



# AP Newsletter

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**AP President Carol Lefebvre**

## President's Column

I hope that you had an enjoyable summer with some time for relaxation with friends and family. With students back in school and the carefree days of summer just a memory, we return to routines. The important work of the Academy is in full swing!

As I reflect upon the AP meeting in Banff, President Malament and Program Chair Lang are congratulated for an excellent meeting and program. It was especially meaningful for me to have AP Fellow, Jane Brewer, conduct the Installation Ceremony. Jane and I presented posters at the Toronto meeting in 1986 and our friendship has grown stronger over the years. Each of us has a friendship such as this, that has been nurtured by attending Academy meetings and that is what makes this Academy so special.

We also welcomed AP Fellow Arun Sharma to the Executive Committee and look forward to his contributions. Life Fellow George Zarb was presented

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the 2019 Distinguished Service Award presented by Past President James Taylor not only for his contributions to the Academy but to our profession and specialty. It is a well-deserved honor.

As we set our sights on Asheville in May 2020, the Executive Committee is busy planning for the meeting and conducting the business of the Academy. Program Chair, John Sorenson, is putting together an excellent program. Committees have swung into action and I thank the Committee Chairs and their members as they work to move the Academy ever forward. As we prepare for the Asheville meeting, the support of our industry partners is critical for a successful meeting. This year, Corporate Liaison Committee co-chairs, Arun Sharma and German Gallucci, are leading our fundraising efforts.

The Glossary of Prosthodontic Terms (GPT) Committee, chaired by Danielle Layton, is working to expand the GPT in areas including: patient-related outcomes, digital dentistry, ceramics, maxillofacial prosthetics, and geriatrics. Beginning this year, the GPT will be updated electronically on an annual basis and will bear the year of update in the name, for example, *GPT2020*.

AP outreach was active this summer and is expanding globally. In addition to expansion to Africa, last year Mexico was added as a site. The Outreach Committee is co-chaired by Drs. Izchak Barzilay and Ken May who will oversee international and national outreach, respectively.

Poster presentations were included for the Centennial meeting and were a huge success. It is an excellent way to introduce residents to our Academy. Poster presenters were fewer in Banff likely due to travel expense. We expect to have a large number of poster presenters in Asheville. Please encourage your residents to present their research in Asheville.

The Centennial publication, as a result of the efforts of the History and Records Committee led by Jon Wiens, is a significant contribution to the Academy. It was distributed at the Banff meeting. For Life Fellows who do not regularly attend the annual meeting, we will make every effort to have a Fellow personally deliver the book if there is a Fellow residing in the area. The goal is to keep our Life Fellows engaged with the Academy. If you missed the Banff meeting and would like a copy of the Centennial publication, please contact Lynn Reeves to have a copy shipped to you. Preparation for the Centennial celebration demonstrated the importance of recording our

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history. This year the History and Records Committee has a goal of compiling and preserving the memoirs and video recordings of our Life Fellows for future generations. We hope to weave the video recordings into future meetings so that our younger members have the opportunity to hear from the giants in prosthodontics.

Finally, Mathew Kattadiyil's paper on gender disparities at the podium heightened our awareness of the importance of diversity. While the Academy is leading the way among prosthodontic organizations, there is more work to be done. However, diversity is not solely about gender. For many years the AP was primarily a North American organization; however, we now enjoy members from many parts of the world. We will continually strive to increase the diversity of our Academy because diversity makes us stronger. Together, we will make that happen! ■



### Academy of Prosthodontics 2019-2020 Committees

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## Secretary-Treasurer Notes

By Mijin Choi



The 101st annual session successfully ended with the installation of Dr. Carol Lefebvre as President, by Dr. Jane Brewer. Twenty-eight distinguished speakers presented, with outstanding discussions. I sincerely thank the program chair, Dr. Lisa Lang and the Local Arrangements Committee members, Dr. Brian Kucey, Dr. Jamie Kaukinen, and RES for their dedication in making the meeting successful and enjoyable for all who attended. Below are the main highlights of the meeting:

### In Memoriam

The passing of Dr. James Lorin Lord (1937-2019), the 80th Past President (1998) was recognized during the opening ceremony. Dr. James Taylor invited Dr. Chuck Bolender to speak and share memories of Dr. Lord.

