

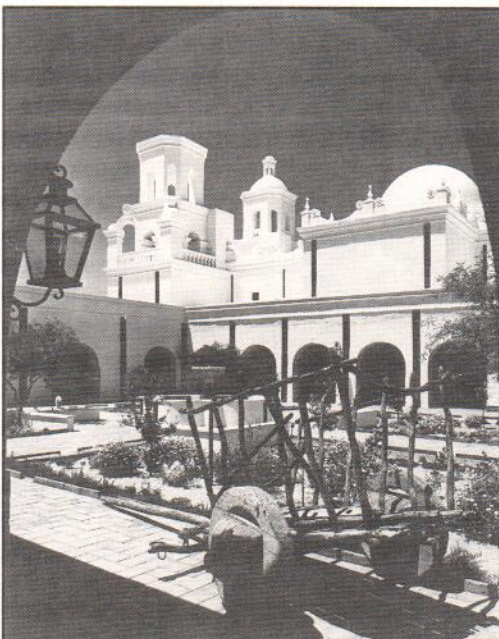
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The Academy of Prosthodontics 77th Annual Meeting in Tucson, Arizona May 19-24, 1995 at the Doubletree Hotel



Courtyard View
of Mission San
Xavier Del Bac

Scientific Session

On behalf of the Program Committee, we look forward to welcoming you and your guests to Tucson. After reviewing the synopses and knowing the quality of the speakers, this program should continue the long established tradition of the Academy of Prosthodontics, of presenting cutting-edge information that will be beneficial to all.

Starting with the opening presentation on Saturday morning, right through the closing session on Wednesday, new information and updates on some changing concepts will be highlighted. Of particular interest to dentists and spouses will be the opening presentation entitled Domestic Violence. This timely topic will be presented by Ms. Ann Glaser, CSW who works daily in this field that requires a greater awareness not only for our patients benefit, but from a personal point of view as well. Alan Drinnan, M.D., D.D.S. will provide an update on medical

conditions which can influence the provision of dental care as well as those drugs which may have an effect on the mucosa.

On the second day, dental implants will be explored from the point of efficacy and effectiveness, provisional restorations, prosthetic fit, esthetics, effects of cigarette smoking and the attitude of general dentists and prosthodontists toward treating the edentulous patient.

Monday morning may present some of the most far reaching presentations to effect prosthodontics and dental education over the next one to two decades. The recently released report "Dental Education at the Crossroads: Challenges and Change", chaired by John P. Howe III, M.D. will effect us all. Dr. Howe will give a review of the proceedings as well as its recommendations. How future dentists and prosthodontists will be trained is to be highlighted by Drs. James Lipton (NIDR), David Felton, Jack Gerrow and Howard Landesman. These presentations will be followed by a panel discussion, allowing all to be involved. This session will be chaired by Dr. Brien Lang.

On Tuesday, we will look into the future by seeing how gene therapy may be used in

our approach to oral disease and therapy. World authority Harold Slavkin will review how gene therapy may benefit new approaches to cancer, Parkinson's disease, muscular dystrophy and possibly obesity. Xerostomia, malignancies and various other oral diseases and syndromes will be reviewed.

Remaining presentations will pertain to fixed prosthodontics, guided bone regeneration, stimulating bone formation at the level of the osteoblast and providing esthetic posterior restorations as an alternative to amalgam. The Program will close with the important question posed by our own Gerald Barrack, "Implant Dentistry — Too Much of a Good Thing?"

We trust you will agree that new information for the next year, the next decade and beyond will be provided. Bring a friend or two and introduce them to Academy meetings with science, discussers, and social events intermixed. Don't miss it!

