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80th Annual Scientific Meeting

Westin Chicago River North Hotel

February 21 and 22, 2008

Dr. Lee M. Jameson, President • Dr. Carlo Ercoli, 2008 Program Chair

Materials, Techniques and Biology for Esthetic Outcomes of the Dental Restoration

(Various parts of the Program may be subject to change.) Please visit WWW.PROSTHO.ORG for Program Updates!

2008 PROGRAM (please mark your calendars!)

Thursday, February 21, 8:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Again, this year, the APS Professional Education Committee will present an outstanding clinician covering Prosthodontics. The program will convene at 8:30am and will run for 3 hours. CEUs will be available. Pre-register in the fall so that your completed CERP certificate will await you at the end of the session. There is a charge of \$100 for attendees to this course and no charge for students. The course is limited to 30 participants. The speaker is Dr. Chris B. Marchack and it will be a NobelGuide Course.

Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008

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| 1:00 PM | Opening Remarks and Presentation of the 2008 Rudd Award |
| 1:15 PM | Presentation of the Golden Medallion Award |
| 2:15 PM | Dr. Marco Ferrari, Siena, Italy
"Adhesion and All-Ceramic Materials: Scientific Principles and Clinical Guidelines" |
| 3:00 PM | Dr. Robert Kelly, Farmington, CT
"All-Ceramic Prostheses: Materials Considerations for Balancing Esthetics and Durability" |
| 3:45 PM | Coffee Break |
| 4:00 PM | Graduate Prosthodontic Program |
| 4:15 PM | Dr. Mauro Fradeani, Milan, Italy
"Prosthetic Challenges with All-Ceramics Restorations: Materials and Techniques" |
| 5:00 PM | Dr. Ricardo Mitrani, Mexico City, Mexico
"Implant Supported Alternatives for the Edentulous Maxilla" |
| 5:45-7:45 PM | Table Clinics, Commercial Exhibits during Gala Reception |

Friday, Feb. 22, 2008

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| 7:00 AM | New Member Orientation |
| 7:30-8:45 AM | Table Clinics, Commercial Exhibits during "Eye Opener" Continental Breakfast |
| 8:45 AM | Dr. Ken S. Hebel, London< Ontario
"Esthetic Treatment Planning for Implants and Teeth Using All-Ceramic Restorations" |
| 9:45 AM | Dr. Domenico Massirnoi, Milan, Italy
"Stereomicroscopy in Clinical Prosthetic Dentistry" |
| 10:30 AM | Graduate Prosthodontic Program |
| 10:45 AM | Coffee Break |
| 11:00 AM | Dr. Chris B. Marchack, Pasadena, CA
"The Immediate Load Prosthesis: Achieving Esthetic Results for the Fully and Partially Edentulous Patient using NobelGuide" |
| 11:45 AM | Dr. German O. Gallucci, Boston, MA
"Modern "Fixed Implant Rehabilitations for the Edentulous Patient: A Critical Assessment of Immediate Loading Protocols and Current Prosthetic Design" |
| 12:30-1:40 PM | APS Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon |
| 1:50 PM | Graduate Prosthodontic Program |
| 2:05 PM | Dr. Michael McGuire, Houston, TX
"Tissue Engineered Solutions for Soft Tissue Defects" |
| 3:00 PM | Graduate Prosthodontic Program |
| 3:15 PM | Drs. Dennis P. Tarnow and Stephen J. Chu, New York, NY
"The Interdisciplinary Team Approach to Ultimate Implant Esthetics" |

The American Prosthodontic Society is an ADA CERP Recognized Provider of continuing education credits and is an Accepted National Sponsor of FAGD/MAGD credit as well as recognized by state boards. In addition, continuing education credits for the NADL National Board of Certification in Dental Laboratory Technology, Inc. approves attendance at APS scientific meetings for CDTs.

ADACERP
CONTINUING EDUCATION RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Message from the President

Lee M. Jameson



Congratulations and thanks to Harold Prieskel, Carlo Marinello, Robert Schneider and Carol Bensky for an excellent Annual Meeting last February. Another significant milestone was the approval of full voting membership to laboratory technologists by The American Prosthodontic Society membership at its annual business meeting luncheon. With this action, APS again takes a leadership position by breaking down boundaries that survive because of tradition and in deference to discussion, debate, clear thinking and bold action. Please spread the word to your lab technician or your referring dentist about APS and encourage them to join APS as we continue our mission to communicate the art and science of prosthetic and restorative dentistry to practicing dentists worldwide.