### Elevation of Fellows and New Associate Fellows

The Academy congratulated the following fellows for their new Fellowship status:

Dr. Jamie Kaukinen and Dr. Roy Yanase were elevated to Life Fellow status. Dr. James Kelly and Dr. Cortino Sukotjo were elevated to Active Fellows. Dr. Fatemeh Afshari, Dr. Wael Att, Dr. Florian Beuer, Dr. Luca Cordaro, Dr. Irena Sailer, and Dr. Chandur Wadhvani were installed as Associate Fellows.

### Poster Presentations

Dr. Geoffrey Thompson, the poster session chair, welcomed eight poster presenters at the meeting. The Academy of Prosthodontics Foundation supported all poster presenters and recognized them with certificates of appreciation during the scientific session.

The presenters were as follows:

Dr. Walaa Ahmed, University of British Columbia  
 Dr. Graham Greenland and Dr. Sarah Lee, Mayo Clinic  
 Dr. Hyunok Jo, University of Iowa College of Dentistry  
 Dr. Jin-ah Kim, Yonsei University Dental Hospital  
 Dr. Sinem Ok, University of Marmara (Turkey)  
 Dr. Varisha Parikh, University of California Los Angeles  
 Dr. Tamara Tom, Veteran Administration West Los Angeles

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### **Fellowship and Mentorship**

During the business meeting, the importance of guiding aspiring fellows and nominators was discussed. Currently, the Academy's Associate and Mentorship Subcommittees are charged with facilitating and monitoring the progress of Associate Fellows and Mentors. Below is a simplified explanation of Fellowship requirements:

#### *Aspiring to Associate Fellow*

- Must present once at the Annual Meeting for consideration, paying their expenses.
- Must be in attendance at the Annual Meeting to be inducted

#### *Associate to Active Fellows*

- Must present a second time at the Annual Meeting for consideration as an Associate.
- Must be in attendance at the Annual Meeting to be elevated.
- 3-year duration for consideration of elevation to Active Fellow begins in the following year at the installation ceremony regardless of attendance status.

### **2020 Asheville Meeting, May 13 – May 16**

The 102nd celebration is set to take place at Omni Grove Park Inn, Asheville, North Carolina.

### **Meeting Location:**

#### **The Omni Grove Park**

290 Macon Avenue  
Asheville, NC 28804

AP Special Pricing Hotel Block is **now** available - Book your hotel room early - the AP Block will sell out! *Note: Room Block cutoff Date is April 5th, 2020.*

### **Link to make your room reservation:**

#### **Omni Grove Park Inn - AP Room Block**

What is the closest airport to the Omni Grove Park Inn?

- About 17 miles from Asheville Regional Airport (AVL)
- About 65 miles from Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport (GSP)
- About 120 miles from Charlotte (CLT)
- Uber, Lyft, and Taxi services are available and pick up is outside to the left once you exit in the "Ride Share Area"
- Omni does not have shuttle service

Where is the Omni Grove Park Inn located?

The Omni Grove Park Inn sits on 150 acres about 2,000 feet above sea level in the Blue Ridge Mountains of western North Carolina. The physical address is 290 Macon Avenue Asheville, North Carolina, 28804.

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*Valet standard parking rates:*

\$22 for overnight guests and \$15 for day guests.

*Garage parking (standard parking rates):*

Garage parking is available to our day and overnight guests. The first (3) hours are complimentary, 3-6 hours is \$10, and 6-24 hours is \$15.

*On-site attraction:*

The Omni Grove Park Inn Spa is an award-winning facility and sells out months in advance. Reservations for service require your room confirmation number. Please call to reserve a treatment at 800-438-5800 and specify the group name Academy of Prosthodontics.



