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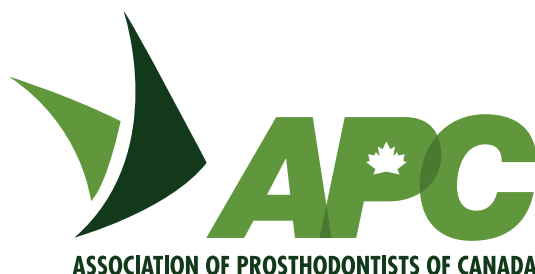
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dr. Brent Winnett
President, APC

I am honoured to have the privilege of addressing my colleagues as President of the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada this year. I am keenly aware of the trust our membership has given us, and me.

Succeeding as Canada's National Voice for Prosthodontics is, to put it mildly, a challenge. Prosthodontists are relatively few in number and spread thinly throughout the diverse geographic and cultural landscape of this very large country. It is certainly true that Prosthodontists in the different provinces and regions experience a variety of regulatory and economic influences on their practices, but I think it is also true that regardless of region we share a few frustrations. To describe a few... Patients seldom seem to understand what, exactly, we are Specialists of. Many dentists behave similarly, as if they, too, weren't sure what we were Specialists for – at least, judging by the infrequency of initial referral. Our fellow Specialists seem to enjoy a more clearly defined relationship with the general dentist population, but are similarly beholden to their referral base and thus apparently unwilling to assert the importance of the role of the Prosthodontist in complex patient care. Some dentists' race to the bottom on cost has devalued the perceived worth of our services, and patients prove it by bartering on fees. Other health care providers lobby vociferously for legal sanctification of their encroachment on our scope of practice that we've known has been going on for years. Deceptive advertising by these same adjunct oral health care providers undermines public perception of true Specialists – and the obvious conflict of interest in their Colleges' simultaneous promotion and "regulation" of their trades makes it clear it will likely get worse. And, regional public political will rarely seems interested in excellence or understand the importance of standards and enforcement in supporting it – the meaningless phrase "increased access to care" is too often used to justify the path of least resistance.

There is no doubt there are many more issues that need broadcasting and addressing. And, it is clear that Prosthodontists feel differently about the seriousness of these challenges – including, in some cases, about whether they are problems at all. This is how it should be, of course, but it does make representing the interests of our diverse Specialty an interesting puzzle.

Happily, the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada has a determined and creative group of talent to draw on in tackling these problems. These last four years I have been surprised continually by how involved our membership is outside the daily business of practice, and how willing they are to share their expertise and mentor new colleagues. It's this experience that gives me hope Prosthodontics will come out on top in the end, that our Specialty will grow stronger in the face of these tests and not fade in malaise.

My respect and thanks go out to all those who have laboured in service of our profession. Many have given much time advocating for excellence in our patient care and peer relations – on the Executive, at the Colleges, in the other national and provincial Associations, at their local level at Schools and study clubs... There are so many needs and so many willing minds taking them on; thank you, all. We depend entirely on your input and guidance as we move together, forward.

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MESSAGE DE LA PRÉSIDENTE

Je suis honoré d'avoir le privilège de prendre la parole devant mes collègues à titre de président de l'Association des prosthodontistes du Canada cette année. Je suis profondément conscient de la confiance que nos membres nous ont accordée, ainsi qu'à moi-même.

Devenir la voix nationale du Canada en matière de prosthodontie est, pour le moins que l'on puisse dire, un défi. Les prosthodontistes sont relativement peu nombreux et dispersés dans le paysage géographique et culturel varié de ce très grand pays. Il est certainement vrai que les prosthodontistes des différentes provinces et régions subissent diverses influences réglementaires et économiques sur leurs pratiques, mais je pense qu'il est également vrai que, peu importe la région, nous partageons quelques frustrations. Pour en décrire quelques-unes... Les patients semblent rarement comprendre de quoi, exactement, nous sommes spécialistes. De nombreux dentistes se comportent de la même manière, comme s'ils ne savaient pas non plus ce en quoi nous étions spécialisés - du moins, à en juger par la faible fréquence des références en prosthodontie. Nos compagnons en Spécialités semblent entretenir une relation plus clairement définie avec la population des dentistes généralistes, mais sont également redevables de leurs références et sont donc apparemment peu disposés à affirmer l'importance du rôle du prosthodontiste dans la prise en charge complexe des patients. La course au prix le plus bas de certains dentistes a dévalué la valeur perçue de nos services, et les patients le prouvent en marchandant les honoraires. D'autres fournisseurs de soins de santé exercent des pressions énergiques en faveur de la sanctification légale de leur empiètement sur notre champ de pratique depuis des années. La publicité trompeuse de ces mêmes fournisseurs de soins de santé bucco-dentaires adjoints mine la perception du public parmi les véritables spécialistes - et le conflit d'intérêts évident dans la promotion et la «réglementation» simultanées de leurs ordres dans leurs collèges laissent clairement prévoir une aggravation de la situation. De plus, la volonté politique publique régionale semble rarement intéressée par l'excellence, ou ne veut pas comprendre l'importance des normes et de son application pour la soutenir. L'expression dénuée de sens « augmentation de l'accès aux soins » est trop souvent utilisée pour justifier la voie de la moindre résistance.

