



American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics

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President's Welcome

Dear Friends,

As we embark on another year, I want to extend a warm welcome to all! It is truly my honor and privilege to serve as your 74th President. My sincere gratitude to Immediate Past-President, Dr Sarit Kaplan, for her outstanding leadership this past year as well as to all Past Presidents. Each of you has left an indelible mark on our organization, contributing your unique strengths and perspectives to make it what it is today. I have very big shoes to fill.

Twenty-two years ago, I attended my first meeting as a Prosthodontic resident. Reflecting on my own journey these past few decades has unveiled the mission and vision of the Academy which is "to foster excellence in the field of prosthodontics, implants and esthetic dentistry through mutual study, participation, and cooperation." Not only have I gained from the quality and strength of the annual program, but from the numerous opportunities to be involved in various committees, and ultimately being given the privilege to serve on the board of directors, as webmaster, and now having the honor of serving as your President. None of this would have been possible without the camaraderie and mentorship that I have received from fellow Academy members and leaders.

The Academy continues to be a strong presence as a leading organization in the Prosthodontic community, by providing a high-quality annual scientific program with world-renowned speakers and a venue to connect with colleagues and friends. I am honored to have Past-President, Drs. Jack Lipkin and Darshanjit Pannu as Program Co-Chairs for the 2025 meeting, *"The World of Prosthodontics – an Interdisciplinary Journey."* They have assembled outstanding speakers, carrying on the Academy's tradition of hosting a world-class meeting.

We continue to explore opportunities to interact with the Global Prosthodontic Community. Dr. Kaplan's vision of hosting a conjoint meeting in Kerry, Ireland, with the Irish Dental Association this April is one such example. I am looking forward to this meeting and hope to see many members attend. Despite the challenges faced during the pandemic, our organization not only survived but has come out stronger, while membership has remained steady and has even shown growth. Yet, in acknowledging the ever-evolving landscape, we must remain vigilant, think proactively, and strategically. Our Academy continues to remain fiscally strong. I am grateful to Dr. Doug Phillips, our outgoing Treasurer and President-Elect, and Dr. Duane Douglas, Chair of Budget and Finance, for their exceptional stewardship in ensuring the fiscal strength of our Academy. Despite ever-increasing costs associated with all aspects of the scientific session, your board of directors continues to be mindful and cautious about dues increases without compromising the quality of the meeting.

We also continue to improve and expand our reach and communication via social media, creating an ad hoc subcommittee led by Dr. Akanksha Srivastava. I encourage all members to subscribe to the Academy's social media pages; Facebook: @AcademyFixedProsthodontics and Instagram: @aafixedpros. As a continued benefit to members, the recordings of the presentations will remain available to all Academy members at no cost.

The continued dedication of the Officers, Board of Directors, and various committee members and chairs make this volunteer-run organization a continued success. The Academy's strength lies with our future leaders, and I call upon all members to take an active role in upholding our mission to provide exceptional learning opportunities and camaraderie in the field of prosthodontics for which our Academy is recognized worldwide. Please contact any officer or director if you have any thoughts, ideas or questions, or if you would like to be involved in any of our many endeavors.

Warm regards,

Sangeetha Raghavendra



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A letter to life members

Dear Life Members:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank you for your continued involvement in the Academy as well as to your past and future contributions. The strength of the Academy is our membership and as a Life Member and mentor, you are in a position to nominate younger members of our profession and encourage them to join the Academy. In 2022, the Board of Directors voted

on waiving meeting registration fees for any Life Member who served as a primary sponsor for a new member candidate applying for membership. This year, the Board voted to maintain waiving meeting registration fees as a permanent benefit to all Life Members who serve as primary sponsors for new member candidates, for the meeting year which they apply for membership.

Please direct the member candidate(s) to the AAFP website where the new member application can be accessed under the "Membership" tab. The candidate you sponsor should complete the application, pay the application fee, and forward the nomination form link to you. You may also access the nomination form directly on the Academy website on the same Membership tab. You will need to complete the nomination form, which will include a brief letter in support of your candidate's nomination. All of this must be completed prior to January 1st of the year your candidate wishes to be considered for membership, and for you to receive the waived registration fee to that year's meeting.

