

The Southern Academy of Periodontology

# PerioSouth News

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## Meet Your President

When I graduated from my periodontal training in 1993, I had heard mention of the Southern Academy of Periodontology. I knew nothing of the organization other than it was another group I could join besides the Florida Association of Periodontists and the AAP. Beginning my practice, I was unfortunately not aware that I could have joined at that time without having to pay dues for the first two years. Finally, in 1997, my wife, Truitt and I decided we would attend the summer meeting held in Asheville, NC. For us, at that time, it was a self-centered choice as we wanted a break from the oppressive North Florida heat and humidity. The mountains of North Carolina were just what we were looking for. We had no expectations when we arrived. What we found with the SAP was beyond anything we had ever imagined. At the President's Welcome Reception that Thursday night we were amazed at the number of members who went out of their way to introduce themselves to us and make us feel that we belonged to the group. This feeling of welcome extended throughout the meeting. We decided after the Asheville meeting this was a group we wanted to be associated with, and we planned to always attend these meetings.

That first year we were impressed by the family nature of the SAP. At the third SAP summer meeting I attended, Dr. Bill Akin gave his president's address at the Thursday morning Member/Family breakfast. During his talk he mentioned that his son Will, who now happens to practice with Bill, had been to every summer meeting since he had been born. This statement made a real impression on me in that someone's children could actually be included and grow up in a professional association. I looked at my daughter, Kelsey, and son, Will, who were four- and two-years-old, respectively, and thought what a neat opportunity it might be for them to have the same experience. This year, as I was installed as your new president, I realized that my son Will, who is now 14, has never missed a summer meeting. Kelsey has made 12 out of the last 14. We, as a family, have made friends for life with a large group of people, and we look forward to renewing these acquaintances every year.

When the SAP had its annual meeting in Destin, FL, nine years ago, I was approached and asked to serve as an Executive Council member. I was told that it was a 3-year term, and I was honored to



be nominated. That three-year term has yet to expire as I start my 10th year of service to your organization. I have had the opportunity to serve with a number of extraordinarily talented people who have upheld your Academy and taken it in a very positive direction. We are viewed as the premier regional group within the AAP and your colleagues who serve on the Executive Council work very hard to maintain this reputation. A wise man once told me if you cannot do something alone, surround yourself by excellence. When I look at your Executive Council, I feel that I have accomplished this. As your president it is my goal to leave your SAP in better shape than when I was elected to lead it. This is a tall order, but I will strive to meet this endeavor to the best of my ability.

Our upcoming winter meeting will be held in Atlanta, GA, from January 27-28, 2012, at the W Hotel in Buckhead. On Friday our own Dr. Lee Young will provide us with an update on sedation, presenting "Anesthesia/Emergency Medicine," as he has so graciously done for us in the past. Our Saturday speaker will be Dr. Bradley McAllister, who will speak on "Regenerative Strategies for the Periodontist." We will again this year offer an insurance seminar

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and update for office staff Friday afternoon at 1:00, featuring AAP Clinical Affairs Manager Pam Throw. You can register now using the form on Page 11, or at [www.periosouth.org](http://www.periosouth.org).

Next summer our annual meeting takes us back to Amelia Island Plantation at Amelia Island, FL. The meeting dates will be June 21-24, 2012, and our speaker will be Dr. Bobby Butler. This should be another outstanding meeting as the Amelia Island Plantation is always a great place to have our annual summer meeting. The nature and topics of Dr. Butler's presentation will be provided in more detail in our Spring Newsletter.

I again want to thank the members of the SAP for giving me the opportunity to serve as your president. Your leadership is working very hard on your behalf and we will continue our efforts to make each of you proud to be a member of the Southern Academy of Periodontology. See you all in January 2012 for our Atlanta winter meeting.

*Dr. Richard "Ricky" Oliver*

# James Named Fellow



*Dr. Tyler Baldock (l.) and Dr. Bill James*

Dr. William Chandler James of Charlotte, North Carolina was recently awarded the prestigious 2011 Fellowship Award from the Southern Academy of Periodontology. It was my great honor to present this award to Dr. James, during our Annual Meeting in June. Bill and I have been friends and colleagues since our residencies at the University of North Carolina.

During the past 30 years, Bill has built a successful practice in Charlotte; served as a mentor to other periodontists and dentists throughout the country; served as a leader in various local, state and national professional organizations; and spearheaded humanitarian efforts in dental health for the people of Haiti. Bill's many accomplishments are extensive and noteworthy.

Dr. James has been an outstanding leader and member of the Southern Academy since 1976. He served as the president of our organization from 1989 to 1990 and has continued to stay active and involved in our profession at all levels. Dr. James has also been a leader and past president of the North Carolina Society of Periodontists and received the Distinguished Service Award in 1996.

His passion for his profession is also evident on the national level with his involvement and leadership in the American Academy of Periodontology. He has served on the AAP's Board of

Trustees, the Executive Council, the Executive Committee, the CDCP Committee, and the AAP Foundation (as its vice president and a director). He was also a former candidate for AAP president. Bill was also instrumental in developing an organized reporting process regarding periodontal procedures to third party carriers, which was adopted by the AAP. Without Bill's tireless efforts on behalf of our profession, we would not have the streamlined methodology of reimbursement services we now enjoy. Dr. James is also a fellow of the International College of Dentists and Academy of Dentistry International, and has published five professional articles regarding periodontology and patient care.

Dr. James' passion for ensuring access to oral health care to others also extends to the people of Haiti. Since 1987, Bill has been the Dental Director of The Haiti Mission, Providence United Methodist Church. He received the AAP's Humanitarian Award in 2007 in recognition of his expansive efforts at providing dental health care in Haiti.

It is with great pleasure that I salute Bill and express the appreciation of the Southern Academy of Periodontology and all of its members for his outstanding leadership, guidance and friendship. Many thanks to his wife, Linda, and children Lauren, Lindsey, Chad and Nolan for sharing him with us over the years.

*Dr. Tyler Baldock*



*Pennel Awards Chairman Dr. John Russo presents certificates to 2011 Winners Drs. Chestine Guevarra, Sheldon Lu, Akif Eskin, and Eve Girouard*

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# All Politics is Local

## Your Academy at Work

By Dr. Steve Daniel

Most of us are familiar with this political insight made famous by former Speaker of the House of Representatives Tip O'Neill of Massachusetts. And while this phrase may have become hackneyed over the years, in dentistry at least, it still has resonance. It is easy to forget that the regulatory forces which shape our practices and ability to deliver care for our patients come most directly not from the ADA, AAP, AGD or even the FDA and FTC but from our state boards of dentistry and legislatures.