Il ne fait aucun doute que de nombreuses autres questions doivent être diffusées et traitées. Et, il est clair que les prosthodontistes ont un point de vue différent quant à la gravité de ces problèmes - y compris, dans certains cas, s'il s'agit ou non de problèmes. C'est ce qu'il devrait être, bien sûr, mais cela fait de la représentation des intérêts de notre spécialité diversifiée un casse-tête intéressant.

Heureusement, l'Association des prosthodontistes du Canada dispose d'un groupe de talents déterminé et créatif sur lequel s'appuyer pour résoudre ces problèmes. Ces quatre dernières années, j'ai été continuellement surpris de voir à quel point nos membres sont impliqués en dehors de leurs pratiques quotidiennes, et désireux de partager leur expertise et de conseiller de nouveaux collègues. C'est cette expérience qui me donne l'espoir que la prosthodontie finira par être gagnante, que notre spécialité se renforcera face à ces tests et ne se dissipera pas.

Mes respects et mes remerciements vont à tous ceux qui ont travaillé au service de notre profession. Beaucoup ont donné beaucoup de temps pour plaider en faveur de l'excellence dans nos soins aux patients et nos relations avec les pairs - au niveau de l'exécutif, dans les collèges, dans les autres associations nationales et provinciales, au niveau local dans les écoles et les clubs d'étude ... tant d'esprits consentants qui les prennent en charge; Merci à tous. Nous dépendons entièrement de votre contribution et de vos conseils pour progresser ensemble.



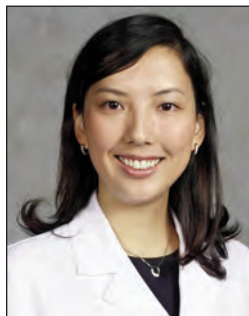
We want to hear from you!

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* !

MESSAGE FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT



Dr. Caroline Nguyen
Past President, APC

The last two years as President of the APC have been a whirlwind with so many major events impacting our dear profession, from the denturists trying to expand their scope of practice, to the changes in RCDC and NDSE exams. We have also seen the creation of the Canadian Section of the APC to gather some support from our neighbors south of the border in tackling some of our national issues that can feel daunting for our small group scattered throughout our vast beautiful country.

As I now move to my position of immediate Past President of the APC, I have become the representative for our Specialty at the Canadian Dental Specialties Association (CDSA). CDSA is the authoritative national voice of the collective of the Canadian National Dental Specialty Organizations and is dedicated to representing and advancing all Canadian Dental Specialties. CDSA communicates and works directly with the major key holders in organized dentistry in our country, including the Canadian Dental Association (CDA), the Royal College of Dentists of Canada (RCDC) and the Canadian Dental Regulatory Association Federation (CDRAF). It is important to note that the voting power of each specialty national organization within CDSA depends on how many members they represent. Most prosthodontists in Canada are members of the APC. However, 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, amongst other specialists, but also dentistry and government!

Of Interest to our students members, the CDSA has a yearly Student Travel Award for students enrolled in a Canadian dental specialty program to help fund their costs related to presenting their research at an international meeting. I invite all our Canadian students in Prosthodontics to visit <http://cdsa-acsd.ca/acsd-student-travel-awards/> for more information. Our latest prosthodontics recipient for the award is Dr Walaa Ahmed, currently a graduate prosthodontics student at the University of British Columbia, who received the award to present her study at the American College of Prosthodontists 2018 Annual Session in Baltimore. I hope she is the first of many prosthodontics students to receive this award!

In closing, our next Annual General Meeting will be held during the Academy of Prosthodontics 2019 Annual Meeting May 29 to June 1, 2019 in Banff, AB. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend as this promises to be an exceptional meeting.

Meanwhile, thank you for two wonderful years as President. I have been blessed talking, learning, and exchanging ideas with many of you always in hopes of making our profession the best it can be. I now hope you will give as much support to my dear friend Dr. Brent Winnett as he steps-in as President in a very tumultuous time for Prosthodontics.

Warmest regards,
Caroline Tram Nguyen

MESSAGE DE LA PRÉSIDENTE SORTANTE

DRE Caroline Nguyen

En tant que présidente sortante de l'APC, les deux dernières années ont été un véritable tourbillon. De nombreux événements ont eu une incidence majeure sur notre profession, des denturologistes tentant d'élargir leur champ de pratique aux modifications des examens du CRDC et du ENSD. Durant ma présidence, nous avons également assisté à la création de la section canadienne de l'ACP afin d'obtenir le soutien de nos voisins du sud de la frontière afin de résoudre certains problèmes nationaux qui peuvent sembler décourageants pour notre petit groupe dispersé dans notre vaste et magnifique pays.

