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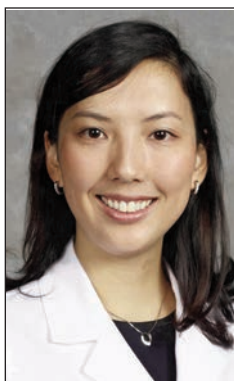
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dr. Caroline Tram
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President, APC

It is time to be a unified dental specialty!

My dear friends and colleagues, I am honored and humbled to serve as the President of the APC at this very important time for our profession. I would like to thank all my predecessors who have been great mentors to me since I joined the Executive back in 2010. Witnessing all the developments in prosthodontics throughout Canada over the last few years, I truly believe we now need to unify our voice as one strong specialty more than ever.

We recently held our Annual General Meeting in Montreal in September, conjointly with the RCDC Convocation. I would like to warmly welcome the latest RCDC Fellows in Prosthodontics into our beautiful profession!

We preceded our AGM with a consultation group about denturists' demands to increase their scope of practice. What became very clear from this meeting was that if Specialists and General Dentists don't look beyond their own individual needs, the apathy regarding this issue will lead to a very slippery slope down which the practice of Dentistry will be greatly diminished. Most of our General Dentists Colleagues with whom we discussed this issue believed it either didn't affect them, or that "our College will never let this happen." The reality is that it has already happened in Alberta, and unless we, as Specialists, educate our colleagues about these issues, it will spread to the entire country.

Many of you have asked me "how can we do something when there are so few of us Prosthodontists?" If it is true we are few in numbers, we are each very strong individuals and many of us teach at universities, study clubs, conferences and patients focus groups. If the expanded scope of practice of denturists feels like a devaluation of our Specialty, General Dentists need to understand it will affect them the most by decreasing their patient pool. You can help to protect our specialty by educating your patients, your students, your referring Dentists, and your colleagues in other Specialties. Each of you is a very important voice for our Specialty and I encourage all our members to speak out! Our new Facebook page is very alive since its creation last March, and has proved an effective tool into reaching our members while also establishing our presence as a Specialty in this digital world. Finally, we would also like to create a task force to tackle the denturist issue, with representatives from each province able to smoothly communicate with each other in a timely matter to share crucial information on what has worked/not worked in each jurisdiction. I would encourage you to contact your regional councilors or any other members of the APC Executive and myself if you would like to help us in this endeavor.

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 our ranks so that we can represent you as we protect our Specialty against what is becoming a paramount patient safety concern.

On a separate note, Canadian Prosthodontists were an active voice at the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) Annual Meeting held October 5-8 2016 in San Diego. We held our second "Canada Night" which is fast becoming a very enjoyable tradition in our membership. I have the privilege of being elected Director for the International Region of the ACP the same year as my Presidency for the APC, so I hope to bring the full experience of the ACP in developing patients education tools and networking tools back to our country to serve our membership.

In closing, our next Annual General Meeting will be held during the Canadian Academy of Restorative Dentistry and Prosthodontics (CARDP) Annual Scientific meeting in Vancouver, September 14-17 2017. Please make plans to attend. Meanwhile, I wish you all a very happy Holiday Season and a wonderful New Year 2017.

Warmest regards,
Caroline Tram Nguyen

MESSAGE DE LA PRÉSIDENTE

L'union fait la force!

Mes chers amis et collègues, je suis honorée d'être la présidente de l'APC à ce moment très important pour notre profession. Je tiens à remercier tous mes prédécesseurs qui ont été d'excellents mentors pour moi depuis que j'ai joint l'exécutif en 2010. Étant témoin des développements en prosthodontie à travers le Canada au cours des dernières années, je crois sincèrement que nous devons maintenant plus que jamais unifier notre voix pour renforcer notre spécialité.

Nous avons récemment tenu notre assemblée générale annuelle à Montréal en septembre, conjointement avec la cérémonie de remise de diplômes du RCDC. Je souhaite chaleureusement la bienvenue aux nouveaux fellows du RCDC en prosthodontie dans notre merveilleuse profession!

Nous avons également précédé notre AGA par un groupe de consultation sur les demandes des denturologistes pour accroître leur champ d'exercice. Ce qui est devenu très clair durant cette réunion est que si les spécialistes et les dentistes ne regardent pas au-delà de leurs propres besoins individuels, l'apathie à ce sujet mènera à un point où la profession dentaire sera considérablement diminuée. La plupart de nos collègues dentistes généralistes sondés au sujet de cette question croyaient qu'elle ne les affectait pas, ou que «notre Collège ne laissera jamais cela se produire». La réalité est qu'il s'agit d'un fait accompli en Alberta, et à moins que nous n'éduquions nos collègues, ces problèmes se répandront dans tout le pays.

