



The ADI: Creating a balance between *potential*, and *challenges*...

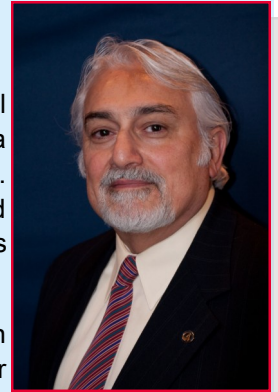
Message from Fares Elias, DDS, JD, FADI, FAGD, New President, Academy of General Dentistry

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

I always make it a point to attend meetings of all the organizations I belong to at national or regional meetings if time allows it. This year was no exception. At the Chicago midwinter meeting I attended a combined lunch of three honor organizations one day and the next morning I attended the ADI breakfast. What a difference between the two meetings. The ADI is very much distinguished by its friendly and accessible members, the speaker session, and that sense of ease and belonging that perpetuates camaraderie.

A month later in Michigan, a few ADI members over lunch were discussing the ADI's meeting venue in Chicago whereby one member from Chicago suggested that ADI join the other three organizations in their combined meetings. My comment was why? The ADI has its own identity; it has its own purpose and mission very different and distinct. The ADI is an honor society for dentists dedicated to sharing knowledge in order to serve the dental and oral health needs and to improve the quality of life of the people throughout the world. The ADI is devoted to the advancement of dentistry throughout the world and to the elevation of dental standards by **continuing education**. That distinguishes it from most major organizations except one and that is the Academy of General Dentistry.

The ADI shares the same values and principles with the Academy of General Dentistry, which I serve as president. The AGD's mission is to serve the needs and represent the interests of general dentists, to promote the oral health of the public, and to foster continued proficiency of general dentists through **quality continuing dental education** in order to better serve the public.
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"Let us not look back in anger, or forward in fear, but around in awareness." - James Thurber

ADI Foundation

Our Academy of Dentistry International Foundation is very active. We are continuing to raise funds to support our efforts to serve the dental health needs throughout the world. The strong support of our corporate Board members has increased our ability to help more beneficiaries. However in this economy and with diminishing returns on our investments requests outnumber funds available. At each of our last four USA annual meetings we have held a Silent Auction to benefit the Foundation. Donating directly or through your estate planning will enable the Foundation to give grants to current beneficiaries and hopefully to some of the projects whose requests we have not been able to grant.

The Foundation Mission Statement document is enclosed.

Reminder!

Now is everyone's opportunity to **add new dynamic individuals** to our organization. When you meet or are aware of dentists who you feel should be honored to belong to and work well in ADI send their names and contact information to:

ADI Membership 3812 Gordon Creek Drive Hicksville, OH 43526

Next opportunity to be inducted is in Las Vegas. START NOW. Deadline for nominations is February 28, 2011.

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Message from the USA Chairman

Since our last newsletter the Chicago Dental Society Mid Winter Meeting ADI Breakfast was held on Sunday February 28, 2010. With special thanks to Regent Dr. Dick Tatro our guest speaker Dr. Charles Girard on "Implants-Interactive Treatments" was well received.

The USA Section is already finalizing the plans for our Annual Meeting in Orlando which is slated for October 6-8, 2010. Dr. Brian Smith, an international speaker, will present a program on "Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office". Included in his discussion will be the use of AED.



Robert T Wong, DMD
USA Section Chair

This year we invite all vice-regents to attend a breakfast meeting on Wednesday morning October 6th at 7:00 AM. This will be the start of the Annual USA Section Board meeting. If you are planning to go to Orlando we encourage your attendance at this meeting. This will allow an opportunity to "meet and greet" and to renew acquaintances. Most of all it will also give you an opportunity to see what we are doing as an organization. The board is hard at work on your behalf. **Please contact your regent by August 15, 2010 if you plan to attend our breakfast meeting.**

At 8:00 AM the vice-regents are then invited to sit in on the Annual Board of Regents meeting which includes all the international regents. This meeting will mark the end of the presidency for Reg Hession and the passing on of the torch to our own Tom Brink from the North East Regency. We wish Tom the best of luck as he assumes his office and be assured he will receive our earnest support.