We are progressing with implementation of our 2006 strategic planning initiatives. Dennis Stiles has taken on the responsibility of upgrading our website and represented APS at the Webmasters Meeting with Christine Wyant of the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry. The Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry has upgraded their website and made it available to all sponsoring organizations. Dennis will pursue the best way we can use their website to enhance our needs. Our goal is to upgrade the scope, quality, and user friendliness of our website. John Ball has agreed to head the Membership Growth committee with the goal of reaching out to GPR and Advanced Prosthodontic programs to promote and recruit new members. Todd Fridrich is working on our strategic objectives for Dental Technology Advocacy with the goal of reaching out to laboratory technology schools and technology organizations to stimulate interest in joining APS. If anyone is interested in helping implement our strategic plan please contact me.

Jim Hudson chairs our Committee for Corporate Relations and works tirelessly in search of corporate sponsorship to enable our scientific programs to reach even higher levels of excellence. This year our innovative 2008 program chair, Carlo Ercoli, has worked closely with Jim to arrange for quality speakers as well as identify potential long-term corporate sponsors. Thanks to all of our committee chairs and committee members for their volunteering service in promoting the operational and strategic needs of our organization.

If you haven't heard, The American College of Prosthodontists has extended discounted registration fees for the ACP Annual Session in Scottsdale, AZ November 1-3, 2007 to all Prosthodontic Forum Organizations (APS is a member of the Forum). Non-member fee is \$805 while the Forum member fee is \$515. In addition, all Forum Organization members may attend the March 2008 meeting of the Academy of Osseointegration meeting in Boston at a discounted registration fee for all Prosthodontic Forum members (early registration: \$410; 2nd deadline: \$510; final deadline: \$660 – Non-member registration fee is \$1,060).

Each year the Executive Committee meets with the National Association of Dental Laboratories. This year Bennett Napier and Ricki Braswell, Co-Executive Directors of NADL, and four other members of NADL reported that over 11,000 dental technicians would be lost by 2014. Of the current U.S. dental technicians, a majority is over the age of 45 and will be retiring within the next decade. While there are many reasons for this precipitous decline, two issues stand out: a decrease in dental technology schools and dentistry's devaluing of the need for dental technicians to have required formal education and certification.

NADL seeks our help in supporting their initiatives to educate the dental profession of the need for formal dental technician education requirements, required certification and professional continuing education to stay abreast of new knowledge. Dental technology is a key member of our prosthodontic patient care team and wants to have best practice standards concurrent with rest of the team.

The economics of the dental marketplace has played a primary role in the discrepancy between current practices and best practice standards. Education and certification raises the cost of laboratory services. If we value higher standards, the costs are worth it. As an organization we can help diminish this crisis by raising the awareness of our dental colleagues and supporting NADL's initiatives as a key member of our prosthodontic team.

I am grateful to all those who have preceded me for advancing our mission and positioning The American Prosthodontic Society as a leader in all aspects of the discipline of prosthodontics. Members can look forward to our continued growth in membership, cutting edge scientific programs and outstanding leadership.

From the Executive Director

Robert L. Schneider

Greetings,

For those of you that attended our last meeting at the Westin, you can agree it was an outstanding program. Congratulations to the officers of the APS, the program committee and the local arrangements people for helping make the meeting a big success. Past President Dr. Harold Preiskel and his Program Chairperson Dr. Carlo Marinello assembled a world class program and deserve a big thanks for making the APS one of the premiere prosthodontic organizations.



Dr. Lee Jameson and his program chair Dr. Carlo Ercoli have likewise assembled an outstanding international program for 2008 which will provide each and every one of us with new clinical information and challenges. You can see the outstanding speaker lineup in this issue of the newsletter. Plan on attending and making your reservations early as the last two years the Westin has sold our block of rooms early due to the outstanding attendance.