The Program Committee
Gerald N. Graser, Chair

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Perspectives *from the Editor*

Logic, Intuition and Informatics

Logic suggests that nothing will ever replace sitting by the pool, sipping on an ice tea and immersing oneself in a good novel. However, we intuitively understand that the way we share and store information is changing in today's electronic revolution. In the future, libraries will be smaller as they will have less books since they will be replaced by compact disc media or a multitude of telephone jacks for connecting to electronic data sources. Personal laptop computers with cellular capabilities may make libraries desolate as ones' air-space becomes the study-carousel for the information Internet exchange — at any time or any place. The ability to store, retrieve and verify information will become even more critical as outcome assessment of healthcare delivery becomes the status quo. Does this excite or alarm you, and why is this important to you?

Informatics is defined as "information science". Dental informatics can take many

forms — including computer based office management tools, the virtual patient record, image management and storage, and decision support systems. There is a core of individuals and groups that is working within the profession to make the computer a useful tool for more efficient and better patient care.

Two significant elements in this concept are the development of decision support systems and quality assurance programs. Both of these require the acquisition of data, analysis of those data, and implementation of programs to assure that the data are properly used. Both concepts are supportive of the move toward an evidence based practice as opposed to reliance on individual knowledge and experience.

For an adequate quality assurance program to be developed, it is essential that dentists participate in the sharing of patient care information. Such data would be stripped of any patient identifiers, preserving patient

anonymity, and would be compiled in a national or, more preferably, an international data bank. A model for such data acquisition in dentistry has already been developed by the World Health Organization.

It is imperative that these data be acquired and processed by the dental profession and not by the third party payers or government. It is truly stated that "whoever controls the data, controls the destiny". The dental profession must control its own destiny. In the burgeoning era of HMO's and "managed care" it is easy to construct a scenario in which the treatment planning for patients is removed from the dentist and placed under the control of third party payers. Dentistry must protect its patients if the gains made in oral health are to be maintained.

Prosthodontists have a particular interest in ensuring that patient care is not compromised.

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Secretary-Treasurer Notes

The approach of Spring brings a sharp increase in Academy activities. Guest invitation requests have been arriving and invitations are going right out. President Smutko and I visited Tucson to make final arrangements and are pleased to report that Tucson will be a very enjoyable site. The desert was beautiful, the golf courses lush and the hotel convenient and accommodating. Guests should really enjoy the area, the social events arranged by Ann and Howard Payne, and the excellent program.

Committee activities are at their peak and the Chairs have made interim reports to the Executive Council. Several new policies were presented by the Policy Committee and can be found elsewhere in the Newsletter. Proposed By-Laws changes will be arriving and will require your attention. Oral Health and Dental Practice will be monitoring the HIV conference and the Ad Hoc Special Projects Committee will continue the very successful Outreach Program.

The Council for the Affairs of American Board of Prosthodontics reports that Academy Fellow David Eggleston was elected to assume the position vacated by Dr. Ronald Woody. We congratulate Dr. Eggleston and are proud to have him as an Academy Fellow.

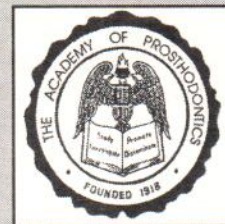
We have finalized negotiations with Colorado Springs Marriott for May 13-20, 1998. We were able to achieve a very attractive room rate and many meeting concessions by the hotel. The Place of Meeting Committee is presently searching for a West site for 1999. Please forward your suggestions to the Secretary.

The Executive Council is formulating a strategic planning meeting to be held prior to the Annual Meeting. The objective of the meeting is to develop a mission statement for the Academy to plan its course into the twenty-first century.

See you in the desert.

Secretary Treasurer Plekavich

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Policy Committee Report

Changes Approved by the Executive Council February 26, 1995. by Charlie Swoope

1. A number of minor wording changes were approved to make policies consistent with Bylaws and other documents.

2. **Page 64. A. 4.** (new): The President and Secretary-Treasurer shall be reimbursed for reasonable travel and expenses for site visits and other official Academy business required of their offices. They will be reported, as part of financial reports, to the Executive Council.