Through the efforts of the board, Howard Gamble (Regent and Webmaster) and Steve Akseizer (Vice Regent) we are making inroads to improving the web site. The improvements being implemented will enhance our internet presence as well as increase efficiency. We will also be better prepared to disseminate information to our members. Any person or persons with ideas or interested in helping, feel free to contact Howard or your regent.

The USA section is working to reach out to the dental schools and give recognition to students that have stood above others in giving back. We are in the process of developing a program of scholarships and awards to the students that epitomize our mission statement. With the introduction dental students to ADI we can hopefully encourage and nurture their development and to eventually become future members of our organization.

Last year we introduced to our membership our affiliation with the National Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped. Through the use of DentaCheques we can support a good program. Ever think about participating in the Donated Dental Services (DDS) program? Check it out at www.dentacheques.com.

Past President Don Brown with the ADI foundation board has been hard at work exploring different options in order for us to financially support a variety of outstanding programs. Our corporate board members have been very supportive of our mission by working with us to provide grants for these programs. You can help by participating in the silent auction in Orlando. One can donate items or services to be auctioned as the foundation will receive 100% of all revenue. If interested please contact your regent.

During these trying economic times it may be difficult to think about membership. Because of these times it is all the more reason for us to continue to look for candidates to honor as fellows. There is safety in numbers and the more members we have the stronger we can become. Your regent is there to help you answer any questions or concerns you may have. Contact them. We look forward to seeing you in Orlando.

Robert T. Wong, DMD
USA Section Chair

Food For Thought...

Students become DENTISTS, who become LEADERS, EDUCATORS, HUMANITARIANS → ADI Fellows

The USA Section has a Student Membership category! See Page 6

REGENCY UPDATES

South Central

As a result of his 34 annual Mexico Dental mission trips, several Mexican dentists have had opportunities to interact with ADI member Dr. T. Bob Davis. Also several dental students from the large Monterrey Dental School have served as translators. One up-coming senior student from Universidad Autonoma de Nuevo Leon, Israel Macias, is spending five weeks observing Dr. T. Bob Davis 's office during the official summer break from school. Mrs. Maria Camacho is Dr. Davis ' CDA and served on the 2010 trip where she worked with Israel.



Born in Ft. Worth, Texas. Israel has spent the last 20 of his 21 years in Monterrey where his dad is a pastor. Although he speaks good English, Israel says "I will go back to Mexico better prepared having learned dental terms in English". He adds "It is an awesome experience getting to see the vast variety of dentistry practiced in a general dental office." He is considering whether to seek specialization or not.

This is another excellent example of ADI members carrying out the mission of our dynamic ADI organization, World Understanding Through Education.

Gratefully, T. Bob



Dr. Michael Carlascio, Aron Geelen, Jason Yole and Jacob Morrow

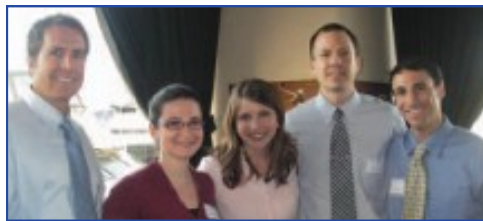
Dr. Michael W. Carlascio who mentors some student competitors says that The Howard Competition has become an annual event (in Oregon and Washington). It is an excellent opportunity for third and fourth year dental students to showcase their knowledge and skills by presenting one of their patient cases. The William Howard competition in Oregon concluded Friday March 12 at the Multnomah Athletic Club. The OAGD thanked all of the sponsors

including ADI for their generous

support. We could not do the competition without them.

Dr. Valerie Bartoli, on behalf of the WAGD, thanked the Academy of Dentistry

International, for their cash donation to underwrite the costs of the program and benefit Thousand Smiles Foundation (Project of Dr. Terry Tanaka, FADI) and Seattle Union Gospel Mission, (project of Dr. Dat Giap, FADI).



