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AP President David A. Felton

President's Message

Season's greetings to the members of the Academy of Prosthodontics. The Thanksgiving holiday has just concluded, "black Friday" 2015 is in the history books, and we're all gearing up for the somewhat hectic Christmas/New Year festivities ahead. The time between Thanksgiving and New Years is truly my favorite time of the year. The sights, sounds, smells, shopping, parties, fabulous football, food, and genuine joyful holiday spirit is truly invigorating. There are so many things for us to be thankful for—our spouses, families, friends, freedoms, terrific careers in Prosthodontics, and, of course, our Academy family. Please allow this newsletter to serve as a reminder to reconnect with your AP family in our upcoming 2016 annual session in beautiful Palm Springs, California. Academy Vice President James Taylor has put together a great scientific program for us to enjoy, and the venue in Palm

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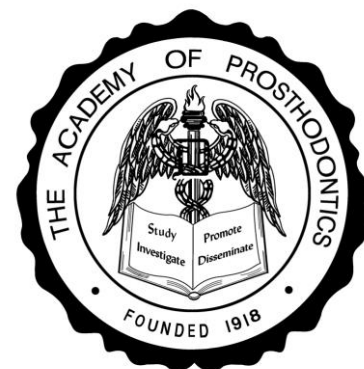
Springs is excellent!! For those of us who are beginning to experience the frozen tundra of winter, the weather in Palm Springs will be a most welcome pleasure! Whether you golf, bike ride, shop, visit the spa, or simply enjoy the desert environment, I'm confident you'll truly have a great time. The social outings for our group will be memorable, and those we've scheduled for our spouses/guests are truly unique. Please reserve your room now, and begin to make travel plans so we can reconnect with each other and rekindle the lasting friendships we've forged over the years in the Academy.

Prosthodontics has blessed each of us in very different ways and has given many of us the opportunity, at least financially, to pay it forward. As we begin to gather with family and friends for a restful holiday season, I'll ask that you remember those who are less fortunate and do what you can to assist them. Whether it's a donation to the Goodwill Charitable Foundation or other charitable organization, to "coats for the children" clothing drives, the Salvation Army, Toys for Tots toy drives, your local food bank, or even the Academy of Prosthodontics Foundation, be a good Academy citizen and contribute something! Many of us have witnessed, first hand, how donations to the

Academy Foundation can help in our outreach programs. If you've had the privilege to be apart of the outreach program, you have memories that you'll treasure for a lifetime. If you have not been to a site yet, contact Geoff Thompson and ask to become involved—I guarantee you'll be glad you did!

Just a bit of personal news. I will become the next Dean of the University of Mississippi Medical Center's School of Dentistry on 19 January. Sue and I are excited about the challenges ahead, and look forward to this next chapter of our lives with great anticipation!

And so, as visions of sugarplums begin to dance in your heads, Sue and I wish you, your family, and all of our Academy of Prosthodontics family the very best for a safe, relaxing, and joyous holiday season! If you're traveling over the next month, be safe. We look forward to hosting each of you next April in Palm Springs! And, a very special season's greetings to each of you! ■



Secretary-Treasurer Notes

By Lisa Lang



For my first issue as Secretary-Treasurer, I would like to thank the members for bestowing such a great honor upon me. I plan to work very diligently to continue the high standards of all the

Past Secretary-Treasurers who held this office before me.

Fellowship

I'd like to recognize our new Fellows who were elected at our 2nd Business Meeting in Austin. Please join me in welcoming our three Honorary Fellows Yataro Komiyama, Paul Martinez, and Alex Schaer, and Associate Fellows James Kelly and Cortino Sukotjo. Four of our Associate Fellows were elected to Active Fellowship. Congratulations to Mathew Kattadiyil, Danielle Layton, Dean Morton, and Stephen Wagner. These individuals will be installed at the Palm Springs Meeting in March.

Over the course of the last six months members of the academy have been very active. I'd like to share with you some of the activities of our

Fellows through this time period. In the June addition of the *ADA News*, the AP Outreach program was recognized for its 25 years of service. A [link to the article](#) may be found on our website. It is a wonderful tribute to the program and all the Fellows who have participated over the years. The program continues to be a success, and plans are underway to add additional sites to the program that will include sites in the northeast part of the US and in Juneau, Alaska. Keith Ferro and Tom Taylor, respectively, are working on the site locations.

