Prosthodontics



Before prosthodontics was even a Specialty, after five years of deliberations a group of 31 visionary prosthetic dentists met at the Congress Hotel in Chicago in 1918 and formed what would become the world's longest-standing association of prosthodontists: the Academy of Prosthodontics.

The inaugural President of the Academy was William A. Giffen, originally from Brampton, Ontario. Since then, many Canadians have played important roles in the Academy, and we have had three Canadian Presidents. It has

always been the privilege of the Academy to draw strength from the diversity of its global membership in its ongoing efforts to grow our Specialty.

To celebrate the century of leadership by our Academy, we are returning to Chicago for our Centennial Scientific Meeting, to be held May 9th-12th, 2018 at the Sofitel Chicago Magnificent Mile.

Our Centennial Scientific Program has been carefully crafted to reflect the past, present and future of the Specialty of Prosthodontics, with an incredible lineup international speakers: prominent researchers, clinicians, educators, and other global leaders in Prosthodontics. It has been shaped to appeal not only to prosthodontists, but also to other dental specialists, generalists, and allied dental professionals.

The Social Program has been designed to celebrate the history of our Academy in the historical context of the city in which it all began. The venue itself, designed by French architect Jean-Paul Viguier, is a 32-floor prism of glass providing stunning views of Lake Michigan and the Chicago skyline. The Sofitel delivers upscale accommodations just minutes from the Magnificent Mile, Navy Pier, Museum of Contemporary Art, Lake Michigan, and many fashionable boutiques and restaurants.

The Welcome Reception & Dinner will be held at the John Hancock 360 Observatory Deck, which is located on the 94th floor of the John Hancock Center. It features the best 360-degree views of Chicago skyline and lakefront. The 360 CHICAGO Elevated Event will be sure to start our Academy's Centennial Meeting at a spectacular height.

The following evening, the Group Outing begins with a private tour of the Art Institute of Chicago, founded as both a museum and school for the fine arts in 1879 and today internationally recognized as two of the leading fine-arts institutions in the United States. The tour will be followed by a 1918 Dinner back at the Sofitel, where the music, entertainers and atmosphere will transport us back to the time of the founding of our Academy.

Finally, for the President's Reception & Banquet on the last evening of the meeting, we shall return to the site of the first meeting of our Academy: the historic Congress Hotel. The Congress Gold Ballroom is a beautiful venue and we have planned a wonderful evening of tradition, elegance and entertainment.

**The APC President (and Academy Fellow)**  
**Caroline Nguyen has made arrangements to hold**  
**the APC's 2018 AGM in conjunction with the**  
**Centennial meeting of the Academy of Prosthodontics.**  
**I and the Fellows of the Academy look forward to**  
**sharing this landmark scientific meeting and**  
**social program with the Canadian prosthodontic**  
**community as we celebrate the Centennial of**  
**our Academy in the great city of Chicago!**

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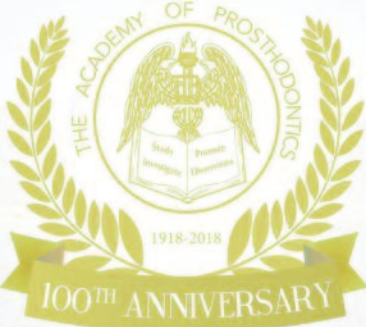
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Blatterfein Dinner - at 360  
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Observation Deck - Gather  
with old friends and new
- Group Outing - The Art  
Institute of Chicago
- Presidential Installation  
Banquet - Return to the  
original site of the first AP  
Meeting that took place  
100 years ago at the  
Congress Hotel

The Centennial Meeting of the Academy of Prosthodontics will be celebrated May 9-12, 2018 at the Sofitel Water Tower Hotel in Chicago, Illinois.

We invite you to attend this exceptional meeting, social events and celebration of the inception of the Academy of Prosthodontics, originally named The National Society of Denture Prosthetists, in 1918.

Mark your calendar to join your colleagues at the upcoming Centennial Academy meeting!

## 2018 APC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE ANNUELLE DE L'APC 2018 (AGA)

The APC AGM will take place on Saturday, May 12 at noon at the Sofitel Hotel, 20 E Chestnut St, Chicago, IL. A lunch will be served.

The 2018 Annual General Meeting will be held concurrently during the **Centennial Celebrations of the Academy of Prosthodontics from May 9 to 12, 2018 in Chicago**. Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend this conference as this promises to be an exceptional meeting. Our own past president Dr. James Taylor is the current president of the Academy of Prosthodontics which makes combining our AGM to their centennial doubly meaningful for Canadian prosthodontists.

The 2017 draft AGM minutes are available to download on the APC website (member login required). The 2018 agenda, proposed budget, financial statements will be available shortly.

