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# THE AMERICAN PROSTHODONTIC SOCIETY

# Welcome to the American Prosthodontic Society's 93rd Annual Meeting

Dear APS members and attendees,

Usually, this message will start with the phrase: "It feels like yesterday that we said good-bye to our friends last February and now we are back together for this meeting!" Today this is not true! We have been "spoiled" for 92 years. Chicago in February has been the place, that every year, each of us looks forward to meeting with friends, attending an outstanding scientific program and enjoying APS' camaraderie that is second to none! After two long years, it is that time again!

However, during these two years we did manage to stay in touch with each other virtually. Thanks to our leadership, volunteers and speakers, our webinars series not only kept us together but actually opened a new chapter and as always, placed our society in the forefront. Our membership was instrumental into not only encouraging by attending, but also spreading the word! We will continue this webinar series in the upcoming year. Be assured that the APS enjoys the utmost respect around the world.

We signed an MOU with the Greek Prosthodontic Society, and they joined the APS and the rest of our friends from Japan, Italy, Saudi Arabia, Canada, and Mexico into creating many avenues of collaborations that can benefit our associations and Prosthodontic Education in general.

During the past two years in our society, many saw the need to refer to the importance of inclusivity and equality. As a president of the APS, I feel very fortunate that we belong to an association that has been and will be practicing these concepts. It is in our DNA and culture! We also take pride that the general dentist, specialist, and laboratory technician hold equal membership. "Open arms" to everybody, all we ask is an interest in Prosthodontics, being open minded and be willing to enjoy our camaraderie!

Dr. Chochlidakis did a superb job with the program this year! It amazes me how he was able to organize the "Prosthodontic Olympiad" and we are all looking forward to listening to the amazing presentations that are in the program.

These have been two really long years without seeing each other. So, let's take a step back and enjoy the moment!

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