Alors que je passe maintenant à mon poste de présidente sortante de l'APC, je suis devenue la représentante de notre spécialité au sein de l'Association Canadienne des Spécialités Dentaires (ACSD). L'ACSD est la voix collective et nationale de l'organisme national des spécialités dentaires, et se consacre à la représentation et à la promotion de toutes les spécialités dentaires canadiennes. L'ACSD communique et travaille directement avec les principaux intervenants en dentisterie organisée dans notre pays, y compris l'Association dentaire canadienne (ADC), le Collège royal des dentistes du Canada (RCDC) et la Fédération Canadienne des Organismes de Règlementation Dentaire (FCORD). Il est important de noter que le pouvoir de vote de chaque organisation nationale spécialisée au sein de l'ACSD dépend du nombre de membres qu'ils représentent. La plupart des prosthodontistes au Canada sont membres de l'APC. Cependant, 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 de renforcer notre pouvoir représentatif de la prosthodontie au Canada, non seulement parmi les autres spécialistes, mais également par rapport à la dentisterie générale et au gouvernement!

Pour nos étudiants membres, l'ACSD offre chaque année une bourse de voyage aux étudiants inscrits à un programme canadien de spécialité dentaire afin de les aider à financer les coûts liés à la présentation de leurs recherches lors d'une conférence internationale. J'invite tous nos étudiants canadiens en prosthodontie à visiter <http://cdsa-acsd.ca/acsd-student-travel-awards/> pour plus d'informations. La dernière récipiendaire en prosthodontie est la D^{re} Walaa Ahmed, actuellement étudiante en prosthodontie à l'Université de la Colombie-Britannique, qui a reçu la bourse pour présenter les résultats de son projet de recherche à la session annuelle 2018 de l'American College of Prosthodontists à Baltimore. J'espère qu'elle est la première de nombreux étudiants en prosthodontie à recevoir ce prix!

En conclusion, notre prochaine assemblée générale annuelle aura lieu lors de la Conférence de l'Académie de prosthodontie du 29 mai au 1er juin 2019 à Banff, en Alberta. Veuillez marquer votre calendrier et nous espérons vous y voir en grand nombre!

En attendant, merci pour deux merveilleuses années en tant que présidente. J'ai eu la chance de parler, d'apprendre et d'échanger des idées avec beaucoup d'entre vous dans l'espoir de faire de notre profession la meilleure possible. J'espère maintenant que vous apporterez autant de soutien à mon cher ami, le Dr. Brent Winnett, qui se présente à la présidence en cette période très tumultueuse pour la prosthodontie.

Sincères amitiés,
Caroline Tram Nguyen

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Canadian APC members attending the Canada night celebration during the ACP meeting in Baltimore

By/par Caroline Tram Nguyen

A LOOK BACK AT THE 2018 AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PROSTHODONTISTS ANNUAL SESSION

Many Canadian Prosthodontists made their way to Baltimore to attend the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) Annual Session held October 31st to November 3rd 2018. For the first time, Canadians had a roundtable during the Canadian Town Hall meeting discussion and breakfast group. The APC immediate past president Dr. Caroline Tram Nguyen, and the APC president Dr. Brent Winnett, who also act on the executives for the ACP Canadian Section, were in attendance and listened to members worries, queries, and their hopes for the future. As Canada is such a large country with very few occasions to meet face to face, we enjoyed every minute of discussion with you, and hope this event will become increasingly popular for us to reach out to members directly.

Our fourth "Canada Night at the ACP" gathered record attendance and is becoming one of our most cherished tradition with more than 30 of our members enjoying a complimentary drink with fellow Canadian colleagues. The event is becoming so popular that we might be able to make it a bigger industry sponsored event in years to come. Stay tuned and plan to attend Canada Night at the ACP next year in Miami Beach!

Finally, it is with great joy that we saw a Canadian Graduate Prosthodontics Student from the University of British Columbia, Dr. Walaa Ahmed, earn the 3rd place at the prestigious John J. Sharry Research Competition during the ACP meeting. Our next generation of Canadian Prosthodontists keeps making us very proud!

COUP D'OEIL SUR LA DERNIÈRE CONFERENCE DE L'ACP

De nombreux prosthodontistes canadiens se sont rendus à Baltimore pour assister à la session annuelle du American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) qui s'est tenue du 31 octobre au 3 novembre 2018. Pour la première fois, les Canadiens ont tenu une table ronde lors de la séance de discussion ouverte et du petit-déjeuner. La D^{re} Caroline Tram Nguyen, ancienne présidente sortante, et le D^r Brent Winnett, président de l'ACP, sont également membre du comité exécutif de la section canadienne de l'ACP et étaient présents pour écouter les inquiétudes des membres de la section canadienne, leurs questions, ainsi que leurs espoirs pour l'avenir. Comme le Canada est un pays immense avec très peu d'opportunités pour des rencontres en face à face, nous avons apprécié chaque minute de discussion avec vous et espérons que cet événement deviendra de plus en plus populaire pour que nous puissions interagir directement avec le plus grand nombre de membres possible.

