

PerioSouth News

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President's Message

When I think about the Southern Academy, three things immediately come to mind: family, fellowship, and a legacy of learning.

I remember as a child looking so forward to the Southern Academy meetings every June with my family. My sisters and I could hardly wait to see our Virginia friends, the Maynard girls, and our Alabama friends, the Woodall girls. It was always a special family vacation. Today, I enjoy being able to continue this wonderful legacy with my daughter, Caroline, my husband Tommy, and my mother and father, Joan and Hank Diversi. Caroline looks forward to the Southern Academy meetings just as much as I do. Every summer she reunites with friends from Kentucky, Tennessee, and Virginia.

Our Southern Academy has a rich heritage that began in Atlanta in 1920 with our first president, Dr. J. Russell Mitchell. We are building on this legacy today 90 years later. As members of the Southern Academy of Periodontology, our mission, is to advance the art and science of periodontology in a continued effort to improve the health of the public. We accomplish this each year by providing a forum for continuing education at our Winter and Summer meetings and by supporting our state periodontal societies.

Our 2010 Winter Meeting will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina, January 29th-30th, in conjunction with the North Carolina Society of Periodontists. The meeting will be held at the Marriott South Park Hotel. Jeff Taylor, our Program Chairman, and Karen Lanier, our Local Arrangements Chairman, have planned an excellent meeting. On Friday morning, our officers and Executive Council will participate in a Strategic Planning Session led by Chairman Beth Bjornson and her committee. In the afternoon, two programs will run concurrently from 1:00-5:00 P.M. Dr. David Canfield will be speaking on "Current Concepts in Parenteral Sedation" and Pam Throw will be presenting the AAP Insurance Workshop for our staffs. On Saturday, Dr. Myron Nevins will present "Osteogenic Procedures: Implementing Them Into Your Practice"



Incoming President Dr. Jennifer Diversi is presented the President's gavel by her father, Dr. Hank Diversi, twenty-three years after Hank became president of the Southern Academy.

from 8:30 A.M.- 5:00. Plan now to attend and meet your colleagues in Charlotte.

The 2010 Annual Meeting will be held at the beautiful and historic Grove Park Inn June 17th-20th in Asheville, North Carolina. Our Program Chairman, Chris Richardson, and Local Arrangements Co-Chairmen, William Claiborne and Bill James, along with our Executive Director, Cindy Miller, are planning a great family vacation and meeting in the mountains! Our featured clinician is Dr. Michael McGuire who will present Friday and Saturday mornings. The Grove Park

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Inn is one of the South's most famous resorts and is the hotel that was "built for the ages". A wonderful golf course and tennis courts are within steps of the hotel, as is the world renowned spa and its pools. Asheville and the Grove Park Inn offer shopping, restaurants, historic homes, art studios, and the lovely Biltmore Estate nearby. I encourage you to go to the Academy's website, and link to the Grove Park Inn. Come celebrate the Southern Academy's 90th Anniversary with your family and colleagues!

I want to thank Duke Miller for updating and managing our website. It allows us to view and register for our future meetings, pay dues online, and communicate with the Academy office and Executive Director Cindy Miller and members of the Executive Council.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as President of the Southern Academy of Periodontology 23 years after my father served as President. He also held his Annual Meeting at the Grove Park Inn in the summer of 1987. I remember that meeting well as I had just finished dental school at the Medical College of Georgia and was soon entering the periodontology program at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. With such dedicated, talented and hard-working officers, members of the Executive Council, Executive Director, Committee Chairmen, Past Presidents, and District III Trustees, I am confident we will continue to honor the wonderful legacy of the Southern Academy and continue to build on its many traditions.

Involvement is the key. Become involved in your Academy by joining a committee. Contact me or another officer, an Executive Council member, or the committee chairman of a committee that interests you. Share your talents, become actively involved in your Academy, and be part of the Academy's history and future. I look forward to seeing you in Charlotte and Asheville!

Dr. Jennifer Diversi

Grove Park Inn Tips

The 90th Anniversary meeting of the Southern Academy of Periodontology is June 17-20, 2010, at the historic Grove Park Inn in the cool mountains of Asheville, North Carolina. Here are some tips for planning ahead to make the meeting special for you and your family.

Our room block includes rooms in all three sections of the hotel including the Sammons Wing, the Vanderbilt wing, and the Main Inn. The Sammons and Vanderbilt wings are the newer, more modern wings. The Sammons wing will be most convenient to our meeting rooms, The Main Inn,

which is the center section of the hotel is historic, (built in 1913), has lots of rustic charm. It is accessible only by a small, antique elevator. All rooms have free wireless internet access, microwave, refrigerator, and coffee maker. Requests for room type must be made at the time of your reservation. The hotel will endeavor, but not guarantee your requests. Reserve early to ensure you get the room type you request.

The SAP room rate for all three wings is \$249 single or double, with a \$40 extra person charge. (Children under 16 stay for free.) The hotel has guaranteed us 20 connecting rooms for families. There is no resort fee at this hotel. Reservations can be made by calling 800-438-5800. Identify yourself as part of the SAP group. Reservations must be made by May 5, 2010.