Other Fellows in the news were Dean Morton, who was recently elected to the American Board of Prosthodontics, AP President Dave Felton, who has been named Dean of the School of Dentistry at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, and Fellow Jonathan Wiens, who is the editor of an eBook, *Fundamentals of Occlusion*, in which many of our Fellows are contributing authors. Congratulations to all on their achievements.

In Memoriam

It was with great sadness that we announced in November that Life Fellow Dr. John E. Rhodes passed away on October 22, 2015. Dr. Rhodes was a respected leader and treasure to the specialty of Prosthodontics, and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

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Dr. Rhodes will be memorialized during the opening ceremony of the annual session.

Annual Meeting 2016 – Palm Springs

The site for this year's annual session is the Westin Mission Hills Resort in Palm Springs, California. This resort is the home to two championship golf courses, three sparkling pools, and a spa for relaxation and pampering. Although several activities are planned for spouses, additional activities in the area include biking, hiking, horseback riding, and tennis for those who seek an active diversion. For others, a day at the spa or shopping in Palm Springs may be their style. Regardless, the enchanting desert locale and sunny days are sure to please. Arriving in Palm Springs should not be difficult as most major airlines fly into Palm Springs Municipal Airport. The meeting brochure provides information regarding the hotel registration.

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/academyofprosthodontics>

The plans have been finalized for the 2016 Annual Meeting March 29th – April 2nd. Vice-President James Taylor has created an outstanding program that is sure to be both intellectually stimulating and engaging. The 98th Annual Scientific Session Program, posted on the AP Website, features many wonderful

speakers which includes several of our Life Fellows in a segment entitled “Standing on the Shoulders of Giants”.

http://www.academyofprosthodontics.org/2016_Palm_Springs_California.html



News from the Executive Council

In November the Executive Council met for the Interim Meeting in Chicago. Reports from the various Strategic Planning subgroups were reviewed and will be discussed in March.

The Governance Committee tasked by the Fellowship to review the meeting attendance policy provided a report regarding policy changes to present to the Fellowship. Several options will be presented at the Business Meeting for discussion. The Fellowship will review and decide whether to submit any of the proposed options for a bylaws change, which will be voted upon at the 2017 meeting.

President-elect David Brown and Secretary-Treasurer Lisa Lang visited Sarasota, Florida, the site of our 2017 meeting. The Ritz-Carlton Sarasota has been chosen as the hotel site of the 2017 Annual Session. Planning for the meeting as well as the social events is well underway. ■

Strategic Planning for our Academy: Fruitful Experience or Waste of Time?

By Sreenivas Koka



I would like to thank the Fellowship for their active engagement in the Strategic Planning session that we held in lieu of a traditional first business meeting. The feedback I received was very positive

and I am delighted that the session was enjoyable to many.

During the planning of this session with Life Fellows Jonathan Wiens and Gerald (Jerry) Graser, we wondered if, at the culmination of the strategic planning session, there would be a concrete direction for the Executive Council to follow. We are pleased and relieved that one clear directive emerged; Fellowship landed as our number one focus area when ranking scores were tabulated. Thus, the session was a success and we appreciate all those who expressed their opinions and voiced their preferences. Jon Wiens and Jerry Graser did a masterful job of guiding us through the afternoon, and I want to thank them again for their savvy and leadership.

It also became clear that three areas – education, leadership and research – were difficult to separate as their scores were very close. Further discussion confirmed the passion for each of

these three areas held by different Fellows and the need for further clarification if we, as an organization, are going to focus in a way that drives excellence in one area rather than mediocrity in many areas. As resources shrink, especially the resource of each Fellow's disposable energy to commit to the Academy given the plethora of other organizations competing for his/her attention, we would be naive to think we can really make a difference in all three of these areas. Perhaps the Fellowship is okay with focusing mainly on activities that promote Fellowship and accepting that trying to do our best on the other three simultaneously is the way to go even though it will probably end up in mediocrity. In contrast, perhaps the Fellowship would prefer we be truly exceptional at something other than Fellowship and will commit to education or leadership or research. It's up to us as a Fellowship to decide. I realize that this kind of sea change will lead some of us to say "this is not the organization I thought I was joining" and may make some Fellows question their association with our Academy. The easy way out is, therefore, to take the path of "no hard feelings" and to continue with our status quo. I understand the attractiveness of

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this path, but do not believe that in the long run it is in the best interests of the Academy to try to be all things to all people. We are specialists, after all, and have committed our lives to being specialists. We understand the benefits of the focus of mind and action.