L'AGA de l'APC aura lieu le samedi 12 mai à midi à l'hôtel Sofitel, 20 E Chestnut St, Chicago, IL. Un déjeuner sera servi lors de cet événement.

L'AGA de 2018 se tiendra pendant les **Célébrations du Centenaire de l'Academy of Prosthodontics du 9 au 12 mai 2018 à Chicago**. Veuillez marquer votre calendrier et planifier votre participation à cette conférence car cela promet d'être une réunion exceptionnelle. Notre ancien président, le Dr James Taylor, est le président actuel de l'Academy of Prosthodontics ce qui fait que l'AGA de l'APC sera doublement significative pour les prosthodontistes canadiens.

Le projet de procès-verbal de l'AGA de 2017 peut être téléchargé sur le site Web de l'APC (identification des membres requise). L'ordre du jour de 2018, le budget proposé et les états financiers seront disponibles sous peu.

# INTRODUCING THE APC TASK FORCE AGAINST THE DENTURISTS EXPANSION OF SCOPE OF PRACTICE

By Caroline Tram Nguyen

As many of you know, the denturists of many provinces are exploring the possibility of expanding their scope of practice, often with uncanny and unreasonable demands. The various provincial dental regulatory bodies have requested position statements from the individual provincial Prosthodontics members' associations concerning denturists' potential expansion of their scope of practice – often with very little time provided to respond. The APC has committed to directly engage this unacceptable encroachment by non-dentists, and is working to provide both leadership and support to our provincial partners as they meet this challenge. To this end, the APC canvassed the membership and, in accordance with their will, organized a response. The APC is proud to introduce to you the members of our Task Force against the denturists expansion of scope of practice:

- Dr. Eszter Somogyi-Ganss (Director for the task force, ON)
- Dr. Peter Stevenson-Moore (BC)
- Dr. Duncan Chambers (BC)
- Dr. Jack Lipkin (MB)
- Dr. Cecilia Dong (MB)
- Dr. Igor Pesun (MB)
- Dr. Anh Nguyen (ON)
- Dr. Neena D'Souza (ON)
- Dr. Michael Patrick Pedlar (ON)
- Dr. Patrick Miklos (NS)

Further, all Officers and Councilors of the APC are also contributing to the Task Force. The goal of the Task Force is to create a national evidence-based Position Statement on behalf of the APC that can be used by all provinces as a framework to assist in the development of their local response and to support their lobbying of their respective Provincial Governments through national consensus.

As you can see, all Regions are represented well. If you would like to join this effort, please speak up – the more heads we have actively working on this, the stronger we are. Thank you to everyone that volunteered for the Task Force for your time and commitment. We would like to say a special thank you to Dr. Henry Levant (ON) and Dr. Hubert Gaucher (QC) for their efforts on the Task Force this past year.

# FORMATION DU GROUPE DE TRAVAIL DE L'APC CONTRE L'EXPANSION DU CHAMP D'EXERCICE DES DENTUROLOGISTES

Par Caroline Tram Nguyen

Nombre d'entre vous êtes au courant que les denturologistes de plusieurs provinces tentent d'étendre leur champ d'exercice, certains avec des demandes particulièrement déraisonnables. Divers organismes provinciaux de réglementation en soins dentaires ont demandé aux associations provinciales de prosthodontie de prendre position sur ce sujet avec souvent très peu de temps de pré-avis. L'APC s'est engagée à analyser cette situation et travaillera à fournir à la fois leadership et soutien aux associations provinciales. À cette fin, l'APC a sollicité le support des membres et, conformément à leur volonté, une prise de position sera énoncée. L'APC est fière de vous présenter les membres du groupe de travail qui étudie l'expansion du champ d'exercice des denturologistes:

- Dr Eszter Somogyi-Ganss (Directrice du groupe de travail, ON)
- Dr Peter Stevenson-Moore (C.-B.)
- Dr Duncan Chambers (C.-B.)
- Dr Jack Lipkin (MB)
- Dr Cecilia Dong (MB)
- Dr Igor Pesun (MB)
- Dr Anh Nguyen (Ont.)
- Dr Neena D'Souza (Ont.)
- Dr Michael Patrick Pedlar (Ont.)
- Dr Patrick Miklos (N.-É.)

Les officiers et conseillers de l'APC contribuent également au groupe de travail. L'objectif du groupe de travail est d'établir une déclaration de prise de position, preuves scientifiques à l'appui, pour l'APC qui pourra être utilisée par les organisations provinciales pour défendre leur position auprès de leur gouvernement respectif.