This became clear to me more than ten years ago. In the early 2000s I attended, as president of our state society, the first AAP Leadership Conference. The meeting focused on several challenges to our scope of practice that had arisen (one in nearby Kentucky involving the state oral surgery society) and discussed what was being done to meet those challenges. I had never heard the term "scope of practice" before that day and certainly had no idea how my board of dentistry functioned or what it really did. I returned home and promptly forgot most of what I had learned. Some nine months later, however, it all came back when the president of the state AGD asked for help. The state oral surgery society had, with the help of the Tennessee Dental Association's Board, quietly arranged to have a position on the Board of Dentistry dedicated to an oral surgeon. Many specialists, including periodontists, had served on the Board, but having a dedicated position for one specialty was unprecedented in Tennessee. The Tennessee AGD was alarmed and, remembering the Chicago discussions, so was I. What followed was a year's work that resulted in a reversal of that policy. The take home lessons included how valuable alliances can be when there is common cause (without the state AGD's help and manpower the task was impossible), how much easier it is to prevent something than to reverse it after the fact and just how vulnerable we are to the actions of our state boards and legislatures. It just doesn't take that many people, when you know how the system works, to change the landscape of what we do.

It makes sense, therefore, to have as many eyes as possible on our respective states Boards of Dentistry and Legislatures. And that was the goal of your Board's recent meeting with members of the AAP's State and Regional Assembly. If you don't know what the State and Regional Assembly (SRA) is you are not alone. This group has been in existence since 2007. It was part of an effort to reorganize AAP governance. The original goal was for the SRA to function as a House of Delegates and have a much smaller Board of Trustees. Most of those changes never happened but the SRA was created and has struggled a bit to find a mission. In this group,

however, are some dedicated periodontists who want to serve the profession. Your Board, and the SRA coordinating committee, asked them to be the eyes and ears in their respective states regarding legislative and Board of Dentistry issues which could affect our members. Each state dental association in District III has an active committee or committees that interact with and monitor that state's Board of Dentistry and Legislature. The names and methods of organization vary but the intent is the same. And they are all looking for interested people willing to work. The SRA representatives will

simply need to plug into these existing networks. The value to the AAP is gaining insight into what is going on at the state level. What happens in one state often happens in others, potentially affecting large numbers of our members. In return the AAP can provide information and ideas on how such challenges can be met in terms of what has and has not worked in other states.

These issues are real. In just the last eighteen months the AAP has provided help for members in Kentucky fighting the use of lasers by dental hygienists and efforts to limit who can provide sedation for patients undergoing dental procedures. The AAP's "Statement on the Efficacy of Lasers in the Non-Surgical Treatment of Inflammatory Periodontal Disease (J. Perio 2011 and available at [www.perio.org](http://www.perio.org)) came out of this effort. The use of lasers by dental hygienists has

come up in at least 30 other states. Pennsylvania periodontists had to fight off a strong effort to limit the use of sedation. In June the Missouri Board of Dentistry, despite strong opposition by the state dental association, became the first Board to adopt a proposal for mid level providers in dentistry.

The common denominator in many of these challenges is surprise, resulting in panicked calls and emails and a flurry of activity to get organized. This is not the most efficient way to meet these problems. Most issues do not just explode on the scene; they only seem to because we are not paying attention. By monitoring the activities of important groups (Boards, legislative committees and sub-committees) and establishing relationships as experts on dental/periodontal concerns we can not only prevent destructive policies from being enacted but can help guide and shape the process, resulting in rules and legislation that better serve our patients and our specialty. Your Academy wants to assist in this process not by swooping down from Chicago to intervene (remember, all politics is local) but by providing expertise and assistance to our members in meeting these challenges, state by state. The more the Academy knows, through the efforts of the SRA and other politically active members, the better and more timely that expertise and assistance will be.



# School News

## Medical University of South Carolina

Our new resident class, Dr. Zachary Evans (MUSC 2011) and Dr. Brian Mantor (UNLV 2011), began the program with us July 1, 2011.

Our residents, Dr. Mark McEntire and Dr. Charles Scanlon, who completed the program June 30, 2011, have left us and we wish them the greatest success! Dr. McEntire has joined a practice in Columbia, South Carolina, and Dr. Scanlon is joining a practice in Rapid City, South Dakota.



*Drs. Kraye, Ries, Leite, and Gellin*

Our third year residents are completing their research projects. Dr. Gray's research is evaluating how bone loss differs with aging in a hyperinflammatory mouse model. Dr. Peterson's research involves a comparison of bony healing at osteotomies created with a conventional dental handpiece vs. a Piezotome vs. an ErCr:YSGG laser. Dr. Grasso is evaluating the impact of previous drug abuse on how opioid prescriptions are used in periodontal and chronic pain patients.

Dr. Bob Gellin (MUSC 1985), Chair of the Department of Stomatology and Director of the Division of Periodontics, has led us into a school wide chartless environment with axiUm, our management system here at MUSC College of Dental Medicine including digital radiography. As of August 1, 2011, every new patient is started with an electronic chart only. Even the faculty is making the transition away from handwritten chart entries to an exclusively digital format with great success. In August, Dr. Gellin was elected to the board of directors of the axiUm Consortium for Oral Health Related Informatics ([www.cohri.org](http://www.cohri.org)).

Dr. Renata Leite (MUSC 2005) continues a very busy research endeavor with the Gullah population here in South Carolina. Recent publications and continued interest keep her exceptionally active. Dr. Leite recently was awarded a grant from NIDCR and one from the Department of Defense to test the use of multilevel interventions to improve the oral health of rural communities, therefore decreasing oral health disparities in the state.

Dr. Joe Kraye (MUSC 1985) continues his work as a CODA site visitor and as Vice-Chair of the Post-Doctoral Directors' Organization in addition to his work at MUSC. Dr. Kraye successfully completed the site visit for the Post-Doctoral program and the program's accreditation was renewed with no recommendations.

The "Bone & Soft Tissue Grafting for the Dental Implantologist - A Hands-on Cadaver Course", is offered here by Dr. John Russo (MUSC 1992) and Dr. Bob Gellin (MUSC 1985) four times each year. The course now includes cone beam CT scans of the cadaver specimens as well as an introduction to and limited use of the Biohorizons VIP software for analysis of the scans. The dates for upcoming courses are: November 3-5, 2011, and in 2012, February 23-25, May 31-June 2, August 16-18, and November 1-3.