### Fellowship outing at a glance

The Fellowship outing will take place at Biltmore House, known as America's Largest Home. The 125,000 acres of estate was "home to the Vanderbilt family.



The Biltmore House was officially opened to the public in 1895 and contains 250 rooms. In 1930, Cornelia Vanderbilt Cecil, daughter of George Vanderbilt, first opened the Biltmore House to the public to increase tourism during the Depression and to generate income to preserve the estate. During World War II, the house stored priceless artwork from the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC.

### Wednesday 7 am Get Acquainted Breakfast

The Get Acquainted Breakfast is a unique tradition of the Academy that allows an opportunity to welcome new Associate Fellows at a personal level and foster collegial fellowship. Since the Academy's meeting schedule now runs from Wednesday to Saturday, the Get Acquainted Breakfast is the first official gathering of the meeting before the Welcome Dinner. All Fellows are invited to attend the Get Acquainted Breakfast to welcome new Associate Fellows and Guests. Please plan to arrive on Tuesday so that we can welcome our New Associates together. ■

## 2020 Academy of Prosthodontics Annual Program Summary

By John A. Sorensen, Program Chair



With considerable effort and despite competing world-wide programs, our program committee has assembled a world-class program aimed at advancing our knowledge base, inspiring clinical excellence and looking to the

future. We have drawn on a significant contingent of our world-class membership as well as top-notch experts from academics, dental laboratory technology, industry and various specialties.

This year's meeting has something for everyone with each session and each speaker aspiring to evidence-based treatment. Major themes of the program include:

- Risk Assessment in all aspects of prosthodontics, periodontics, dental implants and adjunctive medical treatment aimed at enhanced predictability of patient treatment and improved patient outcomes.
- Digital Masters - The exciting evolution of materials, design, technology and software.
- Changing Paradigms in Clinical Practice.

- Strategies for surgical and prosthodontic management of edentulous patients with severely atrophic jaws.
- Education- Development of a digital education curriculum, cutting edge digital teaching technologies and changing models for education.

President Carol Lefebvre and I look forward to welcoming you to our 2020 program in beautiful Asheville, NC. ■

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## 2019 AP Distinguished Service Award Presentation: Dr. George A. Zarb

By Immediate Past President James Taylor



Academy Fellows, honored guests, ladies, and gentlemen, The Academy of Prosthodontics Distinguished Service Award is bestowed: *In recognition of outstanding contributions and achievements in Prosthodontics and exemplary service to the Academy of Prosthodontics.*

And I find that inscription most *à propos*; as this is the world's most senior and influential academy in the discipline of Prosthodontics, any service in the realm of the global specialty is a service to this Academy, and any service to this Academy is a service to the global prosthodontic community and indeed the global oral health community writ large.

Academy Life Fellow George Zarb epitomizes our Academy's expectations for accomplishment in these domains. Our Academy's criteria for induction as

Associate Fellow specify that the candidate: *must have made significant contributions to the science and/or practice of prosthodontics, and demonstrated leadership and/or the potential for leadership in prosthodontics by accomplishments in research, teaching, publications and participation in national and/or international prosthodontic activities.*

By the time of his induction as an Associate Fellow in 1977, Dr Zarb had risen to Full Professor and Head of the Discipline of Prosthodontics at the University of Toronto; had served as the President of the Canadian Academy of Prosthodontics; had co-founded and served as President of the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada; was a Fellowship Examiner in Prosthodontics for the Royal College of Dentists of Canada; had served as Assistant Editor to *The Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry*; was co-authoring the first edition of his seminal TMD text with Gunnar Carlsson; was an Editor of both the Boucher text and a classic text on prosthodontic treatment for partially edentulous patients; and was leading the collaboration with the University of Göteborg to establish the first prospective replication study in osseointegration outside of Sweden. That rather sets a high bar for the consideration of our future Fellowship Aspirants, wouldn't you say?