Beaucoup d'entre vous m'ont demandé « que pouvons-nous faire alors que nous sommes si peu nombreux ? » S'il est vrai que nous sommes restreints en nombre, chacun d'entre nous bénéficie d'un incroyable rayonnement dans notre profession, avec plusieurs d'entre nous enseignant dans des universités, des clubs d'études, des conférences et des groupes de support aux patients. Si la requête des denturologistes pour élargir leur champ de pratique est ressentie comme une dévaluation de notre spécialité, les dentistes généralistes doivent comprendre qu'elle les affectera encore davantage en diminuant leur nombre de patients. Vous pouvez contribuer à protéger notre spécialité en éduquant vos patients, vos étudiants, les dentistes généralistes dans votre entourage, et vos collègues dans d'autres spécialités. Chacun de vous est une voix très importante pour notre

spécialité et j'encourage tous nos membres à se faire entendre! Notre nouvelle page Facebook est très active depuis sa création en mars dernier et s'est avérée un outil efficace pour rejoindre nos membres tout en établissant notre présence comme une spécialité dans la réalité digitale d'aujourd'hui. Nous aimerions également créer un groupe pour s'occuper uniquement de la question denturologistes, avec des représentants de chaque province pouvant communiquer fluidement entre eux pour partager des informations qui pourraient s'avérer utiles d'une province à l'autre. Je vous encourage à communiquer avec vos conseillers régionaux ou tout autre membre de l'exécutif de l'APC et moi-même si vous souhaitez nous aider dans cette entreprise.

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.

Sur une note distincte, les Prosthodontistes canadiens ont fait entendre leur voix lors de la réunion annuelle de l'American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) qui a eu lieu du 5 au 8 octobre 2016 à San Diego, et nous avons organisé notre deuxième « Canada Night » qui devient une tradition très agréable et appréciée par nos membres. J'ai le privilège d'être élue Directrice pour la Région Internationale de l'ACP la même année que ma Présidence pour l'APC, et j'espère apporter l'expérience de l'ACP dans le développement d'outils d'éducation des patients et en création d'outils de réseautage pour servir nos membres au Canada.

En terminant, notre prochaine assemblée générale annuelle aura lieu à l'occasion de la réunion scientifique annuelle de l'Académie canadienne de dentisterie restauratrice et de prosthodontie (CARDP) à Vancouver, du 14 au 17 septembre 2017. Nous espérons vous y voir en grand nombre. En attendant, je vous souhaite de très Joyeuses Fêtes et une merveilleuse année 2017.

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 hear from you in 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

UPDATE - CONSULTATION GROUP SESSION - 24 SEP 2016

Over the past year, the Provincial Dental Regulatory Bodies have requested Position Statements from the individual provincial Prosthodontics members' associations concerning denturists' potential expansion of their scope of practice. Several Denturists provincial associations wish to expand their scope of practice beyond removable prostheses.

According to the Government of Alberta's Health Professions Act and College of Alberta Denturists, Denturists in Alberta can provide the following services since 2009.

- Prescribe and fit a removable partial or complete denture.
- Prescribe and fit a fixed or removable implant supported prosthesis that replaces two or more teeth.
- Perform an invasive procedure on body tissue below the mucous membrane or in or below the surface of teeth if the procedure does not alter natural dentition.
- Insert and remove instruments, devices and fingers into an artificial opening in the mouth.
- Reduce a dislocation of a temporomandibular joint for the purpose of reducing a subluxation of the temporomandibular joint.
- Order any form of ionizing radiation in medical radiography.

In Alberta, Denturists can provide the following services:

- Consultation, examination and diagnosis to prescribe treatments for patients who are missing one or more teeth and for patients wishing non-restricted services.
- Any fixed or removable implant-supported prosthesis which replaces two or more teeth, including partial dentures and bridges and various complete dentures systems.
- Removable complete dentures including immediate (surgical), transitional/temporary, standard, equilibrated dentures, overdentures, etc.
- Removable partial dentures including, acrylic, resin and cast metal, immediate (surgical) transitional/temporary, standard, equilibrated, semi-precision and precision attachment partial dentures, etc.
- Ongoing maintenance of dentures including adjustments, tissue

conditioning, relines, rebases, repairs, resetting of teeth.

- Ongoing maintenance of implant restorations of two or more prosthetic teeth.
- Tooth whitening systems.
- Sports mouth guards.
- Anti-bruxism devices (Night Guards).
- Anti-snoring devices (Airway Dilators).
- Referral to other health care providers for necessary services, such as oral surgeons, general dentists, medical practitioners (family doctor), chiropractors, physiotherapists, etc.

So far, Alberta is the only province to have this scope of practice endorsed by their Ministry of Health. British-Columbia, Québec and Ontario Denturists are proposing similar actions at their provincial levels. Dental Regulatory Bodies have been consulted and have requested support from the various Provincial Prosthodontics members' associations in developing Position Statements with often very limited time to react.

In order to understand and properly respond to this worrying trend, the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada conducted a Consultation Group Session to discuss the situation and develop an action plan. This session was held in Montreal on 24 September 2016.

The meeting was very productive and interesting discussions occurred. There was a general agreement that educating the General Population, Regulatory Bodies, General Dentists and Denturists on prosthodontic treatment options for patients and their associated risks would be extremely important.

The APC will create a committee that will have representation from each Province to elaborate an action plan to carry our mission forward as the National Voice for Prosthodontists in Canada.

On behalf of the APC, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this meeting, including those who sent comments by email.