3. **Page 64. B. 7.** (revised): The Secretary-Treasurer will provide the Finance Committee and the Executive Council, with audited financial records of the Academy, at least two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. The designated official accounting firm will also prepare any tax returns and other necessary services.

4. **Page 64. B. 8.** (new): A monthly stipend will be paid to the Secretary-Treasurer. The Recording Secretary will receive a stipend to attend meetings of the Executive Council, for the purpose of recording and preparing official minutes for publication and distribution. The amount of the stipends will be determined by the Executive Council.

5. **Page 64. B. 9.** (new): The Secretary-Treasurer can issue all checks, up to \$1,000.00. Checks over \$1,000.00 must be countersigned by the President.

6. **Page 64. D. 4.** (add to end): In most instances, a single page summary and recommendations and a single page narrative, will be appropriate.

7. **Page 65. E. 6.** (revised): Categories of Fellowship are defined by the Bylaws. There should be no additional category, in lieu of prosthodontic credentials. The category of Honorary Fellows may be used more often.

8. **Page 66. G. 6.** (revised): Associate Fellows are expected to attend the business meetings of the Academy, excluding those matters pertaining to Fellowship issues.

9. **Page 67. G. 14.** (revised): Two representatives of substantial commercial donors (i.e., over \$2,000.00) and their spouse/guests, will receive complimentary registrations and tickets to the Welcome Dinner and Welcome Breakfast, or as determined by the Secretary-Treasurer and President.

10. **Page 67. G. 15-16-17.** (revised, combined and renumbered): Essayists who are not members of the Academy, and their spouse/guests, will be provided with complimentary registrations and tickets to the Welcome Dinner and Welcome Breakfast. This policy can be modified at the discretion of the Program Chairperson and President.

11. Invitations for guest attendance are encouraged. They are important as potential members, add to scientific discussions, share ideas and serve as a source of income to help meet Annual Meeting Costs. Guest invitations are strongly encouraged, with personal contact by the host member. (Note: a specific number of required invitations was considered but felt inappropriate).

12. A questionnaire shall be sent to the Fellowship in the spring, to encourage suggestions to the Policy Committee. This will allow time for committee deliberations prior to the meeting. The Open Policy Committee hearing will still be held at the Annual Meeting.

Additional Policy changes will be considered. Send suggestions for changes to Chairperson Swoope.

Tucson Meeting at a Glance

CHECK PROGRAM EXACT FOR TIME	FRIDAY MAY 19	SATURDAY MAY 20	SUNDAY MAY 21	MONDAY MAY 22	TUESDAY MAY 23	WEDNESDAY MAY 24
MORNING	COUNCIL MEETING	WELCOME BREAKFAST ----- SCIENTIFIC SESSION	SCIENTIFIC SESSION ----- SPOUSE'S TOUR	SCIENTIFIC SESSION	SCIENTIFIC SESSION	NEW ASSOCIATES BREAKFAST ----- SCIENTIFIC SESSION
AFTERNOON	REGISTRATION	POLICY COMMITTEE FELLOWSHIP MEETING	COUNCIL MEETING ----- COMMITTEE MEETINGS	COUNCIL MEETING ----- DESERT MUSEUM TOUR	BUSINESS MEETING	
EVENING	WELCOME DINNER	PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION		DESERT MUSEUM TOUR ENDS	INSTALLATION BANQUET	

Multi-Disciplinary HIV Conference to Offer Latest Information in Management of HIV-Positive Dental Patients

by David Eggleston

Chicago, October 14, 1994: The American Conference on the Dental Management of HIV Disease, a broad base conference to disseminate knowledge to dental and other health professionals on the clinical management of oral disease in HIV-infected individuals will be held June 16-18, 1995 at Chicago's Fairmont Hotel.

Sponsored by the American Dental Association and the University of the Pacific School of Dentistry, the conference will focus not so much on research, but on the first-hand experience of prominent clinicians with extensive background in the management of dental patients with HIV. The conference also will feature physicians, dentists and pharmacists with insights into the coordination of medical and dental care for these patients.