Comme vous pouvez le voir, nous avons une représentation de l'Ouest, du Centre, de l'Est et des Maritimes. Si vous souhaitez vous joindre à l'équipe, votre participation serait grandement appréciée. Nous en profitons pour remercier tous ceux impliqués de près ou de loin pour leur temps et leur engagement. Nous voudrions remercier tout particulièrement le Dr Henry Levant (ON) et le Dr Hubert Gaucher (QC) pour leur aide au groupe de travail au cours de la dernière année.



# U OF T GRADUATE PROSTHODONTICS PROGRAM CONTINUES TRADITION WITH 3<sup>RD</sup> ALUMNI AND FRIENDS DAY

Author: David Chvartzaid



In our busy professional lives, it is easy to become too focused on our own practices and careers. Important developments in Prosthodontics and other specialties may become drowned out in the advertising noise and flood of sub-par journal publications. Scientific meetings where knowledge takes precedence over commerce play a critical role in dissemination of critical information and increasing cohesiveness of a profession.

For the third straight year, the Graduate Prosthodontics Program at the University of Toronto has held an event that brings together alumni and friends of the Program. The U of T Grad Prostho Alumni and Friends Day celebrates the past, present and future of Prosthodontics at the University of Toronto through education and fellowship. This year, renowned speakers covered topics spanning all corners of Prosthodontics – TMD (David Psutka, Howard Tenenbaum), implants (Bryce Adamson, JED Davies), fixed prosthodontics (Effie Habsha, Azadeh Rastikerdar), and education/mentorship (John Zarb). Strong

poster presenters similarly addressed a wide range of clinical and basic research topics reflecting the high quality of fundamental research that is done at U of T and allied educational institutions. The presence at the Alumni Day of Dr. George Zarb – *the long-serving former Chairman of the Department of Prosthodontics at the University of Toronto, tireless educator, and mentor to many of us* – made the day particularly special.

The event has grown over the past 3 years and now attracts a sizeable number of attendees from the Toronto Prosthodontics and general dental community. The U of T Grad Prostho Alumni and Friends Day presents the most up-to-date knowledge in Prosthodontics. The educational insights shared with the wider dental audience serve the educational mandate of the University and lead to optimal patient care provision in private practices. And, who knows. Perhaps, one of the bright young minds attending our Alumni Day will catch the Prostho bug and will become inspired to pursue Prosthodontics as an exciting and rewarding career.



# UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO WELCOMES ITS FIRST DSATP CANDIDATE IN PROSTHODONTICS

Author: David Chvartzaid



The federal government works in concert with professional organizations and institutions of higher learning to facilitate the transition of immigrants' professional skills to a Canadian equivalent. The goal is to allow foreign-trained professionals to practice their chosen profession in Canada. Canada has several pathways for foreign-trained general dentists to achieve Canadian recognition of credentials. One such pathway is IDAPP – a two-year university-based International Dentist Advanced Placement Program. Relatively recently, a new credentialing pathway has been introduced allowing foreign-trained dental specialists to achieve the right to practice their speciality in Canada. This pathway allows foreign-trained dental specialists to upgrade their clinical and academic qualifications and exposes them to how their specialty is practised in Canada.

The Dental Specialty Assessment and Training Program (DSATP) is a gap training program up to 1 year in duration for international dental specialists. The Program is offered by a number of Canadian Faculties of Dentistry and is intended to assess whether the clinical knowledge, skill, and judgment of

internationally-trained dental specialists or graduates of non-accredited dental specialty programs is equivalent to the standards established by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC). Applicants to DSATP must first succeed in the Dental Specialty Core Knowledge Examination (DSCKE) administered by the National Dental Examining Board of Canada (NDEB). Graduation from the DSATP makes the candidate eligible to write the National Dental Specialty Examination (NDSE) administered by the Royal College of Dentists of Canada.

This academic year, the Graduate Prosthodontics Program at the University of Toronto established the Dental Specialty Assessment and Training Program (DSATP) in Prosthodontics and welcomed its first DSATP candidate. We join the University of British Columbia in offering DSATP in Prosthodontics. The DSATP training in Prosthodontics is a customized program that involves clinical patient care and didactic instruction. Our first DSATP candidate, Dr. Ahmed Hussain, came to Toronto through a fascinating journey involving Iraq, Japan, and Alberta. Dr. Hussain earned a Bachelor in Dental Science degree and a Master of Science degree in Prosthodontics from the University of Mosul in Iraq. His interests in research and academic achievements paved the way to a multi-year research scholarship at the Kyoto University in Japan where he conducted research in bone regeneration with Japanese pioneers in this field. Next stop for Dr. Hussain was the IDAPP program at the University of Alberta, which he successfully completed in 2015. Seeking to earn the right to be recognized as a specialist in Canada, Dr. Hussain applied and was accepted to the DSATP in Prosthodontics at the University of Toronto. In an interview, Dr. Hussain stated that his aim was "to achieve clinical and academic excellence in Prosthodontics."