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## 2019 AP Distinguished Service Award Presentation: Dr. George A. Zarb

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Our Academy's Active Fellowship elevation script reminds us that Active Fellows have not necessarily yet reached the pinnacle of professional recognition. Dr. Zarb seemingly took that to heart and went on from his Academy elevation to establish the Osseointegration Clinical Research Unit at his university, launch the Toronto Study, and function as the primary architect of the Toronto Conference on Osseointegration in Clinical Dentistry on 10-11 May 1982.

This conference represented the formal introduction of osseointegration to North America, and thence to the rest of the world. And for the next 20 years, he continued to lead the University of Toronto's clinical research and knowledge dissemination in the domain of osseointegration and implant dentistry, which was a significant part of the foundational evidence underpinning the practice of implant dentistry around the world.

Dr. Zarb then helped Academy Fellow Harold Preiskel co-found the International College of Prosthodontists, and went on to serve as its co-President, and then for 15 years as the Editor-in-Chief of its journal, the *International Journal of Prosthodontics*.

He has written or edited 15 textbooks including the very first one on osseointegration with Brånemark and Albrektsson, and contributed chapters to 16 others, as well as authoring or co-authoring >150 other scientific publications. Dr. Zarb completed a 38-year appointment at his university, rising administratively to the position of Associate Dean of Clinical Studies. He graduated over 50 specialty, MSc and PhD students, and then went on to create the Karlsruhe Workshops for Young Prosthodontic Educators to develop leadership in global academics in our discipline. His numerous national and international awards include six Honorary Doctorates.

Concurrently, Dr Zarb was of course very active within this Academy, with significant engagement in its activities in the domain of evidence-based dentistry and went on to serve as our President in 1999. He also informally guided and mentored a number of Academy Fellows, and I am privileged to count myself among them.

For his outstanding and sustained service to this Academy, to the global specialty of Prosthodontics, and to countless individual Prosthodontists around the world, I give you the 2019 recipient of the Academy of Prosthodontics Distinguished Service Award: Dr George Zarb. ■

## Smiles in a Suitcase

By Sreenivas Koka



To change a system is far more impactful than changing a protocol.

At least a couple of decades ago, I approached Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF; Doctors without Borders) to volunteer. I was informed that MSF does not accept dentists as volunteers and was kindly further informed that the amount of equipment and supplies needed for dentistry was too constraining for MSF. Fast forward to today and the fantastic innovations that have taken place - can dentistry be provided in remote areas free of past constraints?

Today, many outreach efforts accumulate needed resources through an unstructured approach of reaching out to individuals/organization for volunteers, foundations for financial support and companies and colleagues for the equipment and supplies. It's a hodge podge approach that is very inefficient and unpredictable. There is no way to access, in a predictable and cost-effective manner, the physical resources needed to replace missing teeth, restore smiles and transform lives.



Smiles in a Suitcase seeks to provide a pathway to overcome these historically limiting scenarios through an innovation competition that challenges teams of clinicians and entrepreneurs to collaborate and address a specific problem: fabricate dental prostheses for partially dentate or edentulous patients within 24 hours of first meeting the patient and all equipment and supplies brought by the volunteer team must fit inside a single carry-on suitcase.

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Competitions such as Smiles in a Suitcase are new to dentistry but have been around for years in other industries. Indeed, there are different

formats based on the objectives of the competition. Taking into account past experiences, Smiles in a Suitcase is part hackathon, part X-prize and part traditional innovation competition, and will be structured as follows:

Phase 1. A virtual 5-minute pitch by each team to a group of judges who are dentist humanitarians and entrepreneurs. Entrant teams from all across the globe will present their idea. Judges will evaluate how well the idea meets outreach needs and how feasible the idea is from a technological and business perspective. Up to six teams will be chosen to be finalists and move on to the next phases.

Phase 2. Each finalist team will receive mentorship from entrepreneurs to expand their idea into a working prototype as well as to develop a business plan for their start-up company. This phase will be

critical for each team to move the potential of their idea to the reality of impact.