The spa at the Grove Park Inn is more than 40,000 square feet in size. Travel & Leisure Magazine has rated the spa as #1 in the world. Since the spa is so popular, the hotel suggests you make your spa reservations when you reserve your room to make sure you get the time you want. If you would like to visit the spa without scheduling a treatment, you may purchase a limited availability Day Pass while onsite at the resort. Pass holder may enjoy spa amenities such as the hot tubs, steam room, eucalyptus inhalation room, sauna, waterfall whirlpool, or lap or plunge pools, followed by a retreat to a lounge. The cost of the day pass is \$55 Monday – Thursday and \$80 Friday through Sunday. For a full listing of services and prices, visit the website at: <http://www.groveparkinn.com/Leisure/TheSpa/>. Guests of the spa must be at least 18 years of age.

IN Memoriam

Friday, March 27, 2009, Dr. James Tobias, former SAP president in 1975, and a member of the Academy for forty-two years. Dr. Tobias was buried at Fort Logan National Cemetery, Denver, CO.

July 7, 2009, Dr. David Mishkin, Professor Emeritus, MUSC. He served on the faculty for 25 years, and was on the Executive Council of the Southern Academy.

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Southern Academy/NCSP 2010 Winter Seminar

January 29-31, 2010, Marriott Charlotte SouthPark, Charlotte, NC

Scientific Program

Osteogenic Procedures: Implementing Them Into Your Practice

Dr. Myron Nevins, Saturday, January 30, 8:30 - 5:00 p.m.

This program will focus on periodontal and bone regeneration and the introduction of signaling devices (growth factors) to empower our results. The predictability of our treatment regimes continues to be significantly influenced by the selection of materials and the manner in which they are applied. We will evaluate the base of information objectively in an effort to achieve our treatment goals. There is a need to develop a problem based specific concept to achieve optimal esthetics with dental implants that will satisfy discriminating patients. The basis of this relates to the availability of hard and soft tissues, the adjacent dentitions and patient expectations.

Myron Nevins, D.D.S. is the editor of the International Journal of Periodontics and Restorative Dentistry and Associate Clinical Professor of Periodontology at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Nevins is a past President of the American Academy of Periodontology where his contributions have been recognized with the Gold Medal and The Master Clinician Awards. He is a Professor of Periodontics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, a Clinical Professor at the Temple University School of Dentistry and Adjunct Professor at the University of North Carolina. He maintains a private practice limited to Periodontics and Implantology in Swampscott, MA.



Sedation Program

Current Concepts in Parenteral Sedation

Dr. David Canfield, Friday, January 29, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

This program will provide valuable information for the periodontist/ anesthesia provider of all levels, from conscious-sedation to general anesthesia, with a specific emphasis for those providing at the conscious sedation level. Important topics will be addressed in three components. First, steps for obtaining a targeted medical history pertinent to anesthesia with subsequent patient management will be provided. Second, sedation drugs including reversals, adjunctive agents, and practical anesthesia techniques (specifically addressing different levels of training), in addition to monitoring and documentation will be presented. Third, management of anesthesia concerns and emergencies in addition to evaluating the requirements of the emergency drug kit. Included will be anesthesia management and safety of children presenting for periodontal procedures.

Dr. David Canfield graduated from UCLA School of Dentistry and completed a comprehensive residency in dental anesthesiology at the University of Pittsburgh. He is a Clinical Professor and medical consultant for the VA Medical Center and a medical consultant and anesthesia provider with the Department of Aging and Disability Services.

He is a Fellow in General Anesthesia with the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology and a Diplomate of both the American Dental Board of Anesthesiology and the National Dental Board of Anesthesiology and also a certified hypnotherapist. Dr. Canfield has a private practice of Dental Anesthesiology in Dallas, Texas providing office-based anesthesia services. Additionally, he provides office training in the development and implementation of emergency procedures, protocols and the management of medical emergencies.



Insurance Workshop

AAP Staff Insurance Workshop

Pam Throw, Clinical Affairs Manager, AAP, Friday, January 29, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Staff responsible for the management of insurance claims and coding will benefit by attending this workshop to sharpen their skills and learn new ways to improve delivery of service to internal and external customers. Participants will be able to: Understand the difference between types of dental insurance to increase effective patient communication; Properly apply ADA CDT-2007 codes related to periodontal treatment, for more accurate coding submissions; Communicate with third parties to handle controversial coding issues; Review impact of HIPAA; Understand the structure of AMA codes and recognize appropriate indications for submitting to medical; Discuss the National Provider Identifier Number.

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Southern Academy & NCSP 2010 Winter Seminar Schedule

Friday, January 29

11:00 - 5:00 Registration & Sponsor Exhibits
 11:00 - 1:00 NCSP Board Meeting
 1:00 - 5:00 Sedation Session, Dr. David Canfield
 1:00 - 5:00 AAP Insurance Workshop for Staff
 5:15 - 7:00 Reception Sponsored by NCSP

Saturday, January 30

7:30 - 8:30 Registration & Continental Breakfast
 7:30 - 5:00 Sponsor Exhibits
 8:30 - 12:00 Scientific Session, Dr. Myron Nevins
 12:00 - 1:00 Luncheon
 1:00 - 5:00 Scientific Session, Cont'd

Sunday, January 31

8:00 - 11:00 NCSP Cont. Breakfast & Bus. Meeting
 7:30 - 10:00 SAP EC Breakfast & Meeting

Hotel Information

The Marriott Charlotte SouthPark Hotel is located at 2200 Rexford Road, Charlotte, NC. Reservations deadline is January 4. Be sure to ask for the Southern Academy special room rate of \$149 per night. To make your reservations call:

(704) 364-8220 or (800) 228-9290

View the hotel and obtain directions at:

<http://marriott.com/property/propertytype/CLTPH>

2010 Winter Seminar Registration Form

Southern Academy Members may register online at www.periosouth.org.