The University of Toronto now offers DSATP training in all dental specialties. The DSATP bridging programs help international dental specialists overcome barriers to accreditation and integrate successfully into the Canadian dental professional community.

## RCDC – ROYAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS OF CANADA REPORT

Author: Izchak Barzilay

Prosthodontics is ever growing in Canada. With graduates coming from our own schools, US based schools, and with new schools opening, we can be sure to keep our Specialty vibrant and evolving. The RCDC is an integral part of prosthodontic life in Canada. It is involved in administering the exams that all potential future prosthodontists must pass in order to make them eligible for licensure in Canada. The examination process involves candidates participating in both written and oral examinations that occur in March (Written) and June (Oral) every year. Those who have graduated from CDA/ADA accredited schools can take part in the exam which serves to test knowledge of new graduates.

The group of prosthodontic examiners take on many different roles which include setting the exam questions through workshop participation, marking the written exams and participating in the oral exams. Each candidate is examined by multiple examiners to ensure the fairness of the exams and their outcomes. Examiners are rotated through the examination process to ensure

fairness and freshness of questions and their application in the ever-changing world of prosthodontics. Each examination is prepared to test the knowledge of the candidates and it reflects the current practice of the specialty. Exams must be fresh and new, so there is the constant challenge to make up new questions on a yearly basis. Gone are the days when you could collect old questions and use them as the basis of examination. To this end the examiners put in long hours to make the process work. Special thanks and recognition needs to be given to Dr. Bernie Linke and Dr. Effrat Habsha who coordinate the Written and Oral Sections respectively. We are now the second largest group being examined by the College and we are proud of this.

We are honored that many members of the APC are involved in this process, and have been for many years. If members want to get more involved they can certainly contact me for more information. It is wonderful to be part of the process that shapes the future of our profession.

## THE APC REACTS QUICKLY TO PROPOSED LEGISLATION AND VOICES ITS POSITION ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Author: Caroline Tram Nguyen

The recent proposed tax changes affecting Canadian Controlled Private Corporations put forward by the Liberal government in the early Fall have also kept the Executive busy recently. During the APC Annual General Meeting in Vancouver, the membership made clear its strong support for the APC speaking out on behalf of our members in general and our incorporated small business owners specifically. The APC quickly released a position statement declaring our members' perspective on this important issue and linked our members to petitions initiated by our fellow organizations.

We will keep monitoring this situation and others that can affect our members closely, and will respond as swiftly and efficiently as possible. We now have 114 APC members who are following our Facebook page making it the swiftest way to reach a good proportion of our members. To stay updated on any news and development from the APC throughout the year, please like and follow our Facebook page to receive the most current notifications. <https://www.facebook.com/AssociationProsthodontistsCanada/>

## L'APC RÉAGIT RAPIDEMENT AUX NOUVELLES LOIS ET EXPRIME SON OPINION SUR LES MEDIAS

Les récentes propositions de modification des lois fiscales visant les sociétés canadiennes proposées par le gouvernement libéral au début de l'automne nous ont tenus en haleine au cours de la dernière année. L'Association des prosthodontistes du Canada a rapidement publié une déclaration de position et a donné accès à des liens de pétition pour nos membres.

Nous continuerons de surveiller les changements qui peuvent affecter nos membres de près et à réagir aussi rapidement et efficacement. Nous avons maintenant 114 membres de l'APC qui sont abonnés à notre page facebook, ce qui en fait la façon la plus rapide de joindre une grande partie de nos membres. Pour vous aider à rester à jour sur les nouvelles publiées par l'APC tout au long de l'année, prière « d'aimer » et suivre notre page facebook pour recevoir les notifications les plus récentes. <https://www.facebook.com/AssociationProsthodontistsCanada/>



## MEETING WITH A VIEW

Author: David Chvartzaid



A wonderful group of Canadian Prosthodontists and Prosthodontists-to-be came together at the APC-organized get-together during the APC annual meeting in San Francisco in Nov. 2017. The venue – appropriately called The View – gave a breathtaking nighttime view of San Francisco. This annual get-together is a fantastic tradition that we established several years ago. The size of our great nation precludes many Canadian Prosthodontists from coming face-to-face with other members of the profession. The annual get-together at the APC meeting is one small step to bringing our widely dispersed membership together.



# A LOOK BACK AT THE ACP ANNUAL SESSION UN COUP D'OEIL SUR LA CONFÉRENCE DE L'ACP, SAN FRANCISCO NOVEMBER 2017

Author: Caroline Tram Nguyen

Canadian Prosthodontists were an active voice at the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) Annual Meeting held November 1-4 2017 in San Francisco, CA. It was a pleasure for our President (and director of the ACP International section) to speak with so many of you during our Canadian Town Hall meeting breakfast. We also held our third "Canada Night at the ACP" which is becoming an excellent and well-attended tradition, with 30 of our members enjoying a complimentary drink with fellow Canadian colleagues.