Gene Gowdey, DDS, MA, Director, HIV Care Program, University of the Pacific School of Dentistry, noted that today

“More effective management techniques have emerged to control HIV-related opportunistic infections. Patients are thus living longer with their immunosuppression and surviving longer with severe diseases impacting their oral health. As dental health providers, we are faced increasingly with the need for more information to deal with challenging dental management issues and treatment decisions. This conference will bring that information to practitioners through an interdisciplinary approach.”

According to Dr. Kenneth Burrell, Director, ADA Council on Scientific Affairs, “The conference will help dentists and other health care professionals also learn about the management of HIV-related oral diseases along with medical management problems that must be coordinated with dental treatment.”

The conference will bring together HIV experts from across the country, to summarize an earlier conference, “Considerations for Dentistry '94,” held at the

ADA in September, 1994. “The results of work groups from that earlier conference will be brought to bear on this June’s conference” noted Dr. Gowdey, “promising an extremely comprehensive and exciting program.”

Other sponsors of the conference include the National Institute of Dental Research, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Academy of Dental Schools, the American Academy of Oral Medicine and numerous professional organizations.

For more information on the conference, including registration form, planned agenda, and program faculty, contact:

Marcia Greenberg, staff associate, ADA Scientific Division, at (312) 440-2535 or Dr. Gene Gowdey, University of the Pacific School of Dentistry, at (415) 929-6448.



Tucson Meeting Planner

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MORNING						
AFTERNOON						
EVENING						

News of the Fellowship

The Daniel F. Gordon Award, developed by the American College of Prosthodontists and given to a member of the College who has made significant contributions to prosthodontics through research, literature, teaching, or clinical application, was awarded to **Dr. Ronald Desjardins**. This first award was presented at the American College of Prosthodontists annual business luncheon in New Orleans on November 5, 1994 by Dr. David Eggleston and Dr. Alex Koper, both of whom were close colleagues of Dr. Daniel Gordon.

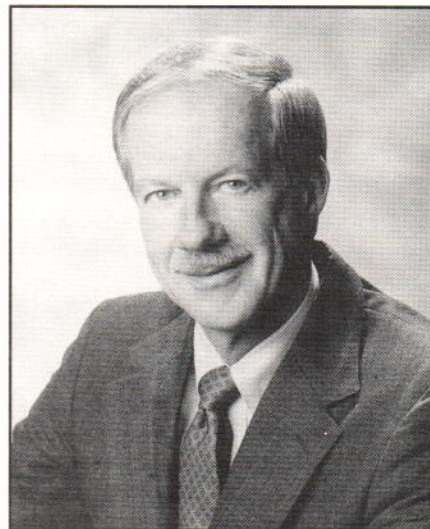
Dr. David Eggleston was recently elected to be a Board Examiner for the American Board of Prosthodontics.

Drs. Dewey Bell, Tom Curtis, Charlie Swoope, and James Lord are going to the Bonefishing Capital of the world on Christmas Island in April.

Dr. James Lord was recently appointed by Governor Mike Lowry of Washington to the new state Board of Denture Technology. Initiative 607 establishes the standards for the practice of denturism, examinations, and disciplines denturists who violate professional standards.

Dr. John Young writes that he recently spoke with Mrs. Elma Beckley and found that **Dr. Emmett Beckley** has been ill recently. We all wish them well.

Dr. and Mrs. Tom Curtis have recently returned from an African Safari, while **Dr. and Mrs. Clifford VanBlarcom** are searching for the Blarney stone in Ireland.



Dr. David H. Wands Fellowship

The phonathon volunteer knew that Dr. David Wands had been a consistent donor to the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery (BCDS) since graduating in 1967. So the student volunteer broached the subject of increasing the donation this year to \$1,000. "I agreed," relates Dr. Wands. "I told the young man I'd been thinking about raising my donation, but I thought that \$100,000 might even better." Several phone calls and many fishing trips later, the David H. Wands Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Prosthodontics was created with a donation of \$250,000.