CE Courses

	SAP & NCSP Members	Non-Members	Staff	CE Hours
Friday & Saturday	() \$295	() \$525	() \$195	11
Friday Only	() \$150	() \$250	() \$75	4
Saturday Only	() \$225	() \$350	() \$150	7

AAP Insurance Workshop for Staff

First Staff Member	Additional Staff	Workbook(s)
() \$150	() \$75 ea.	() \$65 ea.

Workshop Attendee(s) _____

Please complete and return this form to:
 Southern Academy of Periodontology
 P. O. Box 1988
 Anna Maria, FL 34216
 941-778-0670

Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Phone _____

Amount Enclosed _____

A Must-Win for Your Academy

by John Crosland, DDS, District III Trustee

As I enter my last year as your District III trustee, I have recently asked myself what I have accomplished, but maybe more importantly, what can I do in the next thirteen months to leave the AAP and the membership better off. Providing membership value is a topic of discussion at every Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting – what can we do for the membership to give all of us the value



that we wish for from the AAP. Unfortunately, there is no magic wand, and one of the things we have to decide is not just what we want or wish for, but what is truly attainable. For example, I would like to be able to play a competitive tennis match with Roger Federer, but the reality is that I am doing my best to just be able to play the same game I played ten years ago. So, the decisions made by your BOT must not only be strategic but also realistic.

Through my tenure I have read, heard, or discussed the perceived and real shortcomings of the BOT. I have my own set of criticisms, but the truth of the matter is that you have a group of men and women who for the most part are doing their best to move the field of periodontics forward. Sure, there are moments where personal agendas are revealed, but actually, most of our time and efforts are made selflessly and not without some personal sacrifice. One of the problems which is also a strength is the diversity of the Board. Rest assured that the periodontal practice on the Upper East Side of Manhattan looks little like the one in Shelby, NC. Still, it is our duty to arrive at some conclusion or at least a reasonable compromise to give all of our members the expected benefit of membership they deserve. Advocacy is one of those benefits.

Several years ago the Board hired a consultant, Linda Ridge, to help us as we tried to improve the structure of our governance. She made one especially lucid comment that has stuck with me. She stated that for many years the AAP had been an Academy whose primary concern was continuing education for the periodontist, and that we had been good at it. But, today the membership is demanding advocacy which has typically been under the auspices of an

association. She pointed out that it was a new frontier for us and in the process; we were seeing at the Board level some unrest, some confusion, and even some distrust. Advocacy was an area for which we were unprepared or at the very least had significantly different preconceived perspectives. These included everything from staying away from this exercise altogether to diving in head first. Differences of opinion still exist on how to address this undertaking, but I believe that all of us now believe our organization needs to be an advocate for the periodontist. There are too many outside influences which remain unchecked that are encroaching into what was once considered our rightful domain. The day of thinking that we are entitled to being the premier provider of periodontal care is over. We are going to have to work for that “entitlement.”

The following is a list of actions that I believe the AAP must address in order to regain our previous position in the dental paradigm. Many are already in the works. If you have not already read your latest “AAP News”, then please do so to see some of the advocacy actions that are being pursued. I am not giving the strategies or the tactics here, but these are objectives with which I think most would agree.

We need to educate the public. However, we should not undertake a public relations campaign that would be expected to bring more patients to our offices. This has been tried with great expense by at least two other dental specialties without creating any tangible results. Still, patients seeking care need to know that there are dental specialists, i.e. periodontists, who treat periodontal disease and are trained for an additional three years beyond dental school. They need to know that we are the best prepared to treat their periodontal problems. This is not to denigrate the general dentist, but rather to complement or enhance the practice of the general dentist.

Furthermore, the public needs to know that periodontal disease and other systemic problems are becoming more clearly connected through the systemic inflammatory cascade. Presently, the AAP does a wonderful job tapping into health stories for publication by giving the authors access to knowledgeable resources. The solution for expanding this knowledge to the public in an even more pronounced manner needs to be found and acted on.

The medical field needs to be educated as well. There is no reason why we cannot continue to reach out to the medical community. The recent article in the American Journal of Cardiology was a great accomplishment. There is no reason why we shouldn't be moving forward with similar joint efforts with endocrinologists with an article on diabetes and its relationship with periodontal disease. The family physicians and internists should be fully aware of who we are and what expertise we provide. They are the

medical gatekeepers. I truly believe that if I was a practicing internist, and I diagnosed a patient with diabetes, and I knew about the periodontal literature showing a positive correlation between periodontal disease and diabetes, I would not hesitate to make a referral to a periodontist. It only makes sense. Rheumatologists and pulmonary specialists need to be educated about our field as well.

From a corporate perspective we need to protect the public and the specialty. We need to provide a mechanism that does not inhibit new technologies but rather actually nurtures it. In the process we need to protect the public from unfounded therapies and confront companies that use false advertising to promote an unproven technology, but we need to be open minded about the incredible technological advances that are being made every day. We cannot afford to be overly sensitive to possible changes in how we deliver the best care. We need to do our best to work with industry to create an environment in which we can work with them to provide the best information possible with minimal advertising hype.

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Know and Use Your Resources

by Dr. Beth Bjornson

Clinical periodontics continues to expand its horizons with contributions from our parent organizations, the ADA and AAP. In recent months there have been significant publica-



tions regarding treatment of patients taking bisphosphonates, the role of inflammation, and periodontitis-cardiovascular disease linkages. It is an excellent time to access your AAP Member Services for resources including patient fact sheets, an on-line library and an email listserve.