This year the APS established another landmark in the leadership field with the unanimous decision to recognize certified dental technicians as FULL members. This has had very positive repercussions throughout the profession. We have “put our money where our mouth is” and are very proud of this step. Dentists please welcome and bring your technicians to the meeting and likewise to the current technician members, welcome and bring your dentists to the meeting so that we can all learn together.

For the first time the APS, with a generous contribution by Cendres et Metaux SA, sponsored a graduate student competition with the first and second place presenters receiving a cash prize. All five contestants received a travel and lodging stipend. All of the presentations were excellent and the graduate students did an outstanding job. Dr. Steve Sadowsky has again agreed to oversee this project so that we will be continuing this outstanding addition to the APS Scientific Session.

Another big happening in February was the merger of the International Circuit Courses with the American Prosthodontic Society Foundation. Dr. Lloyd Landa presented the Foundation with a very substantial check that will assist the Foundation to continue its support of educational endeavors. For those of you that have a long enough memory, the APS sponsored the Victor L. Steffel (APS President 1954) Endowment at Ohio State University. The Endowment is used to support the post graduate prosthodontic education program at OSU and the fund continues to grow annually for OSU. The Foundation will be looking toward making other contributions for education and would welcome suggestions or ideas.

I hope to see at the next meeting for the education, fellowship, and also for the presentation of such prestigious awards such as the Kenneth Rudd Award, the Golden Medallion Award, and the Graduate Student Competition, not to mention the social activities, table clinics and record number of exhibitors.

2008 Academy of Osseointegration Meeting in Boston

Gary R. Goldstein, Chair, ACP Forum

For your information: The American College of Prosthodontics is extending discounted registration fees for the ACP Annual Session in Scottsdale this November to member of all Prosthodontic Forum organizations. Non-members pay \$805, while Forum members pay \$515, a savings of \$290.

In addition, the ACP has negotiated discounted registration fees for all Prosthodontics Forum Organization members for the March 2008 Academy of Osseointegration meeting in Boston. This is a meeting jointly sponsored by the AAP, AAOMS and the ACP. The potential savings for members is incredible. The following rates will apply for the AO registration: early-\$410, 2nd deadline-\$510, final deadline-\$660. The non-members registration for the AO meeting is \$1060. This is a savings as great as \$650 for members of the APS that don't belong to the AO or the ACP!

For further information, you can call the APS Central Office at 877-499-3500.

APS Kenneth D. Rudd Award

Richard A. Williamson

Today is an exciting time to be involved in dentistry. The public's awareness of the importance of excellent oral health and a beautiful smile have propelled dentistry to one of the most respected and rewarding professions in today's job market. The delivery of optimal dental care is a team approach; the American Prosthodontic Society recognizes the important relationship between dentists and laboratory technologists in providing quality care to patients and welcomes Dental Laboratory Technologists to the APS as full members with voting rights.

The role of the Dental Laboratory Technologist is recognized by the American Prosthodontic Society each year by awarding the Kenneth D. Rudd award at the Annual Scientific Session. This award was established in 2004 to recognize a Certified Dental Laboratory Technologist who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of the dentist-dental laboratory technologist team concept and who has made an impact in the Prosthodontic and Dental Laboratory communities.

Previous Rudd award recipients include:



Masahiro Kuwata-2005



Robert P. Berger, CDT-2006



Lee Culp, CDT-2007

Nominations for the 2008 Rudd Award recipient are now being accepted. Please visit our web site: <http://www.prostho.org/> for specifics on how to make your nomination and continue to shape our future by joining us in Chicago 2008 for the 80th Annual meeting of the American Prosthodontic Society.