President Felton's charge to each of the eight break out groups to reconvene by web conference during the late summer and fall was only taken up by one group with any degree of conviction. This was disappointing given the interest shown at the Strategic Planning session and the hope there would be some real energy for this follow-up activity. The Executive Council deliberated this outcome at the interim meeting in November and concluded that each Fellow's busy schedules precludes a group of 7-8 Fellows being able to meet by web conference. Despite the best of intentions to facilitate ongoing discussion and the number of people who agreed to join a call, many calls took place with only two or three Fellows. The Executive Council now recognizes that perhaps the face to face interaction at the annual meeting is the best platform for these discussions, as we are each other's captive audience.

So the discussions will continue in the years ahead on the issue of how the Academy positions itself to remain relevant. This is going

to be no easy task. Fifty years ago, the Academy had few other national organizations to worry about and there were many who were prepared to take on the challenge of becoming an Academy Fellow. Today, there are so many organizations from which to choose and all are relatively easy to join, so we must ask ourselves how we will remain attractive to some of the best minds in prosthodontics so that our intellectual caliber does not wane? Fellowship is a tremendously worthy goal, and we will structure our organization to foster Fellowship. But can we thrive on Fellowship alone? Maybe, maybe not. Let's keep this conversation going. ■

Academy of Prosthodontics Strategy Session

Rank of Identified Attributes of the AP:

- 1 - Fellowship**
- 2 - Education**
- 3 - Mentorship**
- 4 - Leadership**
- 5 - Service**
- 6 - Research**

Centennial Update

By Carlo Ercoli



As you all know, the Academy is the oldest prosthodontic organization in the world, tracing its beginning to 1918. In 2018, under the leadership of President James Taylor, we will

celebrate our 100th meeting of the Academy of Prosthodontics; this is going to be a milestone for all of us and for prosthodontics as a whole.

In order to properly prepare for this momentous centennial event, Immediate Past President Sree Koka kindly asked me, in 2014, to lead the Academy Centennial Committee with the charge of coordinating the activities that will lead up to this important milestone for our Academy. This charge was confirmed by President David Felton. In doing so, I was already helped by the effort of the Ad Hoc Centennial Committee of 2013 which was co-chaired by Academy Fellows Jonathan Wiens and Gary Goldstein. This committee provided to the Executive Council of the Academy a report with a short list of potential ideas that could be used to mark this anniversary (and several operational suggestions to potentially organize such activities): (1) Centennial AP History Publication; (2) 2018 meeting

suggestions; (3) Centennial memorabilia which you will find listed in the survey that you will soon receive from our website master, Academy Fellow Arun Sharma.

While this work has already identified potential activities that could adequately commemorate this anniversary, we believe it is **fundamentally important**, as I mentioned during our second business meeting in Austin, for the Fellowship at large to be involved in a process of identifying and prioritizing ideas for this celebration. Therefore I look forward to receiving a vigorous and constructive feedback from the survey so we can all participate and contribute to this historic milestone. Moreover, in the coming weeks, I will ask several of you to be part of the Steering Committee that will be formed for this event. Our task will be to coordinate the various activities that will be part of the celebration of the Centennial and will constitute the work of several groups of Fellows. ■



Austin 2015 Highlights



Current Academy of Prosthodontics Leadership: (sitting) Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Lisa Lang; President-elect, Dr. David Brown; President, Dr. David Felton; Vice President, Dr. James Taylor; Immediate Past President, Dr. Sreenivas Koka (standing) Executive Councilor, Dr. Kenneth Malament; Executive Councilor, Dr. Carol Lefebvre; Executive Councilor, Dr. John Sorensen; Executive Councilor, Dr. Izchak Barzilay



Immediate Past President Dr. Hans-Peter Weber presents the 2015 Distinguished Service Award to Academy Fellow Dr. Charles L. Bolender in Austin, Texas



President Dr. Sreenivas Koka installing the new Academy Fellows: Dr. Radi Al-Masri, Dr. Nadim Baba, Dr. Terry Walton, Dr. Robert Taft, Dr. Julie Holloway in Austin, Texas

View more photos on your AP Fellowship Home Page under “Photographs”