Two publications by the Journal of Periodontology are the results of proceedings of multi-disciplinary workshops on inflammation and the relationship between cardiovascular disease and periodontal disease. The August 2008 supplement to JOP presents a comprehensive review of the role of inflammation and periodontal disease. The focus on inflammation led to cardiologists' interest in collaborating in a consensus meeting in January 2009. The recent March JOP publication presents a consensus report between the American Journal of Cardiology and the JOP.

These papers translate the science into clinically meaningful recommendations.

The AAP continues to monitor and respond to misleading product claims. Their recent letter to Millennium Dental Technologies regarding the company's claims that LANAP is part of the standard of care for treatment of periodontitis was challenged due to insufficient evidence to support this claim. Our "watch dog" has also published a patient fact sheet regarding Perio ProtectR, an antimicrobial tray delivery system. This discloses that there is no peer-reviewed literature to support their claims. You can access this statement on the web site www.perio.org.

A new web based on-line library has been created by the AAP to access all video recorded sessions from the 2007 and 2008 annual meetings. For a subscription of \$399/year you can watch these sessions at your leisure and as often as you desire; however, the sessions cannot be down loaded. Continuing education credit is not available.

When you feel that constraint of a solo practice, go to the members' area for an email listserve which is a convenient method of contacting as few as one or as many as thousands of periodontists. This network allows an exchange of ideas regarding treatment options, product information, technology and practice management.

If this sounds too commercial in the support for the AAP web-site, please go to the site and check out the resources. The investment you make with your dues has better returns than any 401K plan!

Dr. Bjornson is a member of the Executive Council of The Academy and Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee

Dr. Shelley Honored



Outgoing Southern Academy President Dr. Randy Shelley is presented the Third Annual Salvin Dental President's Cup Award by company founder Bob Salvin. Also representing Salvin are Scott Sandel, I, and Greg Slayton, r.

SAP Sports News



Once again, the Annual Golf Tournament was one of the highlights of our annual meeting at Hilton Head Island, SC. Everyone had a really good time even though it was “HOT”! “Team Jack” was by far the best dressed group taking style to a different level (see 1st photo, center spread).

Our SAP champion was Dr. Bill Argo (pictured above, being praised by fellow competitors) repeat winner from last year, with an even par 72. The two-time winner got to take home the Southern Academy of Periodontology trophy and a \$100 gift certificate sponsored by Sullivan Schein.

In the Birdie Flight, first place went to Randy Shelley, second to Charles McBrayer. In the Bogey Flight, Cliff Buckles and Ken Frick were first and second place, respectively.



In Tennis, Dr. Bill James put on another hot (literally) tournament.

Cheri Lemmerman and Ryan Baker took first place honors. Sandra Shelley and Rich Graham second place. Third place honors went to Marion Spano, Mary Sanders, Dr. Bill James, and Dr. Neal Lemmerman.

Thanks Salvin Dental for once again sponsoring the annual tennis tournament!

Holland Named Fellow



At this year's Annual Meeting, Dr. Michael Hagearty (l) presented James W. Holland, Jr., DDS, the award of Fellow Member in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the profession.

2009 Pennel Awards

In Clinical Science, Dr. Megan A Ratliff, Univeristy of Louisville took first place. Dr Robert S. Moeller, also University of Louisville, took second.

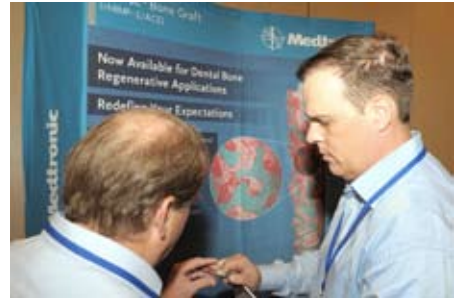
The Basic Science category first place winner was Dr Brandon Coleman, Ft. Gordon, GA. Second place went to Dr. Ivelina N. Jurkowski, University of Tennessee.

Committee Chair Dr. John Russo extends his deepest appreciation for a tough job well done by the judges: Drs. P.D. Miller, Michael Pawlus, Joe Krayner, David Simpson, and Jack Sanders.



Dr. John Russo (l) hosted the 2009 Pennel Winners and guests at the Annual Meeting Reception. L to r, Dr. Russo, Dr. Henry Greenwell, Dr. Bob Moeller, Dr. Megan Ratliff, Dr. and Mrs. Brandon Coleman, Dr. Fred Bisch, and Dr. Sid Stein.

Annual Meeting, 2009



The Westin, Hilton Head Island



School News

Ft. Gordon Georgia

Greetings from the Home of Army Periodontics, Fort Gordon, GA. The 2008-09 academic year is behind us and we look forward to an exciting 2009-10. The Program continues under the guidance of Director, COL Fred Bisch, and Assistant Directors, COL Robert Gerlach, LTC(P) Bill Herold, and LTC Doug Dixon. We are most excited about the April 2009 arrival of LTC Dixon. LTC Dixon completed his periodontic residency program at the University of Washington in 2001 and after his residency program stayed to complete his PhD there in 2005. He comes to us from the U.S. Army Dental and Trauma Research Detachment at Great Lakes, Illinois where he was involved in numerous research projects. Here in addition to his periodontic duties, he will have oversight over all the dental research at Fort Gordon. Already his influences on our program have been remarkable.

