I am truly honored to be your 66th President of the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics. I approach this position with a servant’s heart and a desire to keep our Academy vibrant. The success of this meeting and the Academy has been and always will be the selfless dedication of our Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs and Committee members. Thank you all for your extraordinary efforts in producing and promoting this wonderful meeting for these many years.

I was first invited to this meeting by my mentor, the late Dr. Tom Barco, during my residency. Tom was a great role model for me and an enthusiastic member of the Academy. He told me that this was a very "special event" and that I would not regret attending. He said I would very much enjoy the presentations just as much as the people I would meet. I could not understand why anyone would want to attend a Chicago CE program in the middle of February. Once I attended my first meeting, I realized he was right. That was some thirty years ago. Chicago is, despite the cold and the wind, a great place to get reacquainted with friends and colleagues. It seems that this meeting never fails to inspire me with new ideas or techniques that I can use the following Monday morning in my clinical practice or to share with residents and colleagues. This CE program is one of the best values for your time and dollars because the Academy has strived to appeal to the many varied interests of younger as well as more seasoned clinicians whether they are specialists, generalists or those involved in academia. It is indeed a "special event". The 2017 meeting “Navigating New Frontiers in Prosthodontics” will be no different. Our 2017 Program Director, Dr. David Burns has worked tirelessly to assemble a great group of presenters that I am sure you will enjoy.

However, what makes the AAFP meeting a “special event” is more than just the CE program. It is the opportunity to meet and work with like-minded passionate clinicians, including some of the many movers and shakers in Fixed Prosthodontics, which has been and continues to be a very rewarding experience. What always impressed me about this meeting has been the genuine collegiality, fellowship and welcoming atmosphere that makes our meeting and the Academy unique. I encourage any member to make the most of that opportunity. If you are interested in serving the Academy and would like to participate on a committee, please contact me or any Officer or Director. I know you won't regret it!

Gerry Santulli, President
Committee Chairs

- **Academy Archival Committee**
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  - Duane Douglas, 2017

- **Bylaws Committee**
  - Martin Land, Parliamentarian

- **Claude R. Baker Teaching Award Committee**
  - Caroline Nguyen, 2018

- **Continuing Dental Education Compliance Committee**
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  - Avi Bidra, 2017

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- **Information Technology Committee**
  - Radi Masri, 2017

- **Local Arrangements Committee**
  - Judy Yuan, 2017

- **Nominating Committee**
  - Steven Morgano, 2019

- **Program Committee Chair**
  - David Burns, 2017

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- **Research in Fixed Prosthodontics Committee**
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  - Com B: Fahad Al-Harbi, 2017

- **Stanley D. Tylman Research Committee**
  - Fei Liu, 2018

- **Strategic Planning Committee**
  - Bob Kelly, 2017

- **Poster Program Committee**
  - Sarit Kaplan, ad hoc

- **Ad Hoc Committee for Corporate Support**
  - Bob Kelly
2016 Annual Meeting

The American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics Annual Meeting was held in Chicago, on February 26 and 27, 2016. The scientific session was entitled, “Multidisciplinary Approach to Complex Prosthodontics: The Key to Your Success.”

2016 Awards

The **Stanley D. Tylman Research Program** supports postdoctoral students’ research in fixed prosthodontics through competitive grants. Tylman Awards are subsequently given for outstanding research supported by a Tylman Grant.

**First Place**

**Dr. Diane Vo**  
University of Maryland  
Title: Adherence of *Streptococcus mutans* on lithium disilicate porcelain specimens  
Research Advisor: Dr. Radi Masri  
Program Director: Dr. Carl Driscoll

**Second Place**

**Dr. Nuno Marques Guilherme**  
University of Washington  
Title: Assessment of reliability of CAD/CAM tooth-colored implant custom abutments  
Research Supervisor: Dr. Kwok-Hung Chung, Dr. Ariel Raigrodski  
Program Director: Dr. Hai Zhang

**Third Place**

**Dr. Lessly Garza**  
Marquette University School of Dentistry  
Title: The effect of toothbrushing on shade and surface roughness of extrinsically stained pressable ceramic restorations  
Research Supervisor: Dr. Geoffrey A. Thompson  
Program Director: Dr. Geoffrey A. Thompson

By: Dr. Fei Liu
2016 Awards (continued)

George H. Moulton Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Art and Science of Fixed Prosthodontics
Recognizes members who have made a significant impact and contribution to the art and science of fixed prosthodontics and have demonstrated lifetime service to the field.

Moulton Committee Chair Dr. Nadim Baba (left) and AAFP President Dr. Steven Morgano (right) present the 2016 Moulton Award to Dr. Carl Driscoll (center).

Claude R. Baker Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching Pre-Doctoral Fixed Prosthodontics
Recognizes exceptional dental school junior faculty members in pre-doctoral fixed prosthodontic teaching.

Baker Committee Chair Dr. Mijin Choi (left) and AAFP President Dr. Steven Morgano (right) present the 2016 Baker Award to Dr. Fatemeh Afshari (center).

Don Garver - Robert Staffanou Prosthodontic Program Director’s Award for Excellence.
Recognizes post-graduate program directors who have made a significant impact and contribution to the art and science of fixed prosthodontics.