Notre quatrième « Canada Night at the ACP » a réuni un nombre record de visiteurs et est en train de devenir l'une de nos traditions les plus chères. Plus de 30 de nos membres ont partagé un verre entre collègues canadiens. L'événement devient si populaire que nous pourrions peut-être en faire un événement plus important, parrainé par l'industrie, dans les années à venir. Restez à l'écoute et prévoyez d'assister à la « Canada Night at the ACP » l'année prochaine à Miami Beach!

Enfin, c'est avec une grande joie que nous avons vu une étudiante canadienne en prosthodontie de l'Université de la Colombie-Britannique, la D^{re} Walaa Ahmed, remporter la 3^e place du prestigieux concours de recherche John J. Sharry lors de l'ACP. Notre prochaine génération de prosthodontistes canadiens continue de nous rendre très fiers!

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Fellows and Guests of the Academy of Prosthodontics will gather for an outstanding scientific program, complimented by events designed to provide networking opportunities in an environment conducive to the exchange of the most current information and research in prosthodontics.

Please visit the meeting website to view the program schedule and complete meeting details:

www.academyofprosthodontics.org/2019_Banff_Canada.html

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Please visit the AP website for the latest program updates and conference information.

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MEETING LOCATION

The Annual Meeting of the Academy of Prosthodontics will take place at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, also known as the "Castle in the Rockies", a stunning hotel that was built during the 19th century with breathtaking views of the Rocky Mountains.

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Wednesday, May 29, 2019

*Welcome Reception & Dr. Louis Blatterfein Dinner
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Thursday, May 30, 2019

*Group Networking Outing and Dinner at the
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CANADIANS AT THE IJP WORKSHOP FOR YOUNG PROSTHODONTIC EDUCATORS

By Dr. Caroline Tram Nguyen

The International Journal of Prosthodontics (IJP) Workshop for Young Prosthodontic Educators (YPE) took place October 7-10, 2018 at the Institute for Continuing Professional Development in Karlsruhe, Germany. These biennial workshops aim at creating open discussion and provocative debate amongst participants from all around the world under the mentorship of some of the most prestigious names in prosthodontics. Many Canadians, and Canadian graduates were present at the workshop showing our faculties' interest in constantly evolving our great profession. The workshop this year was bitter sweet as it marked the retirement of the great Dr George Zarb. We wish him a very well-deserved retirement after an amazing career where he has touched and mentored so many people, and truly hope to see him again soon.

LES CANADIENS À L'ATELIER DE L'IJP POUR LES JEUNES ENSEIGNANTS EN PROSTHODONTIE

par D^{re} Caroline Tram Nguyen

L'atelier de la Revue internationale de prosthodontie (IJP) pour les jeunes enseignants en prosthodontie (YPE) s'est tenu du 7 au 10 octobre 2018 à l'Institut de développement professionnel continu de Karlsruhe, en Allemagne. Ces ateliers biennaux ont pour objectif de créer un débat ouvert et provocateur entre des participants du monde entier sous le mentorat de certains des plus prestigieux noms de la prosthodontie. De nombreux Canadiens et diplômés canadiens étaient présents à l'atelier, ce qui démontre l'intérêt de nos professions pour l'évolution constante de notre belle profession. YPE cette année a été marqué par le départ à la retraite du grand Dr George Zarb. Nous lui souhaitons une retraite bien méritée après une carrière incroyable où il a touché et guidé tant de gens et espérons le revoir bientôt.



UBC Faculty at the IJP Workshop for Young Prosthodontic Educators

(left to right: Dr. Chris Wyatt, Dr. Carolyn Nguyen, Dr. Michael MacEntee, Dr. Vincent Lee)

THE END OF AN ERA AT THE INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PROSTHODONTICS

By Dr. David Chvartzsайд



In 2018, Dr. George Zarb concluded his highly regarded 14-year tenure as the editor-in-chief of the *International Journal of Prosthodontics* (IJP).

George Zarb has had an incredibly productive and impactful career that culminated in 2004 with an appointment to lead this respected voice of international prosthodontics. George Zarb was only the 3rd editor-in-chief of the IJP after Jack Preston and Gunnar E. Carlsson. In his own passing of the torch, Gunnar Carlsson wrote in 2003 that incoming editor-in-chief – George Zarb – was “one of the best-known international representatives of our specialty.” Under George Zarb’s leadership, the journal further rose in prominence and cemented its reputation as the leading voice of prosthodontics. George Zarb placed strong emphasis on

clinical research in its many forms and fostered the research in prosthodontics in all corners of the world. He gave the journal a new tag line – management of oral rehabilitative needs across the age spectrum – a powerful reminder that the prosthodontic needs of patients are managed, not treated.