The students received their awards June 4 at the Annual Dental School Awards Ceremony. The winners (pictured above) include Jason Tanquay, Justin Newberry, Ilona Khosh, Heather Biles , John Johnson.

Officers: USA Section

- Dr. Robert Wong, Chairman
- Dr. Richard Tatro, Secretary
- Dr. Dat Giap, Treasurer

USA Regents

- Dr. Richard Tatro, NC
- Dr. Robert Wong, NE
- Dr. Kathryn Poleson, NW
- Dr. T. Bob Davis, SC
- Dr. Howard Gamble, SE
- Dr. Ron Fritz, SW

NOMINATIONS

Send fellowship nominees names to:

The Academy of Dentistry International

ATTN: Membership

3813 Gordon Creek Drive

Hicksville, Ohio 43526

419-542-0101 Fax:419-542-6883

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Let me remind you that this newsletter is the result of the input and work of many. Don't forget to let us know by October 15, 2010 what you would like to see shared in the next issue of this worthwhile method of communication.

grzenterprises@comcast.net

Northwest

REGENCY UPDATES

It was a winter winner! If you weren't there, you not only missed the new Convention Expo Center West for the Chicago Midwinter meeting, but also a fantastic CE course by Dr. Chuck Girard, "Implants - Interactive Treatment Planning", and especially the socialization, fellowship, and sharing of knowledge of attendees from Germany, Italy and various regions of the USA.

The time slot we have chosen for this breakfast meeting, despite the change in the Chicago Midwinter meeting schedule, has been agreed to work best so reserve Sunday, February 27, 2011 at the Chicago Marriot downtown. This is a very nice facility with bus pickup for the convention. The speaker will be Dr. Brady Morehead of San Antonio, Texas.

In June Dr. Richard Tatro and Dr. Sy Wachtenheim were privileged to be among judges of the University of Illinois, Chicago, College of Dentistry student competition sponsored by IAGD and ADI. First place winner was given a trip to the AGD meeting in New Orleans or \$500. Dr. Tatro presented \$200 to the second place winner and \$100 to the third place winner. Other ADI members there were Dr. Marsha Babka, Dr. Susan Bishop, and Dr. Betty Haberkamp. Dr. Theresa Lao, IAGD Membership Co-Chair, sent "A special thanks to Dr. Richard Tatro and Academy of Dentistry International for their generous time and award funding." Dr. Tatro also received a written thank you from all the participating students. The ADI also donated to the winners of the Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine Fellowtrack competition.

North Central



From L to R, Dr. Susan B. Bishop,
1st place winner Denise Maniakouris,
Dr. Betty Haberkamp



From L to R, Matthew McKnight,
Dr. Richard Tatro, Justin Welke



2010 Student Finalists, pictured with this year's Judges

Dr. Timothy Kosinski, Fellow representing the Academy of Dentistry International, presented a check for \$1000 to Dr. Mert Aksu, Dean of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry during Alumni Day on May 15, 2010. The featured speaker at this year's event was Dr. Jerry Bouquot, Professor and Chair of the Department of Diagnostic Sciences at the University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston. His interesting topics were; "The Abused Mouth: From Cinnamon to Cigarettes, Cocaine to Methamphetamines - A Clinical Tour Through the Oral Effects of Uses and Abuses," and "Precancers of the Mouth and Face - The Special Role of Dentistry in Cancer Prevention and Precancer Detection, Including a Review of the New "Gadgets for Dysplasia." The generous donation from the ADI was used by the dental school to support and promote the Student Research Table Clinics at this year's Alumni event.

Southeast

Dr. Howard Gamble, our webmaster is working to have a proposal and perhaps a prototype of an improved website to present to the Board of Directors in Orlando. Be sure to check www.adint.org for upcoming meetings, member list and more.

REGENCY UPDATES

Northeast

Congratulations to Dr. Tom Brink who will be installed as ADI President in Orlando.

Dr. Bob Wong represented the USA section at the Canadian Convocation along with Presider Dr. Sue Bishop.

