Message from the USA Chair:

We have just completed the ADI USA Convocation in Las Vegas with an impressive class of incoming Fellows. The meeting was held at the Luxor Hotel and Casino October 8-10, 2011. The continuing education program was given by our own Dr. Jim Schneider on “Forensic Dentistry”. His affiliation with the medical examiner’s office for 20+ years allowed for more than a few interesting stories. We thank you, Jim for sharing your knowledge and stories.

We were also privileged to confer honorary membership to several of our corporate board members on the ADI Foundation (ADIF). They are Mildred Goldstein of Harry J. Bosworth Company, Paula Vogel of A-dec Inc., and Vickie Waitsman of Dental EZ Group. These individuals have committed themselves to supporting our foundation throughout the years and are well deserving of their recognition.

For those who are unfamiliar with the workings of the ADIF, we give a number of grants to support projects that help provide service and education around the world. Even throughout these lean times we have been fortunate enough to continue support of a number of worthwhile programs. The Annual Silent Auction at our meeting this year produced a record amount of money raised with this venue for the foundation. Further information on the foundation and grant requests can be obtained by contacting your Regent or by contacting Dr. Donald Brown, President of the ADIF (Contact information can be obtained through the central office).

The Chau Lam Scholarship Memorial Luncheon at the Annual Meeting continues to keep the legacy of one of our most esteemed members. His strong desire to help support education continues by the acknowledgement of a dental student with a scholarship award in his memory at the University of Alabama. Thank you to Dr. Dat Giap for his continued efforts to remind us of this important aspect of our academy.

Dr. Tom Brink is entering the second year of his term as President of ADI and continues to show his commitment to our organization by relentlessly traveling to many of the international activities of ADI. This dedication not only takes its toll in terms of time and money, but emotionally as well. All we need to do to show our support for him and ADI is to consider recommending a colleague worthy of the recognition of being a Fellow in our academy. All you have to do is submit a candidate’s name to the central office and the central office does the rest. Another way to show your support is to contact your Regent or Vice Regent to discuss projects that we (especially the USA Section) can become involved with. Ideas are always welcome.

Through the development of the USA Student Award Program, your USA Section has begun to reach out to dental students that deserve recognition for exhibiting the principles of education and service in our profession. Even at their early stage of schooling, some students have shown their desire to enhance the profession by going above and beyond. This year we will be expanding the program with the future goal of reaching each and every dental school in the United States. True, it is a lofty goal, but it certainly is not unattainable. If you are interested in having your alma mater be recognized and participate in this program, contact any USA Board member to discuss how the process works.

Vice President Dr. Ramon Baez is still working tirelessly to establish a program that will help Jamaica achieve the goal of developing their first dental school. The legwork is slow, but anyone interested in helping should contact Ramon through the central office.

Finally, it is never too early to pencil in dates for 2012. Next year’s convocation will be in San Francisco. October is a great time to visit San Francisco, and we will be starting to plan our venue soon. The USA section is working hard, but still needs your important input. Please contact and discuss your ideas with your Regent.

Robert T. Wong, DMD USA SECTION CHAIR
Message from the President

It’s hard to believe that the first year of my two year term has already gone by. In this past year I think the Academy has made some positive strides even in the face of the continuing economic struggles around the world. I was personally able to attend three convocations this year and again I was “blown away” by the qualifications possessed by our new fellows. The convocation in Mexico City in conjunction with the FDI Congress proved to be a special opportunity for our leaders to share in the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. Many of us were also able to attend and participate in the 50th anniversary of the Mexican Chapter of the International College of Dentists. Dr. Charles Siroyk, ICD President and ADI fellow presided. It was a wonderful opportunity for several of our officers to meet and converse with worldwide dental leaders including the new Immediate Past President of the American Dental Association, Dr. Ray Gist and the new President of the ADA, Dr. Bill Calnon. I have often heard from our fellows that we need to spread the word of who we are. ADI indeed made its presence known favorably in Mexico City.