This meeting also marked the inauguration of the Canadian Section of the ACP, under the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada umbrella, which will allow our organization to make the most of the expertise of the ACP in developing patient education and networking tools and – potentially – our first CE event back to our country to serve our membership. 124 Canadian Prosthodontists are members of the ACP, and thus the ACP recognized the need for specific representation to address the needs of their Canadian regional members. The ACP is also closely monitoring the expansion of the scope of practice of denturists on our side of the border, and invited our president to lecture on "Denturists Expansion of Scope of Practice: Is Prosthodontics Quality Compromised in the Name of Affordability?" The officers of the Canadian section of the ACP are Dr. Caroline Nguyen, Dr. Nancy Dubois and Dr. Brent Winnett.

Les prosthodontistes canadiens ont participé activement à la réunion annuelle de l'American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) qui s'est tenue du 1er au 4 novembre 2017 à San Francisco, en Californie. C'était un plaisir pour notre Présidente (et directrice de la section internationale de l'ACP) de discuter avec plusieurs d'entre vous entre les conférences et lors du petit-déjeuner du « Townhall meeting ». Nous avons également tenu notre troisième «Canada Night à l'ACP» qui devient une tradition très agréable parmi nos membres, avec 30 d'entre vous qui se sont présentés pour boire un verre entre collègues canadiens.

Cette réunion a également marqué l'inauguration de la section canadienne de l'ACP, sous l'égide de l'Association of Prosthodontists of Canada, qui permettra à notre organisation d'utiliser l'expertise de l'ACP pour développer des outils d'éducation des patients et des outils de réseautage dans notre pays pour servir nos membres. 124 prosthodontistes canadiens sont membres de l'ACP, et l'ACP a reconnu le besoin d'établir un meilleur point de contact pour rester au courant et soutenir les besoins de leurs membres dans notre pays. L'ACP reste également à l'affût des progrès des denturologistes de notre côté de la frontière et a invité notre présidente à faire une présentation intitulée « Élargissement du champ de pratique des denturologistes : la qualité des soins prosthodontiques est-elle compromise pour économiser de l'argent? » Les officiers de la section canadienne de l'ACP sont le Dr Caroline Nguyen, le Dr Nancy Dubois et le Dr Brent Winnett.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

At the 2017 AGM, APC welcomed 7 new Active Members, 8 new Student Members, and congratulations go out to our 4 new Life Members!

### NEW ACTIVE MEMBERS:

Dr. Ghassan Al Dika  
Dr. Annik Pelletier  
Dr. Mohammed Taheri  
Dr. Vince Lee  
Dr. Faraj Edher  
Dr. Angela Wong

### NEW STUDENT MEMBERS:

Dr. Colin Shuen (U Conn)  
Dr. Louis Rainville (U Minn)  
Dr. Zeenat Khan (Nova SE)  
Dr. Ahmed Ballo (UBC)  
Dr. Hayman Alfallaj (UBC)  
Dr. Kelvin Afrashtehfar (UBC)  
Dr. Albert Park  
(University of Illinois at Chicago)  
Dr. Ousama Damla (U of T)

### NEW LIFE MEMBERS:

Dr. John Cox  
Dr. Lucie Billette  
Dr. Thuan Dao  
Dr. Michael Moscovitch

## NEW MEMBER



Photo was taken on the first day of class, August 8, 2017

### **Dr. Tyler Verhaeghe, DDS, MEd**

**First Year Resident in Prosthodontics, University of British Columbia**

Edmonton-born and raised, Dr. Verhaeghe obtained his DDS degree from the University of Alberta in 2007. He then completed his dental residency program at the University of Alberta during which he began teaching in removable prosthodontics. In 2014, he received his MEd degree as one of the first graduates of the newly created Health Sciences Education program at his alma mater. In 2016, he received a Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund grant to provide a class set of iPads to his students. This allows them to use the interactive electronic textbook on complete denture prosthodontics he created with Dr. Han-Kuang Tan. This received the Canadian Network for Innovation in Education's Award for Excellence and Innovation in the Integration of Technology in 2017.

Presently Dr. Verhaeghe is a first-year resident in prosthodontics at the Faculty of Dentistry at UBC. He is grateful for the opportunity to broaden his knowledge, particularly as the specialty evolves technologically. He recalls the fascination he had as a young boy at his grandfather's ability to remove and then replace his maxillary central incisor as though it was magic, not knowing what a partial removable dental prosthesis was. He considers himself blessed to be at UBC. The mutual respect between faculty, staff and residents has made for a warm welcome and a positive learning environment. With exposure to the latest technologies, materials and research, he is excited to see what prosthodontics will look like in 2020 when he hopes to return to teaching.

