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## Presidential Address

*Dr. Henry Chalfin, DDS*



I would think that every Fellow here tonight vividly recalls his or her first Academy meeting. I know I do! I remember entering the stately Library Room of the Union League Club, working my way through the milling crowd, a virtual “who’s who” of New York dentistry, searching for some familiar faces, and certainly feeling like I could use a drink. Without question, the prestigious venue, the formally attired dais, and the grace and dignity of the proceedings were all a little overwhelming for me. If someone would have suggested to me on that evening, that one day I would be standing before you as president of this Academy, I would have thought it the most ludicrous notion I had ever heard. And yet, incredibly, here I stand, humbled, to be granted this great honor and privilege.

In many ways, the Academy that first accepted me into their Fellowship 15 years ago is not the same Academy that we are today. We are, in fact, an organization in the midst of much change. Certainly, this Academy has always stood for the highest levels of Ethics and Professionalism, while providing an exceptional venue for evenings of camaraderie and presentations from nationally recognized speakers. Furthermore, the Academy has always sought to involve our Fellows in some very worthwhile endeavors, such as the Ethics programs at Columbia, NYU, and Stony Brook, as well as a commitment of more than 50 years to the treatment of underprivileged youths at The Boys Club of NY.

But, five years ago, when the Boy’s Club closed its doors for the very last time, a palpable void was felt within our organization. There were those among our leadership who began to question our *raison d’être*, for what purpose did we exist as a group? Were we, in fact, living up to the ideals that were laid out in our charter? It was very important that those questions were being asked, but even more important that there were those among us who recognized what needed to be done, and took it upon themselves to involve our Academy in a number of worthwhile endeavors. As I was sorting out my thoughts, in preparation for this evening, I was reminded of a certain parable I had once heard, which seemed apropos.

It is a story about a wise master who wishes to teach an important lesson to his followers. Addressing his students, he stands behind a table, upon which he has placed a large empty glass jar, and a pail of rocks, each a little smaller in size than his fist. He then proceeds to place the rocks, one by one, into the jar. After placing the last rock at the very top, he asks the question: Is the jar full? All of the disciples nod in agreement that the jar is indeed full.

The master then reaches down and places another pail onto the table, from which he takes handfuls of smaller pebbles, which he funnels into the jar, shaking it all the while, until all the spaces between the larger rocks have been filled. He again asks: Is the jar full? Looking around at one another, the students eventually begin to nod in affirmation, although with little conviction.

He finally produces a third pail from under the table, this one filled with sand, and repeating the process fills all the remaining empty spaces. He sees the light of understanding beginning to dawn on the faces of each student.

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What have you learned here today? he asks. After a few moments of hesitation, one student raises his hand tentatively, and says: The lesson is that no matter how busy you are, you can always find a way to do more.

The master acknowledges that this is indeed a very worthy thought, but not the message that was really intended.

Another student finally speaks up: You have to put the big rocks in first. If you put the sand or the small rocks in first, you will never be able to put the big rocks in. The Master smiles and nods his approval that the lesson has indeed been learned.

This story is obviously about establishing priorities, determining the basic principles we choose to live by and the fundamental goals we wish to achieve. These are the big rocks, around which everything else, ultimately, revolves. When it comes to our personal and professional lives, we have all decided for ourselves what the big rocks are. As for our Academy, however, we have recently begun to re-evaluate how this organization can best serve our profession and our community.

During the past 4-5 years, the inspired efforts of a few highly dedicated Fellows have guided us into new territory in three specific areas. (1) We now directly sponsor summer research programs at three local dental schools. (2) We have committed our organization to actively support the Donated Dental Services Program, with growing numbers of our Fellows providing free dental care to patients in need. (3) Our newest endeavor, wherein a number of our Fellows have been working diligently, laying groundwork which will facilitate our involvement in humanitarian missions, both domestic and overseas.

Although we have accomplished a great deal in a relatively short time, I believe

there is still more that we can do, specifically in the area of mentoring recent dental graduates. I was very fortunate as a young practitioner, to be surrounded by a number of wonderful mentors, one of whom is seated here at my table, my esteemed partner and friend Chuck Solomon. By their actions, Chuck, as well as the other senior men in our group practice, demonstrated professionalism every day, while encouraging me to lecture, publish, teach, and become active in worthwhile dental organizations. If not for the influence of these role models in shaping my professional career, there is little chance that I would be standing here before you this evening. I know for a fact that many of you in this room have had similar experiences.