You will see shortly, improvements in ADI’s website, including the ability of secure, electronic dues payment. I mentioned in my last message that ADI was in the process of partnering with a company called LiveMed. This arrangement has been finalized. Live Med is the leading provider of CME in the Spanish language format. It has reached 100,000 physicians over the past 10 years in Mexico, Latin America and Spain. Their medical affiliates include such prestigious partners as Cleveland Clinic, Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School, St. Luke’s Hospital, MD Anderson, Mayo Clinic, and the American College of Physicians. Our Vice President of Education, Dr. Ernesto Acuna is in the process of developing the curriculum and procuring presenters. I am excited about the possibilities this partnership can offer. This is an opportunity to help fulfill our educational mission and gain exposure in the Spanish speaking world.

I mentioned in my message a year ago that is my privilege to serve the Academy. I am determined to continue to so until my successor, Dr. Diampo Lim takes the reigns next fall.

Fraternally,

Tom Brink

Message from the Editor

This is my third article as editor. I just returned from the annual ADI meeting in conjunction with the ADA Annual Session in Las Vegas. It was great as always seeing all of the board members of ADI. It never ceases to amaze me how wonderful it is to share ideas, and stories with our Regents from around the world. It is the best way to find out many things about other countries first hand and develop lasting friendships. Some of the areas discussed this year were how is their economy is doing, what dental practice is like in their respective countries, and how ADI can be more meaningful to them. This year we had a new Regent from Japan, Dr. Yasumasa Mitsui join us, and the Philippine Islands’ new Regent, Dr. Natividad C. Gervasio shared a wonderful PowerPoint of what was happening in her country.

Also it is fantastic spending time with the new fellows who convocated at the ADI Annual Session. It is always amazing and touching to hear about the new fellows and their accomplishments, and it makes us all very proud of them and our academy. The convocation was fantastic, and the reception that night was spectacular. Highlights of the evening included a fantastic dinner, congratulating all of the new fellows, and the piano-playing of T. Bob Davis. You will certainly want to join us next year for this fantastic event.

And remember, it is never too early to start nominating our new fellows for next year’s convocation. There are so many worthy individuals that need to be nominated for fellowship and brought into our Academy. Please continue to send your articles to “The Informer” on time, utilizing my email at GRZENTERPRISES@comcast.com. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Fraternally yours, George Zehak
I took my annual dental student mission trip Nicaragua in March 2011 during Spring Break and involved students from 2 dental schools in Texas, UT Houston and Baylor. For next year we are opening it up to the UT San Antonio Dental School and to others who might have a student interested in joining us March 17-24, 2012. We go to Guatemala this time and will plan to take 50 team-members who will see 700 school age kids in the week. It is a mammoth challenge and I will appreciate any volunteer dental team members. We will send out a packet of info to anyone interested.

This year saw our regency award the first STUDENT SERVANT LEADERSHIP AWARD from ADI USA SECTION to UT Houston, followed by LSU, UT San Antonio, and Baylor. This new award will grow in outreach to other schools as the Board approves funds and regents nominate their schools. The significance of this prestigious award is already greatly appreciated by the dental schools and our organization will impact many young professionals as they graduate and enter our wonderful profession, having already espoused some of our cherished values.

We had dozens of nominees for Fellowship but as all are experiencing, the economy and limited discretionary funds have adversely affected all organizations. As Dentist of the Year for the Dallas County Dental Society 2011-2012, I have met many leaders around the state of Texas and will be nominating others for next year. I urgently request we get our web page active and alive to help new prospects to know who we really are and to be inspired to join hands with us to meet our goals. My objective for next year is to highlight ADI in some more publications other than our own to spread the recognition of this fine group.

This concludes my report.

Gratefully,

T. Bob Davis, DMD, MAGD, FICD, FACD, FADI

Reported by Dr. T. Bob Davis
It has been a busy year for the North Central in access to care. There are so many unserved and underserved patients. There are groups and foundations in this country that feel the dental profession is not and cannot take care of these patients. Their idea is to follow other countries which have introduced a mid-level provider that performs irreversible surgical procedures as restorations and extractions with only a few years of training after high school. This introduces lower level trained individuals that will create a second tier or lower level of care for patients that actually require a higher level of expertise to treat them. In Illinois, we are treating these patients with the properly trained individuals – dentists. We want all patients to be treated to the same high degree of expertise.