Dr. Nancy Dubois

RAPPORT DE L'ANCIENNE PRÉSIDENTE

DRE Nancy Dubois

COMPTE-RENDU - GROUPE DE CONSULTATION - 24 SEPT 2016

Au cours de la dernière année, des organismes provinciaux de réglementation dentaire ont demandé aux différentes associations prosthodontiques locales de se prononcer sur l'éventualité de l'expansion du champ de pratique des denturologistes. En effet, plusieurs associations provinciales de denturologistes souhaitent élargir leur champ de pratique au-delà de la fabrication de prothèses partielles ou complètes amovibles. En Alberta, cet élargissement de champs de pratique est chose faite et ainsi, les denturologistes peuvent fournir les services suivants depuis 2009:

- Prescrire, fabriquer et adapter une prothèse partielle ou complète amovible.
- Prescrire, fabriquer et adapter une prothèse fixe ou amovible supportée par des implants qui remplace deux ou plusieurs dents.
- Exécuter une procédure invasive sur le tissu du corps au-dessous de la membrane muqueuse ou dans ou au-dessous de la surface des dents si la procédure ne modifie pas la dentition naturelle.
- Insérer et retirer des instruments, des appareils et des doigts d'une ouverture artificielle dans la bouche.
- Réduire la luxation d'une articulation temporo-mandibulaire dans le but de réduire une subluxation de l'articulation temporo-mandibulaire.

- Commandez toute forme de rayonnement ionisant en radiographie médicale.

Les denturologistes de l'Alberta peuvent prodiguer les soins suivants:

- Consultation, examen et diagnostic pour les traitements de patients qui manquent une ou plusieurs dents et pour les patients qui souhaitent des services non-restreints
- Prothèses partielles amovibles, y compris, résine acrylique, composite et métal coulé, immédiates (chirurgicales), transitionnelles / temporaires, conventionnelles, équilibrées, avec ou sans attaches de précision ou semi-précision
- Prothèses amovibles complètes, y compris immédiates (chirurgicales), transitionnelles / temporaires, conventionnelles, équilibrées, "overdentures", etc.
- Toutes prothèses fixe ou amovible supportées par implants qui remplace deux ou plusieurs dents, y compris les prothèses dentaires et les ponts partiels et divers systèmes de prothèses complètes.
- L'entretien régulier des prothèses dentaires y compris les ajustements, les conditionneurs de tissus, regarnissages, rebasages, réparations, remplacements des dents de prothèse.



Consultation Group Session Participants / Participants au Groupe de Consultation

COMPTE-RENDU - GROUPE DE CONSULTATION - 24 SEPT 2016

- L'entretien régulier des restaurations implantaire de deux ou plusieurs dents.
- Les systèmes de blanchiment des dents.
- Les protecteurs buccaux pour les sports.
- Les dispositifs anti-bruxisme (Night Guards).
- Les dispositifs anti-ronflement (Appareils de repositionnement mandibulaires).
- La référence à d'autres fournisseurs de soins de santé pour les services nécessaires, tels que les chirurgiens buccaux, dentistes généralistes, médecins (médecin de famille), chiropraticiens, physiothérapeutes, etc

Jusqu'à présent, l'Alberta est la seule province à avoir cette portée de pratique approuvée par leur gouvernement. Les denturologistes de la Colombie-Britannique, du Québec et de l'Ontario proposent des actions similaires à leurs niveaux. Les organismes de réglementation dentaires ont été consultés et ont demandé le soutien des associations provinciales prosthodontiques pour développer des énoncés de position. Ces demandes ont malheureusement été faites avec bien souvent très peu de temps pour réagir.

Afin de comprendre et de réagir à cette tendance, l'Association des Prosthodontistes du Canada a mené un Groupe de Consultation pour discuter de la situation et développer un plan d'action. Cette rencontre a eu lieu à Montréal le 24 Septembre ici 2016.

La réunion a été très productive et des discussions intéressantes ont découlé de cette rencontre. Tous s'accordaient pour dire que l'éducation de la population générale, des organismes de réglementation, des dentistes généralistes et des denturologistes sur les options de traitement prothétiques pour les patients et leurs risques associés serait extrêmement importante afin que les spécialistes avec l'expertise appropriée soient consultés.

L'APC créera un comité qui aura des représentants de chaque province pour élaborer un plan d'action et ainsi réaliser notre mission qui est d'être la Voix Nationale pour les Prosthodontistes du Canada.

Au nom de l'APC, je voudrais remercier tous ceux et celles qui ont contribué à cette réunion, y compris ceux (celles) qui ont envoyé des commentaires par courriel.

D^{re} Nancy Dubois

A CALL TO RALLY



The APC's membership consultation meeting, which was held in Montréal this past September, spotlighted the proposed expanded scope of practice of denturists. Provincial legislatures across Canada are in the process of unilaterally attributing implant prosthetic procedures to denturists. In the case of Alberta this is already a fait accompli, while in BC, it is about to take place. Other provinces will follow suit. In the minds of many among us at the meeting, there is little that we can do about it at this point. How is

it that we did not see that train coming?

Prosthodontics is the only specialty involved in this take-over by denturists, which therefore puts us in a distinct position. We have come to the harsh realization that we can no longer conduct ourselves the way other dental specialties do, since our very existence is at stake.

But there's another reality that we should be seriously concerned about, and that is the takeover of the Prosthodontist's responsibility and legal obligation by dental technicians/labs to design appliances/prostheses and prescribe materials. The latter are lobbying relentlessly at the Québec political level in order to pass such a law. As for the dental industry, it too is rooting for such a hijacking as it seeks to broaden its user base without needing the cumbersome approval of the dentist.