George Zarb was an educator, a researcher, and a leader. Until his retirement from the University of Toronto in 2004, George Zarb drove the Toronto Prosthodontic Powerhouse for four decades to the height of international prominence. He graduated over 50 specialty, MSc, and PhD students many of whom proceeded to have successful careers at many international institutions. George Zarb has written or edited over a dozen ground-breaking textbooks on all facets of prosthodontics and contributed chapters to many others. He has authored or co-authored over a hundred scientific publications many of which have become classics. George Zarb was a co-founder of the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada and later served as its president. Internationally, he was a co-president of the International College of Prosthodontists and has organized numerous international conferences. In recent years, George Zarb’s international leadership was focused on the biennial Karlsruhe Workshops for Young Prosthodontic Educators.

One of the qualities that has enabled George Zarb to be an effective and influential journal editor-in-chief was his ability to bring a diverse, intellectually rich international group of people together to push the research in prosthodontics to new frontiers. In his last editorial in the latest issue of the IJP – On Ending a Teaching Season – George Zarb paid tribute to his colleagues who “helped burnish and sustain a scholarly ethos” and whose “unflinching intellectual honesty helped make our discipline and IJP what it is today.”

George Zarb gave the IJP and so many other initiatives in prosthodontics a momentum that will keep them going strong for years to come. We are all beneficiaries of the legacy of George Zarb’s high-caliber efforts in teaching, research and clinical service throughout his distinguished career.



University of Toronto Graduate Prosthodontics Program under the leadership of David Chvartzsайд welcomed two new residents in the summer of 2018 – James Tonogai and Rosemary Chu. James is a 2015 graduate of Western University and worked in private practice in Hamilton before pursuing in-depth formal training in Prosthodontics. Rosemary is a 2016 McGill University alumna and devoted two years to an AEGD program at the University of Connecticut before directing her energies to advanced education in Prosthodontics.

NEW APC MEMBER



Dr. Patrice Milot

Dr. Patrice Milot obtained his DMD from University of Montreal in 1985 and started his academic career the following year. From 1986 to 1990, he completed a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies (CAGS) in prosthodontics and a Master of Science Degree (MSD) also in prosthodontics both at Boston University. His master's thesis was done under the supervision of Dr. Sheldon Stein.

Dr. Milot is presently appointed associate professor in fixed prosthodontics at University of Montreal. He has been head of the fixed prosthodontics division from 1996 to 1999 and from 2013 to 2017. He also chaired the department of restorative dentistry from 1999 to 2003 and from 2004 to 2008. Dr. Milot has been collaborating on a regular basis with the NDEB since 2011.

Over the course of his career Dr. Milot has developed a considerable interest for dental education. Last year, while on a sabbatical leave in Japan, he collaborated with Tokyo Medical and Dental University in a research project about the implementation of computer simulation learning material. Like many universities around the world, TMDU is facing the difficulty of recruiting a sufficient number of patients to provide for an adequate clinical training of the students and the situation is not expected to improve as dental procedures get more numerous and complex. It is therefore quite likely that many dental school will have to rely on various simulation scenarios to complete some aspects of clinical training.

APC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

Dr. Nuha Alkaff is the recipient of the APC Award for Academic Achievement given to the top applicant in the incoming cohort of students in 2018.

Born in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Dr. Alkaff graduated from the Riyadh Elm University with her Bachelor of Dentistry degree in 2011. Following a year of internships including oral and maxillofacial surgery, prosthodontics and orthodontics, she then undertook a Masters program in Dental Public and Primary Health at the University of Western Australia, completing in 2015.

Returning home, she worked in private practice until she gained entry to UBC to pursue a combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Prosthodontics. Following graduation, she plans to follow up with a further year in the implant surgical fellowship program at UBC.

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Dr. Nuha Alkaff with UBC Dean of Dentistry, Dr. Mary MacDougall

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APC ATLANTIC REPORT

By Dr. Stuart Richardson

Recently one of our full time prosthodontic faculty handed in his long awaited retirement letter to Dalhousie. This started me wondering about the state of our specialty, not only in general, but also specifically here in Nova Scotia. Since coming to Halifax 22 years ago, there have been 6 prostodontists retire, four of who were full time faculty and the others were part time. In that period we have gained four prosthodontists, two full time faculty and one part time.

In the next 5 years or so, we will be looking at a probability of 6 more retirements, again several of those, full time faculty. In a worst case scenario, if the status quo of incoming prosthodontists is kept, there will be a net of 4 prosthodontists for all of Nova Scotia, down from a one time high of 13, most of whom, taught at the dental

school in some capacity. Of note, there has been a significant increase of specialists in most other disciplines over this same period of time.