There are many “pieces” of the intricate puzzle to make sure every patient receives the proper oral health care. One of the events we have held in Illinois and other midwestern states is Mission of Mercy. Illinois had a Mission of Mercy in the summer of 2010 and treated 1953 patients and delivered over $1 million in dental treatment to the unserved and underserved patients, and will be hosting another one next summer in 2012. Wisconsin has also held Mission of Mercies. This past summer in Chicago, On August 19, 20 and 21, over 500 volunteers came together for the Remote Area Medical® free clinic program at Malcolm X College in Chicago to help patients in need. Doctors, dentists, ophthalmologists, nurses and many other licensed professionals and general volunteers donated their time and talents to serve nearly 2,000 people in need of dental, vision and medical care. Twenty percent of these volunteers traveled from 20 states thanks to a law passed last year that allows licensed professionals to volunteer their time at free clinics in Illinois without having to apply for a temporary state license.

In Illinois, we are also blessed to have the Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation that gives so much money to aid the unserved and underserved children in the state. Working through grantee partners across the state, the Foundation focuses its grantmaking on identifying and funding solutions to the barriers that prevent children from accessing the ongoing health care they need. The Foundation is also committed to the concept of a medical/dental home where a child and his/her family can receive high quality and consistent care informed by knowledge of the child and family, has a primary focus on prevention, and facilitates a strong relationship between those who comes in contact with a child.

It does not end there, As Dr. Ron Fritz puts it, you do not have to go to a distant country to treat the unserved and the underserved. These patients are in our backyard. It is important for each dentist that can donate some time do so. And that is what is great about our beloved academy - The Academy of Dentistry International lives and breathes giving back to the unserved and the underserved. We must grow this organization so that we can reach out to more dentists and thus reach out to more patients.

Our battle is won in the trenches. By growing our organization, we have added one more piece to the puzzle of solving access to care. We grow in numbers and thus through a growing pyramid, we ultimately treat more unserved patients.

So our charge is to start more Missions of Mercies and such programs in all of the different areas of the United States. We must also work in the existing clinics and look into starting new clinics for the underserved and unserved. This country has never let its people down and will not start now. Until next time, come visit us in the North Central Region. Fraternally yours, George Zehak,
Reach Out & Touch a Life: Seattle UGM Dental Clinic

In the basement of an old red stone building, in Seattle Pioneer Square is the Union G Mission Dental Clinic. The dental clinic was established to help the homeless who can not afford dental care. The bright, cheery, state-of-the-art clinic is a 1500 square foot facility with 3 dental chairs, and a complete array of modern equipment and supplies.

Most of the dental patients are in programs that are helping them make a new start. Having their dental hygiene and dental needs taken care of and being provided with good home care instructions certainly gives them a boost to their self-esteem. Dental volunteers help improve the patient’s smiles and their self-confidence.

The patients are previously screened and visits are by appointment only. The operatories have everything, including a cavitron.

Many of the patients have not had any dental care or cleanings for the past 10 to 20 years. Most of them respond very favorable to the treatment, improve their oral hygiene dramatically, and follow through with all of their care. The UGM clinic is one of several projects in the U.S. the ADI has supported.
Regency updates

As always, I have been very busy. I would like to tell you what I have been doing. Recently, I have been involved in treatment for the underserved and unserved in California. You see, you do not have to travel to foreign countries when there is such need here. It also proves another thing too, “there is a need here in California, in the USA. On a weekend this past September, I was involved in a medical, dental, optometric mission in Coachella Valley near Indio. It was help at the very large Coachella Valley High School in Thermal, Ca. I consider it another tremendous success by the Flying Doctors, and the story was reported by Local 2 TV in Palm Springs. I felt the privilege of being involved, and again met students from UNLV (Univ of Nevada, Las Vegas) dental school, which I will be seeing on a tour of UNLV with a faculty colleague/friend a week from Friday, as the ADA in Vegas begins.

Students and colleagues worked together with the same goal, and it was again impressive how young people latched onto mentors as the day progressed.

Tired back, sore legs, but a very warm feeling inside. Dr. Ronaldo Fritz

ADI FOUNDATION

a message from your President

ADI Foundation Board met on October 10, 2011 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The grant applications for 2011 were reviewed and funds distributed to Seattle’s Union Gospel Mission that provides denture services to the homeless patients, Salud Y Paz dental missionary clinic in Guatemala and Oral Health Research Capacity Building for Nepal to study salt fluoridation in Nepal.

The annual silent auction was very successful, adding much appreciated funds for distribution.