Given that Canadian prosthodontists form such a small body, how can we hope to have any impact on policies? There is clearly greater strength in numbers. We'll need to reach out to all of our provincial dental associations and federations, through compelling communication, as well as seek the support of prosthodontic associations, colleges and federations at the international level.

And for once, let's please include the general public, patients who are our raison d'être and who ought to be informed adequately on the services prosthodontists offer and the ramifications of shortsighted legislation that threatens the quality of their care and their treatment options.

Such a tremendous concerted effort requires the involvement and commitment of all APC members and, yes, all prosthodontist non-members too, in order to structure and implement an effective communication strategy.

We need to do things differently this time around, and being a part of such a campaign blitz is no longer optional, it is vital!

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RALLIONS-NOUS

La rencontre consultative de l'APC, qui s'est tenue à Montréal en septembre, mettait de l'avant l'expansion rapide de la pratique des denturologistes et leur invasion dans le domaine prothétique, droit accordé par des législatures canadiennes. C'est déjà le cas en Alberta, tandis qu'en Colombie Britannique, cela deviendra une réalité sous peu. Les autres provinces suivront.

Or, plusieurs participants à cette rencontre croient qu'il est déjà trop tard pour agir. Comment expliquer que nous n'avons pas vu venir cette agression?

La prosthodontie s'avère la seule spécialité dentaire qui soit touchée par une telle expropriation de la part des denturologistes, ce qui nous met dans une position singulière. Nous ne pouvons plus nous comporter comme toutes les autres spécialités dentaires, vu que notre existence même est en péril.

Mais voici un autre fait qui devrait nous inquiéter, à savoir la prise de contrôle par les techniciens dentaires, de la responsabilité et de l'obligation légale des prosthodontistes, pour le dessin des appareils/prothèses et la prescription des matériaux. Au Québec, et sans doute ailleurs aussi, les laboratoires/techniciens font des représentations politiques incessantes à cet effet. Pour ce qui est de l'industrie dentaire, elle aussi souhaite ce détournement, ce qui lui accorderait une plus grande base de clients sans interventions du dentiste.

Étant donné le nombre très restreint de prosthodontistes au Canada, comment pouvons-nous avoir un impact sur les décideurs politiques? L'union fait clairement la force dans notre cas, puisqu'il nous faudra rallier toutes les associations et fédérations dentaires canadiennes, à l'aide de communications persuasives, en plus de solliciter le support de nos collègues, associations, collèges et fédérations en prosthodontie, à l'étranger.

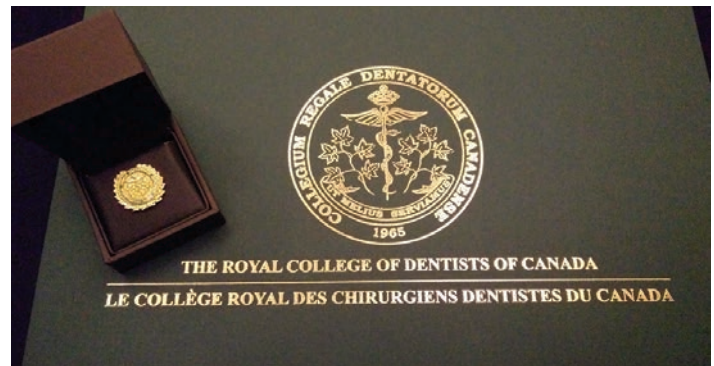
Et pour une fois, incluons le grand public, ces patients qui sont notre raison d'être, qui devraient être renseignés sur les services que nous leur offrons ainsi que les conséquences néfastes de législations myopes qui mettent à risques la qualité des soins prodigués ainsi que leurs options. Un tel effort concerté exige implication et engagement de la part de tous les membres de APC, en plus des non-membres, dans le but de structurer et mettre de l'avant une stratégie de communication.

Il nous faut maintenant faire les choses autrement, et la participation de tous les prosthodontistes dans une telle campagne n'est plus optionnelle, elle est vitale!

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It was the privilege of several members of the APC to welcome this year's new Fellows of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada at the RCDC Convocation held this September in Montreal. Current Fellows in Prosthodontics present included Past President Nancy Dubois, our new Executive: President Caroline Nguyen, Vice-President Brent Winnett, Treasurer David Chvartszaid, and Regional Councillors Vincent Lee, John Zarb, David Lalonde, and Stuart Richardson. This is always an important and exciting event celebrating the achievement of one of professional achievement's greatest milestones, and Montreal 2016 was no exception. All the best to this year's new RCDC Fellows in Prosthodontics: Hafiz Adawi, Ghassan Al Dika, Faris Alshahrani, Yasmin Alzayer, Christine Joseph, Vincent Lee, Patrick Miklos, Hooman Mohandesan, Nesrine Mostafa, Pranai Nakaparksin, Annik Pelletier, David Powell, Mohammad Taheri, Vincent Torresyap, and Ahmed Zaher. Congratulations!