Dr. Wands resides in Olympia, Washington where he spends his spare time perfecting his fly fishing technique. He has practiced dentistry for almost 30 years, 24 of those in prosthodontics. He notes that his interest in prosthodontics was first sparked while a student at BCDS, the University of Maryland at Baltimore Dental School.

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**Dr. James B. Lepley
in
Memoriam**

Tucson News

Scenic Arizona by Howard S. Payne

For those who are interested in seeing the Grand Canyon, and other fantastic natural wonders of Arizona, the Local arrangements Committee has been able to obtain a four day, three night trip exclusively for Academy Fellows and guests. One of the highlights is a jeep trip through Canyon De Chelly (pronounced "Shay"), and Monument Valley, two of the most beautiful areas in the state! Another adventure is the ride from Williams to the Grand Canyon on a 1901 steam train.

Since driving a car to the Grand Canyon or other sites is no longer practical because of crowding and lack of parking, this trip offers great value for wonderful scenery. The costs will be under \$400 per person depending on the number signing up.

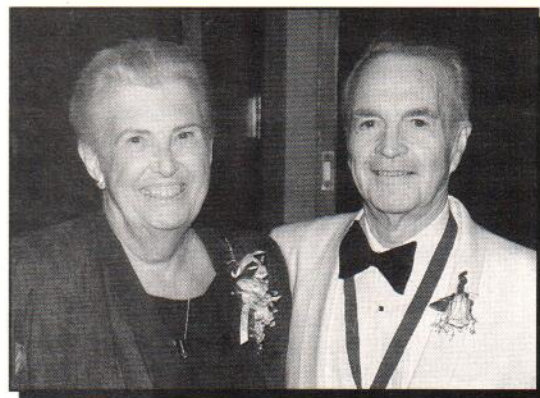
The Doubletree Hotel, site of the Academy meeting, is serving 25 rooms for May 14th for those going on the tour which leaves

from the hotel at the hotel at 9:30 AM the May 15th. Your excess luggage can be stored at the hotel until you return on May 18th. Mention that you are with the Academy for the preconvention one night. Reserve your space if you haven't already done so!!!

TOUR: Kathy Tobias, US Travel, (602) 625-6060 Fax: (602) 625-5300

HOTEL: Doubletree Hotel, (602) 881-4200 Fax: (602) 323-5223

Ann and Howard
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Welcome us to
Tucson



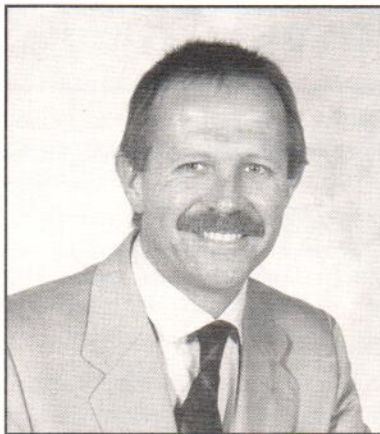
One-on-One

with William Kotowicz
by Stephen J. Riedy

Dr. William E. Kotowicz decided to become a dentist while he was in the sixth grade. Today, he is the Senior Associate Dean at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry.

Bill Kotowicz received his dental degree and master's degree in Prosthodontics from the University of Michigan. Shortly after dental school graduation Bill married Michele (Mike) Whittaker. They have two children, Andrew (22) and Madeline (12). Andy is graduating from Kenyon College (Ohio) in the spring. They live in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Following his specialty program in Prosthodontics, in 1968, Bill was asked to join the faculty as an Assistant Professor. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 1971 and



Dr. William E. Kotowicz

Professor in 1974. He has taught at all levels in the undergraduate, graduate, and continuing education programs. In 1987, Bill was asked to be the interim dean, and served in that position for two and one-half years while the school underwent a significant reorganization. Since the selection of a dean in 1989, Bill has served the University of Michigan Dental School well as the Senior Associate Dean. He recently begun re-entry into teaching with one-day per week teaching assignment in the prosthodontic graduate clinic.