Our third-year residents (R3s) are CPT Brandon Coleman, CPT(P) John Decker, CPT Jaime Hughes, and CPT Claudia Millan. Second-year residents (R2s) are CPT Kimberly Ann Inouye, CPT Yat-Ho Ma, CPT Brian Stancoven, and CPT Cindy Zhou. And we welcome the first-year residents (R1s). They are CPT Nathan Batrice, CPT Chestine Guevarra, CPT Sheldon Lu, and CPT Victor Mok. Photo attached.

Congratulations to our recent graduates, CPT(P) Kevin Gillespie, CPT David Kwon, and CPT Lyndsay Langston. The Class of 2009 was the 25th class to graduate since the Program was established at Fort Gordon in 1984. A special guest at our graduation ceremony was the Director of that very first class, Dr. Anthony Ficara. He traveled from New York to attend the festivities on 15 June 2009. Each of our 2009 graduates also earned their Master of Science degrees in Oral Biology from the Medical College of Georgia. All are now settled and happy at their new assignments. CPT Gillespie is stationed at Heidelberg, Germany, CPT Kwon at Fort Bragg, NC, and CPT Langston at Fort Drum, NY. Photo attached.

Congratulations are also in order for our 2008 graduates, CPT(P) Andy Gilbert, MAJ Thomas Johnson, CPT David Walton, and MAJ Jonathan Yun. All achieved Diplomate status from the American Board of Periodontology within the past year.

CPT Brandon Coleman placed first in the 2009 Southern Academy of Periodontology Billy M. Pennel Research Competition, Basic Science Category, for "Early Cellular Events in Periodontal and Alveolar Peri-Implant Wound Healing/Regeneration".

CPT David Kwon and CPT John Decker attended the Europerio 6 meeting in Stockholm, Sweden in June 2009. COL Fred Bisch was selected to serve on the 2009-2010 AAP In-Service Examination committee.

The upcoming academic year will feature many prominent guest consultants, to include the following: Dr. David Canfield, Dr. Hessam Nowzari, Dr. P.D. Miller, Dr. Lyndon Cooper, Dr. Sidney Stein, Dr. Ben Hanson, and Dr. George Priest.



CPT Ma, LTC Herold, CPT Lu, CPT Decker, CPT Mok, CPT Guevarra, CPT Inouye, CPT Batrice, CPT Hughes, CPT Coleman, CPT Millan, CPT Stancoven, CPT Zhou, COL Fred Bisch

Medical University of South Carolina

We write this contribution to the Newsletter within days of moving into our new, state of the art, clinical sciences building. The College of Dental Medicine has been renamed the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine in honor of Dr. James B. Edwards, former South Carolina Governor, Secretary of Energy under President Reagan and President of the Medical University of South Carolina. The new clinical facilities opened for business September 8, 2009. The Clinical Education Center is a major accomplishment in furthering Dental education here in South Carolina, both for pre-doctoral and post-doctoral students.

The Resident class that began the program with us July 1, 2009, consists of Dr. Kara Grasso (MUSC 2009), Dr. Mary Gray (Kentucky 2009) and Dr. Brandon Peterson (Iowa, 2004).

Our Residents completing the program June 30, 2009, have established private practices. Dr. Joel Henriod began his practice in Pasadena, California, and Dr. Jonathan Ross opened his practice in Bluffton, South Carolina.

Dr. Doug Hardy and Dr. Travis Mize are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel and will finish their third year before it seems possible. Dr. Hardy has completed a research project investigating IL-6 protein production utilizing histochemical studies. Dr. Mize's research project is investigating expression of CTGF in diabetic vs. non-diabetic patients with periodontal disease.

Dr. Mark McEntire and Dr. Chuck Scanlon, our second year Residents, are deep into their program. Their time is



divided among patient care, didactic and seminar activities and the ever-present research projects.

The Faculty, especially Dr. Bob Gellin, Chair of Stomatology and Director of the Division of Periodontics, is working to help accomplish the move into the new building. Dr. Gellin is leading the transition to a chartless environment including digital radiography and the ever-expanding use of axiUm, our management system here at MUSC College of Dental Medicine. The faculty is making the transition away from handwritten chart entries to an exclusively digital format.

Dr. P. D. Miller continues his work with us and we are enriched by his presence and his contributions to both pre-doctoral and post-doctoral students. The “Bone & Soft Tissue Grafting for the Dental Implantologist - A Hands-on Cadaver Course”, offered here by Dr. John Russo (MUSC 1992) and Dr. Bob Gellin (MUSC 1985) four times each year, now includes ICAT scans of the cadaver specimens as well as introduction to and limited use of the Keystone EasyGuide software for analysis of the scans. The dates for upcoming courses are: November 5-7, 2009, February 11-13, 2010, April 15-17, 2010, August 12-14, 2010 and November 11-13, 2010.

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Dr. David Mishkin. Dr. Mishkin died July 7, 2009, and a memorial service was held here on the MUSC campus July 27. Dr. Mishkin, who retired from MUSC as professor emeritus in 2005 after serving on the Faculty for twenty-five years, was still participating in post-doctoral seminars and some pre-doctoral classes. Dr. Mishkin was very active with the Southern Academy of Periodontology and recently named to its Executive Council. David will be missed, and we extend our deepest sympathies to his family.