Centres & Metaux Graduate Research Competition

Steven J. Sadowsky



Drs. Lee Jameson (l) and Steven Sadowsky (r) with Drs. James Piper II and Paul McLornan, first and second prize winners of the Centres & Metaux Graduate Student Research Competition for 2007

The American Prosthodontic Society was pleased to inaugurate the Centres & Metaux Graduate Research Competition at the February 2007 annual meeting, held at the Westin Chicago River North Hotel in Chicago. There was an international field of candidates presenting on topics ranging from cellular research to clinical reports. Each finalist received a \$1000 stipend for travel and lodging expenses. Manuscripts prepared for submission to the JPD were also received from most of the candidates and were accorded "fast track" journal review status. Drs. James M. Piper II and Paul McLornan won a \$1000 first and \$500 second prize, respectively. Drs. Heeje Lee, Eckart Teubner and the team of Luis Grisolia and Paulina Barrientos completed the panel of presenters. The program quality was exceptional and served as a springboard for a renewed

alliance between the APS and graduate students. The 2008 program will continue a similar format and prospective candidates may submit abstracts to Dr. Steven Sadowsky at sadow333@aol.com.

Golden Medallion Award

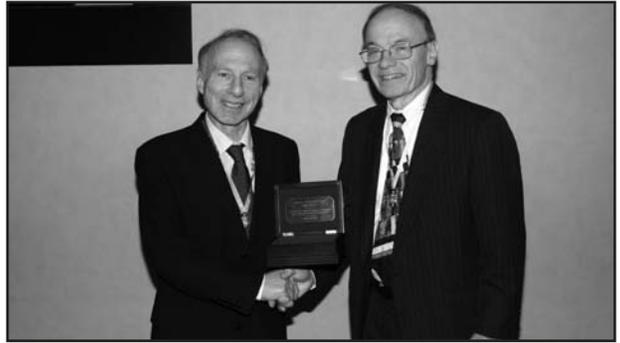
Harold W. Preiskel

The American Prosthodontic Society is proud to announce the award of its second Golden Medallion to Dr. Howard A. Landesman of Mountain View, CA. The Golden Medallion Award was presented in a packed room at the annual meeting of the APS held in Chicago on February 23, 2007 at the Westin Chicago River North Hotel.

The Golden Medallion is awarded periodically to individuals whose contribution to prosthodontics has been exceptional. The awards committee is unrestricted in its selection of candidates.

Commenting on the award, the Chair of the committee, Dr. Harold Preiskel, stated that the APS wished to acknowledge Dr. Landesman's long-term commitment to prosthodontics, both as a remarkable clinician and as a dedicated teacher. Dr. Landesman's pragmatic approach to clinical problems has assisted countless numbers of colleagues, while his enthusiasm has been exemplary. In addition to numerous awards and special recognitions, Dr. Landesman is Diplomate and past president of the American Board of Prosthodontics, Chair of the Editorial Board of the Compendium of Continuing Education in Dentistry, past president of the Academy of Prosthodontics, the Pacific Coast Society of Prosthodontics and the Council of Dental Deans of the American Dental Education Association (ADEA). He recently retired as Professor and Dean Emeritus from the University of Colorado School of Dentistry.

Nominations for future awards can be made to the Executive Director, the American Prosthodontic Society, 426 Hudson Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601 USA.



Dr. Harold Preiskel congratulates Dr. Howard Landesman on winning the 2007 Golden Medallion Award



Drs. Lee Jameson, Harold Preiskel, Baldwin Marchack and Robert Schneider with Dr. Howard Landesman, Golden Medallion Award winner

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2007 ANNUAL MEETING

- We will continue to hold the annual meeting at the Westin Chicago River North Hotel
- We will provide a speaker to the 2008 Toronto Osseointegration Conference
- Thanks to Dr. James Hudson, corporate support is growing. All members are always urged to visit the sponsors during the reception and continental breakfast at the meeting
- The Pros Scholar program was on hold for this year as we didn't get funding. We hope to get some funding so that it can be continued
- The ICC presented a check for \$123,000 to the APS Foundation as they have agreed to merge with the APS Foundation
- As the APS is opposed to the creation of TMD as a specialty, we will continue our support of the TMD Alliance for another year as they are working toward achieving this as a goal
- Dentsply will again sponsor the table clinic competition at the meeting and all members were urged to visit all the table clinics during the reception and continental breakfast
- As a JPD sponsoring organization, the APS can get speakers who present at the meeting on the fast track for publication of the abstract of their presentations
- As the APS is a member of the ACP Forum, APS members can get discounted rates if they attend the ACP annual meeting in the fall, the AO meeting in spring 2008 and if they want to subscribe to the Journal of Prosthetics
- In the future, members city, state and country (if applicable) will be added to the meeting name tags and the names will be made larger.
- The APS will continue to look into options to try to solve the problem of the conflict between the APS meeting and the Fixed Academy meeting in Chicago each year
- The Website Committee will continue to try to make the website more user friendly. The APS website is hosted by the JPD – as a gift to its sponsoring organizations
- The Laboratory Relations Committee will develop ideas to get more laboratory technicians to attend the meeting as they would greatly benefit from listening to the programs. The lab summit council is concerned regarding the increasing shortage of lab technicians, an issue the ACP Forum is now involved with
- Dr. John Reyher has been named as the new editor of the Pros Update – an APS publication which will again be funded by Southern Implants for another year. In the future, speakers at the meeting will be asked to submit an abstract for publication in the Pros Update.