Obviously, this means less prosthodontic specialty coverage for an increasing and aging population. And of course, this begs the question of who is treating those patients requiring this specialty treatment. Of more concern to me though, is the amount and level of prosthodontic training students receive at the dental school. This also means less exposure to the specialty, less understanding of it and most probably, less chance of cultivating interest for future practitioners in the specialty.

It would be interesting to note the trend across the country.



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REPORT FROM ALBERTA

By Dr. Arif Sumar

I have recently been elected as President of the Alberta Academy of Prosthodontists (AAP). Since then, I have been working and meeting with some of the Edmonton Prosthodontists to discuss the future of our group. An initial effort was oriented around a membership drive and with that objective in mind, I am pleased to welcome a few new Prosthodontists to the fold. They are enthusiastic to contribute to our specialty and to the promotion of Prosthodontics in Alberta. The AAP will be relying heavily on the younger Prosthodontists to follow in the giant footsteps of the senior Prosthodontists that have been leading the way thus far. As a united group, the AAP members believe we can create tremendous progress with regards to the current issues facing Prosthodontists.

Further to the membership drive, the AAP has identified a number of concerns with regards to dentistry in Alberta. Concerns expressed at our last meeting are that we have seen an increase in poorly planned and executed dentistry which requires retreatment. This is not only a problem with local dentists, but with dental tourism as well. This is costly and traumatic to patients. It is stressful to the Prosthodontist fixing the previous work not only technically, but with regards to patient management and costs as well. Concern was also expressed related to the lack of prosthetic knowledge and education within the dental community. Prosthodontists in Alberta are also concerned with Denturists who are legally able to perform

fixed and removable implant prostheses with limited training. Many of our Prosthodontists have seen complications arising from the work completed by Denturists in Alberta. Denturists can also advertise in ways that we as Prosthodontists cannot due to the standards created by the ADA and C. Because the Denturists have their own governing body, the ADA and C standards do not apply to them. Lastly, concerns were also expressed related to a lack of public knowledge as to who Prosthodontists are and why they should see one rather than a general dentist or denturist.

In terms of attempting to address some of these concerns, we will be populating committees to spearhead some of the initiatives. Dr. David Neale and Dr. Brian Kucey have been working on a new standards document for prosthetically driven treatment planning. Once complete and reviewed, this document will be presented to the ADA and C. It is our hope that this document will become a beacon to raise the quality of dental care in Alberta. I have been working with the Alberta Society of Dental Specialists to create a new website. The goal of this website is to be a direct link to the public and dentists with regards to dental education and marketing. There has also been some discussion with regards to offering CE courses from the AAP as a way to increase the standard of dentistry in Alberta. We are working hard to ensure that 2019 is the year of Prosthodontists!



The three Canadian program directors participating in the 2018 NDSE

National Dental Specialty Examinations (NDSE)

(Left to right:)

Dr. David Chvartzaid – UofT

Dr. Igor Pesun - UofM

Dr. Chris Wyatt – UBC

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO NEWS

By Dr. David Chvatszaid

THE 4TH U OF T PROSTHODONTICS ALUMNI SYMPOSIUM MAKES A STRONG STATEMENT



The 2018 University of Toronto Prosthodontics Alumni Symposium was a great success. The Symposium brought together alumni, staff and residents of the Program as well as University of Toronto professorial staff, and members of the dental and prosthodontic community at large. This was the 4th time the Symposium has been organized, and it continues to grow in size and prominence. The Symposium featured a series of speakers and a resident poster session. The speakers of the Symposium focused on surgical implant treatment, approaches to restoration of worn and aesthetically compromised dentition, risk management, and pathology of edentulous ridges. The poster session combined clinical work addressing today's challenges with research

findings that will have a strong impact on the patients of tomorrow. Presenters at the Symposium represented the Program alumni, professorial staff of the University of Toronto, and residents in Prosthodontics and other teaching units of the university. This year, the Symposium also included contributions from residents at George Brown College dental technology program and Prosthodontic unit at Holland Bloorview hospital. Oral and poster presenters reflected a diversity of fields and approaches that make up our great specialty. The tradition of the Symposium continues to bring together clinicians and researchers with a passion for Prosthodontics and to inspire intellectual curiosity in the next generation of Canadian Prosthodontists.

AARON FENTON RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO AWARD

By Dr. David Chvatszaid



In October 2018, a University of Toronto Prosthodontist, Educator and Benefactor – Aaron Fenton – was recognized with the University of Toronto’s highest honor for volunteer service – Arbor Award. Arbor Award recipients are honoured for their “tremendous generosity and contribution to the experience of University of Toronto students, faculty, staff and alumni.” Aaron Fenton’s 2018 Arbor Award citation read: “As a mentor and leader, Aaron offers encouragement and support to the Faculty of Dentistry. He helps organize class reunions, lead class fundraisers and lends his expertise to student dental clinics. In 2015, Aaron generously created the Fenton Prosthodontics Research Fund.” Daniel Haas, the dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, further added: “Aaron Fenton exemplifies the heart of this institution and our profession: selfless generosity. I want to congratulate Aaron on his well-deserved recognition from the University of Toronto and to thank him for his countless contributions to our school and the lives of our students.”