C'était le privilège de plusieurs membres de l'APC d'accueillir les nouveaux fellows du Collège Royal des Chirurgiens Dentistes du Canada à la Convocation du RCDC qui a eu lieu en Septembre à Montréal. Les Fellows en prosthodontie présents incluaient entre autres notre ancienne présidente Nancy Dubois, les membre de notre nouvel exécutif: Présidente Caroline Nguyen, Vice-Président Brent Winnett, Trésorier David Chvartszaid, ainsi que nos conseillers régionaux: Vincent Lee, John Zarb, David Lalonde et Stuart Richardson. Il s'agit toujours d'un événement important et excitant célébrant la réussite dans l'une des plus importantes étapes dans une vie professionnelle. Nos meilleurs vœux à nos nouveaux Fellows du RCDC en prosthodontie: Hafiz Adawi, Ghassan Al Dika, Faris Alshahrani, Yasmin Alzayer, Christine Joseph, Vincent Lee, Patrick Miklos, Hooman Mohandesan, Nesrine Mostafa, Pranai Nakaparksin, Annik Pelletier, David Powell, Mohammad Taheri, Vincent Torresyap, and Ahmed Zaher. Félicitations!

THE EVOLVING LANDSCAPE FOR PROSTHODONTISTS IN PRACTICE: A REGIONAL VIEWPOINT

Presented at the Graduate Prosthodontics Alumni Day, Faculty of Dentistry,
University of Toronto on June 26, 2015
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This article reflects the viewpoint of a fulltime practicing prosthodontist working in a multidisciplinary specialty practice in Barrie, Ontario. I have had the pleasure of practicing dentistry for the past 20 years and serving as a prosthodontist for the past 13 years.

Dr. David Chvartzaid, the Director of the Graduate Prosthodontic Program at the University of Toronto, asked me to present a short paper on current private practice realities, at our Alumni Day this year. This paper is a synthesis of the presentation.

“Change is inevitable. In a progressive country, change is constant”. Benjamin Disraeli 1804-1881.

My mentors taught me many things during my graduate prosthodontic training. They prepared me to tackle the significant changes that can occur in the harsh oral environment and helped me to develop the skills to become resilient in dealing with the many challenges that present in daily practice. I am confident that every generation of prosthodontists is certain that they are practicing prosthodontics in the most challenging time. In 2015, here are some of the challenges/forces affecting the private practice landscape:

1. Today's general dentist is graduating with more student debt than ever before and is competing with an increased number of dentists in the community.
2. **The Super General Dentist:** New graduates have to work 6-7 days a week in some areas, to make ends meet, working out of multiple dental practices. They are encouraged by dental consultants to embrace complex orthodontic and implant prosthodontic procedures into their practices. “Thou shalt not refer” is a common starting point when dental consultants are engaged to help general dentists expand the scope of their practices.
3. **The advent of dental corporations:** Well managed dental corporations have entered the field of private practice. Their mission, understandably, revolves around bringing “a new level of business sophistication and collaboration, while delivering strategic re-

sources to support dentists' personal and professional growth ambitions” (Dental Corporation, 2011). The creation of networked practices allows for greater buying power. Dental specialists are often imported to provide services to the network.

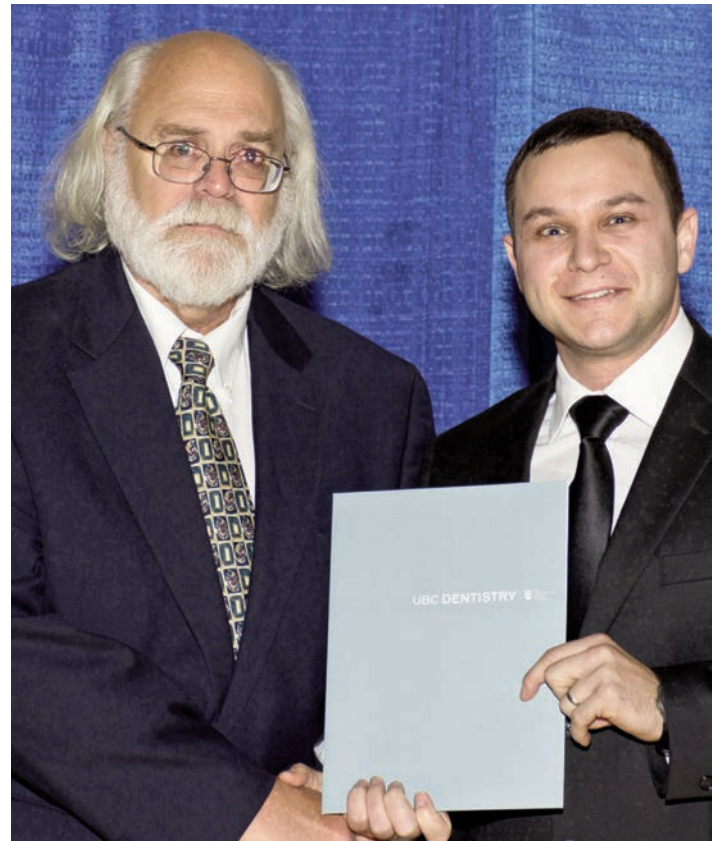
4. **Denturism:** It is not about dentures anymore. Some members of the denturist community have embraced the introduction of implant prosthodontics into their practices that goes beyond their self-regulated scope of practice. There is repeated evidence of this on the web, with denturists advertising their ability to provide fixed permanent implant prostheses. Proposed legislation in some provinces will make this become a reality.

With this information as a backdrop, it is evident that these forces are, and will, impact prosthodontists in practice. We are at a crossroads and need to reach out to the prosthodontic community at large and see what is being done to address these challenges.