Joe W. Krayer, D.D.S., M.S.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

The Department of Periodontology hosted its 2009 Graduation Banquet at Morehead Planetarium at UNC-CH in May. Attendees celebrated the transition of Drs. Ronan Allen,

Antonino Crivello and Ryan Serra from graduate students/residents to alumni. Dr. Ray Williams (past Chair and Dean of Stony Brook University School of Dental Medicine) gave the banquet address and urged the graduates to carry Carolina excellence through their careers. Drs Allen and Crivello have returned to Dublin, Ireland and Montreal, Canada respectively to begin as associates in private group practices. Likewise, Dr. Serra has relocated to Columbus, Ohio where he has also entered private practice.

In July, the department welcomed the following new graduate students/residents to the program: Drs. Silvana Barros (State University of Campinas, Brazil), Andre Paes Batista da Silva (Universidade Federal do Ceara, Brazil and University of Toronto), Jonathan Reside (UNC-CH), and Alice Wu (University of Toronto).

The department received three impressive honors at the 2009 meeting of the American Academy of Periodontology in Boston. Dr. Antonino Crivello (MS 2009) received the Balint Orban prize in basic science for his research presentation entitled, “DNA Methylation of the Interferon-Gamma Promoter in Association with Over-expression of the Interferon-Gamma Gene in Periodontal Disease.” Dr. Steven Offenbacher (Professor and Director, Center for Oral and Systemic Diseases) accepted the Clinical Research Award as first author on the paper entitled, “Results From the Periodontitis and Vascular Events (PAVE) Study: A Pilot Multicentered, Randomized, Controlled Trial to Study Effects of Periodontal Therapy in a Secondary Prevention Model of Cardiovascular Disease” and published earlier this year in the *Journal of Periodontology*. Also from the UNC, Drs. James Beck, Kevin Moss, Luisito Mendoza, David Paquette, David Barrow, David Couper, and Dawn Stewart were co-authors and co-recipients of this award. Lastly, Dr. Salvador Nares (Assistant Professor) is the inaugural recipient of the Nevins Teaching and Clinical Research Fellowship through the AAP Foundation.

Drs. Nadine Brodala (Assistant Professor) and Antonio Moretti (Associate Professor and Predoctoral Program Director) were invited to present at the 12th Biennial International Academy of Periodontology Congress in Agra, India. In addition, Dr. Antonio Moretti presented at the International Congress of Dentistry in the city of Natal, state of Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil, and Dr. Brodala was appointed to the editorial board of the journal, *ITI Forum Implantologicum*. Dr. Janet Guthmiller (Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs) is leading the school’s predoctoral curriculum revision and preparations for the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) site visit scheduled in April 2010. Dr. David Paquette (Professor, Interim Chair



The Department of Periodontology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; front row (center): Drs. Antonino Crivello, Ryan Serra and Ronan Allen (MS Class of 2009).

and Graduate Program Director) is actively engaged in educational issues at the national level as chair of the AAP Education Committee and as a consultant with the CODA Task Force on Specialty Standards.

On campus, construction continues with a new Dental Sciences Building. The project when completed in late 2011, will add 216,000 square feet of space.

Dr. David Pacquette

University of Alabama, Birmingham

The incoming pre-doctoral Class of 2012 at UAB began a new case-based education curriculum and the Department of Periodontology led the way with a new curriculum directed toward diagnostic, prognostic, and treatment skills necessary for success as an entry level general dentist. We were so grateful to our community based periodontal educators from private practice who offered their time and energy to facilitate discussion and treatment planning groups. The students really enjoyed the real world expertise of our alumni and friends in private practice! We continue to improve our efforts in clinical and didactic teaching of the pre-doctoral dental students and for leading that charge on the pre-doctoral clinic floor, Dr. Alvin "Red" Stevens was honored for his teaching efforts with the AAP Educator of the Year Award. Additionally, in her first year as pre-doctoral program director, Dr. Mia Geisinger was honored by the AAP Foundation with its teaching fellowship award.

The UAB Department of Periodontology is also beginning a new NIH-funded multi-center trial aimed at investigating the effect of nonsurgical periodontal therapy on glycemic control in moderate to poorly controlled Type 2 Diabetic patients. The Diabetes in Periodontal Therapy Trial (DPTT) has three clinical sites: The University of Minnesota, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and The University of Alabama at Birmingham. We are excited to begin our efforts, which we hope will eventually aid in the treatment of these two widespread and intertwined diseases.

Our investigation will be directed by Dr. Michael Reddy as the clinical site PI, who, in addition to his role as Chair of the Department of Periodontology and Associate Editor of the Journal of Periodontology has worked tirelessly to promote innovation in both teaching and research. One of our junior faculty members, Assistant Professor, Dr. Mia Geisinger, was awarded the AADR's William Clark Research Fellowship, the UAB School of Dentistry Faculty Development Grant, and the Diabetes and Research and Training Center Research Funding Award to aid in her research efforts on an ancillary investigation of the effect of periodontal nonsurgical therapy on cardiac cytokine profiles in this patient population.

We also continue our research efforts investigating gingival inflammation and periodontal disease, periodontal disease and osteoporosis, novel implant designs and surfaces, and bone graft materials and periodontal growth factors. Dr. Nicolaas Geurs received the Academy of Osseointegration Foundation Implant Research Award for his work on the histologic evaluation of bone graft and growth factors in fresh extraction sockets.