Do You Know Where Your Dental Crown is Made?

Bennett Napier, CAE

Co Executive Director, National Association of Dental Laboratories
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Dental crowns, bridges, implants, and all customary dental restorations are considered medical devices by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. According to Dentsply, the largest dental manufacturer in the U.S., there are currently 45 million dental crowns placed in the mouths of dental patients each year, with 5 million of those being fabricated by foreign dental laboratories. By the end of 2007, the number of crowns made overseas is predicted to reach 7 million.



All of us as citizens, are greatly familiar with the utilization of foreign outsourcing for software tech support, call center operations, etc, but it is now impacting dentistry. In fact, “there has been a significant increase in the number of dental restorations being imported into the U.S during the last few years”, according to the Centers for Devices and Radiological Health within the Food and Drug Administration.

Why is this issue important ? Let’s take, for example, dental crowns. Crowns can be made from a variety of materials, including metal alloys and/or different types of porcelain or a combination of both. Metal alloys as well as all materials are regulated by the Food and Drug Administration to ensure product safety for use with dental patients.

The countries that are now importing dental devices into the U.S. include Pakistan, Turkey, Thailand, China, Philippines and India. Unfortunately, some of the countries where dental crowns and other similar devices are being manufactured don’t have the same material compliance requirements as in the U.S. Materials such as beryllium, a metal alloy, is commonly used around the world. In the U.S., OSHA has issued formal regulatory guidance that outlines only a small percentage of that material can be used safely in products, including dental restorations, due to its toxicity.

It’s true that the Food and Drug Administration has the authority to inspect shipments coming into the U.S. before they enter the country, however, unless, a restoration is melted down, it can be very difficult to determine what type of dental material was actually used in the device itself.

Outside of dental materials such as referenced in the media recently with products such as toothpaste from China, the issue of infectious disease also enters into the equation. When SARS was present a few years ago, there was a serious concern, whether or not it could be transmitted through dental restorations coming into the U.S. from foreign markets. The lifespan of the disease, which was thought to have been around seven days, could conceivably be present on a dental crown, since overnight shipping ensures efficient delivery of commerce between the U.S and virtually anywhere in the world.

If a dental restoration was not disinfected properly before it was placed in a shipping container, or disinfected before it was placed in a patient’s mouth. you can imagine the possibilities.

For many years, dentists traditionally worked with laboratories down the street. However, today, it’s more commonplace, that dentists use a dental laboratory hundreds of miles away, or now even thousands of miles away, which means its very likely they have never set foot in the laboratory making devices for their patients.

Dentistry today is not like it was even ten years ago. The issue of off shoring is not the issue, as we are in a global market, however, as a dentist you should know to ask the right questions of your laboratory relative to the material safety or restorations and proper disclosure of point of origin information as required by the U.S. FDA. Several states are looking at legislation on material and point of origin disclosure as well.

It’s important to note that disclosure by itself does not solve anything. A comprehensive regulation at the state level should also include registration of the laboratory facility, requirement for employment of a competent technician for quality control oversight (precedent stands that would be a Certified Dental Technician) to complete the circle for a quality regulatory mechanism. Find out what your state dental laboratory association and state dental societies are doing to address today’s market needs.

The NADL Board of Directors wants to extend its sincere appreciation to the membership of the APS for its foresight in adopting the bylaws change granting technicians full membership privileges in the society. This is a forward thinking decision which is consistent with many years of positive recognition of the integral relationship between prosthodontists and dental technicians that APS leaders and members have always promoted.