## APC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

Author: Caroline Tram Nguyen

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. Students are nominated by their faculty or program director.

The APC Award was presented to Dr. Tyler Verhaeghe by Dr. Mary McDougall, new Dean of Dentistry, UBC at the UBC Dentistry Dean's Night Awards Program on October 26 2017.



## JPD SUBSCRIPTIONS

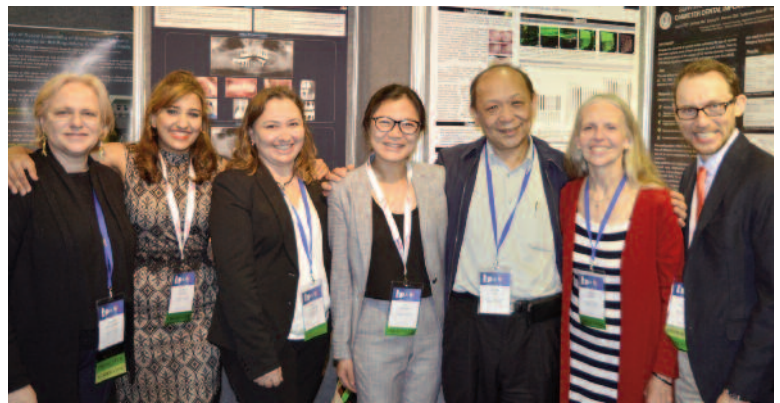
While all APC active members now receive their Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry (JPD) subscriptions electronically through the APC website, the publisher of the Journal has recently made individual hard copy subscriptions available to APC members at a

reduced rate. To upgrade your online subscription to a printed version, (\$114 for Canada) please visit the **JPD Online** page in the Members-only section of the APC (prosthodontics.ca) website for instructions and a discount code.

## REGIONAL NEWS

# FROM ALL CORNERS OF THE WORLD

Author: David Chvartzaid



The 2017 International College of Prosthodontists (ICP) meeting in Santiago, Chile saw a strong show from the talented Canadian team, including two residents of the University of Toronto, Graduate Prosthodontic Program – Noorein Hajira and Bo Huang. The International College of Prosthodontists is an international body representing Prosthodontics at the global stage and is the sponsor of the leading international scientific publication devoted to Prosthodontics – the International Journal of Prosthodontics. ICP's biennial meeting is a perfect opportunity for Prosthodontists from all corners of the world to come together in a show of strength and unity.

## ATLANTIC NEWS

Author: Dr. Stuart Richardson

In 2015, denturists in Nova Scotia submitted an application to the Nova Scotia Government for changes to the Denturist Act of Nova Scotia for the purpose of expanding their scope of practice, mainly in the area of implant-related therapies. The Nova Scotia Government, through the Nova Scotia Dental Association (NSDA), requested a review of the proposed changes and recommendations from the Dental Profession. A committee was formed comprised of local Specialists including four Prosthodontists. After the committee's recommendations were submitted to the NSDA, nothing more was heard – until recently, when a new draft of the proposed changes was submitted for the committee's review.

Members of the original committee have again been asked to review and comment on the new proposal. Although some of the original concerns have been addressed to some degree, it appears that the latest draft has proposed a greater increase in the proposed expansion of the denturists' scope of practice than the original. Many of the ambiguities in definitions and requested clarifications of educational requirements, etc., outlined in the original recommendations from the Specialist Committee still have not been adequately addressed; now, there are additional concerns that must be addressed to ensure patient safety before this application for modification of the Denturist Act of Nova Scotia is acceptable. This is a work in progress.



# ALBERTA NEWS

Author: Dr. Ian Thornton

The Alberta Association of Prosthodontists held an annual meeting in Calgary in October at which time, a new executive was appointed accordingly:

**President:** Brian Kucey  
**Vice President:** Arif Sumar  
**Treasurer:** Terry Lim  
**Secretary:** Nimet Adatia

The new executive identified some important goals for 2018, which included the following:

- a. Bringing value to our members via the initiation of a stand-alone meeting on broad ranging topics (from dentistry to best business practices to retirement planning) that will provide CE points;
- b. The establishment of an AAP website to better promote ourselves and our profession to the public; and,
- c. Building on the ACP success of National Prosthodontic Awareness Week (NPAW), which occurs April 8 – 14, with the hopes of garnering some media coverage of whatever we decide collectively to do as a group.