1. The American College of Prosthodontists (ACP), a strong political organization and recognized as the voice of prosthodontists on the continent, set out to promote our specialty with the general public. They have done so in the following manner:
 - a. **Your Smile. Our Specialty:** This tag line was gifted to the ACP by Dr. Izchak Barzilay and appeals to the patient. It is a great descriptor of who we are.

APC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

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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. Iben Lucsanszky** by Dr. Charles Shuler, Dean of Dentistry, UBC at the University of British Columbia Faculty of Dentistry Dean's Night Awards Program on October 19, 2016.

L'APC remet chaque année une bourse de Rendement Académique pour le meilleur étudiant admis à chaque programme de prosthodontie canadien. L'étudiant est nommé par ses enseignants ou son directeur de programme, et doit avoir fait preuve de perspicacité et leadership durant ses études. Le prix de l'APC a été présenté au **Dr Iben Lucsanszky** par le Dr Charles Shuler, doyen de la faculté de dentisterie de UBC lors du « Dean's Night » qui a eu lieu le 19 octobre 2016.

- b. **ACP Messenger:** This quarterly publication is written with patients' interests in mind and should be found in every prosthodontist's waiting room.
 - c. **GoToAPro.org:** ACP Website presenting information regarding prosthodontics for a general public audience.
 - d. **National Prosthodontic Awareness Week:** The brainchild of Dr. Jonathan Wiens designed to draw attention to prosthodontics through a variety of public events that are covered by different media outlets.
2. The Association of Prosthodontists of Canada revamped its website to enable patients to locate a prosthodontist in their area.
 3. The Association of Prosthodontists of Ontario launched a patient friendly website **GoToAPro.ca**, which is searchable to locate a prosthodontist in the province of Ontario.
 4. The sister specialties have also focused their online presence to be appealing and attractive to the general public. Combined multidisciplinary scientific meetings, organized to foster better interaction between the specialties, are becoming more commonplace.

Vision Ahead

In my opinion, the challenges we are facing today can actually be transformed into opportunities for our specialty. I would like to propose that we focus our efforts on the following:

1. **Continue to Champion Dental Education. We must maintain a strong leadership role in our academic institutions.**
2. **Foster stronger ties with the sister specialties. We need to reach out to our specialist colleagues and collaborate more.**
3. **Support and promote all the specialties to the Public. There is strength in numbers**
4. **Champion Patient Advocacy. An important aspect of patient care that is so often overlooked.**
5. **Champion Geriatric Care. We are so well positioned to manage the dental needs of this cohort. There are more seniors than children in Canada.**
6. **Mentor our new specialists. Prosthodontics lends itself to an apprenticeship upon graduation. We have to take care of our young.**

I believe that if we act now, we can reaffirm our strong leadership legacy among all dentists. Patients will be informed and will seek us out for our expertise. We have the capacity to create opportunities for patients to receive the specialty care they deserve.

OUR RESIDENTS SHINE AT THE ACP POSTER SESSION

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A talented group of the University of British Columbia and the University of Toronto residents - including one of the incoming residents who is a current Undergraduate student at the University of Toronto - presented a variety of posters at the American College of Prosthodontists meeting in San Diego. The posters presented a wide variety of topics in the formats of basic research, literature reviews, and case reports. The posters met a very high standard and were very well-received by conference judges and attendees. Special congratulations go to Dr. Peter Walker – 3rd year resident at UBC – on winning 1st place at the ACP poster competition. We are very proud of our residents' efforts and accomplishments.

Un groupe talentueux de résidents de l'University of British Columbia et de l'University of Toronto – incluant un futur résident en prosthodontie présentement en train de finir ses études sous graduées à l'University of Toronto – ont présenté des tables cliniques au Congrès annuel de l'American College of Prosthodontists à San Diego. Les affiches présentaient une grande variété de sujets incluant des projets de recherche, revues de littérature et rapports de cas. Les affiches étaient de très grande qualité et ont été très bien reçues par les juges et les participants à la conférence. Des vœux de félicitations plus particulièrement pour le Dr. Peter Walker – étudiant en 3ème année de prosthodontie à UBC – pour sa 1ère place à la compétition en division résidents en prosthodontie. Nous sommes très fiers des efforts déployés par nos résidents et pour leurs réalisations.



Photo description: Dr Caroline Nguyen (ACP Posters Session Chair 2016)
and Dr. Peter Walker (1st place recipient)

THE APC WAS REPRESENTED AT THE ACP REGION 7 BREAKFAST

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(Left to right): Dr Caroline Nguyen 2017 ACP Director for Region 7, Dr Robert Taft 2017 ACP President Elect, Dr Carl Driscoll 2016 ACP President, Dr Lino Calvani 2016 ACP Director for Region 7, and Dr Susan E. Brackett 2017 ACP President attending the ACP Region 7 Breakfast.

As part of the ACP Annual Session, international Prosthodontists from Region 7, including several Canadian Prosthodontists, gathered for an early morning breakfast meeting. The discussion included the sharing of experiences regarding the difficulties in promoting the prosthodontics specialty and the need for the development of networks of Prosthodontists in each of our own respective countries and worldwide. Canadian Prosthodontists also reiterated the difficulties that we are having in promoting the value of prosthodontics while struggling with the ongoing proposed expansion of scope for denturists in several provinces. We were also given a brief demonstration of some patient education tools and networking tools developed by the ACP. It was a pleasure to be a part of such a discussion with Prosthodontists from countries such as Ireland, Italy, Spain, Singapore, Saudi Arabia, the United Kingdom, and New Zealand.