Phase 3. The final. MIT's Martin Trust Center for Social Entrepreneurship will host the final in October 2020. The final will take place over 24 hours during which time, each team will showcase their prototype on a model of a partially dentate or edentulous model. Each team will also present their fully-fledged business plan in a 10 minute presentation. Judges are established leaders in dentistry, business development and start-up companies. A prize of \$100,000 will be awarded to the winning team and smaller prizes to the second and third place teams.



All judges are volunteers, but the program needs sponsorship for prize money (approximately

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\$165,000). I am grateful to the Academy of Prosthodontics Foundation for the support it has committed already. If an Academy Fellow can think of another entity that would be interested in sponsoring Smiles in a Suitcase, please reach out to me at skoka66@gmail.com.

For prospective entrants, more information about Smiles in a Suitcase will be posted over the coming weeks on the Career Design in Dentistry web site ([www.careerdesignindentistry.org](http://www.careerdesignindentistry.org)).

When the competition is over, we will have learned a lot about where the competition was successful and where it failed. Iteration will take place and future competitions will allow for refinement and improvement of the competition model.

Academy Fellows are better positioned than most to understand how care in remote areas to underserved communities can transform lives. Partnership by Academy Fellows with engineers and entrepreneurs may well yield exceptional teams whose work provides a mechanism for other volunteers to easily and cost-effectively access all the resources they need to replace missing teeth, tidily packaged in a carry-on suitcase.

The dream is to make it easier and cheaper to transform lives by improving the systems underpinning outreach programs. If all goes well, prosthodontists might be able to volunteer for Medecins Sans Frontieres after all. ■



### Academy of Prosthodontics 2019-2020 Executive Council:

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Carlo Ercoli

Kent Knoernschild

Arun Sharma



## One-on-One with Dr. Gerald N. Graser



Dr. Gerald N. Graser was born and raised in Buffalo, NY by his parents Henry and Eleanor Graser. In his formative university years, he worked as an orderly at the Millard Fillmore Hospital in Buffalo, and it was during this time that he wrestled with choosing between medicine and dentistry. After observing the hours kept by many of the surgeons, he decided that dentistry had a certain appeal. Additionally, recognizing that he “enjoyed making things” and preferred “replacing things versus taking things away,” his decision to pursue dentistry was solidified.

Dr. Graser graduated from the University of Buffalo School of Dentistry in 1968. Upon graduation he served two years in the United States Air Force as Captain in the Dental Corp at Edwards Air Force Base in California and a year in the dental unit at Bien Hoa Air Base, Vietnam. It was during his time in Vietnam that his passion for prosthodontics grew.

Dr. Graser accepted a position in the newly formed prosthodontic program at the Eastman Dental Center in Rochester, NY. At the time, Dr. Allen Brewer was the program chair and over the ensuing years became the primary influencer on Dr. Graser’s prosthodontic career. After conferral of his specialty certificate in 1972, Dr. Graser practiced privately in Rochester, NY. This allowed him to continue his studies, obtaining a master’s degree from the University of Rochester in 1975 while simultaneously teaching part time at Eastman. Ultimately, a career in education filled the void he felt while in private practice. He assumed his mentor role as Chair of the Prosthodontics Program at Eastman Dental Center in 1977 and continued in this capacity for the next 30 years, followed by an additional 10 years as a part-time faculty member. To this day, Dr. Graser takes pride in having Eastman named as one of the four Brånemark training centers in the United States.