A “Pride” of Academy of Prosthodontics Presidents



President Dr. Sreenivas Koka installing the new Academy Life Fellows: Dr. Albert Guckes and Dr. Harold Litvak; Dr. Davis Garlapo was also installed but was unable to be present



President Dr. Sreenivas Koka installing the new Academy Associate Fellows: Dr. Frank Lauciello, Dr. Isabelle Denry, Dr. Susanne Scherrer, Dr. German Gallucci in Austin, Texas

Change the World, Change Yourself

By Geoffrey A. Thompson



The Academy of Prosthodontics is the oldest specialty organization dedicated to prosthodontics in the United States. The organization had its origins in the study of complete removable dental prostheses and can count among its members Drs. Milus M. House, Claude J. Stansbery, Victor H. Sears, F. M. Hight, Carl O. Boucher, Muller V. DeVan, and many other important prosthodontists of the 20th century. The organization has evolved significantly during its almost 100 years of existence. Today, the membership includes men and women Fellows from around the globe, and of course its scientific interests reflect the scope of treatment provided by modern prosthodontists.

The Academy's emblem depicts an open book with these four words: Study, Investigate, Promote, and Disseminate. With those charges, the Academy can count among its achievements, co-founder of the *Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry*, establishment of the American Board of Prosthodontics, and creator of the *Glossary of Prosthodontic Terms*. An often overlooked achievement is the creation of a Foundation to support education and research; with its

beginnings in 1960, it surely must have been one of the first Foundations in organized dentistry. In 1991, the Foundation included Outreach projects among its supported endeavors.

Since 1993, the Outreach Program has provided almost 2000 prostheses to 1000 patients who otherwise could not afford or did not have access to care, and free of charge. In the last 3 years, the groups provided 312 complete removable prostheses, 64 implants, and an assortment of relines, repairs and partials to 185 patients. Funding for this work comes from the Academy of Prosthodontics Foundation, generous corporate donations, and members and friends of the Academy. However, the restorations are fabricated by Outreach teams. Over the years, more than 150 Academy members and friends of the Academy have contributed their time to this important element of the Foundation. Most of the Outreaches have served Native American communities in the American southwest, Alaska, Wyoming, and Nebraska. There was even an Outreach in Chicago!

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Academy Fellow, Dr. Eric Rasmussen smiles along with the patient he treated.

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Some of the original members of the Outreach recall stories of sleeping on floors or in drafty trailers, making-do with the available resources at the Outreach sites in MacGyver fashion, and all-day drives to fetch and return a pizza in time for dinner. Academy Fellows Eric Rasmussen, Ed Plekavich, Tom Taylor, Sree Koka, Steve Sadowsky, Ken May, Jim DeBoer, Paul Martinez, Jeff Rubenstein and Tom Salinas have been doing this for a long time. Today, groups often work in a modern dental clinic with water, power, and lighting; however, it is still not uncommon to seat patients in a folding chair, work out of a tent, or use a rasp meant for shaping a horse hoof for a model trimmer. Several of the groups take prosthodontic residents, which instills in them the belief that giving back is an important principle. The work is significant and has been recognized by The President of the United States in a letter to the Outreach Program, and by the American Dental Association which helped the Outreach Program celebrate its first 25 years by running a front page story in the *ADA News*.

Recently, the Academy and the Foundation endeavored to highlight the activities of the Outreach. The Academy recognized non-Fellow supporters during the annual scientific session, erected posters, featured slide displays during meeting intermissions and the President's

reception. Members of the Outreach committee have begun wearing a small gold medal with two hands clasped together in a handshake to indicate their participation.

The Outreach needs the support of the Foundation and your contributions. You can show your support by mailing a letter to the Foundation or by logging onto our [donation page](#) and indicating that your tax-deductible gift is for the Outreach program. The Outreach also needs you, to build teams in North America and around the world.

Member Dr. Ed Plekavich sums up the experience for the Outreach group very well with this quotation, "I'm convinced the giver gets more out of it than the recipient." It has been our honor and a privilege to serve and to meet all the fine people who have supported our operation, and we are looking forward to the next 25 years of service. ■



Academy Fellow, Dr. Ed Plekavich treats a patient at the Goshute Reservation in Nevada.