Having become accustomed now to our new clinical facilities, the Division of Periodontics also moved to a newly renovated office space. The office suite is beautiful and includes a magnificent, spacious, technologically state of the art conference room/library. We continue to revel in our new clinical facility. Increasing use of the Cone Beam CT technology has provided a wealth of information about patients, has facilitated both treatment planning and provision of treatment and has been coupled with increased efforts acquiring skills in interpretation of these scans.

*Dr. Joe W. Kraye*

## UNC, Chapel Hill

2010-2011 has been a very busy year in the Department of Periodontology, UNC Chapel Hill. UNC recently welcomed Dr. Jane A. Weintraub, Lee Hysan Professor of Dental Public Health and Oral Epidemiology in the School of Dentistry at the University of California, San Francisco, School of Dentistry, as the new Dean of the Dental School. Dr. Weintraub was a faculty member at Carolina for seven years before joining UCSF in 1995.

The department hosted its 2011 Graduation Banquet and celebrated the transition of Drs. Caleb Corwin, Akshay Kumarswamy and Romina Perri from graduate students/residents to alumni. Drs. Corwin and Perri returned to Charlotte NC and Montreal, Canada, respectively, to begin as associates in private group practices. Dr. Kumarswamy joined the Department of Periodontology, Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine, as an Assistant Professor.

In July, the department welcomed the following new graduate students/residents to the program: Drs. Katherine Guilfoyle (Stony Brook University), Alison McGuire (McGill University) and Shaoping Zhang (UNC-Chapel Hill). Dr. Zhang recently earned his PhD in the Oral Biology program at UNC.

American Board of Periodontology: This past year, Drs. Patricia Diaz (class of 2008), Antonino Crivello, (class of 2009), Cameron Hamidi (class of 2010), Imani Lewis (class of 2010) and Meggan Wehymeyer (class of 2010) successfully passes the Oral Examination of the American Board of Periodontology.

Awards and Publications: Dr. Roger Arce, a second year resident and NIH postdoctoral trainee (Next Generation of Oral Health Researchers (NEXTGEN), was awarded the Derek T. Turner Graduate Student Research Award from the NC-AADR. Dr. Arce also published the article "Therapeutic Effect of a Topical CCR2 Antagonist on Induced Alveolar Bone Loss in Mice" in the Journal of Periodontal Research. Drs. Silvana Barros and Steven Offenbacher served as research mentors. A manuscript submitted by Dr. Romina Perri entitled "MicroRNA Expression in Obese Patients as a Modifier of Periodontal Infection and Pathogenesis" was accepted for publication in the Journal of Dental Research. Drs. Salvador Nares and Steven Offenbacher served as research mentors. Dr. Antonino Crivello published an article entitled "Interferon-Gamma Promoter Hypomethylation and Increased Expression in

Chronic Periodontitis” in the Journal of Clinical Periodontology. Dr. Crivello worked with Dr. Silvana Barros, Antonio Moretti and Steven Offenbacher on this project. Dr. Crivello is a former recipient of the Balint Orban research award. Dr. Nares was awarded an American Academy of Implant Dentistry (AAID) research grant entitled “In-vivo Molecular Assessment of Endosseous Implant Adherent Cellular Phenotypes in Smokers and Non-Smokers” and a NIH R01 grant for the project entitled “Functional Modulation of Myeloid Inflammatory Cells by miRNA”.

On campus, construction continues with a new Dental Sciences Building. The project is slated for completion first quarter 2012, will add 216,000 square feet of state-of-the-art educational, research and office and administrative space for the School of Dentistry. Respectfully submitted.

*Dr. Salvador Nares*

### Virginia Commonwealth University

This past summer we welcomed three first-year residents into the program Dr. Sarmad Bakuri who received his D.M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine; Dr. Anya Rost who received her D.M.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine; and Dr. Jessica Shreck who received her D.M.D. from UNLV School of Dental Medicine. All three have gotten off to a fast start.

Our 2011 graduates, Drs Jason Stroom, Rafael Rodriguez and Sayward Duggan were honored at a graduate student reception hosted by the School of Dentistry. At a more festive evening party attended by faculty, residents and staff all three were honored and roasted by their fellow residents. During the evening they received their Certificate in Periodontics which included certification in intravenous conscious sedation.



*Drs. Rodriguez, Duggan, and Stroom*

In addition they all successfully defended their research and were awarded an M.S.D. Dr. Stroom’s thesis was entitled “Patient satisfaction with Sedation for Periodontal Surgery: A Randonized, Cross-over Clinical Study”, Dr. Rodriguez “Defining Bacterial Profiles of Healthy vs Diseased Sites in Chronic Periodontitis” and Dr. Duggan “Alveolar Ridge Dimension Analysis Following Socket Preservation Using Clinical Assessment and Cone Beam Computed Tomography (CBCT)”. All three presented excellent posters and the VCU Clinic Day. Dr. Steem will be practicing in Cleveland, OH; Dr. Rodriguez in the Miami Florida area, and Dr. Duggan in Yorktown, VA.

Before leaving the program for private practice Janson, Rafael and Sayward presented a gift of \$25, 000 to the Periodontal Alumni

Fund. At a ceremony attended by faculty, residents and staff a plaque in their honor was unveiled. A surgical operatory in the Graduate Periodontics Clinic was named in their honor

Our third and second year residents, Drs Justin Hardison, Sam Malkinson, and Corin Marantz and Stephanie Voth continue to excel both clinically and academically. This summer all the residents volunteered in the Mission of Mercy in Wise county Virginia, July 22-24. In a mash-like 78 chair mobile clinic thousands of people were seen for dental and medical reasons. Residents assisted in mostly extractions working closely with dental students. Dr. Jack Gunsolley accompanied the residents and according to Jack the residents worked long hours in extreme heat. In addition the residents had abstracts published on articles of periodontal interest in the August-September issue of the Virginia Dental Association Journal.

We continue to be fortunate to have exceptional clinical staff, plus a part-time faculty that this year includes Drs. Butler, Barr, Abbott, Burmeister, Favagehi, Green, Griffen, Block, Kaugers, Sweeney, Overstreet, Richardson, Ross, Sperling, Slagle, Zemanovich, Kharmouche, Kooski, and Landy. In addition to clinical teaching they participate in oral and mock board examinations.