One of the key topics at our meeting was the reintroduction of a provincial fee guide. In January 2018, a general dental fee guide will be effective for the first time in many years with a specialist fee guide to be introduced a few months later. A survey was previously sent out to general dentists to inquire about fees for the establishment of the general fee guide and it was thought that the specialist fee guide would be arbitrarily set to 25% higher. In order to best capture what those specialist fees should be, a survey was sent out by the AAP to our members in an attempt to determine current fees and practice overhead. With this information, our leadership team could then better lobby the provincial licensing body for a better decision-making process that is not based on arbitrary increases but rather on actual previous fees and specialist practice costs. The issues surrounding this significant development in provincial regulation will be discussed at subsequent meetings of the AAP.

Lastly, council has set a date of April 14th in Edmonton for our next meeting (location TBD) and all Alberta members are encouraged to save this date.

# MANITOBA NEWS

Author: Dr. Igor Pesun

The University of Manitoba is proud to announce the historic addition of the Graduate Program in Prosthodontics at the College of Dentistry, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Manitoba. The program has Preliminary Accreditation by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC).

The College of Dentistry, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Manitoba is well known for the excellent quality of its educational programs and the clinical competence of its graduates. With the modern knowledge explosion and complex dental care needs of the aging population, Dentistry, like other fields, must underpin its clinical methodologies with new research in both basic science and clinical dentistry. For a variety of reasons, there is a significant shortage of trained Prosthodontist specialists, resulting in insufficient capacity to meet the advanced/complex care needs of our aging population. Although there are over 50 Graduate Prosthodontic programs in the United States, there are only two programs operating in Canada. A University of Manitoba Graduate Prosthodontic Program will ensure the education and training of Prosthodontic specialists to better meet the treatment needs of the aging population, expand cutting edge dental research, and extend the reputation of the University in the areas of digital dentistry and dental implants.

When Dr. Igor Pesun joined the University of Manitoba in 2006, he began pursuing a goal to establish an advanced dental education program in Prosthodontics, one of the specialties for which the University of Manitoba College of Dentistry had no residency program. Twelve years later in August 2018, the Master of Science in Prosthodontics program at University of Manitoba College of Dentistry will enroll its first two residents. The Program participated in the Match program along with 35 other Accredited Prosthodontic programs throughout North America and recruited its first and second choices into the inaugural class.

The program is the newest in North America and will educate the next generation of leaders through intensive training in modern prosthodontics by global leaders in aesthetic dentistry, digital workflows, CAD/CAM technologies, dental microscopy, and placement and restoration of dental implants with a strong foundation of classic prosthodontics. The three-year program will lead to a Master of Science in Prosthodontics degree. Successful completion of the program will satisfy the formal training requirement for eligibility for the Royal College of



Dentists of Canada Fellowship. Graduates will also be eligible for the American Board of Prosthodontics certification examination.

The Graduate Prosthodontic Program at the University of Manitoba is only the third Graduate Prosthodontic Program in Canada. This was made possible through a grant establishing the Dr. Lorne E. MacLachlan Charitable Trust. This fund was specifically established to facilitate the development of a Graduate/Post-graduate Program in Prosthodontics including Maxillofacial Prosthodontics within the College of Dentistry. The Graduate Prosthodontic program will fill a critical gap in the operations at the College of Dentistry: dental schools typically select patients by triaging prospective patients based on case complexity. The patients are subsequently assigned to match treatment complexity with the appropriate level of dental student experience. In the past this meant that patients with complex treatment needs beyond the ability of undergraduate dental students were referred to private practice.

The Graduate Prosthodontics program will now be an internal referral location for these patients with complex treatment needs. In doing so, it will support the undergraduate program by permitting a collaborative approach that keeps patient care in-house, improving learning opportunities for undergraduates and graduate residents alike. It will also support the other graduate programs by coordinating advanced

care for patients who would otherwise be referred to private practice.

Achieving the goal of establishing a Graduate Prosthodontics program required reaching several important milestones. The College had to first determine if there would be sufficient patients with appropriate treatment needs to support a new graduate prosthodontic program. Then, the College worked to increase the number of Prosthodontists on Faculty in the Department of Restorative Dentistry. Once these first steps had established demand and supply, with significant multi-year support from industry – Zimmer Dental – a one-year Implant Fellowship Program was established. The seven Fellows who completed the Implant Fellowship Program include two who subsequently went on to become Fellows of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada. The Implant Fellowship Program successfully added the needed capacity for more advanced patient care to the College

of Dentistry. The Graduate Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Graduate Periodontics programs quickly appreciated the opportunity this gave their residents to provide more complex implant-based care.

Once the precedent had been established, the Graduate Oral Surgery and Graduate Periodontics programs became great supporters of the creation of the new Graduate Prosthodontics program. The Graduate Prosthodontics program will provide the comprehensive care required for patients whose dental pathology exceeds the scope of practice of Dentistry, and will also work closely with the other graduate programs (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Orthodontics, Pediatric Dentistry, and Periodontics) to more appropriately coordinate advanced care with the other Specialities.