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## One-on-One with Dr. Gerald N. Graser

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In recognition of the impact that Dr. Brewer had not only on Dr. Graser's prosthodontic career, but also of the many residents he trained, Dr. Graser instituted the annual Brewer Conference, which is well-attended by Eastman alums — a list of who's who in prosthodontics — every year. Additionally, it was Dr. Brewer who encouraged Dr. Graser's involvement in the Academy of Prosthodontics, as well as that of his fellow residents and Academy Fellows — Dr. Aaron Fenton, Dr. Ed Plekavich, and Dr. Gary Rogoff. Dr. Graser holds fond memories of his first Academy meeting in Fort Lauderdale in 1972, becoming an Active Fellow in 1979 (coincidentally, the Presidential year of Dr. Brewer), and ultimately becoming Academy President in 1997. Reflecting on his rise through the ranks, he reminisces about the “good old days when the Secretary/Treasurer used to do all the work.” During his stint as Secretary/Treasurer, the Academy Outreach Program was initiated and was championed by Dr. Plekavich. Dr. Graser was one of the leading forces in the name change from the Academy of Denture Prosthetics to the Academy of Prosthodontics, which was ratified during the 1991 Annual Session.

Beyond prosthodontics, Dr. Graser owned a tree farm located south of Rochester, NY for 22 years, where he

oversaw the planting and cultivation of more than 2000 evergreens. Many fond memories have been created during visits to the farm by Academy Fellows Drs. Ed Plekavich, Gary Rogoff, and Thomas Taylor. Dr. Graser now spends his summer months in Rochester and his winter months in Venice, FL. In 2017, he was instrumental in influencing and thrilled to bring the 99th Annual Scientific Session of the Academy of Prosthodontics to his backyard of Sarasota, FL — a coup he pulled off with fellow snowbird Dr. Ronald Desjardins.



Much time is currently spent on the green (not the rough) of the Floridian golf courses, or the blue of the Gulf of Mexico, or on the inland waterways in search of the next big fish. More importantly, Dr. Graser and

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Nancy, his wife of fifty-two years (June 2020), frequently can be found hosting their family and friends in their Florida home — in fact, Nancy recently counted fifty-three days of entertaining guests over the past year. Dr. Graser is proud that all four of his children were influenced to pursue careers in education: a math teacher, a life coach, a journalism/English teacher, and a daycare education program director. He and Nancy are blessed with eight grandchildren, and they stay involved in volunteer efforts through their church, Rotary, Habitat for Humanity, and Keep Venice Beautiful. Dr. Graser was profoundly impacted by the educators who preceded him — Drs. S. Howard Payne, Milton Brown, and Harold Ortman. He followed them into education and has passed on this legacy of education to his expansive prosthodontic family, approximately two-thirds of whom sought careers in prosthodontic education either in a full- or part-time capacity. The Graser Cycle keeps on giving. ■



**ACADEMY OF  
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Did you know that the Academy of Prosthodontics Foundation supports the AP Global Outreach program, the AP annual Poster presenters with registration and group outing, and much more!

## AP Foundation

Contributions and memorials are encouraged and can be made to:

**Academy of Prosthodontics  
Foundation**

**C/O Jim Chandler, DDS  
1640 Nicholasville Road  
Lexington, KY 40503**

## Transforming Smiles - A Prosthodontic Program in Rural Uganda

By Izchak Barzilay



The **AP Global Outreach** initiative once again partnered with the **Build Your Smile Dental Foundation**, a registered Canadian Charity in an outreach program in rural Uganda. AP Fellow, Founder, and CEO Dr. Izchak Barzilay, put together a team of 20 dental professionals who volunteered their time and expertise to deliver critical dental care to underserved communities of the Kabale region in Southwestern Uganda. The program has grown and each year has increased the range of service offered to the patients. With the support of the **Global Outreach Program** of the **AP FOUNDATION** as well as the generous support of various sponsors over the years, Dr. Barzilay and his team have expanded the dental program to include not just emergency and preventive care, but to also include those treatments that we take for granted in North America. Prosthodontics and implant dentistry are now well

established in the dental program in Uganda. The prosthodontic program provides same day denture fabrication while the implant program uses critical case selection to provide fixed prosthodontic treatment to those who have lost teeth in the anterior areas of the mouth. These patients are either given an interim restoration at the time of surgery or they heal without a restoration. Several months later, upon the return clinical outreach team, lab fabricated restorations are inserted.