After many outstanding years of service to the department and especially the Graduate Program Dr. Gary Maynard has retired from the faculty. As many of you know Gary has had health issues over the last several of years and in spite of this continued to cover the graduate clinic teaching soft tissue management for which he is so famous. Words can not express how fortunate we were to have Gary as one of our part-time faculty members. He cannot be replaced and will be missed on the clinic floor.

*Dr. Thomas Waldrop*

### Fort Gordon, Georgia

Greetings from the Home of Army Periodontics, Fort Gordon, GA. The 2010-11 academic year is behind us and we look forward to an exciting 2011-12. The Program continues under the guidance of Director, COL Fred Bisch, and Assistant Directors, COL Robert Gerlach and COL Doug Dixon. COL Bill Herold, who manned the halls of Tingay Dental Clinic for 7 years, has moved to Fort Eustis, Virginia. He will be greatly missed, but we are so happy that he was here as long as he was.

Our third-year residents (R3s) are MAJ Chestine Guevarra and CPT Sheldon Lu. Second-year residents (R2s) are MAJ Sean Connolly, CPT Jennifer Elzinga, MAJ Agnieszka Kucharska, and MAJ Manuel Pelaez. And we welcome the first-year residents (R1s) CPT Bernardo Bianco, CPT Aaron Campbell, CPT Lee Cote, and CPT Mary Stuart. (Photo attached 01 First day.)

Congratulations to our recent 2011 graduates. Each also earned their Master of Science degrees in Oral Biology from Georgia Health Sciences University (GHSU) School of Graduate Studies. All are now settled and happy at their new assignments. MAJ Kimberly Ann Inouye at Fort Benning, Georgia; MAJ Yat-Ho Ma at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; MAJ Brian Stancoven at Fort Bliss, Texas; and CPT Cindy Zhou at Fort Riley, Kansas.

Congratulations are also in order for our 2010 graduates, CPT Brandon Coleman, MAJ John Decker, CPT Jaime Hughes, and CPT Claudia Millan. All achieved Diplomate status from the American Board of Periodontology in May.

Thanks to the Southern Academy of Periodontology. We had a particularly good year by placing 1st and 2nd in the 2011 Basic Sciences portion of the Billy Pannel ResearchCompetition. MAJ



*Drs. Dixon, Gerlach, Stuart, Bianco, Kucharska, Pelaez, and Guevara*



*Drs. Lu, Elzinga, Connolly, Cote, Campbell, COL Bisch*

Chestine Guevarra placed first for “Vascular Alterations in the Sprague-Dawley Rat Mandible during Intravenous Bisphosphonate Therapy” and CPT Sheldon Lu placed second for “Evaluation of a Novel Compression-Resistant Carrier for Recombinant Human Bone Morphogenetic Protein-2 (rhBMP-2) in Onlay Graft Indications”. Both presented their posters at the SAP Summer Meeting in June. 2010 Southern Academy of Periodontology Billy Pennel 1st and 3rd place winners, CPT Cindy Zhou and MAJ Kimberly Ann Inouye respectively, are Orban finalists and will present at the AAP Meeting in Miami on 12 November 2011.

The upcoming academic year will feature many prominent guest consultants coming to Fort Gordon. The list includes: Dr. Ken Reed, Dr. Colin Richman, Dr. Sidney Stein, Dr. William Moore, and Dr. Elliott Hersh.

We would like to especially thank three groups. First, the Oral Biology Department at the GHSU has been an invaluable aid to our Program. The research assistance provided by Dr. Ulf Wikesjo, Dr. Douglas Dickenson, Dr. Stephen Hsu, and Dr. Jill Lewis is outstanding in every way and without equal. Second, the collaboration we have with the GHSU Department of Periodontics and Dr. Kobi Stern is much appreciated. Thirdly, special thanks to Dr. Jim Borke (formerly from GHSU) and Dr. B. Prasad (Fort Gordon Clinical Investigations) for their continued guidance and help with our residents.

*Colonel Fred Bisch*

## **Georgia Health Sciences University College of Dental Medicine**

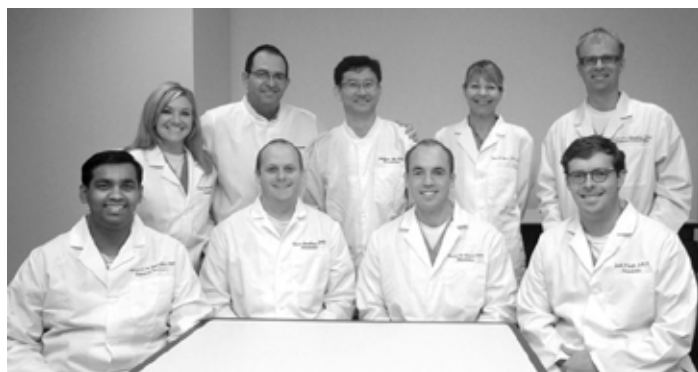
Greetings from the Periodontics Department at the Georgia Health Sciences University! The Periodontics Department has

undergone some major changes this past year. We have moved into a beautiful new dental school, and are open and operating from our new clinic and offices as of July 25th, 2011. Our new physical address is 1430 John Wesley Gilbert Drive, but the mailing address will remain 1120 Fifteenth Street, Augusta, GA 30912. We are now the GC building, so mail for the Periodontics Dept. can be sent to GC1335 at the above mailing address. Our phone numbers remain the same. In February of 2011, the name of the Medical College of Georgia changed to the Georgia Health Sciences University, and the School of Dentistry to the College of Dental Medicine.

We are also happy to have a new Chairman of the Department, Dr. Christopher Cutler. Dr. Cutler comes to GHSU from Stony Brook University, School of Dental Medicine, where he served as Associate Dean for Research and Professor in the Department of Periodontology and Implant Dentistry. Dr. Cutler earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree as well as a Doctor of Philosophy in Experimental Pathology and completed his residency training in Periodontics at Emory University in Atlanta. Following Emory he completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the U.S. Naval Medical Research Unit #3 in Cairo, Egypt. He received further postdoctoral training at the Baylor Institute for Immunology Research in Dallas.

Dr. Glenn I. Maze served as Interim Chairman for the department since Dr. Philip Hanes’ move to Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. Dr. Maze chaired the search committee for the new chairman. Dr. Maze is now embarking on the first step of his transition to retirement, which will include a part-time schedule as Professor in the Periodontics Department, and more time on the golf course.