Updating the Glossary of Prosthodontics: An Odyssey

By Keith J. Ferro



The revision of the Academy of Prosthodontics “*Glossary of Prosthodontic Terms*” (GPT) has been an odyssey that has transcended

generations of prosthodontists and other specialties of dentistry. This is a short essay to share with you the history of previous contributors, how to enlist the collaborative effort of experts, and my vision of the document for the future.

In the *First Glossary of Prosthodontic Terms* from 1923, Dr. Louis Ottofy stated, “It is to be hoped that members of the profession and specialists through their organizations will reach an agreement as to the terms to be given preference or to be used exclusively.” Ninety-three years after this statement, with the exponential growth of dental material sciences and dental technology, the specialty of prosthodontics has demonstrated the importance of the glossary. The intention of this jewel of the Academy of Prosthodontics is stated in the Preface of the First Edition in 1956 and it is still valid today. The odyssey of the GPT development has been appreciated by the few editors of the GPT. In the past, nomenclature

committees of the Academy formulated the lists of prosthodontic terms. These would ultimately be approved by the membership. These editors are: GPT-1, Carl O. Boucher; GPT-2, Carl O. Boucher; GPT-3, Judson Hickey; GPT-4, I. Kenneth Adisman; GPT-5, Jack D. Preston; GPT-6, Clifford W. Van Blarcom; GPT-7, Clifford W. Van Blarcom; GPT-8, Clifford W. Van Blarcom. The Academy is indebted to the editors and the many committee contributors who have critically appraised obsolete terms and introduced advanced new terms.

The Ninth Edition of the GPT enlisted the membership by using the application of a Delphi survey technique. This technique was introduced to me by Academy Fellow Danielle Layton. Firstly, I typed all the glossary terms into an Excel spreadsheet with three columns for a yes or no answer to the following three survey questions:

This is NOT a prosthodontic term?

This term is obsolete?

This term needs to be changed?

The questions were worded so that a yes answer would indicate the necessity to edit the term or its definition.

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The Delphi survey was first sent to program directors with the request to include the advanced education graduate students. Secondly, it was sent to select Academy Fellows in paired groups so as to instill peer pressure to complete the survey. Participants would feel inclusivity and obligation to contribute to this important task. They were assured that results would be anonymous. Thirdly, new terms were requested from prosthodontic organizations, journal and book editors, and experts of respective prosthodontic related fields.

This inclusive process of assessing old and new terms has resulted in a glossary that is reflective of the innovative areas our specialty. It demonstrates our emerging knowledge of material sciences and technical inventions over the last 60 years. Examples of emerging terms include: dental implant terms like *platform switching*, radiological terms like *CBCT*, surgical terms like *fibula flap*; maxillofacial prosthodontic terms like *conformer*, removable prosthodontic terms like *removable partial denture*, fixed prosthodontic terms like *fixed complete denture*; and material sciences terms like *zirconia restorations*. Over 150 new terms were added.

A tremendous amount of time was required to assimilate the collective contributions from the

Delphi survey, research/add of new terms, and remitting requests for experts' opinion. It wasn't just assimilation of words; each decision of adding the new terms and retiring old terms had to be substantiated by the use in the current literature and not just the opinion of any one expert. Many terms were added after first reading the literature and then requesting expert opinions. Old terms were researched with old prosthodontic journals and books requested from Harvard's Miner Library book depository and online with the Medical Heritage Library. Additionally, many terms were debated among a committee of experts, for which I served as moderator. The most debated term was *centric relation*. My ad hoc committee debating *centric relation* included Gary Goldstein, Steve Morgano, Jonathan Wiens, and me. Ultimately, I had to make the decision. As Charles Goodacre told me, it was left solely to me so that we would have someone to blame!

The collation of the information from the survey, from expert opinion, and from ongoing research was done by me as editor. I also repeatedly copy edited the glossary to change punctuation, reorganize terms of use, and verify alphabetical sequencing. Steve Morgano was tirelessly copy editing and contributing research on terms. This culminated in over 12,775 changes before it was sent to the publisher for copy editing.