The most recent Outreach took place in July, 2019. At the request of the Ugandan communities, local dental professionals and the host NGO – Kigezi Healthcare Foundation – KIHEFO (<https://www.kihefo.org/>), the prosthodontic program was expanded. The prosthodontic clinical volunteer team was increased in order to provide tooth replacement services to a much larger patient base. Over 3,000 patients were seen with 90 dentures made and 7 implants placed.

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## Transforming Smiles - A Prosthodontic Program in Rural Uganda

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Education and sustainability are key elements of the Foundation's philosophy and hence in addition to clinical services, educational programs and training workshops for local dental professionals have been implemented. The Foundation also established an academic grant program for students with economic hardship. Based on academic achievements and an application process, one student per year is granted a full scholarship for a three-year Dental Officer college training program.

The long-term goal of the Foundation is to continually expand the Prosthodontic program in both the clinical and academic capacities. This includes creation of a higher dental education centre which will act as both a dental hospital and an educational facility. Prosthodontics will be a pivotal component of the curriculum and training.

The next outreach to rural Uganda will take place on January 25, 2020. During the two-week program, the volunteer team will not only provide dental services to the rural communities, including prosthodontics and implant-based care, but also host its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual International Dental Symposium. For this symposium, several members of the team will travel

to Kampala and give a two-day symposium encompassing many topics in dentistry. According to our Ugandan colleagues, an attendance of 750 people is expected. Lecturers in this event include AP Fellows Barzilay and Ercoli, as well as AP meeting attendees Rossopoulos and Baaj. Others from University of Toronto as well as local speakers have been invited to this event.

It is the Foundation's primary commitment to provide the highest standard of clinical care and education to each of the communities and patients that it serves. We are proud to take with us the banner of the **AP FOUNDATION** and with the support of the AP, we can increase our reach and our dental impact.



For more information about the Foundation, to volunteer or to make a donation for an upcoming outreach program, please visit:

[www.buildyoursmile.org](http://www.buildyoursmile.org) ■



## JPD Online Access

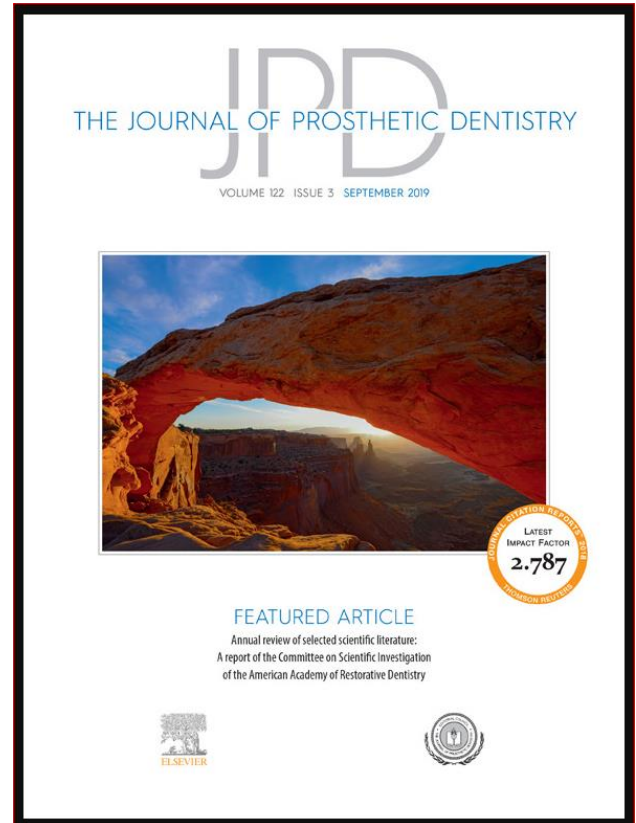
By Arun Sharma

Dear Academy Fellows:

The *Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry* (JPD) is available to all AP active and associate fellows (and Life fellows who have opted to receive) online as part of your membership. The JPD is the leading professional journal founded by the Academy of Prosthodontics (along with the APS and PCSP).