We also have Cristiano Susin, D.D.S., PhD now as a full time Perio Faculty member and Associate Professor in addition to being a Senior Scientist, and Director of Clinical Research, Laboratory for Applied Periodontal & Craniofacial Regeneration (LAPCR). The Department congratulates recent graduates Dr. Karen Marino and Dr. Janet Sieweke for successfully passing Part II of ABP this past spring and being recognized as Diplomates of the American



*Drs. Zemse, Hansen, Stern (standing), Rawlings, Lee, Alvord, DeStefano, Bingham, O'Neill*

Board of Periodontology.

The 2011-2012 academic year in the GHSU Advanced Education in Periodontics Program is expanding under the leadership of Dr. J. Kobi Stern. He was able to establish the first GHSU Clinical Fellowship in Advanced Implant Surgery in the Periodontics Department in 2011. Dr. Christopher Bingham, a recent graduate of the program is the recipient of the coveted Richard J. Lazzara Fellowship Award, and the first Fellow. We are proud of Chris.

The two 2011 graduates of the GHSU Advanced Education in Periodontics Program were Dr. Brent Wenzel and Dr. Christopher Bingham. Dr. Wenzel has joined a practice in Waukesha, Wisconsin, and Dr. Bingham has remained at GHSU as a Fellow in the Clinical Fellowship in Advanced Implant Surgery sponsored by Straumann. We wish these newest members of our alumni much success in their future.

Another first for the MCG/GHSU College of Dental Medicine is a combined Alumni and Georgia Society of Periodontology social gathering at the AAP meeting in Miami, at the Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Poinciana 3 room on Sunday, November 13th, 2011 from 6:30-8:30 P.M. for all GHSU/MCG Alumni and Georgia Society of Periodontist members who are cordially invited to meet with their peers. Dr Janet Sieweke, 2010 alumni has worked with Marc Brunner on this combined event. We thank you both for organizing this first ever event.

The third year residents for academic year 2011-2012 are Drs. Jaime De Stefano and Sai Zemse and the second year residents are Drs. Darron Alvord, Jaebum Lee and Aaron Rawlings. Incoming residents this year are Trisha Hansen D.M.D. who graduated from University of Nevada, Las Vegas in 2011 and John (Jack) O'Neill D.M.D. who graduated from GHSU in 2011.

*Dr. Glenn Maze*

### University of Alabama at Birmingham

Greetings from the Department of Periodontology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Although the department has undergone some changes over the summer, we are doing very well. Dr. Michael Reddy has been appointed interim Dean of the dental school. He is very busy with his additional Dean's duties but he remains committed to research, patient care and teaching within the department. The school is doing well under his guidance. Dr. Nico Geurs is serving as acting chair and remains the program director. Dr. Philip Vassilopoulos has completed his second dental degree, this time at UAB. Dr. Red Stevens is active in the ADA as a Delegate from Alabama. We recently renovated our research clinic and are excited about taking occupancy soon.

We have welcomed several additions to the department extended family: Dr. Mia Geisinger and her husband are the proud parents of a sweet baby girl, Alexandra; third year resident Jennifer Bain (Jonah) and chief resident Ramzi Abou Arraj (Sophie); second year resident Jared Bauerle (Lucy); and first year resident Chris Peterson (Iyla).

Our new residents this year are Dr. Susanna Goggin (Kentucky '11), Dr. Lillie Pitman (Arizona '11), Dr. Chris Peterson (Tufts '11) and Dr. Kyle Trammell (Alabama '11). We are excited to have a very diverse and energetic group of residents.

In June we celebrated the accomplishments of our graduating residents at a reception. Our newest alumni all returned to their home states or country. Dr. Kristi Simmons accepted a position at the VA in Tuscaloosa, Alabama and will cheer for the 14th national championship for the Crimson Tide. Dr. Adrian Abrahams is escaping the "cold" Alabama winters and has moved back to Florida. Dr. Francisco Pardo has joined the practice of his mother, father, uncle and wife in Lima Peru. He will also teach at a new dental school in Lima and will refine his surfing skills. Dr. Erik Unger joined his wife and is looking forward to the lack of humidity in the dry heat of Arizona.

*UAB residents at the Alabama Periodontal Society Meeting.*



*UAB residents at the Alabama Periodontal Society Meeting.*

This spring several of our alumni were successful in achieving Diplomate status of the American Board of Periodontology: Dr. Gary Altschuler (class of '93), Dr. Jennifer Doobrow (class of '10), and Dr. Anthony Reganato (class of '10). We congratulate all of them.

We also would like to thank our part-time faculty for their continued commitment to the program. Each of them has a wealth of experience and enhances the program. Dr. Kent Palcanis, executive director of the American Board of Periodontology, is a great mentor to all faculty and residents and we enjoy his participation in our case conferences. Dr. Tommy Weatherford has more teaching experience than all of the current full time faculty combined. His energy and dedication to excellence are an example to all of us. Dr. Jim Roberts continues his commitment to our teaching program. Dr. Matthew Litz comes in one day a week. He enhances the program with his expertise in moderate sedation and clinical photography.

*Dr. Nico Guers*

### University of Florida

The class of 2014 started July 1st. Three new residents started our residency program, Leah Strange (Class of 2011, U of Florida), Mary Rauth Kuhns (Class of 2011, U of Florida), and Richard Rasmussen III (Class of 2011, NOVA University). One Periodontist from Iran, Dr. Fatemeh Gholami joined our 12-month Fellowship Program in Periodontics. Three residents completed their residency program in 2011. Dr. Michael Tesmer is now in private practice in St. Petersburg-FL, Dr. Ruben Mesia is also in private



*Drs. Mesia, Tesmer, Koutouzis, and Director Dr. Neiva*

practice in Tampa-FL, and Dr. Theophilos Koutouzis completed his second certification in Periodontics. He is a very talented Assistant Professor in our department with active clinical research in Implant Dentistry, who was originally trained in Berne, Sweden,

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# Annual Meeting, 2011



# Hammock Beach Resort, FL





## Southern Academy & GSP Winter Seminar

W Hotel, Buckhead, Atlanta, GA, January 27-28, 2012

### ***Regenerative Strategies for the Periodontist***

Bradley S. McAllister, DDS, PhD, 8:00 a.m., Saturday, January 28, 2012, 8 hrs. CE



*Dr. McAllister*

For both implant site development and periodontal regeneration we not only have the well documented strategies employing allografts, xenografts and autogenous grafting available, but we now have multiple molecular and cellular options available. This can reduce the need for autogenous bone grafting harvest procedures and reduce the surgical complication rate to the patient. This presentation will highlight clinical applications with these new grafting alternatives and compare them to the well researched approaches using our traditional armamentariums. Teaching Goals: Highlight some of the unique challenges of periodontal regeneration when compared to implant site development and how molecular and cellular strategies can be employed; Demonstrate clinical applications of the molecular and cellular grafting approaches for implant site development; Review the well documented approaches employing allografts, autogenous or xenograft approaches.