Three of our outstanding corporate members of the Foundation Board were awarded honorary membership in ADI. They are Paula G. Vogel of the A-dec Corporation, Vickie J. Waitsman Vice-President and General Counsel of Dental EZ Group and Mildred M. Goldstein of Harry J. Bosworth Company.

Please continue to support the ADI Foundation with your contributions. One half of the funds contributed are available for grants each year with the other half contributed to the corpus of the investment funds. Estate planning may include gifts to the Foundation.

We encourage applications for grant money. Forms may be obtained from the ADI Central office.

Sincerely, Don Brown, D.D.S., M.S.
My dear friends and colleagues,
It has been a couple of months since I passed the helm of the Academy of General Dentistry to another highly respected member of the dental profession and of FDI, Dr. Howard Gamble. In my travels as president of the Academy of General Dentistry there was no one aspect of our membership that struck me as more profound than the diversity of our members. It is this diversity that makes us strong nationally and hope one day will give us more credibility internationally.

I myself take a broad and inclusive view of diversity. I believe diversity means understanding and valuing the characteristics and beliefs of those who demonstrate a wide range of characteristics. This includes ethnic and racial backgrounds, age, physical and cognitive abilities, family status, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, religious and spiritual values, and geographic location.

While recognizing the different groups to which individuals may belong, we must also understand that each group is composed of persons who exhibit a broad range in values and characteristics. By valuing individuals and groups free from prejudice, and by fostering a climate where equity and mutual respect are intrinsic, we create a success-oriented, cooperative and caring community of professionals that draw intellectual strength and produce innovative solutions from the synergy of its members.

As you all know the cultural diversity in America is very dynamic. If you think about it, we can be considered the melting pot of the world. No doubt this encompasses acceptance and respect to our world, to all countries and to its native people. It is within this germane concept of humanity all of us and all the organizations we belong to should prescribe to.

FDI as an international organization has embraced diversity in its core existence and built on it its own identity; it has its own purpose and mission of being an honor society of diverse dentists throughout the world 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.

It is the right thing to do, to respect, to share, and to educate. It is a noble calling and a noble mission that should be embraced by all dental and professional organizations especially here in the United States.

Fares M. Elias, DDS, JD, FAGD
President, dental Alumni association
University of Detroit Mercy school of Dentistry
Immediate past President
Academy of General Dentistry
Mr. Seth Griffin, University of Detroit Mercy Dental School; Terry Tanaka Award Winner
2011 ADI Annual Meeting Convocation

Front Row Left to Right: Dr. T. Bob Davis (standing), Dr. Reg Hession, Dr. Gerhard Seeberger, Dr. Ernesto Acuña, Ms. Vickie Waitsman, Dr. Tobias Bauer, Dr. Thomas Brink, Mr. Friedrich Herbst, Mrs. Mildred Goldstein, Ms. Paula Vogel, Dr. Diampo Lim, Dr. Ramon Baez, Dr. Robert Ramus.

Second Row Left to Right: Dr. Scott Kanamori, Dr. Michelle Jennings, Dr. Jack Leverett Jr., Dr. Richard Ordoñez, Dr. Khalid Chaudry, Dr. Kent Caserta, Dr. Thomas Fitzpatrick, Dr. Earl Freymiller, Dr. Van Haywood.

Third Row Left to Right: Dr. Mark Malterud, Dr. Jaikrishnan Kakanar, Dr. David Ku, Dr. Mark Kilcollin, Dr. Jordan Kushner, Dr. Larry Tabor, Dr. Mark Carpenter, Dr. Thomas Wachtel, Dr. Mark Fagan.

Top Row Left to Right: Dr. Eric Jackson, Dr. William Kisker, Dr. David Nichols, Dr. Mark Chun, Dr. Norman Chun, Dr. Kyle Chock, Dr. Mitchell Chun, Dr. Kevin Ching, Dr. Jamie Bone.

Not pictured are the following new fellows who were inducted into fellowship in Mexico City on September 14: Dr. Stacy Doyle Lind from Highlands Ranch, Colorado; and Dr. Joseph C. Harris from Detroit, Michigan. Our Congratulations to all of the new fellows!!
Dr. Van B. Haywood address to the Fellows 2011

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Dr. Van B. Haywood

Members, President, and Regents of the Academy of Dentistry International.