Aaron Fenton earned the DDS degree from the University of Toronto and the certificate in Prosthodontics and the Master’s degree from the Eastman Dental Center, University of Rochester. In 1973, he accepted a position of Assistant Professor in Prosthodontics at the University of Toronto and advanced to Associate Professor, tenure, Full Professor, and Professor Emeritus, while maintaining a private practice. Throughout his distinguished career Aaron Fenton has served as the President of the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada (1978), Chief Examiner in Prosthodontics for the RCDC, and President of the Prosthodontics Research Group of the IADR. He was a member of the

first Toronto team that went to Göteborg in 1979, and he followed that with a sabbatical in Sweden. He has been the Director of the Implant Prosthodontic Unit and every Prosthodontics course at the University of Toronto. For a decade, he was the Director of the DDS Qualifying and IDAPP Programs for international dentists (International Dentist Advanced Placement Program).

After his retirement in 2011, Aaron Fenton visited Addis Ababa University to facilitate a teaching and learning exchange with the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry as part of the Toronto-Addis Ababa Academic Collaboration (TAAAC). Three years later, he participated in another TAAAC exchange, after organizing a substantial donation of dental equipment and supplies for Addis Ababa University.

In 2015, Aaron Fenton and wife Patricia made a gracious financial gift to the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry and the Graduate Prosthodontics Program to establish the Fenton Prosthodontic Research Fund to assist the teaching and research of Prosthodontics at the University of Toronto. In their own words, the donations “created a wonderful feeling of personal satisfaction, and we encourage all U of T alumni to give themselves the same experience.”

Since the University of Toronto Arbor Award was established in 1989, more than 2,400 alumni and friends have received the award.

We congratulate Aaron Fenton on this well-deserved honor.

REPORT FROM QUEBEC – SCOPE OF PRACTICE

By Dr. Laurent Franco

Dr. Laurent Franco, President of the Association of Dentists Specialists in Prosthodontics of Quebec (ADSPQ), attended a meeting with the other leaders of specialist associations and the leaders of the Ordre des dentistes du Québec (ODQ). The meeting served as a platform for dental professionals to keep abreast of 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 order.

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, place rubber dams under the proposed change. 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 law Project 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.

Rapport du Québec - Champ d'exercice

par D^{re} Laurent Franco

Dr Laurent Franco, président de l'Association des dentistes spécialistes en prothodontie 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.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS

By Dr. Walaa Ahmed

Dr. Walaa Magdy Ahmed, BDS, MSc, PhD Candidate American College of Prosthodontists Award Winner



Final year resident in Prosthodontics at the University of British Columbia (UBC), placed third in the John J. Sharry Research Competition at the American College of Prosthodontists Annual Meeting, held in Baltimore, Maryland, November 2nd, 2018.

When my program director, Dr. Chris Wyatt, asked me to describe my experience at the Sharry Research Competition, I recalled all of the time I had spent preparing for the competition and how elated I felt to win after working so hard. The John J. Sharry Research Competition at the American College of Prosthodontists annual meeting is designated for competition in high quality research in the field of prosthodontics. Each year, exceptional researchers from all over North America apply for this highly esteemed competition.