Since completing his periodontal specialty training and PhD in San Antonio, Texas, in 1993, Dr. McAllister has practiced the specialty of Periodontics in the Portland, OR area. He is both a board certified Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology and of the International Congress of Oral Implantology. He has been active in treating the periodontal diseases with an emphasis on dental implant placement. He has over twenty years of experience in the surgical placement of dental implants and bone reconstruction.

### ***Sedation CE: Anesthesiology/Emergency Medicine***

W. Lee young, DMD, 1:00 p.m., Friday, January 27, 2012, 4 hrs. CE



*Dr. Young*

This presentation will integrate pre-anesthesia care, anesthesia techniques, perioperative management, and possible emergencies.

We will begin with a review of basic standards for pre-anesthesia care, including requirements and documentation. Sedation techniques and proper dose-management will be covered in detail. Standards for basic anesthetic monitoring will be presented and we will conclude with the new standards for post-anesthesia care.

Possible emergencies will be discussed and a protocol for treatment of each of these medical situations will be discussed in detail.

### ***AAP Insurance Seminar for Staff Members***

Ms. Pam Throw, AAP Clinical Affairs Manager, 1:00 p.m., Friday, January 27, 2012, 3.5 hrs. CE

Careful and accurate management of insurance claims is one of the most important services you can offer patients today. Timely submission, precision coding, and excellent communication with patients and third parties can impact the success of your practice. 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. The insurance workshops that are requested by state and regional periodontal societies can provide 3.5 CE credits to their group under the ADA CERP standards towards their practice management requirement.

Following this presentation, participants will be able to: Understand differences between types of dental insurance to increase effective patient communication; Properly apply American Dental Association new CDT-2011-2012 codes, which were implemented in January 2011, for more accurate coding submissions; Communicate with third parties to handle controversial coding issues; Understand the basic structure of AMA codes and recognize appropriate indications for submitting to medical; Information about ICD-10 coding and the 5010 transaction

**Register now using the form on the next page or at [www.periosouth.org](http://www.periosouth.org).**

# 2012 Winter Seminar Registration Form

## CE Courses

	SAP & GSP Members	Non-Members	Staff	CE Hours
<b>Friday &amp; Saturday</b>	( ) \$350	( ) \$550	( ) \$195	12
<b>Friday Only</b>	( ) \$150	( ) \$250	( ) \$75	4
<b>Saturday Only</b>	( ) \$225	( ) \$450	( ) \$150	8

( ) There is no registration fee for Third-Year Residents or Grad Program Directors

### *AAP Insurance Workshop CE Course (3.5 Hrs.)*

( ) \$75 Per Participant ( ) \$35 Per Workbook (One workbook required per office)

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**Southern Academy members may register online at [www.periosouth.org](http://www.periosouth.org).**

### *Hotel Information*

The W Atlanta Buckhead Hotel is located at 3377 Peachtree Rd. NE, Atlanta, GA 30326. For Reservations: 888-627-7063. The SAP room rate is \$159/night. The cutoff for the room block rate is January 6, or when sold

Mail to: Southern Academy of Periodontology, P. O. Box 1988, Anna Maria, FL 34216

*Cancellation Policy: There is a \$25 cancellation fee up until 7 days prior to the meeting. Any cancellations on or after January 20, 2012 are 50% refundable.*

# Central Office Notes

## Testimonials

We received two courtesy notes following this year's Annual Meeting. We share them here, because sometimes it's nice when others do the talking about our fine organization.

2011 Pennel Winner Christine Guevarra, Ft. Gordon, writes: *Thank you for allowing me the honor to attend your excellent meeting. I was truly impressed that your organization is not only driven to provide continuing education, but also to support the families behind it. Thank you also for the privilege to present my research. This was truly an experience that I will NEVER forget. My fiance, who is also a dentist, was also completely blown away by the experience. On behalf of me and the Advanced Education*

*in Periodontics, thank you for the support you give our program.*

And this from Doug Hughes and Kathy Klein, representatives from new exhibitor Benco Dental: *We just wanted to thank you for the BEST MEETING experience we have ever had! EVERYONE was so genuinely nice and welcoming! We look forward to being another yearly sponsor for you.*

## New Residents' Policy

Your Academy continues to experience growth in participation and attendance at meetings. Registration for our past Winter Seminar had to be suspended due to our exceeding the capacity available. As a result, the Executive Council passed a new policy to limit free registration for residents at future Winter Seminars to Third-Year Residents only. Graduate Directors are still granted free registration to all meetings.

and is now AAP Board eligible since he completed certification in Periodontics in our school.

The program is going through significant changes and we should be moving to a completely new, state-the-art clinic in May of 2012.

*Dr. Rodrigo Neiva*

## LSU

Our new Residents class: Dr. Austin Teitelbaum (University of Texas, Houston), Dr. Manrat (Bo) Amornporncharoen (Cert. in Prosthodontics Indiana University) and Dr. Jyoti Puri (Phd from Baylor College of Dentistry) began the Program July 1, 2011.

Our Residents that completed the Program June 30, 2011: Dr. Luis Moncada remained in the New Orleans area where he began his private practice. Dr. Manmeet Bala returned to Private Practice in Fresno, California. Dr. Bala received the 2011 Malbern Wilderman Award and second place in the Glaxo Smith-Kline Research Award upon her graduation on June 23, 2011. We wish them the best of luck and success!

Dr. Sammuel (Reid) Lester, Dr. Caesar Sweidan and Dr. Ioannis Tsourounakis are currently our third year residents and will complete their Program in June of 2012. Dr. Sweidan and Dr. Tsourounakis have already completed their research projects and submitted their manuscripts for publication. Dr. Lester is currently working on his research project with the guidance of Dr. R. Brannon of the Department of Oral Pathology.