Garver Committee Chair Dr. Bill Nagy (left) and AAFP President Dr. Steven Morgano (right) present the 2016 Garver Award to Dr. Hiroshi Hirayama (center).
New AAFP Members

By: Dr. Avinash Bidra


Front row left to right: Drs. Garin Liu, Georgios Maroulakos, Jee Kim, Kosuke Harada, Fong Wong, Upoma Guha, Cynthia Aita-Holmes, Elisandra Reyes-Perez, Alvaro Gracia, Kimberly A. Farrell, and Patricia Kmet.

Recently Appointed Life Members

- Dr. Edward Allen, Dallas, TX
- Dr. John A. Anderson Jr, Grand Forks, ND
- Dr. Steven A. Aquilino, Santa Rosa, CA
- Dr. Junhei Fujimoto, Tokyo, Japan
- Dr. Yasuo Hatano, Chofu, Japan
- Dr. Theodore Jenkins, Buffalo, NY
- Dr. M. Reza Moini, Bethesda, MD
- Dr. Larry L. Pace, Columbia, MO
- Dr. Frank E. Seaman, Colorado Springs,

Claude R. Baker Award for Excellence in Teaching Pre-Doctoral Fixed Prosthodontics

By: Dr. Caroline Nguyen

Please submit:
- Two letters of nomination
- One letter from the Dean

Send inquiries and applications to Dr. Caroline Nguyen
Email: caroline.nguyen@ubc.ca

By: Dr. Caroline Nguyen
AAFP Article in *The Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry*


Peter Barndt, DDS, MS, a Hai Zhang, DMD, PhD, b and Fei Liu, DDS, PhD c

a Director of Graduate Prosthodontics, Prosthodontic Department, Naval Postgraduate Dental School, Bethesda, Maryland.
b Associate Professor, Director of Graduate Prosthodontics, Department of Restorative Dentistry, School of Dentistry, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.
c Assistant Professor, Department of Biologic and Materials Sciences, Division of Prosthodontics, University of Michigan School of Dentistry, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

**ABSTRACT**

One of the key issues of modern implant rehabilitation is the overall shortening of treatment time. High survival rates for immediately loaded implants have been reported in many but not all treatment modalities. In recent years, considerable evidence for the successful immediate loading outcome has been documented in both animal and human studies. The mechanical force generated by immediate loading may explain the favorable biologic response of bone and surrounding tissue when the design is biomechanically sound. However, in certain treatment modalities, including but not limited to immediately placed maxillary anterior single implants, immediately placed single molar implants, unsplinted implants in overdentures, and implants in maxillary anterior partial fixed dental prostheses, loading dental implants indiscriminately and immediately is not safe because of potentially unfavorable stress distribution and a negative cellular response under such high stress during early healing. (*J Prosthett Dent* 2015;113:96-107)
Memorial

Dr. Robert F. Wright Jr., 60 years old, of Chapel Hill, NC, and Kennebunk, ME, passed away on April 10, 2016, at his home in Chapel Hill. Robert was born September 30, 1955, in Memphis, TN, son of Robert F. Wright, Sr. and Florence Lung Wright.

Dr. Wright graduated from the University of Memphis with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. He then went on to earn his DDS at the University of Tennessee Dental School. He continued his postgraduate education by completing a General Practice Residency at the LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans, LA. Following that, he continued with a combined three year residency at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City, for both general prosthodontics and maxillofacial prosthetics.

Dr. Wright was dedicated to academia and devoted his life to cultivating individuals who were interested in becoming board certified prosthodontists. He taught at Columbia University from 1986 until 2004, Harvard University School of Dental Medicine from 2004 until 2013, and at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill from 2013 until 2016.

Dr. Wright was an ardent college sports fan, avidly following football, basketball, and his beloved Memphis Tigers. He also loved to travel, as well as to learn about and experience different cultures. He enjoyed urban life, which allowed him to meet one of his personal goals of never having to drive to work. Despite his love of city life, he was also happy to go back home for summers in Maine on Gooch’s Beach in Kennebunk. He cherished the early morning walks with the dogs, meeting people on the beach, and the evenings when the beach would quiet down again.

He was intellectually curious and gifted with a wonderful sense of humor, which he mostly reserved for those to whom he felt closest. Dr. Wright belonged to many associations, including The American College of Prosthodontists, The Academy of Prosthodontics, The Greater NY Academy of Prosthodontics, American Dental Educators Association, American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics and the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics. Dr. Wright chaired the AAFP’s Credentials committee in 2002 and was also our first Webmaster.
## 2017 Scientific Meeting

AAFP Annual Session 2017 Speaker Information  
February 24-25  
“Navigating New Frontiers in Prosthodontics”  
Scientific Program Chair: Dr. David R. Burns

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2018 European Meeting

THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FIXED PROSTHODONTICS and THE DUTCH FLEMISH SOCIETY FOR RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY (NVVRT)

We are pleased to announce a conjoint scientific meeting between our two organizations. The meeting will be held in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

- **Friday, May 25, and Saturday, May 26, 2018** (Memorial Day Weekend)

Please "save the date" and join us for a fabulous two-day scientific meeting, including social events in Amsterdam. More details will be provided in forthcoming newsletters regarding this unique opportunity.

- Excellent European and North American lecturers
- First class hotels in the heart of the vibrant city center
- Outstanding spouses program
- Private canal tours
- Fine dining at unique historical locations
- Rembrandt, Van Gogh and Vermeer will be joining us at our opening cocktail reception party.

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