The implementation of the Master of Science/Graduate Prosthodontic Program is an important endeavor for the College of Dentistry, the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, and the University of Manitoba. The clinical and research experience afforded these residents will rank among the best in North America. If you wish to help ensure this groundbreaking effort is successful, we are accepting gifts to the Dr. Lorne E. MacLachlan Charitable Trust in support of the Graduate Prosthodontic program. Your investment will contribute to the innovative curriculum, clinical facilities, and state of the art technology for our residents. To make a contribution, please visit us online at <http://give.umanitoba.ca/LorneEdgarMcLachlanCharitableTrust>

# QUEBEC NEWS

Author: Dr. David Lalande

Dr. Laurent Franco, President of the Association of Dental Specialists in Prosthodontics of Quebec (ADSPQ), attended a meeting with the leaders of the other specialist associations and the leaders of the Ordre des dentistes du Québec (ODQ). The meeting served as a platform to inform dental professionals about the modernization of professional dental practices proposed by the Office des professions du Québec (OPQ).

The proposed reform concerns hygienists, dental assistants, denturists, and dentists. Among these four groups, currently only dental assistants have no professional organization.

The OPQ adopted the guidelines in November on delegation of acts. Here is a summary of the information obtained:

For hygienists, there is no major change apart from the permission to administer certain types of topical anesthetics.

As for dental assistants, they will be allowed to take radiographs, make primary impressions, and place rubber dams under the proposed changes. However, two conditions must be fulfilled: the dentist must be present, and s/he will hold liabilities regarding the treatment procedures. In addition, the assistant must possess a diploma of professional studies, have three years of experience and be registered in the Register of Assistants of the Order of Dentists.

The major changes that affect denturists lie in their right to practice in the field of implantology. They will be permitted to restore single or multiple implants as long as the final restoration is screw-retained and not cemented. In order for the denturist to restore the implant(s), s/he must have a written prescription from a dentist.

Regarding the written prescription, the various professional groups will have to agree on the execution of treatment. The ODQ demands the guidelines to be clearly written in a practice guide, including information about who takes the radiograph and the details of the prescription.

The information regarding the written prescription will have to be included in the proposed legislation that will be presented in the spring to be voted on later. A parliamentary commission could precede the adoption.

Denturists will also be allowed to make mouth guards, except night guards and mandibular advancement device for the treatment of snoring or sleep apnea.

Dr Laurent Franco, président de l'Association des dentistes spécialistes en prosthodontie du Québec (ADSPQ) a pris part à une rencontre avec les autres dirigeants d'associations de spécialistes et les dirigeants de l'Ordre des dentistes du Québec (ODQ). Le but de cette rencontre était d'avoir une mise à jour sur les intentions de l'Office des professions du Québec (OPQ) concernant la modernisation des pratiques professionnelles dans le domaine buccodentaire.

Les différents groupes concernés par cette réforme sont les hygiénistes, les assistantes dentaires, les denturologistes et les dentistes. Dans ces quatre groupes, il est à noter que seules les assistantes dentaires n'ont présentement pas d'ordre professionnel.

L'OPQ a adopté les orientations au mois de novembre sur la délégation des actes. Voici un résumé de l'information obtenue.

Pour les hygiénistes, il n'y a pas de changement majeur mise à part le fait de pouvoir administrer certains types d'anesthésiants topiques.

En ce qui concerne les assistantes, elles pourront prendre des radiographies, prendre des empreintes primaires et poser la digue. Cependant, deux conditions devront être respectées, le dentiste devra être présent et sera responsable traitement. De plus, l'assistante devra avoir un diplôme d'études professionnelles, avoir trois ans d'expérience minimum et être enregistrée au registre des assistantes de l'Ordre des Dentistes.

Les changements majeurs touchent les denturologistes et le droit de pratique en implantologie. Ils seront en mesure de restaurer des implants unitaires ou multiples tant que la restauration finale est vissée et non cimentée. Pour que le denturologiste puisse restaurer le ou les implants, il devra absolument avoir une ordonnance écrite d'un dentiste.

En ce qui concerne l'ordonnance, les différents ordres professionnels devront s'entendre sur la manière de procéder. L'ODQ exige que les lignes directrices soient clairement rédigées dans un guide de pratique, y compris les informations sur qui prendront les radiographies et les détails qui devront être inclus dans la prescription.

Les informations concernant l'ordonnance devront être incluses dans le projet de loi qui sera déposé au printemps pour être voté ensuite. Une commission parlementaire pourrait précéder l'adoption.

Les denturologistes auront également le droit de faire des protecteurs buccaux. Cependant, ils ne pourront pas faire de plaque occlusale ni d'appareil d'avancement mandibulaire pour le traitement du ronflement ou de l'apnée du sommeil.