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The GPT APP

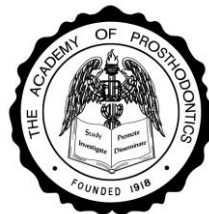
By Arun Sharma



In August of 2014 the Editorial Council for the *Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry* received a request for a grant to fund the development of an online application (APP) for the 9th edition of the *Glossary of Prosthodontic Terms* from the Academy of Prosthodontics. The Editorial Council was unanimous in their support for this grant, but requested a detailed proposal for the APP development. President Koka appointed an ad hoc committee (Academy Fellows James Taylor, Roman Cibirka, Baldwin Marchack and Arun Sharma) to investigate and develop a proposal for the development of the Glossary

APP. A number of vendors were contacted and information was obtained regarding the type of APP. The committee was in agreement that a non-native APP would be the appropriate format for the glossary as this would allow access from multiple tablet platforms (Android and iOS) as well desktop computers. The only downside was that the user would have to be connected to the internet to access the APP. A proposal from Elsevier, a world-leading provider of information solutions, was accepted and the Editorial Council for the *Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry* will provide the funds necessary for the development and distribution of the APP. The Glossary APP will be free to any user.

Our initial goal was to have the APP ready by the annual meeting of the Academy in Austin. However, we soon realized that this goal was unrealistic and at the meeting in Austin we presented a pilot version of the APP that included only the letter “A”. The feedback received was extremely positive and the committee decided to move forward with the development of the APP for the 9th edition of the GPT. The committee (Chaired by Dr. Keith Ferro) charged with the revision of the Glossary worked diligently on this very complex and time consuming project and submitted the final version in early December 2015. The document is in the process of being copy edited by Elsevier, and after Dr. Ferro approves the final edited version, the APP will be developed. Our hope is that it will be ready for our annual meeting in Palm Springs. ■



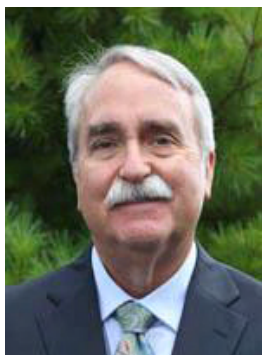
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The responsibility as editor of the GPT has been an awesome experience. I am grateful to my Academy colleagues for their confidence in my judgement. Many have reacted with empathy for the assignment of such monumental work. Personally, it has been a positive experience that I have embraced as an educational value. The greatest tribute to the Academy of Prosthodontics would be sharing this knowledge of the GPT in preparation of lectures and publications. The most useful device to access the GPT will be the digital app for mobile phones. Thanks to the Glossary of Prosthodontic Terms Committee, the Ninth Edition of the GPT has updated the most current terms and applied its dissemination with the latest digital media form. ■

Academy of Prosthodontics Fellows in the News

David Felton



Dr. David Felton has been chosen to be the new dean of the School of Dentistry at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Felton will begin his leadership role on January 19, 2016.

“My wife, Sue, and I are absolutely elated to be given the opportunity to serve in this capacity,” said Felton. “It is an honor and a privilege to come to UMMC. I look forward to training Mississippi's outstanding students to become the next generation of dentists in the state.”

[Read the full story at UMMC News](#)

Dean Morton



Indiana University School of Dentistry is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Dean Morton as Chair of the Department of Prosthodontics and Assistant Dean for Strategic Partnerships and

Innovation. Dr. Morton will lead the re-established department of prosthodontics. He will also create and lead an Interdisciplinary Center for Dental Implants and Esthetics. He started at IUSD on August 3rd.

[Read the full story at IUSD News](#)

98th Annual Meeting in Palm Springs California

The 98th annual meeting of the Academy of Prosthodontics is scheduled for March 29-April 2, 2016 in luxurious Palm Springs, California. This is an exceptional location for the Academy meeting, with the rugged desert of California serving as a beautiful backdrop for the lush resorts and golf courses dotting the California landscape. The Academy traditionally holds its meetings in truly memorable locations.

Meeting registration will begin on Tuesday, March 29, followed by the Welcome Reception and Louis Blatterfein Dinner at Frank Sinatra's fabulous home. There will be great music, entertainment, and a fabulous dinner to celebrate the start of the 2016 meeting. Our social outing will take us to the Living Desert for tours and dinner. Several outings for spouses are also planned.

Vice President James Taylor has put together an exceptional scientific program for 2016. The meeting will kick off with a contemporary look at prosthodontics education, featuring keynote speaker Dr. Rick Valachovic, President and CEO of the American Dental Education Association (ADEA), who will share his thoughts on the future of prosthodontics education in the US. The next day, we will feature several of our Life Fellows in our "standing on the shoulders of giants" series—this will enable some of our younger colleagues

and guests to hear lectures from several of the Academy's icons. On Friday night, we will have our President's Reception and Installation Banquet. The meeting continues on Saturday with several outstanding speakers focused on implant prosthodontics and ceramics. Truly, our 2016 meeting will not only be exceptional, but memorable. This is a "must attend" scientific program, and the social events will be outstanding. We look forward to welcoming you to Palm Springs in March, and to sharing an extraordinary week!