We are also proud to welcome five incoming periodontal residents to join our postdoctoral program. Our new residents are a diverse group representing all geographic regions of the United States and 3 continents! Dr. Ramzi Abou Arraj hails from Lebanon and is a graduate of Université Saint Joseph. He completed a program of study in Periodontology at the Lebanese University and wanted to further pursue his studies in periodontology and expand his knowledge at in a full-time residency program at UAB. Dr. Abou Arraj was a finalist in the AAP Poster Competition at the 2009 AAP Annual Meeting for his poster entitled "Supracrestal Gingival Tissue Dimension: Preliminary Results following Crown Lengthening Procedures in Humans". Dr. Jennifer Bain is a graduate of University of Mississippi School of Dentistry and is pursuing a PhD in translational periodontal research in addition to her Certificate in Periodontology. Dr. Bain's intellectual curiosity and passion for advancement of the specialty of Periodontology through research make her a perfect fit for our Department. Dr. Kathleen Beaudry is a graduate of University of Arizona School of Dentistry. She is originally from Washington State and her drive for excellence both clinically and didactically is contagious. Dr. Michael Nyguen is a graduate of the University of the Pacific School of Dentistry. Dr. Nyguen is an avid reader and has applied this skill with zest to his periodontal literature and textbooks. Dr. Ruben Saucedo recently completed his Certificate in Prosthodontics at UAB, but sought to further his surgical skills so that he could better serve the population of his native Honduras as a complete periodontal and prosthetic expert.

In addition to pursuing clinical and didactic excellence, our residents and predoctoral students are actively

involved in many ongoing research projects. Dr. Simha Kunooru is investigating bone vitality after implant osteotomy preparation. Dr. Curry Leavitt is examining the relationship between radiographic bone density on Cone Beam Computerized Tomography and histologic bone density in grafted bone. Dr. Anthony Reganato is evaluating esthetic criteria of implants in function to determine if a new definition of implant success is warranted. Drs. Juan Francisco Pardo and Erik Unger are developing research projects to investigate differing effects of periodontal biotype and bone graft materials and techniques on implant esthetic success.

Mia L. Geisinger, DDS, MS

University of Tennessee

We started the new academic year on a pleasant note by welcoming Drs. Vreiti Sangha and Thomas Carter, our first year residents. Dr. Sangha is from the University of Alberta and Dr. Carter is from Howard University. Both of them have excellent academic credentials and are coping very well with the rigorous demands of extensive course work and clinical activities.

Our second year residents, Drs. Norman Fine and Andrew Gray are making good progress both in their clinical training and research. Both of them have finalized their research topics and started work on their projects. Dr. Fine is researching the binding of human epithelial cell defensin peptide HBD-3 to lipopolysaccharide of periodontal pathogens. Dr. Gray's study involves MIP1 alpha and its correlation with periodontal pathogens.

Our current third year residents, Drs. Ivelina Jurkowski and Wes Shelton, are progressing well in both clinics and research. They continue to develop their clinical skills and are working on more challenging cases. They presented their research findings in February at the College of Dentistry Research Day. Dr. Jurkowski was awarded second place in the Basic Science Category of the Billy Pennel Research Competition sponsored by the Southern Academy of Periodontology. Her research project was titled "Statins Regulate IL-beta Induced RANKL and OPG Production in Human Gingival Fibroblasts". Dr. Shelton, in his capacity as Student Ambassador for the American Academy of Periodontology Foundation (AAPF), organized an educational program for residents and faculty recently.

Our residents are currently involved in a community service project with the UTMG Department of OB/GYN. The project is called "Centering Pregnancy" and provides comprehensive medical care and education in a group setting. The residents provide oral and periodontal health education and distribute oral hygiene products to the participants. Arrangements are also made to see some of these patients in the College of Dentistry clinics.

This year the residents also participated in the Journal of Periodontology Residents' Journal Watch and contributed their selection of abstracts from the dental literature.

Our most recent graduates, Drs. Owais Farooqi and Jason Primm, are doing well. Dr. Farooqi is a Periodontist with the VAMC in Seattle, WA and Dr. Primm is practicing in Brentwood, TN.

We have plans for a new Graduate Periodontology clinic in the coming year and are excited about it.

Swati Y. Rawal, BDS, MDS, MS

Medical College of Georgia

Hello again from the Periodontics Department at the Medical College of Georgia! The Perio Department is fortunate to have two more excellent additions to our staff this year: Dr. Kobi Stern, a full time Assistant Professor who received his D.D.S as well as his M.S. and B.S. from Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He received a certificate in Periodontics and completed advanced training in implant dentistry at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry. Dr. Stern is a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology.

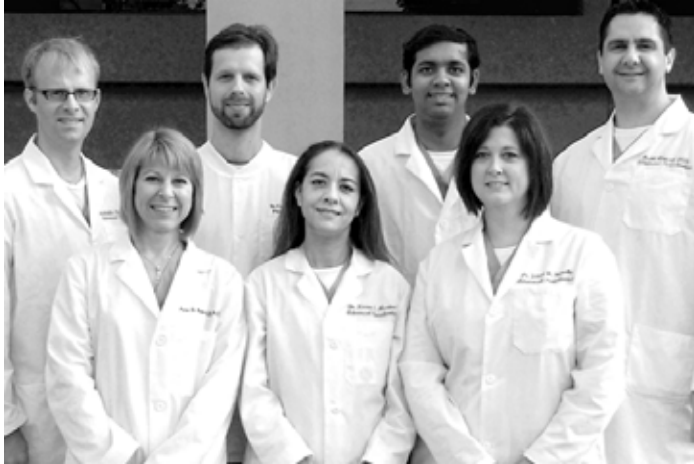
In addition we have Cristiano Susin, D.D.S., PhD as a part time Perio Faculty member, a part time advanced standing perio dental resident; and as a Senior Scientist, who works with Dr. Ulf Wikesjo director of the Laboratory for Applied Periodontal & Craniofacial Regeneration (LAPCR). Currently he is researching the effects of rhBMP-2 Processing on Alveolar Augmentation and Osseointegration supported by a grant from Nobel Biocare. Also he is studying the effects of Sinus Augmentation using rhBMP-2/ACS in augmenting the sinus of a Mini-pig. This pilot study is sponsored by Medtronics. Dr. Susin is collaborating with a team of LAPCR scientists (Dr. Jaebum Lee, Douglas Dickinson, Nancy Rodriguez, Jamie De Stefano) on several other grants and projects.