What If.....

Contributed by Dr. Burney Croll, Chair, Dental Laboratory Summit Council

What if I told you that the people who cut your hair, manicure your nails, rub your back and fill your optical prescriptions require licensure to work at their respective crafts in New York State and most other states? What if I told you that all of the products on the shelves of their professional establishments have to meet FDA standards, approval and that the business owner has to maintain inventory and fact sheets on all of those items? What if I told you that in order to gain licensure in each of the professions listed above applicants have to achieve a verifiable level of competency after attending accredited education programs by passing a written examination? What if I told you that each individual in the professions listed above is required to maintain their certification status regularly, often requiring continuing education for renewed licensure similar to dentistry?

What if I told you that unless you live in Texas, South Carolina, or Kentucky your state dental technicians are unlicensed, unregistered, unmonitored and are not required to meet minimum verifiable standards to open and maintain a dental laboratory? What if I told you that although dentists have the final responsibility for the safety and welfare of the patients in their care they are not required to document the content or origin of the materials present in the indirectly fabricated restorations that they place daily into patient's mouths? What if I told you that prescriptions with working casts for indirectly fabricated dental restorations are sent to local laboratories, repackaged and sent offshore to laboratories in Costa Rica, China, Korea, Thailand and other countries and returned to the dentist without the documented assurance that the materials used to fabricate the restorations are exactly what the dentist may have prescribed and returned to the dentist without a disclosure of country of origin. What if I told you that more is known about the source of E. Coli in the scallions at your local sandwich shop than what is or on the restoration fabricated in a dental laboratory? What would you think and what would you do?

The Dental Laboratory Summit Council is an organization of individuals and groups interested in assisting and finding solutions to the challenges faced by the profession of dental technology, the businesses, professionals and educators that support and participate in that industry and its collaboration with the dental profession. The Lab Summit is not sponsored or funded by any specific organization or group of people. It was formed by independent interested individuals in 2005.

Lab Summit Mission Statement

The Dental Laboratory Summit Council (Lab Summit) promotes the advancement of the vital collaborative relationship between dentistry and dental technology by facilitating continuous substantive discussions between dentists, dental technologists, those responsible for the ongoing education in dentistry and dental technology, dental manufacturers, dental publishers, dental retailers, and research to provide optimal patient care and welfare.

Objectives of the Dental Laboratory Summit Council

1. To identify ongoing challenges facing the dental technology industry and their impact on the delivery of dental care.
2. To propose actions to meet challenges facing the dental laboratory industry.
3. To publish findings of the Dental Laboratory Summit to stimulate and motivate action by those organizations able to meet and resolve the identified challenges.

The Lab Summit., as it is informally referred to, is divided into four focus groups;

- Group 1 Dental laboratory educational programs and student recruitment
- Group 2 Dental laboratory certification issues
- Group 3 Offshore dental laboratories, grey market, etc
- Group 4 Dentist-laboratory interaction

The concerns of Group 1, Dental laboratory educational programs and student recruitment are:

1. 11,000 dental techs are leaving the industry in the next 7 years.
2. Current technical schools can only train 1,400 techs in the next 7 years.
3. Current educational programs need to be flexible and responsive to meet changes in the dental technology industry.

Group 1 Action Item:

A pilot program, approved by the Lab Summit in 2006 has begun at Los Angeles Community College. The goal of the pilot program in

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partnership with Productivity Training Corporation (PTC), is to train the dental technology students to be proficient and competent in several areas of dental technology to meet the some of the current needs expressed by the commercial dental technology industry and representatives from the restorative dentistry community. The PTC training modules in several areas of dental technology are an established, effective and preferred training system used in the dental laboratory industry. The pilot program when completed will be evaluated including an outcome assessment by representatives from the commercial dental laboratory industry and prosthetic dentistry. If proven effective the pilot study can be expanded to meet the productivity needs of the dental community on a national basis. The expectation is that the students exposed to this type of education early in their career will be better positioned upon entering the dental technology industry, able to meet the immediate needs of the industry and be fast tracked in their integration and their professional career advancement.