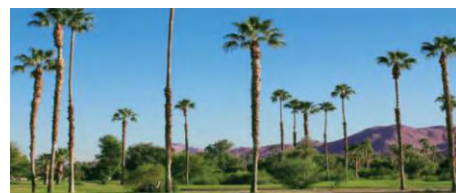
Conference Location: Westin Mission Hills

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Reservations:

Visit the [Hotel Reservation](#) page on the conference AP web site or contact the Westin Mission Hills directly to make reservations. Identify yourself as a delegate to the Academy of Prosthodontics Meeting to receive the group rate. Group room block is now open - *make your reservations early!*



Scientific Program Schedule

Wednesday, March 30

Get Acquainted Breakfast

Registration

Scientific Session

Welcome

Prosthodontic Education

Dr. Richard Valachovic

Dr. David Bartlett

Dr. Terry Walton

Dr. David Chvartzaid

Advances in Prosthodontics I

Dr. Hamilton Le

Dr. Limor Avivi-Arber

Dr. Judy Yuan

Spouse/Guest Outing

First AP Business Meeting | *AP Fellows Only*

AP Associate Fellows Meeting

Exhibit Meet and Greet Reception

Friday, April 1

Outreach Committee Breakfast

Fellowship Interviews | *AP Fellows Only*

Scientific Session

Maxillofacial Rehabilitation

Dr. Thomas Salinas

Dr. Devin Okay

Dr. Gerald Grant

Dr. James Kelly

Current Context in Prosthodontics

Dr. Kent Knoernschild

Dr. Steven Eckert

Dr. David Gratton

President's Reception and Installation

Banquet

Thursday, March 31

AP Secretary-Treasurer Breakfast

Registration

Scientific Session

Standing on the Shoulders of Giants

Dr. Howard Landesman

Dr. Salvatore Esposito

Dr. Stephen Parel

Academy Survey Report

Dr. Gary Goldstein

Advances in Prosthodontics II

Dr. Lino Calvani

Dr. Isabelle Denry

Dr. Sang Lee

Saturday, April 2

New Associates & Life Fellow Breakfast

Scientific Session

Implant Prosthodontics

Dr. Ami Smidt

Dr. Oliver Pin-Harry

Dr. Will Martin

Dr. Peter Wöhrle

Ceramics in Prosthodontics

Dr. Ken Malament

Dr. Robert Kelly

Dr. John Sorensen

Second AP Business Meeting | *AP Fellows Only*

Daily

Spouse / Guest Hospitality Room

Breakfast: Wednesday-Saturday

Program Speakers

Wednesday, March 30

Richard Valachovic	The Future of Prosthodontic Education
David Bartlett	Prosthodontic Education around the Commonwealth: UK
Terry Walton	Prosthodontic Education around the Commonwealth: Australia
David Chvartzsайд	Prosthodontic Education around the Commonwealth: Canada
Hamilton Le	Rediscovering Prevention in the Titanium Era of Dentistry: A CAMBRA Approach for the Caries Resistant Restoration
Limor Avivi-Arber	Brain Plasticity: The Basis for a Paradigm Shift in Oral Rehabilitation
Judy Yuan	Effect of Brushing on Shade and Surface Roughness of CAD/CAM all-Ceramic Restorations

Thursday, March 31

Howard Landesman	The Changing Profession of Dentistry
Salvatore Esposito	Complete Dentures-Back to the Future
Stephen Parel	A Retrospective on Denture Construction and the Emerging Prosthodontic Perspective of Treating Edentulism
Gary Goldstein	Why do we do the things we do: Centric Relation
Lino Calvani	Bone Resorption Patterns: an Updated Review of their Anatomical and Physiological Causes
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Will Martin	Determining Esthetic Risk in Implant Rehabilitation
Peter Wohrle	Systematic Approach to Planning and Placing Implants for Maximum Prosthetic Outcome: The Future is Here with CAD-CAM
Ken Malament	Integration of Esthetic Dentistry in Routine and Complex Prosthodontics
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