I am humbled and honored to be asked to speak on behalf of the newly elected fellows. I get to say in a few words what these men and women have been saying with their actions and their lives.

We all appreciate the status we have been given today, not because we have attained something on which to rest, but because we are encouraged to press on toward the goals set before us.

Being in this group will ENCOURAGE each of us to not grow weary of doing good. Sometimes you may feel that you are the only one doing something, and wonder what is the use, or if it is making a difference. A fellowship like this of like-minded individuals will recharge batteries for the next adventure, and help see the bigger picture of what is being done in the world.

Being in a group as this will INSPIRE us to greater heights, as we stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us. Remember back when the four minute mile was thought to be impossible. Then when Roger Bannister ran it in under four minutes, several others did so in the same year. Once something that was thought to be impossible is done by someone else, then everyone benefits as they see it is possible. Membership is a group as this will broaden our vision for what can be done.

This group also will allow CROSS-POLLINATION from the larger group of ideas that will work globally. In my over 30 years of academic dentistry, I am continually amazed how many different ways there are to do something in dentistry or teaching, and how different both the United states and the world is in its approach to dental education. Sharing those ideas and methods will enhance everyone globally.

This group will also allow us to INTEGRATE TECHNOLOGY with the PASSION OF SERVING. The use of internet to transfer lecture materials, giving Skype lectures, making or finding YouTube videos, podcasts, and a myriad of other technological advances make the sharing of information more fun and exciting than ever before. Because of technology, the world is a smaller place than ever, and more opportunities exist to make a difference in a big way. Hence the need for a global organization such as this one to see the needs and the opportunities.
All of us here recognize that ALL we have, even life itself, is a gift from God. What we do with it in serving others is our gift back to God. The challenge is to find that area in which you are gifted and blessed, and make that platform a blessing to others. We all have a different set of talents, as well as are in a different set of circumstances. Exploring the options where we are is the first step in seeing where we should be and what we should be doing in the next phase of our lives.

As the volunteer Dental Director for the Christian Dental Association for the last five years, I have met dentists doing things and going places that I would have thought impossible. Hearing about one dentist on a mission trip to the far reaches of the Antarctic who strapped local anesthetic around his body so it would not freeze continues to challenge my imagination about what I can or should do. Seeing the tireless efforts of so many dentists is both inspiring and humbling.

I often think of Moses in the Old Testament. When complaining about what he could not do, God asked him what he had in his hand. It was his staff. God took that staff, and used it in miraculous ways to change a nation and a world. We have in our hands, the MINISTRY OF DENTISTRY. Let us too use it in a way to make a difference in this world. This profession has allowed many of us to go places and do things that are beyond our wildest dreams. Let us share those blessings with others.

As a teacher, either formally or informally, many of us have seen how we can multiply our efforts through students, being mentors to other dentists young and old, sharing knowledge through lectures and hands-on demonstrations, and being examples through our lives of thankfulness for what we have been given.

I applaud my fellow inductees, as well as you members and leaders, for all you have done that got you to this place in life. We are thankful for the opportunities this next step in life will provide, both for us and those with whom we come in contact. Thank you for honoring us so. Blessings.

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**USA Section - Academy of Dentistry International**

**New Member Nomination Requirements**

As a Fellow in the Academy of Dentistry International, we are encouraged to nominate colleagues that one feels embraces the philosophy of the Academy. These prospective members have distinguished themselves in their professional and personal endeavors. The qualifications for membership according to the Academy's bylaws are the following:

1. The candidate must have five years of active practice as a dentist or in related areas of dentistry: such as clinical practice, research, education, public service, literature or journalism, and service to the profession.
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.

Once the nominee meets the above requirements, it is our duty to nominate this candidate for the good of the organization. Please write or type (preferably) the candidate’s full name and address legibly and mail it to: The Academy Of Dentistry International Membership, 3813 Gordon Creek Drive, Hicksville, Ohio 43556
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Midwinter Meeting
The Academy of Dentistry International
Breakfast Meeting

Topic:

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Dr. Jun Lim is currently in private practice limited to periodontology and implantology in Chicago and teaches at the University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Dentistry as an associate professor. Dr. Lim received his DDS from Columbia University and his certificate in Periodontics and Masters in science degree from Ohio State University. He has lectured extensively in the disciplines of periodontics and implants.

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