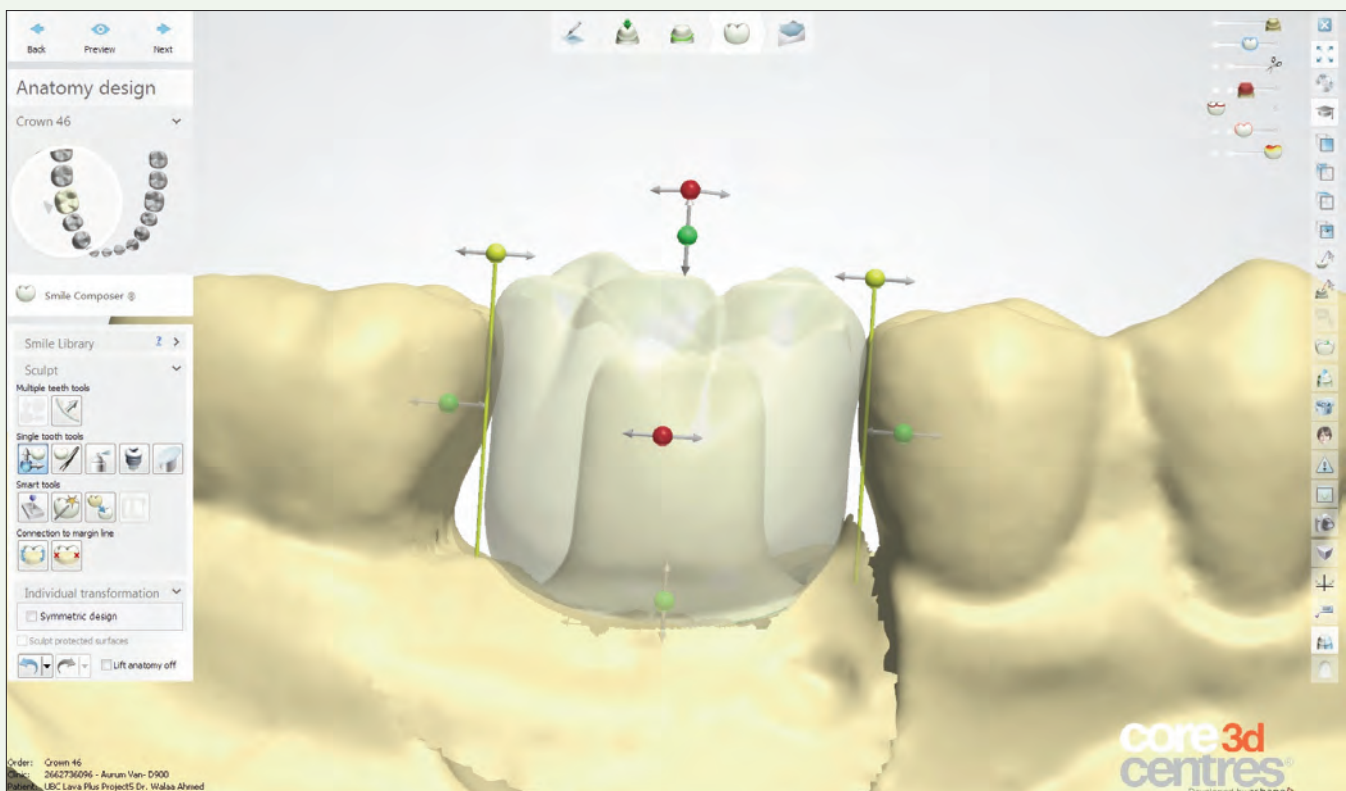
I participated with my research abstract, “Marginal Discrepancies of Monolithic Zirconia Crowns Under the Influence of Different Preparation Designs and Sintering Techniques”, which is a part of my PhD thesis. The abstract was later selected to be one of only six finalists for the competition and was judged based on a manuscript submission and a 15 minute oral presentation. Very high-quality projects offered

stiff competition. I was awarded the third-place research award by external peer-reviewed examiners.

My Ph.D. research investigated the effects of different preparation designs and sintering protocols on dimensional distortions of full-contoured zirconia crowns by directly measuring the dimension difference during processing stages and indirectly determining the accuracy of marginal fitting. We were trying to speculate the causes of distortion in zirconia, if any, and propose a combination of design and sintering protocols that would result in minimal dimensional changes and therefore better fitting crowns. The research I presented at the Sharry Research Competition was the accuracy of marginal fit and the article was recently accepted for publication at the *Journal of Prosthodontics*. (<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/1532849x>)

As a UBC graduate resident in the combined PhD/Prosthodontics program, I am very fortunate to work with outstanding clinicians and researchers who prepared me to run for this great experience and ultimate achievement. I am very grateful to my great mentor and supervisor, Dr. Ricardo Carvalho, and my advisory committee, Dr. Tom Troczynski, Dr. Anthony McCullagh and Dr. Chris Wyatt for their continuous guidance throughout my research. I also would like to commend the great contributions from my colleagues, Dr. Mohamed Nur Abdallah and Dr. Arwa Gazzaz, who supported me during the preparation stages of the competition.

During the competition, I got the chance to connect with top notch prosthodontic researchers across North America and internationally. I plan to collaborate and interact with them in future research and educational projects. I am sure that the reception of this award will positively impact the defense of my thesis and future academic life. It has definitely encouraged me to participate in more competitions in the future. I dream to excel in research in the field of prosthodontics and dental biomaterials, particularly ceramics, and by getting this



award, I am starting to put my dream into action. I strongly encourage my junior colleagues to put their hard work into prosthodontic research and apply for similar future meetings.

I greatly appreciate the generous financial support from my dental school, King Abdulaziz University (KAU), Saudi Arabia, the American College of Prosthodontics Education Foundation award (ACPEF), USA, and the Ivoclar Vivadent company. I would also like to thank the Canadian Dental Specialities Association (CDSA) who recognized my participation in the Sharry Competition and generously awarded me with a CDSA travel award. Lastly, and most importantly, thank you to my father, Dr. Magdy Eissa, my husband, Dr. Khaled Fawaz, and my little sweethearts at home who were the best encouragement for me to win this competition. I dedicate this award to my mother, Dr. Awatif Khogeer, who deserves all my success.”

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