Southwest

In May SW Regent **Dr. Ron Fritz** went on a two week mission trip to three states in Mexico. In June he took students from Loma Linda on a two week mission trip to Nicaragua to work with needy children.

Welcome Dr. Karen Borland, and Dr. Rodney L. Turner as new SW Vice Regents.



USA Section - Academy of Dentistry International

New Member Nomination Requirements

As a Fellow in the Academy of Dentistry International you are encouraged to nominate colleagues that you feel embrace the altruistic philosophy of the Academy and have distinguished themselves in their professional and personal activities. The qualifications for membership according to the Bylaws of the Academy are:

1. At least five years active practice as a dentist or in any related area of dentistry; such as teaching, administration, research or government services wherein remuneration is gained from such services.
2. The nominee must be a graduate of a dental school recognized by the appropriate professional accrediting body.
3. The nominee must be active in the dental profession and highly esteemed for integrity and character.
4. The nominee must be approved by the Regent of the region in which the nominee resides and by the membership committee.

Please write or type the candidate's full name and address legibly and mail it to:

The Academy of Dentistry International
Membership
3813 Gordon Creek Drive
Hicksville, Ohio 43526
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Mark Your Calendar:

Articles for "The Informer" Winter 2010 are due October 15, 2010!

All submissions are to be sent to your new Editor, Dr. George Zehak at grzenterprises@comcast.net.

About "The Informer", from Dr. Tom Brink, ADI President-Elect

It has been 7 years since the formation of the USA Section of ADI. The officers felt that it was important to keep the membership up to date with the activities and developments that occur within the Section. Thus, in the winter of 2005, the first issue of "The Informer" newsletter was sent to the USA Fellows.

We should be proud of how the newsletter has evolved. I would like to thank our outgoing Editor and North Central Regent, Dick Tatro for his efforts to develop and improve this publication with every issue.

The Academy is facing significant challenges. These challenges need to be addressed and resolved successfully in order that we may continue to fulfill our goals. The USA Section being the largest branch in our international organization must grow by continually adding worthy members.

Our newsletter serves to remind us of all the worthwhile activities we support. It encourages us to become involved.

I look forward to the continued development of "The Informer" and its vital role of communicating news of the Section and Academy to us.

Shortly, I will begin my term as the President of ADI. I certainly welcome your comments and suggestions. ADI has great potential. We are by our very nature not self promoting. However, we really do need to get the message out and become more visible within the dental community. That is something I would love to see happen.

STUDENT / ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

The USA section has approved Student/Associate membership. The criteria and application forms have also been approved and put into the policy manual. Student members can go on Associate membership after graduation by filling out the application and paying the fees. Associate members will be evaluated after 5 years on their participation in ADI before being accepted for Fellowship. When names are sent to the Membership Chairman, a biographical form, a brochure about ADI and one about the ADI Foundation will be sent to the prospective members. When available a DVD about ADI will also be sent.

FROM THE EDITOR 'S DESK

"The Informer", Volume I, Winter 2005 through Volume 6, Summer 2010, has been the USA section's means to keep members informed about what is happening in each regency of the largest ADI section. Many members have contributed articles, pictures, suggestions and the newer masthead. There is still a **need** for **your input**. Content doesn't just happen. As I turn positions of Editor and NC Regent over to current Vice Regent George Zehak I still feel that ADI is a worthwhile organization. However, I have concerns.

We will only be effective if members (you're one) **become familiar** with ADI's goals, projects and accomplishments. **Contact** your Regent or Officers with questions and suggestions. Then **share** your pride in ADI with those you feel need honoring and would work well with us. To meet challenges and reach our potential will take the effort of each member.

It is my hope that "The Informer" will continue to be effective; likewise, the efforts to update our website to a worthwhile, user friendly place for members to access and to refer to potential members.

Dr. Richard J. Tatro,
Editor, NC Regent

Message (Continued from Page 1)

It is not a coincidence that the founders of both organizations at totally different times and locations dreamt of two separate organizations with continuing education being their cores. That is what distinguishes these two organizations from others and they need not forget that distinction or lose it altogether.