The Department congratulates new faculty member Dr. Ranjitha Krishna for successfully passing Part II of ABP this past spring and being recognized a Diplomate. We would also like to congratulate recent graduates of our program Drs. Josean Martinez and Yeritxa Viera for becoming boarded and Dr. Shahin Madi, 2007 graduate, for passing part I (he is scheduled for part II in November).

The 2009-2010 academic year in the Medical College of Georgia Advanced Education in Periodontics Program is expanding under the leadership of Dr. Glenn I. Maze. He was able to establish the first MCG Periodontal Externship for aspiring residents in May of 2009. This event was attended by six prospective residents/senior dental students from various schools: Jonathan Bullard, MCG, Whitney Dunn, Univ. of Iowa, Darron Alvord, MCG, Madeline Saunders, Univ. of Colorado, D. Ryan Weldon, MCG, and Trent Pierce, MUSC.

The three day program included observation at the School of Dentistry, the Charlie Norwood Medical Center, and private periodontal practices in Augusta.

The two 2009 graduates of the MCG Advanced Education in Periodontics Program were Dr. Yolanda Moore and Dr. Nicholas Poulos. Dr. Moore is establishing a practice with Dr. Larry Sweeting in Atlanta, and Dr. Poulos has returned to Colorado where he is partnering with Anne Somers and his



Advanced Education in Periodontics Residents 2009. From left, top row: Dr. Christopher Bingham, Dr. Cristiano Susin, Dr. Saiprasad Zemse, Dr. Brent Wenzel. Front row: Dr. Jamie De Stefano, Dr. Karen Marino and Dr. Janet Sieweke

father, Michael Poulos. We wish these newest members of our alumni much success in their professional careers.

The third year residents for academic year 2009-2010 are Drs. Karen Marino and Janet Sieweke and the second year residents are Drs. Christopher Bingham and Brent Wenzel. Incoming residents this year are Jamie De Stefano D.M.D. PhD who graduated from Medical College of Georgia in 2001 and was also a former faculty member at MCG. Saiprasad Zemse, BDS, PhD who was an intern last year, is a new resident this year.

Dr. Philip Hanes

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They need to make a profit, and we need good information. Those do not have to be mutually exclusive. We can provide the framework to make it advantageous for all parties.

Somewhere along the way we managed to alienate many of our general dental colleagues. I think that most of us still believe that the practice paradigm of the good referral from the general dentist, the gatekeeper, is the best for all parties. Somehow the AAP needs to convince the ADA, the AGD, but most importantly our referring dentists that all of us are in the business to help the patient. They need to understand that in many/most instances we are invaluable to them and their

clientele. The AAP can work on this relationship building at the organizational level, but you and I are going to need to complement that effort at the grassroots level.

In that regard, the AAP needs to provide materials and/or opportunities for education to us on how to market our practices. The recent recession has hit all of us in at least some manner. Dentistry seems to still be considered a discretionary expense by most of the public. The Academy needs to help us to educate our local public and especially our local general dental colleagues of the medical and dental necessity of treating periodontal disease. In fact the general dentist still needs to be educated on the fact that we extract teeth and perform site preservations, ridge augmentations, sinus elevations as well as implants.

We must help the AAP Foundation monetarily and otherwise in its efforts to help provide periodontists in our dental schools to be the teachers of periodontics. It is foolhardy for us to expect a continuation of past referral patterns when general dentists and hygienists are teaching undergraduates periodontology. Think about it. A general dentist or hygienist teaches a student periodontics in dental school. If I am that student, the implied thinking is that the GD/RDH knows and does perio as well as a periodontist. Why should I refer when I go into practice?

Your Academy can do this, and I believe that it will. We have good people in all of our positions of leadership. These are people with vision who can mix in the appropriate amount of practicability. We have an energetic and talented staff. Erin O'Donnell Dotzler is Alice DeForest's lieutenant who is in charge of the Public Practice and Scientific Affairs Department that is already dealing with or would be dealing with these initiatives. She along with Meg Dempsey and others are perfect for the job. Furthermore, we have plenty of financial resources to make all of this happen. But, if you find that your Academy is failing as your advocate, then you need to establish an association and fast.

In summary, it is time for the AAP to step up its advocacy for the practicing periodontist. The public, the medical community, and especially the general dentist need to know who we are and what we do. They need to know that we do it better than anybody else whether it is treating periodontitis, performing mucogingival procedures, performing ridge augmentation/preservation procedures or placing implants. To put it in tennis terms, it is time to take on Federer. Unlike me, the AAP must win this match. We cannot afford to be runner-up. Serve it up, Roger.

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