In order to have your meeting fee waived, please contact Academy Secretary, Dr. Steve Rosenstiel (aafpsec@gmail.com) and Academy Treasurer/Secretary for Guests, Dr. Anthony Kritkauskys (arkaafp@gmail.com) prior to registering for the annual meeting.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in the Academy.

Sincerely,

Sangeetha Raghavendra, DMD, MDSc.

President

Board of Directors 2024-25



Back row (L-R): Directors Soni Prasad, Akanksha Srivastava, Aram Kim, Chris Choi, Parliamentarian Phil Pierpont, Directors Hai Zhang, Viensuong Nguyen. **Front Row (L-R):** Vice President, Carlo Ercoli, Past-President, Sarit Kaplan, President, Sangeetha Raghavendra, President-elect, Doug Phillips, Treasurer, Tony Kritkauskys, Academy Secretary, Stephen Rosenstiel. Not pictured, Director, Robert Walter.

Committee Chairs

Academy Archival Committee - Phil Pierpont

Budget and Finance Committee - Duane Douglas

Bylaws Committee - Phil Pierpont

Claude R. Baker Teaching Award Committee - Judy Yuan

Continuing Dental Education Compliance Committee – Geoffrey Thompson

Committee for Corporate Support – Jennifer Kuracina

Credentials Committee – Fei Liu

Ethics Committee – Carlo Ercoli

Exhibits Committee – Judy Yuan

Garver-Staffanou Prosthodontic Educator Award Committee - Gillian Alexander Hazboun

George H. Moulton Award Committee - James (Bryan) McLoughlin

Information Technology Committee - Seung (Chris) Kee Choi

Investment Committee – Douglas Phillips

Local Arrangements Committee - Dima Ghunaim

Nominating Committee – Sarit Kaplan

Poster Program Committee - Konstantinos Vazouras

Program Committee – Darshanjit (Dj) Pannu, Jack Lipkin

Publicity & Communications Committee – Akanksha Srivastava

Research in Fixed Prosthodontics Committees - Junying Li and Dean Morton

Stanley D. Tylman Research Committee - Hongseok An

Strategic Planning Committee - Carlo Ercoli

Presidential Appointments

Sarita Arteaga (Chaplain)

Darshanjit (DJ) Pannu (Editorial Liaison to the JPD)

Sangeetha Raghavendra (ACP Prosthodontic Forum Representative)

Damian Lee (Meeting Director)

Phil Pierpont (Parliamentarian)

Sangeetha Raghavendra (ACP Prosthodontic Forum Representative, Alternate)

Ramtin Sadid-Zadeh (Audio-visual Consultant)

Anthony Kritkauskys (Secretary for Guests)

ACADEMY MEMBERS:

Email admin@fixedprosthodontics.org if you are interested in AAFP committee appointments.

2024 AAFP Annual Scientific Session Award Ceremony



The **1st place Tylman Award** was presented to **Dr. Christian Loo** (center) by Committee Chair, **Dr. Hongseok An** (right). The Tylman Award is supported by a grant from the Editorial Council of the JPD. Program Director: **Dr. Damian Lee** (left).



Tylman Research Award **2nd place** award presented to **Dr. Toshiki Naga** (center) by Committee Chair, **Dr. Hongseok An** (left). Research Advisor: **Dr. Wei-Shao Lin** (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 2024 recipient of the Garver-Staffanou award was **Dr. Radi Masri** (right). 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 2024 recipient was **Dr. Foteini Touloumi** (right), who received her award from Baker Award Chair, **Dr. Judy Yuan** (left).



The Moulton Award was presented to **Dr. Thomas Taylor** (right) by **Dr. Bryan McLoughlin** (left). The **Moulton award** represents the Academy's highest honor and recognizes the contribution of Dr. George H. Moulton, one of the founding leaders of the AAFP and its President in 1958.