It is commitment to a higher purpose of service and achievement that both organizations espouse to through continuing education. It is a lifelong process of achievement and pride.

Dentists are a generous lot. They are generous with their time and resources. They are generous with their knowledge and expertise. They give, they share, they participate and they care. This care goes above and beyond our boundaries and spills over to other disadvantaged in other countries. That is an honorable goal, to help those that need help and to teach those that can render help. But here is the catch; we are so quick with helping others that sometimes we forget about our own backyards, our own urban areas, and our own underserved areas.

Here at home, they talk of Dentist shortage. They talk of inadequate distribution of dentists or misdistribution of dentists. They talk of inadequate delivery systems and then try to remedy that by instituting and developing substandard criteria for training care givers. They think the answer is to introduce another tier of provider known by many names but are all categorized as mid level providers.

Mid level providers may be necessary for third world counties or underdeveloped countries or those countries that do not have enough dentists to provide care for their population. Here at home we are neither a third world country, nor an underdeveloped country and we have the necessary number of dentists to provide all the necessary care to all our population contrary to our antagonist 's belief. Yet those same people are advocating lowering the standard of care contrary to what the ADI and the AGD stand for which is the elevation of dental standards by **continuing education**. They ignore the fact that here at home so many dental schools have opened their doors and many more are planned. According to ADEA **five accredited dental schools have opened, three new dental schools are seeking accreditation and 15 new dental schools are under consideration**. In the very near future there will be a surplus of young graduates to serve, treat and assimilate into the populace. Let us help these graduates in establishing their offices, forgive some of their astronomic student loans, and give them incentives to practice in the underserved areas and all these doubters and naysayers will go away.

In early July I was elevated to the presidency of the Academy of General Dentistry in New Orleans. It is an honor and privilege to serve the Academy 's 35,000 members in that capacity. I have lived my professional life within organized dentistry and want to see it stronger and more responsive not only to the needs of our population but also to the needs of our members who are being taken for granted by agencies both Governmental and private. I hope to reach out to all organizations and associations of like mind and purpose, to improve relations, to keep an open line of communication and dialogue, and to forge an unwavering front where our message is heard loud and clear; our message of service, our message of caring and our message of unselfish devotion to our profession and to those entrusted to our care.

Check it out!

Always go to www.adint.org for information on future ADI meetings and conventions!!

CANADIAN CONVOCATION



The Canadian Convocation was held on March 31st, 2010 in Montreal. Immediate Past President Sue Bishop presided over the ceremonies with Ralph Barolet (Past President) hosting. Also attending was Bob Wong, USA Chair. We extend our congratulations to our friends from the north.



ANNUAL CONVOCATION (Continued)

October 6, 2010 - October 8, 2010

Dr. Chau Lam Memorial Luncheon

12:00 p.m.

ADI Fellow, Dr. Chau Lam, traditionally hosted a luncheon for his friends and Fellows. After his passing, a scholarship fund was established in his memory. This scholarship is presented annually to an international dental student who demonstrates need and exemplifies the character and spirit that Dr. Lam instilled in his students. Limited attendance event!!

Proceeds benefit the Dr. Chau Lam Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Gala Reception & Banquet

7:00 p.m.

Black Tie Preferred, but not mandatory Gala Banquet with your choice of main menu selection; Beef, Fish or Vegetarian. Come and honor the new Fellows from the Honors Class of 2010! The Terry Tanaka Student Humanitarian Award will also be presented at this time.

DAY 3: Friday, October 8 - Orange County National Golf Center



OCN is rated the #1 course in Florida and #2 in the Country for a public golf facility voted by Golf World Reader's and was Awarded "Best Places to Play" 1999-2009 by Golf Digest.

60 feet, it is first and foremost a visual delight, reminding you that natural beauty is one of the main reasons you play golf and a major factor in deciding which course to play. Off the tee, you will face gently sloping fairways guarded by strategically placed fairway bunkers, trees and water hazards that frame the holes and provide a clear line of play. From the fairway, you will hit many approaches into well-guarded elevated greens, which are large and have plenty of contours, so two-putting isn't automatic.

