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President's Welcome

Dear Colleagues,

It is my most sincere honor to serve you as the 72nd President of the Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics. On behalf of the Membership, I'd like to thank Immediate Past President Dr. Jim Dunne for his leadership during another challenging year for our Academy, and congratulate him and his Program Chairs, Drs. Duane Douglas and Damian Lee, for putting on such an outstanding and successful program in February. Thank you to all who attended, and especially to those who invited guests and new member candidates to join us. The attendance surpassed our expectations, and gives us hope that things are turning the corner with respect to the pandemic. To those who found it impossible to attend the 2022 Scientific Session, we missed you and hope to see you next year!

I referred to our past year as "challenging," and I wish I could tell you the challenges to our Academy are over. Due to the foresight and fiscal responsibility of previous leadership, we were able to weather a year without a meeting, followed by a meeting with reduced attendance, coupled with two consecutive years of reduced dues income. COVID had a serious, negative impact on corporate sponsorship and exhibitor revenue at our February meeting. Inflation is at record levels and will increase the cost of running next year's meeting. In the face of this, the Board of Directors made some difficult decisions, the first of which was to say we do not want the quality of our meeting experience to suffer. We often hear our attendees say, "This is my favorite meeting," and we chose not to change that by cutting activities that members and guests enjoy. To be sure, this is not to say that the Board is not aggressively looking at means to reduce operating expenses. It is doing so now more than ever. To maintain the quality of our meeting, and in anticipation of increased costs that will be incurred in 2023, dues have been adjusted to allow us to manage these economic pressures.

Those of you who attended the 2022 Scientific Session noted that you had to pay a meeting fee. From time to time in our Academy's history, the question of whether to maintain our business model of charging one fee that encompasses dues and meeting attendance versus separate dues and meeting fees has come up. It served our purposes well last year when we reduced dues, to charge an additional fee to those who chose to attend the meeting. It seemed like a natural time for the Board to consider whether the Academy should perpetuate this practice.

To assist us in making an educated decision, our Treasurer performed some financial modeling based on the numbers of members who have attended the Scientific Session during a series of "normal" years, along with expenses incurred. It became quickly apparent that to charge dues plus a meeting fee would not only make budgeting more difficult for the Academy, but would require a substantial increase in total costs to those members who attend the meeting. For this reason, the Board unanimously voted to return to our traditional model of charging members one fee, without an additional fee to attend the meeting. There will be no meeting fee next year!

Looking forward to next year, Program Chairs Sarit Kaplan and Ariel Raigrodski have prepared an excellent program for 2023: "Comprehensive Management of Prosthodontic Challenges." The outstanding lineup of speakers is listed in this newsletter. Please plan to join us, bring guests, and encourage them to become members of the Academy. We look forward to being back bigger and better next year, and we truly appreciate your support in this endeavor.

My best,

Jennifer A. Kuracina, DDS
President, American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics

Board of Directors 2022-23



Back row (L-R): Directors Ramtin Sadid-Zadeh, Judy Yuan, DJ Pannu, Robert Walter, Ken Chen, Duane Douglas
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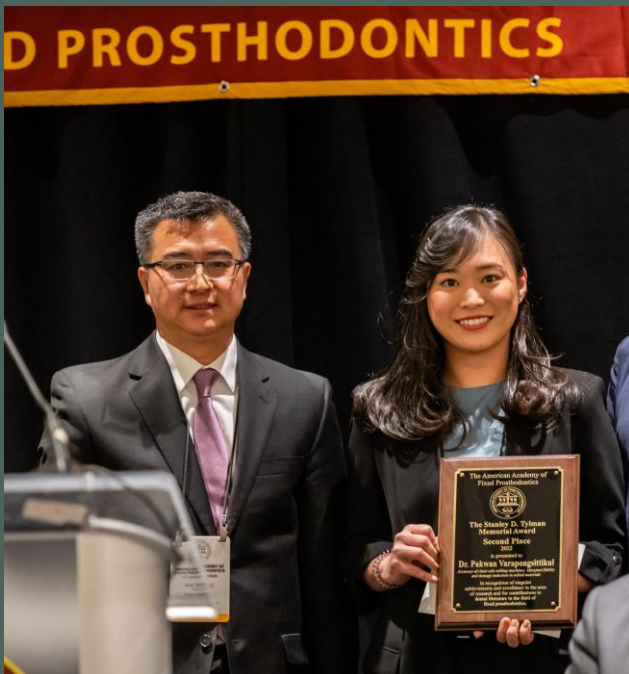
Stanley D. Tylman Research Committee - Hai Zhang

Strategic Planning Committee - Carlo Ercoli

2022 AAFP Annual Scientific Session Award Ceremony



The **1st place Tylman Award** was presented to **Dr. Amir Hossein Nejat** for his research “The accuracy of different digital impression techniques and scan bodies for complete-arch implant-supported reconstructions”. The Tylman Award is supported by a grant from the Editorial Council of the JPD. His research mentor was **Dr. Karen Bruggers** (right). He received his award from Tylman Committee Chair, **Dr. Hai Zhang**.