Group 2, Dental Laboratory Certification, Action Items:

1. Ask each voting member organization of the Prosthodontic Forum to consider a policy directive where their organizations suggest their members to use dental laboratories which employ certified dental technicians.
2. Prosthodontic Forum member organizations would require that their dental technician member candidates are CDT's for membership eligibility.
3. Support dental technology's National Board of Certification efforts to offer endorsement and reciprocity program agreements with countries which have technician education, testing, and/or licensure requirements that meet or exceed current CDT standards. This would have to be supported by dentistry, since it would increase use of foreign dental technicians who would work in the US and /or provide work for the US market from overseas.
4. Endorse a working model from the ADA ISO Dental Materials Committee endorsing a universal prescription-work order form. NADL has a representative on this committee. One aspect of the form would include an entry for registration numbers of dental laboratories for use in states which require registration.
5. Suggest that the members of the Prosthodontic Forum and the ADA Council on Dental Practice and the ADA Council on Dental Education and Licensure support a uniform piece of legislation which would encompass, at a minimum, the following elements "to protect the patient's health and safety and preserve and elevate the dental laboratory profession"
 - a) Require laboratory registration with the appropriate state agency
 - b) Require laboratories to employ at least one CDT, with a grace period of compliance
 - c) Require material disclosure of the content of laboratory work provided for the dentist
 - d) Require disclosure of the point of manufacture of the laboratory work provided to the dentist.

Group 3, Offshore Dental Laboratories, Grey Market, Action Items:

1. Create a cooperative committee (NADL, ADA, etc) to promote the value of CDT certification and work with manufacturers and distributors to drive this message into the marketplace.
2. Improve competitiveness of domestic labs with the offshore laboratories through industry awareness and education.
3. Build meaningful relationships with dentist clients to enhance the value of using domestic labs.

Group 4, Dentist-Laboratory Interaction, Action Items:

1. Development of a "Good Practice Guide" to be shared by dentists and dental technicians
2. Develop "Partnership is a Relationship" document highlighting professional, personal and profitability benefits of better dentist technician interactions.
3. Create a visible relationship between dental students, dental educators, dentists, dental technicians, and patients to be present in dental and dental technology publications.
4. Develop articles for publication in journals about the Good Practice Guide, a Working Relationship Survey where dentists and technicians consider highlighting best practice and lab relationships, the opinions and observations of dentists and laboratory technicians who have worked in labs and the value of a good relationship between the dentist and the laboratory technician, and the success of a good practice guide.

As you can see the Lab Summit has developed an extensive agenda that needs to be brought to the attention of your membership for consideration and support.

International Relations

Federico Pérez-Díez

Promotion of APS membership and our February meeting was done at several societies and dental meetings in Mexico and some other Latin American Countries. The same was done in Europe through Dr. Preiskel's work. So in consequence, this year we had a good number of guests from different Prosthodontic societies as well as a good number of Prosthodontic students from México and other countries in which promotion was done by this committee with the important participation of Drs. Preiskel, Ercoli and other APS members. This helped in motivating some interested colleagues in becoming members of our society. Two dental schools in México are interested in having their graduate prosthodontic students participate in next years scientific program and in the table clinics session. Abstracts will be sent and, if accepted, we will have more international participation in our 80th Anniversary program.

During the business meeting in February, there was acceptance of inviting ten selected teachers of the Mexican Dental Association as guests to our meeting in February 2008 so we can keep promoting education internationally through these individuals who lecture without charge for Mexican Dental Societies all year long. Also, the Mexican Dental Association offered, through Dr. Victor Guerrero, president elect, starting in November 2007, to establish a scholarship program for APS members who are interested in attending their meetings.

Our challenge is to make this committee work in more countries with the help from our international members who can act as APS representatives in different regions of the world by inviting distinguished dental professionals to assist with our meetings and also in becoming APS international members.

WELCOME!