Simply put, good shots will be rewarded and bad shots penalized. This is the hallmark of great courses everywhere. If you're looking for a bit more golf course, the tour tees provide as stern a test as you'll find anywhere, with intimidating carries and risk-reward approaches that can lead to birdies or bogeys. From the three forward tees, you'll face shorter carries, softer angles and wider landing areas, making Panther Lake more friendly but no less memorable.

Registrants will meet in the Renaissance Hotel Lobby at 10:15 a.m. Transportation is included. Lunch (on your own) when arriving at the course. Rental clubs available through Club House for approximately \$40.

PLEASE NOTE: No refunds in case of less than optimal weather



Academy of Dentistry International

ANNUAL CONVOCATION

October 6, 2010 - October 8, 2010



Renaissance Orlando Resort Hotel at Sea World
6677 Sea Harbor Drive
Orlando, Florida 32821

Your Itinerary Includes:



DAY 1: Wednesday, October 6 - 7:00 P.M.

Sea World Wild Arctic Dinner

Walk across the street and enjoy an arctic evening with Penguins! The Wild Arctic offers the chance to chill out in the frozen wonderland of the Arctic, surrounded by polar bears, beluga whales, penguins and walrus. Entry to the exhibit includes a pulse-pounding Jet-copter simulator ride or a non-motion theater "landing" in the icy habitat for



cocktails and dinner. Experience the beauty, discovery and danger of a polar expedition, without the frostbite.

Buffet dinner includes salads, vegetables, desserts and main dishes: Roasted Sirloin with garlic and rosemary; Roasted Chicken with wild mushrooms, and apples in brandy sauce and Grilled Salmon with shallot and green peppercorn sauce. **Limited attendance event.**

DAY 2: Thursday, October 7 - Renaissance Orlando Sea World

7:00 a.m. Registration Opens

8:00 a.m. Continuing Education Symposium

4:00 p.m. Convocation

12:00 p.m. Chau Lam Memorial Luncheon

7:00 p.m. Reception

2:00 p.m. Orientation

8:00 p.m. *Gala Banquet*

Continuing Education Symposium (3 CEU)

8:00 a.m.

Brian K. Smith, D.D.S., M.D. is an 11 year Clinical Professor at Case Western Reserve University and is a Board Certified 21 year private practitioner of full-scope Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery. He is a seasoned veteran of emergency care both in the hospital and especially in the office setting. Dr. Smith is currently pursuing his law degree while reviewing dento-legal matters regularly. He lectures internationally and has authored numerous articles. Dr. Smith has experienced multiple urgencies and emergencies in a variety of settings throughout the years and has developed a special interest in diagnosing and treating emergencies for both the Dentist and team. With this unique background, Dr. Smith synthesizes his experience and his knowledge of the medical, dental, and legal literature to develop easily useable methods specifically designed for both the non-sedating and sedating dentist.

Academy of Dentistry International

ANNUAL CONVOCATION

October 6, 2010 - October 8, 2010



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DEADLINE FOR EVENT REGISTRATION IS AUGUST 15, 2010

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ Email _____
City, State, Zip _____
Additional Name tags: _____

Sea World Wild Arctic Dinner

Wednesday, October 6, 2010

Adults: _____ tickets at \$100.00 per person = \$ _____

Children (3-9 years old) tickets at \$75.00 per person = \$ _____

Chau Lam Memorial Luncheon

Thursday, October 7, 2010

Dr. Chau Lam Memorial Luncheon _____ tickets at \$60.00 per person = \$ _____

***Gala Reception & Banquet* DINNER SELECTION (S):**

MEAT _____ FISH _____ VEG _____ = _____

Guests at \$125.00 per person = \$ _____

Panther Lake Golf Outing

Friday, October 8, 2010

Golf Outing _____ at \$110.00 per person = \$ _____ Do you need rental clubs? (Y or N) _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____ **Check #** _____

Please remit registration portion to:

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