Dans le cadre du Congrès annuel de l'ACP, les prosthodontistes de la région internationale (région 7), incluant plusieurs prosthodontistes canadiens, se sont réunis pour une réunion autour d'un petit déjeuner matinal. La discussion a porté sur le partage des expériences concernant les difficultés de promotion de notre spécialité et la nécessité de développer des réseaux de prosthodontistes dans chacun de nos pays respectifs et dans le monde entier. Les prosthodontistes canadiens ont également réitéré les difficultés que nous éprouvons pour promouvoir la valeur de notre profession tout en luttant contre l'élargissement proposé par les denturologistes dans plusieurs provinces. Nous avons également reçu une brève démonstration d'outils éducatifs à l'usage des patients et des outils de réseautage développés par l'ACP. Ce fut un plaisir de participer à une telle discussion avec des prosthodontistes de plusieurs pays incluant l'Irlande, l'Italie, l'Espagne, Singapour, l'Arabie Saoudite, les Royaumes Unis et la Nouvelle-Zélande.

RESIDENTS' DINNER

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For the third year in a row, the residents of the two English-speaking Canadian Prosthodontic Programs – the University of British Columbia and the University of Toronto – came together for an evening of bonding during the American College of Prosthodontists meeting in San Diego. The two Programs are separated by great distance but are united in commitment to the success of the next generation of leaders in Prosthodontic patient care, research and education. UBC and U of T residents quickly found common ground and the evening flew by very quickly. Till next time!

Pour la 3ème année consécutive, les résidents des deux programmes d'études supérieures en prosthodontie canadiens – University of British Columbia et University of Toronto – se sont réunis pour une soirée amicale durant le Congrès annuel du American College of Prosthodontists à San Diego. Les deux programmes sont séparés par une grande distance, mais unis dans leur engagement à nourrir la prochaine génération de leaders en soins prosthodontiques, recherche et éducation. Les résidents de UBC et U of T ont rapidement trouvé des points en communs et la soirée a passé à une vitesse folle. A la prochaine fois!

PROSTHODONTISTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Author: Dr. David Chvartszaid



In February of this year, U of T Faculty of Dentistry staff and students participated in a multifaceted service trip to Uganda providing dental and medical care to the underserved rural population around Kabale (Southern Uganda). The much-needed service trip was organized by a Toronto NGO “Bridge to Health”. All participants in this service trip were volunteers and all supplies were donated. One unique aspect of the dental care provision during this service trip was the delivery of same-day removable Prosthodontic services. In this regard, the dental team was well-positioned to meet the Prosthodontic needs of the local population through the presence of two Prosthodontists (Drs. Izchak Barzilay and David Chvartszaid, both U of T Faculty of Dentistry staff), one future Prosthodontist (Ela Behrooz, U of T 4th year dental student), and one possible future Prosthodontist (Courtney David, U of T 4th year dental student). Altogether, the dental

team traveled hundreds of miles to isolated villages, carried hundreds of kilograms of equipment and supplies, saw over a thousand patients, applied fluoride to hundreds of children, removed over a thousand diseased teeth, placed a hundred restorations, and fabricated 50 same day removable prostheses – all under difficult field conditions. The University of Toronto, Graduate Prosthodontics Program was proud to be associated with this important humanitarian endeavour.

U OF T GRAD PROSTHO ALUMNI DAY

In June of this year, the University of Toronto Graduate Prosthodontics Program held its second annual Alumni and Friends Day. The annual homecoming event brings together Alumni of the U of T Prosthodontics Program, current residents, teaching staff in the Discipline of Prosthodontics at the Graduate and Undergraduate levels, researchers in Prosthodontics and allied fields, supporters of the Grad Prosthodontics Program and anyone with the love and passion for Prosthodontics. The event combined scholarship and fellowship and consisted of featured speakers, a poster session and a social evening. Fantastic speakers included Peter Birek (risk management), Leslie Laing (Sjogren’s syndrome), Majd Al-Mardini (maxillofacial), Brent Winnett (Prosthodontics in the military), Kevin Goheen (work-life balance), Arzu Tezvergil-Mutluay (biomaterials), Noorein Hajira (implant failure), Nancy Dubois (obstructive sleep apnea), Jean-Francois Brochu (number of implants), and Tom Harle (social responsibility). The poster session featured 10 powerful



posters addressing a range of clinical and pre-clinical topics from U of T professorial staff, Undergraduate students, Grad Prosthodontics residents and PhD research students. Posters focused on treatment outcomes, pain pathophysiology, and biomaterial-host interactions. The event was a tremendous success with lots of fun memorable moments. A big thank you to all attendees, featured speakers, poster presenters and Aaron Fenton for hosting the social evening gathering. See you next year at our third annual U of T Grad Prosthodontics Alumni and Friends Day – June 23, 2017!

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO HONOURS ONE OF ITS OWN

Author: Dr. David Chvartszaid



Thomas Harle – an Ottawa Prosthodontist and an Alumnus of the University of Toronto, Graduate Prosthodontics Program – was the recipient of the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto 2016 Award of Distinction for his significant contribution to the oral health care profession and community. Thomas Harle dedicated his life to improving access to dental services for homeless and vulnerable people in Ottawa and in developing countries. Thomas Harle has recruited many dental professionals to volunteer their time, to foster community social engagement and philanthropy, and to help improve access to dental care for the disadvantaged and underserved. Thomas Harle has received numerous awards in recognition of his devotion to the most vulnerable of patients. In 2015, he was awarded the Order of Canada – one of our country's highest civilian honours. Congratulations to Thomas Harle on these fantastic achievements reflecting a life's worth of dedication and accomplishments!