At the 79th Annual Meeting, APS welcomed the following new members to the Society:

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Dr. Elizabeth Curran
Mr. Grant Day
Mr. Bart Donnell
Dr. Antonio Estrada
Mr. R. Henry Husemann
Mr. Hal Jones
Dr. Yong Joon Ko
Dr. James Kouracos
Dr. Jim Lundstrom
Dr. Richard Rogers
Dr. David Smith
Dr. Marco Torres
Dr. Huang Yung-She

GRADUATE STUDENT MEMBERS

Dr. Yaloub Altarakemah
Dr. Thomas Carnaggio
Dr. Jorge De La Cruz
Dr. Mohamed Elsafi
Dr. Emad Estafanous
Dr. Elizabeth Feldman
Dr. Nobuhiro Kawakami
Dr. Charles McQuigg
Dr. Hassan Mousawi
Dr. Cindy Nichols
Dr. Yosvany Vento
Dr. Karl Wu
Dr. Abdulsalam Zwiad

ACTIVE LIFE MEMBER

Dr. Stanley Weinstock

LIFE MEMBERS

Dr. Eugene LaSota
Dr. John Reyher
Dr. William Harrison

APS 2007 Annual Meeting



2007 Table Clinics Presenters



Newly elected Officers and Council Members: Drs. John Ball, Lee Jameson, Baldwin Marchback, Salvatore Esposito, Harold Preiskel and Robert Schneider. Missing: Dr. Carlo Marinello



Drs. Brien Lang, Carol Lefebvre from the JPD with Dr. Harold Preiskel



Visiting the exhibitors.....



Drs. Salvatore Esposito and James Toraason, retiring Council members



APS Meeting Registration



Dr. Lloyd Landa presenting ICC check to Drs. Lee Jameson (President APS) and William Harkins (President APS Foundation)



At the APS Gala Reception....

AMERICAN PROSTHODONTIC SOCIETY

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I am applying for APS Membership as (**check one**) (all fees include mandatory JPD subscription)

Active (Practicing Dentist) \$409.00 Active Practicing Dentist (Canada) \$455.00 Active Practicing Dentist (International) \$446
 Active Dent Tech Member (CDT) \$300.00 Active Dent Tech Member (Canada) \$346.00 Active Dent tech Member (International) 337.00
 Graduate Student Member – No Fee Active Life Member – \$251.50 Life Member – No Fee
 Recent Graduate Active Member (within 5 years) – Three Year Graduated Reduced Dues Schedule -1st year \$244

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1. Name: _____
(LAST) (FIRST) (MID INITIAL)

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____
(DAY) (EVENING)

Fax: _____ e-mail: _____

2. Date of Birth: _____ Please circle: Male Female

#s 3-8: For Active Dental Membership Applicants Only

3. Dental Degree from: _____ Year: _____

4. Other degrees from: _____ Year: _____

5. Certificates or additional specialty training (please specify): _____

6. Type of Practice (please circle): **General Prosthodontics** **Military** **Hospital** **Education** **Other:** _____

7. ADA Member? Yes / No ADA # _____ Are you a member of another national Dental Association? Yes/No

8. Board Certified: Yes / No or Board Eligible: Yes / No _____
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#s 9 – 10 For Active Dent Tech Membership Applicants Only:

9. Training: School _____ Year of Graduation _____

Certified Dental Technician Number: _____ Date Certified: _____

Specialty(ies) Certified: () Crown & Bridge () Complete Dentures () Removable Partial Dentures () Ceramics

10. Current Employment:

() Owner/Manager, Commercial Dental Laboratory () Dental Technology Educator

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() Technician, Private Dental Office () Other: _____
(describe)

#11 – For Active Applicants Only:

NOMINATION BY APS MEMBER: (If applicant is not closely related with a member, Central Office will be of assistance.)

11. _____
(Name of member) (address) (phone) (signature) (date)

#s 12-15: For Graduate Student Applicants Only:

12. Dental degree from (School): _____ Month/Year _____

13. Month/Year of (scheduled) completion of Graduate Program: _____

14. Type of Program: (please circle): General Prosthodontics Implants Periodontics Other: _____

15. Please list name, complete address (e-mail if available) of Program Director from whom a letter of recommendation will be sent:

(Name-Program Director) (School) (email)

(Address) (City, State, Zip)

16. If elected to membership in the American Prosthodontic Society, I agree to abide by the Bylaws of the Society.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

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