



## Fostering Excellence and Encouraging Continual Learning in Orofacial Pain

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Diplomate in the news:

Advances in the need for continued education in our field continue. Congratulations to Glenn Clark for his years of dedication and to the recent recognition he has brought to the program at the University of Southern California. The following is an excerpt from the USC School Of Dentistry News. The entire article may be found at the following link

<https://dentistry.usc.edu/2020/02/20/uscs-advanced-program-in-orofacial-pain-endowed-and-named/>

### USC's advanced program in orofacial pain endowed and named

*"The Dr. Glenn Clark Orofacial Pain and Oral Medicine Program"*



Drs. Glenn T. Clark and Roseann Mulligan

USC's advanced program in orofacial pain has been provided significant financial endowment ensuring Ostrow's first named program its place at USC for years to come — thanks to a generous donation from Drs. Glenn T. Clark and Roseann Mulligan.

The substantial donation will provide long-term funding to Ostrow's [orofacial pain program](#), which, when it began, was the first of its kind in the nation — a factor that inspired this gift.

In recognition of their generosity, the advanced program in orofacial pain has been named, The Dr. Glenn T. Clark Orofacial Pain and Oral Medicine Program. "We, at Ostrow, are honored that Drs. Clark and Mulligan have chosen to invest in this Program, which not only prepares some of the nation's finest practitioners but also grants our DDS students educational benefits by seeing and learning about this important field," Dean Avishai Sadan said.

"Because there are so few programs out there, each one is vital since they only produce a small number of highly trained practitioners in these disciplines," said Clark, who is the assistant dean of distance education and the director of the Orofacial Pain Program. "Moreover, these programs do not satisfy the demand that patients with various diseases, dysfunctions and disorders of the orofacial and oropharyngeal area have. Clearly, we need more trained practitioners in both disciplines."

## INTERNATIONAL HAPPENINGS:



February 24th, 2020

To all the Presidents and all the members of the International Orofacial Pain Academies/Societies or Organizations across the world.

Dear Doctors:

After noticing some confusion about the situation of the Orofacial Pain Academy organization in South and Central America by some of you in this important group, on behalf of the Latin American Academy of Facial Pain, Temporomandibular and Sleep Disorders (ALDOTS), we understand it is important to clarify and inform the recent progress of ALDOTS.

Due to the lack of an institution that represented the specific interests of TMD and OFP in Latin America, a group of specialists/experts from the 8 countries in Latin America that have OFP specialists or experts (most of them with a formal postgraduate education in the US and/or Europe and with a reputation recognized in their own countries and in the region), decided to found ALDOTS.

Since our first meeting, that was held at the University of Panama in March 2018, ALDOTS has been committed (among other important tasks) to organize several meetings in accordance with one of the aims of our bylaws, i.e.: to inform / educate the population in general and health professionals in particular, about these areas of interest, as well as fight for the recognition of the specialties of TMD and OFP in different countries of Latin America.

In the year of 2019, ALDOTS organized a meeting in Montevideo, Uruguay, that was attended by more than 100 participants.

In 2019, ALDOTS also supported a TMD and OFP meeting in Santiago, Chile, that counted with the presence of both Dr. Gary Heir (USA) and Dr. Danielle Manfredini (Italy).

In 2020, two meetings are ready to take place. One will be held in April, in the city of Santa Fé, Republic of Argentina. The second one, will be held in June, in the city of San José, Costa Rica.

In Brazil, which is the country with the largest number of TMD and OFP specialists in Latin America -followed by Chile-, we have started conversations

with the past president (Dr. Reynaldo Martins Jr.), the new president (Dr. Paulo Afonso Cunali) and the treasurer (Dr. Rodrigo Teixeira) of the Brazilian Society for a positive agenda of collaboration.

After the 'closure' of the activities of the former Iberolatinoamerican Academy, ALDOTS has been recognized by the Journal of Orofacial Pain and Headache as the official Academy representing Latin America. We thank Dr. Benoiel and all the editorial board of the Journal for this significant recognition.

ALDOTS is open to collaborations with all the societies/academies of TMD and OFP across the world and committed to bring relevant issues for discussion, for the better of our field.

We need to support and help each other in a altruistic and strong way, to energize, solidify and formalize the Orofacial Pain field worldwide.

Cordially yours,

Eka Perez-Franco DDS, MS, ABOP – President (Panama)  
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## **RECOGNITION OF DIPLOMATES:**

The art and science of orofacial pain is expanding internationally thanks to one of our diplomates Dr. Eka-Franco Perez, as indicated in the above ALDOTS letter.

For a short time, it seemed that our colleagues in South and Central America did not represent a viable presence in orofacial pain. Thanks to Eka a new organization, the Latin American Academy of Orofacial Pain, Temporomandibular and Sleep Disorders is now a reality. I shared communication with you from Eka to the presidents of our colleagues from around the world, as mentioned in the ALDOTS letter.

It is with great pride and thanks to Eka and Glenn that we can share these two landmark occasions with our diplomates. These are examples of how our diplomates represent the best in science and leadership worldwide.

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## **SHARE INFORMATION:**

Everyone has a story, you share them at meetings, you tell your colleagues, your patients know the special things that you can all do, it's time to tell the world.

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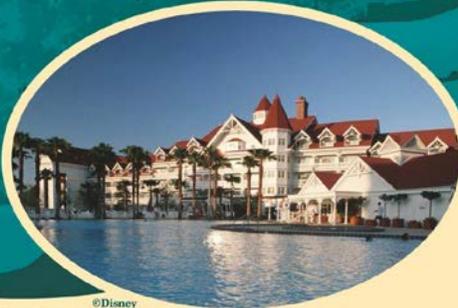
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## MEETINGS:

 AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OROFACIAL PAIN

# 44<sup>TH</sup> SCIENTIFIC MEETING

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**It is a unique opportunity to meet each other this time in Amsterdam for this extremely broad, multidisciplinary and important congress, that allows The acquisition of knowledge and new friends.**

**Several specific sessions on Orofacial Pain and Headache will be organized:**

- **A full-day Symposium on “Mechanisms of chronic Orofacial Pain” sponsored by the SIG Orofacial Pain and Headache**
- **Half-day Refresher courses on Mechanisms of Neuropathic Pain, on Headache, on Fibromyalgia.**
- **Topical Workshops on Neuropathic Orofacial Pain, on Heterotopic Pain in the orofacial area, on Migraine....**

**In addition, 2500 poster submissions are expected.**

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