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

New! Website Domain Referral Service for Members

APC members have in the past asked about the possibility of obtaining sub-websites of the APC site. The APC website is hosted and maintained free of charge by the Editorial Council of the *Journal of Prosthodontics*, and while The Journal offers this generous service to all of its sponsoring organizations, it is unable to expand website hosting services to each individual member of the sponsoring organizations.

However, for those members who already have their own websites, we can now offer a domain referral service or sub-domain hosting for a one-time setup fee. This would give members a subdomain of the APC domain name (i.e. drsmith.prosthodontics.ca) that would redirect automatically to a member's already existing website (i.e. drsmith.ca). In addition, we can offer one email alias for each subdomain which would forward all mail to another email address. (i.e. info@drsmith.prosthodontics.ca that forwards mail to drsmith@gmail.com or info@drsmith.ca). The member's original website and email are unaffected by the addition of the domain referral and can still be accessed in the normal way. The referral simply provides a secondary address to access the member's own website.

The time invested by a technician for each sub-domain setup can be significant, but once completed, requires very little maintenance. There is a one time fee for setup of \$250, with any subsequent changes incurring a \$75 per hour fee. Any APC member interested should contact the APC Administrator (administrator@prosthodontics.ca) with the particulars of their existing domain name, email address and desired subdomain address.

As in the past, members may also list their own websites in their “**Find a Prosthodontist**” profile on the APC site at no additional charge. All you need do is log in (www.prosthodontics.ca), click on the **My Profile** link in the left menu of the Member Home page and edit your **Practice** address, email, phone numbers and website links. Note that at least one of your addresses must be designated as a **Practice** address, and it must have the privacy setting of **Public** in order for the “Find a Prosthodontist” search engine to be able to find and display your information to a member of the public. The default privacy setting for all addresses is **Members-only** to protect members' privacy.

Regards
Christine Wyatt

INTRODUCING NEW STUDENT MEMBERS



Dr. Mohamed Gebril, BDS, MSc: First Year Resident in Prosthodontics, University of British Columbia

I received my undergraduate degree in Dentistry and Maxillofacial Surgery from the Faculty of Dentistry- Alexandria University in 2011, and after working for two years, I advanced to my Masters degree in Biomedical Engineering at Western University (2013-2015). My clinical training and experience was integral in my decision to pursue academic research in the area of Biomaterials, specific to implant dentistry. As such, my Masters research project was focused on the development of a bioactive glass coating for titanium dental implants, and investigating its effect on enhancing the process of new bone formation with the potential for long-term implant success. During this time, I had the opportunity to work in a collaborative research environment under the guidance of engineers, basic scientists and dental clinicians. This contributed to my diverse research training through a multi-disciplinary approach. I intend on extending this multiple-disciplinary research approach to my future studies, working at UBC Dentistry in the area of biomaterials. During my Masters training at Western University, I worked as an Adjunct Professor at Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Western Ontario.

Currently I am a 1st year Prosthodontics resident at faculty of Dentistry at UBC. I am honored to be a part of UBC's Graduate Prosthodontics Program, and given the opportunity to expand my clinical skills, as well as add to my research training and expertise. My plan is to stay in Canada after completing my specialty degree (2016- 2019), where I intend to start a private practice, or work as an associate. My practice location will depend on the market and the statistics of patient flow will play the main role in my decisions. In addition, since I am passionate about teaching and research centered around improved patient care, I would like to continue being involved in academic work and clinical research in field of prosthodontics.



Dr. Iben Lucsanzky, DMD

First Year Resident in Prosthodontics, University of British Columbia

Dr. Lucsanzky obtained his DMD degree from Laval University in 2010. The same year, he joined the Canadian Armed Forces as a Dental Officer. After six years of practice, he recently moved from Québec to Vancouver to attend the University of British Columbia. He expects to complete a Certificate in Prosthodontics and a MSc in Craniofacial Science by the year 2019. Like for dentistry, Dr. Lucsanzky has a passion for landscaping and Maple syrup production. After graduation, he will pursue his career as a member of the Canadian Armed Forces.

ACTIVE MEMBER



Dr. John Keyes DMD, MS, FRCD

Dr. John Keyes and his wife Tamsen grew up in Victoria. Together they have four wonderful children who keep them very busy! After graduating from Claremont Secondary, John attended the University of Lethbridge where he earned his BSc in biology. John then attended dental school at Boston University in Boston, Massachusetts. After graduating from dental school in 2012, he completed a three year residency and Master's degree in Prosthodontics at the University of Minnesota, located in Minneapolis.

After completing his specialty training in Minnesota, John joined the practice of Vancouver Island Prosthodontics in April 2015. John is recognized by the College of Dental Surgeons of BC and is board certified to practice prosthodontics by the Royal College of Dentists of Canada.

John and his family are very excited to be back home in Victoria. They enjoy being close to the Pacific Ocean again and enjoy boating, fishing and SCUBA diving. John also stays busy with woodworking and marine (salt water) aquariums in his spare time.



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