To view the JPD, go to AP website - <https://www.academyofprosthodontics.org/>. Sign in as a member using your AP log in and password. On the left side under the fellowship tab (green) towards the bottom you will see “Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry”. Click on this – it will take you to a page “The Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry online” You will see the following link – [Click here to access JPD](#) – this will take you to the journal site with full access to the journal.

At this point, **you may have to allow pop-ups**. If you have not connected to the JPD online, look for a small narrow message at the top or bottom of your screen, requesting permission to allow the pop-up. If you are using a MAC, there may be a very tiny red x in the top right corner that will prompt you to allow pop-ups. When on the journal site, you will see an opportunity to log on again, however, this does not apply to you. **You do not need to log in any further on the journal site.**



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## Academy of Prosthodontics Fellows in the News

### AP Fellow Sreenivas Koka elected Co-President of the International College of Prosthodontists

September 12, 2019

AP Fellow Sreenivas Koka was installed as Co-President of the ICP in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, by AP Fellow Terry Walton. Congratulations Sree!

### The 2019-2020 David Wands Fellowship has been awarded at the University of Washington

September 10, 2019

AP Fellow David H. Wands has initiated The David H. Wands Fellowship in Graduate Prosthodontics to provide financial assistance to a student enrolled in the Graduate Prosthodontics program at the University of Washington School of Dentistry, leading to a Certificate in Prosthodontics and an MSD Degree. [Press Release](#)

### Academy of Prosthodontics Fellows recognized by the ACP

August 9, 2019

The American College of Prosthodontists recently announced the 2019 Awards of Distinction. These are annual awards that honor individuals whose

"contribution to the specialty are outstanding and substantial". This year, the ACP recognized the following Academy of Prosthodontics Fellows with awards:

#### **Dan Gordon Lifetime Achievement Award:**

Dr. Howard Landesman

**Educator of the Year:** Dr. Gary Rogoff

**Major Bill B. Lefler (Retired) Federal Services**

**Award:** Dr. John Agar

Congratulations to the AP Fellows who will be formally recognized during the ACP Annual Awards & President's Dinner on Friday, November 1, 2019 at the ACP's Annual Session in Miami.

### ACP 2019 Election Results Announced - Congratulations to AP Fellow Lisa A. Lang

August 9, 2019

The American College of Prosthodontists has announced the ACP Board of Directors [2019 Election Results](#), including AP Fellow Lisa A. Lang as Region III Director (Central). Dr. Lang will be installed during the ACP Annual Awards & President's Dinner on Friday, November 1, 2019 at the ACP's Annual Session in Miami.

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### Academy Fellow Kent Knoernschild Named Chair of Restorative Sciences at Augusta University Dental College of Georgia

Posted 7-29-2019

I am excited to share the news that Dr. Kent Knoernschild is rejoining the faculty of The Dental College of Georgia effective September 1, 2019. He has been appointed as the Thomas P. Hinman Endowed Chair of the Department of Restorative Sciences. This is the largest department in the College with 40 full-time faculty and three advanced education programs. [Press Release](#)

### Academy Fellow Lily Garcia named Dean at UNLV School of Dental Medicine

Posted 7-18-2019

AP Fellow, Lily Garcia, has been named Dean at the UNLV School of Dental Medicine effective September 1, 2019. This is great news for Lily, our specialty and UNLV. [Press Release](#)

### Academy Associate Fellow Dr. Christoph Hämmerle awarded JEROME M. AND DOROTHY SCHWEITZER RESEARCH AWARD

Posted March 19, 2019

The Jerome M. and Dorothy Schweitzer Research Award of the Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics was established in 1966 by the first president, Jerome M. Schweitzer, and his wife, Dorothy. The award is to recognize outstanding researchers and clinicians who have made major contributions to the field of prosthodontics. In 2018, Dr. Christoph Hämmerle was honored with the award at the Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics Annual Meeting. Congratulations Dr. Hämmerle! ■



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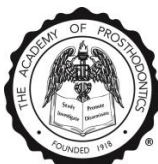
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