Dr. Omar HMS Moustafa (center) received the award of excellence for a Clinical Poster Presentation from Poster Committee Chair **Dr. Patchnee Rungruanganunt** (right) and President **Dr. Sarit Kaplan** (left).



Dr. Omar Mohamed (center) received the **Carol A. Lefebvre Scientific Poster Presentation Award** from **Dr. Carol Lefebvre** (right) and Committee Chair **Dr. Patchnee Rungruanganunt** (left).

New Members- Welcome!



Back row (L-R): Drs Eric Hu, Michael Andersen, Ali Abdallah, Samuel Richards, Walter E Odisho, Sun-Yung Bak.

Middle row (L-R): Drs Lolowh Almogbel, Kristen Eguren, Chao-chieh Yang, Po-Hsu Chen, Nikita Sinha, Berna Saglik, Maria A. Loza. **Front row (L-R):** Drs Sherif Hosney, Samantha Chou, Loren Genetti, Sindhu Kanikicharla, Marta Revilla-León,

Jonathan Tai (Not pictured: Dr. Cui Cui)

Recently Appointed Life Members

Ihab Hammad

Stephen Raney

Gary J. Alexander

Kenneth Malament

Karen Bruggers

Howard Hill

Michael Arcuri

John VanDercreek

Hiroshi Hirayama

Jung-Suk Han

LIFE MEMBERS- please note that your meeting registration fee will be waived/refunded if you sponsor a new member candidate.

<https://www.fixedprosthodontics.org/cgi/ex.cgi/page/AAFP/memberinfo>

Throwback to 2024 Annual meeting



Follow AAFP on social media for more photos, meeting updates, and educational content.

Facebook- @AcademyFixedProsthodontics

Instagram- @aafixedpros

LinkedIn- aafixedpros

2025 AAFP Annual Scientific Session

“The World of Prosthodontics – An Interdisciplinary Journey”

Program Co-Chairs: Drs. Jack Lipkin and DJ Pannu

February 20, 2025: Workshops & Welcome Reception

Imagine USA sponsored workshop: Exocad for All-on-X. *(details to follow)*

Nobel Biocare sponsored workshop: N1 Implant. *(details to follow)*

4:30pm: Members Annual Business Meeting & Welcome Reception

February 21, 2025

DR. RHODRI THOMAS: An Aesthetic Journey: Creating Beauty by Recreating Nature

DR. GALIP GUREL: Past, Present, Future of Esthetic Dentistry

DR. PETRA GIERTHMUEHLEN: Minimally Invasive Dentistry: From Myth to Evidence

DR. DANIEL EDELHOFF: Evolution of Zirconia Ceramics - From Traditional to Gradient Technology

DR. RODRIGO NEIVA: Building a Solid Foundation for Oral Rehabilitation with LASSO GBR

DR. LESLEY DAVID: Top 5 Reasons You Should Understand Zygoma Implants

DR. BRIAN GOODACRE: Digital Dentures for the Implant Patient

February 22, 2025

DR. GARY KLASSER: Occlusion and Temporomandibular Disorders

DR. REBECCA BOCKOW: The Healthy Face - Evaluating and Creating Harmony Between the Lips, Tongue, Joints, Periodontium, Airway, and Teeth

DR. JAMISON SPENCER: Bruxism's Possible Connection to Sleep Apnea: Known for Decades, but Still Mostly Ignored

DR. TAISEER SULAIMAN: Clinical & Science-Based Elements of Lithium Disilicate & Zirconia Restorations. What Every Dental Professional Must Know!

DR. JOHN KOIS: Analog to Digital Occlusion: Are We Ready?

DR. RELLA CHRISTENSEN: Dental Caries: New Methods Reveals New Insights Relevant to Clinical Treatments

DR. RADE D PARAVINA: Color in Esthetics - Biometric Disruption, Bench to Chairside

DR. ARIEL RAIGRODSKI (Reserve): The Evolution of Zirconia from a Framework to a Monolithic Restorative Material- An Evidence-Based Clinical Perspective