Bill has very much appreciated his opportunity to spend sabbatical and academic leaves at other institutions. These have included dental schools in: Zurich (1972) and Bern (1986), Switzerland; Gothenberg, Sweden (1990); and, the University of California at San Francisco (1978).

Some of Bill's interests include watching and cheering on his wife and daughter in competitive figure skating. Bill likes down hill skiing and trout fishing. The family has recently purchased an old log home on the AuSable River in northern Michigan. This river is known for its great trout fishing.

Bill feels that the Academy of Prosthodontics has provided an excellent forum to work with academic and practicing colleagues who share concerns relative to the discipline of prosthodontics. These concerns include the promotion of high standards for the practice of the discipline and the fostering of quality research.



Informatics, continued

It is, of course, the prosthodontist that often becomes the patient's last hope for oral health, function, and esthetics after the failure of inadequate care and compromised anatomy or physiology. To ensure that patients get proper interceptive care rather than post hoc remediation will necessitate that prosthodontists participate in the development of a professional data bank that acquires valid, essential data on quality of care, appropriate treatment planning, and establishes the baseline for predictable success in the treatment of oral disease.

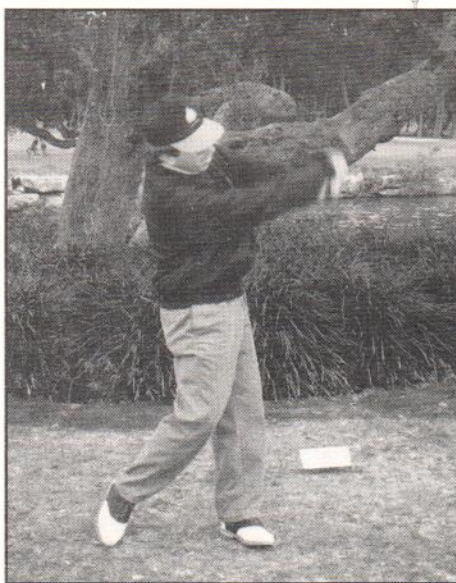
To allow such data to be acquired and used by those having only monetary interest in patients or interests in establishing a legislated facade of care is to abrogate our responsibility to those whom we pledged to serve. The Academy of Prosthodontics must take a leadership role in dental informatics and become knowledgeable and active in the procedures essential to establishing bases for appropriate application of clinical dental informatics.

Stay 'on-line' as additional insight on Dental Informatics will be presented during the Scientific Session.

Prepared by the Oral Health and Dental Practice Committee.



The Classic Golf Swing



Learn more about this distinguished Academy member's approach to the game at the Tucson meeting!!

Remember to complete and send in your Membership Survey

Dr. David H. Wands Fellowship, continued

"The high level of personal interest and caring of my professors and instructors motivated me to specialty training in prosthodontics," he explains. "This fellowship is being established to continue promoting that wonderful attitude and give thanks to those who assisted me in reaching my personal and career goals." This endowed fellowship provides an avenue to retain and recruit students who seek a career in academics. It will provide financial assistance to graduate students enrolled in the advanced dental education program in prosthodontic at BCDS and in a graduate program leading to a teaching career in prosthodontics.

"Young, talented students interested in teaching are a scarce resource and David Wands' fellowship will help ensure that the Dental School contributes to the training of quality teachers for the future," says Dr. Richard Ranney, dean of the Dental School. Dr. Wands received many honors during his academic career at BCDS including the Harry B. Latham Memorial Medal for Excellence in Restorative Dentistry, the Herbert Friedberg Memorial Key Award, and the national Bremner Award. During his junior year, he helped form the Gamma Pi Delta Prosthodontic Society and served as its president. He served seven years in the U.S. Public Health Service and taught at the State University of New York at Buffalo and the University of Washington.