Tylman Research Award **2nd place** award presented to **Dr. Pakwan Varapongsittikul** by Committee Chair **Dr. Hai Zhang**. Research Advisor: **Dr. John Sorensen**.



Tylman Research Award **3rd place** award presented to **Dr. Unnur Jensen** by Committee Chair **Dr. Hai Zhang**. Research Advisor: **Dr. John Sorensen** (right).



The **Garver-Staffanou Award** is presented by The American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics to an outstanding prosthodontic educator who has served as program director of an Advanced Education in Prosthodontics Program. It memorializes the late Dr. Don Garver and Dr. Bob Staffanou who served with distinction as Academy Treasurer and Secretary, respectively for many years. The 2020 recipient of the Garver-Staffanou award was **Dr. Mathew Kattadiyil (right)** who serves as graduate program director at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry. He received the award from Garver-Staffanou Award Committee Chair, **Dr. Gillian Alexander Hazboun (left)**.



The **Claude R. Baker Faculty Award** recognizes young outstanding predoctoral faculty in Fixed Prosthodontics. The 2021 recipient was **Dr. Ramtin Sadid-Zadeh**, a faculty member at University of Buffalo who received his award from Baker Award Chair, Dr. Sarit Kaplan.



Dr. Jeff Chen (left) received the award of excellence for a Clinical Poster Presentation from Poster Committee Chair **Dr. Ramtin Sadid-Zadeh (right)**.



Dr. Lolowh Almogbel (left) received the **Carol A. Lefebvre Scientific Poster Presentation Award** from **Dean Lefebvre (right)**.

New Members- Welcome!



Back row (L-R): Drs Bart Cragen, Irbad Chowdhury, Dana Buglione, Jack Keesler, Edmond Bedrossian, Fengyuan Zheng, Robert Faulkner, Minh Van.

Middle row (L-R): Drs David Pierson, Prajakta Shreeram Kulkarni, Loana Tovar Suinaga, James Browning, Brenda Hanes, Pakwan Varapongsittikul, Shivani Suvarna.

Front row (L-R): Drs Hanan Ali, Rory Boyd, Leora Walter, Wenchou Wu, Celin Arce, Rui Li.

Recently Appointed Life Members

William Dodson

Mauro Fradeani

Jaime A. Gil

Julie A. Holloway

George Kay

Martin F. Land

Alan S. Levi

Argirios Pissiotis

2023 AAFP Annual Scientific Session

Comprehensive Management of Prosthodontic Challenges
Program Co-Chairs: Drs. Sarit Kaplan and Ariel Raigrodski

February 24, 2023

Dr. Joe Kan: Managing long term challenges in the esthetic zone

Dr. Roneet Lev: Unknown recreational drug users that can destroy your practice

Dr. Dennis Tarnow: Facilitating the foundation for an implant supported restoration in the esthetic zone

Dr. Marta Revilla: The role of additive manufacturing in CAD/CAM technology

Dr. Mohamed Fayad: Cracking the cracked teeth code utilizing CBCT imaging: A new perspective on diagnosis, CBCT imaging, treatment strategies, and outcomes

Dr. Edward (Pat) Allen: Managing mucogingival defects/soft tissue

Dr. Gustavo Giordani: Digital interdisciplinary treatment - How to combine biology with technology to achieve predictability in the esthetic zone

February 25, 2023

Dr. Martijn Moolenaar: Combining the analog and the digital technologies in comprehensive complete mouth rehabilitation

Dr. Kostas Chochladakis: Management of challenging cases in implant prosthodontics

Mr. Aki Yoshida: Smile makeover for your patients - communication for esthetic results

Dr. Drew Ferris: The use of aligners in comprehensive dentistry

Dr. Susanne Scherrer: Updates in ceramic materials

Dr. Hardeep (Bobby) Birdi: Avoiding implant challenges by harnessing perio-prosthetic principals

Dr. Nate Lawson: Adhesive cementation of indirect restorations - current status

Dr. Kenneth Malament (Reserve): An advanced perspective on lithium disilicate restorations in the age of zirconia