Dr. Jessica Owens, Dr. Curtis Caskey and Dr. Mahrufa Islam, our current second year residents are working hard with their clinical responsibilities and research projects.

This year Dr. John Schaefer, class of 2010, successfully passed his Board Certification Examination and was awarded Diplomate status in the American Board of Periodontology.

Our Department welcomed our newest full time faculty member, Dr. Stefan Hienz, in September of 2010. Also, we have been able to reinstate our IV sedation clinic under the guidance of Dr. Pooja Maney and our residents are now able to offer IV sedations to their patients.

Our Department is currently training Dr. David Wilson, Dr. Xuan Nguyen and Dr. Shamina Khanoum, all implant restorative fellows, with the support of Nobel Biocare, Strauman and Zimmer fellowship funds respectively. The implant restorative fellowships, under the direction of Dr. David Simmons, have been successfully training implant restorative fellows for the past three years. We are extremely thankful to the companies that have supported this program despite the difficult financial times!

Dr. Simmons, Dr. Palaiologou and Dr. Maney are working along with Ms. Susan Billiot on completing the two clinical implant studies funded by Zimmer and Astra. Their funding has resulted in a significant increase in our clinical (implant) research and in the number of implants our residents can place. We are very thankful to these companies for their support.

We would like to thank the Louisiana Society of Periodontists for their support of our third year residents' attendance at the AAP meeting every year.

Since 2007, our Department has been very fortunate to offer to our residents microsurgery training under the guidance of Dr. Bryan Pearson. We are extremely thankful to Dr. Bryan Pearson for his efforts in coordinating this training which provides unique experience for all our faculty and residents!

*Dr. Archonita Palaiologou*

## University of Louisville

The Class of 2011 graduated on June 30 and included Drs. Akif Eskan, Eve Girouard, and Veneta Kotevska. Drs. Girouard and Kotevska will soon be starting in private practice and Dr. Eskan is completing his PhD in Immunology and will go into teaching and research. Our graduation ceremony included an afternoon on Millionaire's Row at Churchill Downs followed by a dinner at the University Club.

As a part of our "Alumni as Educators" program Dr. Eric Martin (Class of 2006) of Lafayette, California (Bay Area) recently returned and lectured on guided implant placement. It was an excellent lecture and our residents appreciated the good information. Dr. Martin also talked about the private practice aspects of periodontics. Also as a part of our "Alumni as Educators" program we always ask one of our Board Certified alums to return and participate as a Mock Board examiner. This year Dr. Franco Cordini (Class of 2004) of Louisville, Kentucky returned and definitely challenged our residents. Soon after that Franco and his wife Roz, who just finished law school, took the kids and vacationed in Franco's hometown of Trieste, Italy.

The Class of 2014 started on July 1, 2011 and includes Dr. Nicholas Allan of St. Louis, MO, Dr. Viktor Panagiotakopoulos of



*Drs. Gouard, Eskan, and Kotevska*

Athens, Greece and Dr. Dimitrios Xygkas also of Athens, Greece.

Recent attendees of the Southern Academy of Periodontology meeting from U of L were Dr. Akif Eskan, who won 1st place in the clinical research competition and Dr. Eve Girouard, who won 2nd place. Dr. Eskan presented his research on ridge augmentation and Dr. Girouard presented her research on root coverage surgery. Both thoroughly enjoyed meeting many Southern Academy members, attending the educational program, and the great Florida venue.

*Dr. Henry Greenwell*

## University of Tennessee

Greetings from the University of Tennessee Postdoctoral Periodontics Program. We started the new academic year on a pleasant note by welcoming Drs. Brad Buckingham and Parth Shah, our first year residents. Dr. Buckingham is from Southern Illinois University and Dr. Shah is from New York 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. Ankit Bavariya and Eunjung Shim 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. Bavariya is researching the bio-



*Drs. Carter, Shah, Buckingham, Shim, Bavariya, Sangha, and Ferreira*

compatibility and biodegradation of chitosan membranes in rats. Dr. Shim's study involves responses of monocytes and epithelial cells in the presence of AGE treated LPS. Our current third year residents, Drs. Thomas Carter and Vreiti Sangha are progressing well in both clinics and research. They continue to develop their clinical skills and are working on more challenging cases. Dr. Carter's research involves inhibition of IL-1 $\beta$ -stimulated IL-6 Production by cranberry components in human gingival epithelial cells. Dr. Sangha is studying the effects of proanthocyanidin rich cranberry extract on bacterial LPS alteration.

This year five of our graduates became diplomates of the American Board of Periodontology. They are: Dr. Owais Farooqi, Dr. Brett Seshul, Dr. Jason Primm, Dr. Ivelina Dean and Dr. Wes Shelton. We are very proud of their achievement.

A highlight of this past spring was the retirement celebration of Dr. Hiram Fry. Over his thirty year career as Graduate Director, he trained sixty five residents. Thirty three of his former residents joined in the celebrations.

The department was recently expanded with the addition of a bright young faculty, Dr. Rania Livada. She is a graduate of the University of Alabama at Birmingham and practiced for a few years in the Tampa Bay area. Our new clinic, which will be named in honor of Dr. Fry is nearing completion and should be functional by the end of September. From the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, College of Dentistry, Department of Periodontology, we wish you all a wonderful academic year.

*Dr. Swati Rawal*



*Membership Chair Dr. Ryan Claggett (l) and New Member Chair Dr. Steven VanScoyoc (r) with new members Drs. Benjamin Williams, Michael Tesmer, and Ryan Donovan.*

# In Memoriam

## Dr. Marvin M. Sugarman

On November 8, 2010, we lost one of our great periodontal colleagues. Dr. Marvin Sugarman, known to many as "Dr. Marvin", passed away at age 95 in Atlanta. He retired from private practice in December, 2009, after practicing for 71 years. He leaves behind his daughter, Brenda Goldberg, of Cleveland, Ohio, and his two sons, Edward and Richard, both of whom practiced with their father, and continue in their family practice of periodontics in Atlanta. He is survived by ten grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren and was predeceased by his devoted wife of 67 years, Rose Gilner Sugarman. Dr. Sugarman took great pride and delighted in his relationship with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.



Dr. Sugarman received his D.D.S. degree from Emory University in 1938 and was a member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon. He served on the faculty of Emory University School of Dentistry from 1952-1974, and was Emory's founding Director of Graduate Study in Periodontics. He lectured on periodontics and also taught courses in clinical oral medicine and advanced practice management. Dr. Sugarman was a visiting lecturer at the Pankey Institute for many years and was a lifelong mentor to many of his students. My father, one of his students at Emory from 1963-1965, remembers traveling with the other graduate students to Dr. Sugarman's presentations. Dr. Sugarman spoke of a "ww account," a "without work account," which he referred to as money earned presenting clinics and lectures. My father said, "To Marvin this was not work. He could talk about perio and other subjects without effort. He had a gift to express himself and the knowledge and experience to back it up. He was outstanding with a warm reception and much applause."

Dr. Sugarman served as Consultant to the Third Army, Ft. Benning, Columbus, Georgia, was a Consultant and Special Lecturer to the United States Navy, Bethesda, Maryland, and served as Consultant to the U.S. Veterans Administration. He was a member of the Society of Sigma Xi, as well as a Fellow of the American and International Colleges of Dentists.

His service to and leadership in organized dentistry was lifelong. In addition to many years of committee memberships, he served as President of the Northern District Dental Society, President of the Georgia Dental Association, President of the Southern Academy of Periodontology and President of the American Academy of Periodontology. Dr. Sugarman considered his service to the AAP a major focus of his career. He was chairman of several annual scientific sessions and was instrumental in developing the AAP's district format of governance with representatives from each regional area. He lectured extensively for over 40 years with numerous lectures at the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting, Loma Linda University, the Greater New York Dental Meeting, and lectures to dental societies throughout the world. Dr. Sugarman mentioned to my father on one occasion how he proudly told his Mother that he was invited to speak at a very special dental meeting. His Mother said that was nice, but what was really important was to

be invited to come back again. And, of course, Dr. Sugarman was.

He was a recipient of the AAP's Master Clinician Award and the Gold Medal Award and was a Fellow of the Southern Academy of Periodontology.

Dr. Sugarman's patients appreciated his excellent care, wonderful sense of humor, and well-told stories. A 30-second golf lesson might also be a part of a patient's appointment. He had great concern for his patients whom he considered friends.

He celebrated his 95th birthday in September, 2010 with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. I always enjoyed my visits with Dr. Sugarman. I would see him at the meetings and on many nice occasions we would visit at our neighborhood deli.

He was always friendly and kind and I benefited from the wisdom and humor he shared. He will certainly be remembered and missed by us all.

I wish to thank Drs. Richard and Ed Sugarman and their families for the information they provided and permitted me to include and use in this article. I wish to thank my father, Dr. Hank Diversi, for providing his memories of Dr. Sugarman.

*Dr. Jennifer Diversi*

*(Editor's Note: This tribute to Dr. Sugarman was inadvertently abbreviated in the last issue of PerioSouth News and is printed here in its entirety.)*

### **Dr. Ray Harlan Anderson**

Dr. Ray Harlan Anderson passed away on July 7, 2010. Dr. Anderson was born on December 23, 1921, in Vincennes, Indiana, to Matilda Louise & Ray Harlan Anderson, Sr. He was the loving husband of Margaret Antrim (Peg) Anderson for 65 years. Ray was a graduate of Vincennes University & Indiana University School of Dentistry (where he also taught). He was a member of Delta Sigma Delta Fraternity, and was a veteran of WWII and the Korean War. Ray practiced dentistry in Hollywood, FL, from 1946 to 1992. He was a member of the International College of Dentists, Southern Academy of Periodontology, Academy of 100, American Academy of Periodontology, Past President of the Broward County Dental Society, and a member of the Hollywood Committee of 100.

### **Dr. Roland M. Meffert**

Roland M. Meffert, D.D.S., Colonel, USAF (Ret), husband, father, clinician and teacher, died Tuesday, March 22, 2011, in San Antonio, at the age of 78. He was married to his wife, Marcy Czarnecki Meffert, June 12, 1955, at St. Hedwig's Church, Milwaukee, WI. The couple lived in Leon Valley from 1972 to 1983 when they moved to New Orleans.

He was considered both nationally and worldwide to be a cornerstone pioneer in the field of dental implant research and lectured extensively in North and South America, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. He developed surgical techniques for repairing dental implants and lectured extensively on improving implantology until the end of his career. He later served as Director of the Postdoctoral Program in Periodontics from 1984 to 1992, and as Chairman of the Department of Periodontics, 1986 to 1992 at Louisiana State University. Dr. Meffert returned to UTHSCSA as Clinical Professor in the Department of Periodontics with a cross-appointment in the Department of Prosthodontics in 1992 where he served until his retirement in 2004. Prior to Dr. Meffert's tenure at Louisiana State University, he served in the Department of Periodontics at

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The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio as Director of the Postdoctoral Program from 1974 to 1979, and as Acting Chairman from 1979 to 1984. During the past thirty years, Dr. Meffert has been involved in clinical research assessing various dental implant systems, innovations, and techniques. He has been the primary or secondary author in well over fifty articles and eleven chapters in textbooks on grafting, periodontal and implantology-related topics. He was Co-Director of Implant Dentistry, Editor-Emeritus of Practical Periodontics and Aesthetic Dentistry, and a Reviewer for the International Journal of Periodontics and Restorative Dentistry and the Journal of Periodontics. Dr. Meffert attained the highest achievements in numerous prestigious professional organizations. He was a Diplomate and former Director of the American Board of Periodontology, having served as Director from 1990 to 1996 and as Chairman in 1996. As a Diplomat of the International Congress of Oral Implantologists and the American Society of Osseointegration.

### **Dr. James Rembert Owings, Sr.**

Dr. James Rembert Owings, Sr., 103, of Greenville, SC, passed away April 16, 2011, after a brief illness. "Knotty," as he was called by his friends and family, was a graduate of Wofford, Class of 1929. He received his DDS degree from Atlanta Southern Dental College and was a member of Xi Psi Phi dental fraternity. During WWII, he was a Major in the Army Air Corps' dental service. It was during this time he became interested in periodontal dentistry. He was the earliest practitioner of periodontology in South Carolina and recognized as a pioneer in the field. Dr. Owings was a former President of the Greenville Dental Society, the South Carolina Dental Association, and the Southern Academy of Periodontology. He was a fellow of the American College of Dentists and a fellow of the International College of Dentists. In 2001, the American College of Dentistry Foundation recognized Dr. Owings with their Distinguished Service Award.

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