Many young practitioners, however, have not been quite as fortunate, starting their careers under the influence of poor role models, who prioritize marketing and production, rather than quality and professionalism. Any ethical misgivings that such practitioners might have are often weighed under the duress of tremendous financial pressures, resulting from the burden of the substantial debt incurred to fund their dental school educations. It is not difficult to imagine how easily one might lose his or her way under such circumstances. These are the young people we need to reach out to, and I believe that our Fellowship can be an effective resource for recent graduates of our local dental schools. This is something I certainly plan to work on in the coming year.

I believe that this is an extremely exciting time for our Academy. We have these new big rocks in place, but that is only the beginning. We still need more of the smaller rocks, representing greater participation of our Fellows, as well as the sand, the mortar of common purpose which unites our organization in support of these endeavors.

It was once said that: "A man who works with his hands is a laborer; a man who works with his hands and his brains is a craftsman; but, a man who works with his hands, his brain and his heart is an artist." A few of our Fellows have already participated, or are scheduled to participate in humanitarian missions in various parts of the world, and they certainly deserve our appreciation and recognition, for this is no small undertaking. Understandably, spending a week or two at a remote mission may not be for everybody, and maybe only a small number will ever go, but a little pro bono dental treatment in the comfort of our own offices is something we all can do, and I urge anybody who has not already volunteered to participate in the Donated Dental Services program, to please do so. The patient waiting list is long, the need is great, and it has never been this easy for any of us to do something worthwhile in the way of payback.

In closing, I would like to thank George Sferra, who has done an outstanding job in leading us this past year, as well as Steve Syrup and the rest of the program committee for their efforts in putting together an outstanding program for the coming year. I would also like to acknowledge the many highly committed Fellows, who have previously served their terms as officers, and stood before you as presidents of this Academy, and yet continue to come to each and every Board meeting, taking a most active part in the running of this organization. In many ways they constitute the heart and soul of this Fellowship, and their dedication has been exemplary to all of us. It is with their legacy in mind that I humbly accept the honor, the privilege and the challenge of presidency for the coming year.

Thank you!



## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

It has been said that life is what you make it. At a very early stage in each of our lives, we become aware of our existence and we begin to recognize our individual capabilities, talents, skills, and intelligence. As we mature and become focused on who we are and who we want to be, we set goals; we strive to achieve, and we improve ourselves. We begin to have expectations and contemplate our purpose. Our purpose in life gives it passion and meaning.

The purpose in the “life” of the NYAD has been to continue to advance the principles of its mission statement. The development of our leadership is based on an internal motivation to examine, evaluate, focus, direct, and take action. In essence, our mission provides us with a goal that constantly reinvents itself in a perpetual renewal of effort. By adhering to the ideals of its visionary founders, the Academy has been a constant and courageous leader in protecting the character and integrity of our profession. In its rich and abundant history, our vast number of past Presidents and Boards of Directors have more than upheld the fundamental values of the Academy; they have actually advanced and recreated its existence. The Academy has maintained its valiant purpose by its commitment, enthusiasm, perseverance, and unrelenting pursuit to improve, strengthen, and constantly seek results above and beyond the expectations of our founders. Each new president and each new board has had an enthusiastic commitment to excellence in the unyielding pursuit to evolve the Academy to be the best it can be.



*NYAD Elite in San Margarita, Italy,  
June 2010*

Let us review the achievements of our most recent board:

President George Sferra embarked on a course to unite our Academy with the American Dental Society of Europe. His efforts culminated in a wonderful trip to Santa Margharita, Italy in late June. President Elect Henry Chalfin gave a direction to our Strategic Planning Committee to explore the possibility of having a NYAD Mentorship Program for recent dental graduates. He also charged the Public Relations Committee to upgrade our website to further appeal to our technologically talented membership. Vice President Jonathan Roberts, along with Tom Connally and John Scarola, met with the new Dean at Stony Brook to organize an ethics program. The NYAD agreed to supply forty ethics books to help initiate the program. Treasurer Amy Ludwig kept us fiscally sound and calm in a year of recession. In a year when everyone was tightening their belts, Dinner Chairs Gail Schupak and Julie Connolly made sure we were well fed. With so much in flux, Secretary John Young eloquently kept us well informed.

On behalf of our Fellowship Committee, Susan Karabin elevated Ken Siegel to Active Life status and Fred Goodman and Martin Levitt to Retired Life status. Our new Active Fellows included Carlos Alfonso, Lawrence Bailey, Steven Jutkowitz, Andrew Kim, Richard Lewenson, Robert Lipner, Geraldine McManus, Esther Rubin, Rodolpho Sanchez and Deborah Weisfuse. Also recognized were our New Associate Fellows: Neil Cohn, Joseph Fearon, Jason Holden, Irwin Levy, Renee Litvak, Frances McEntee, Thomas Magnani, Maia Palagi, and Craig Sirota.

Our Education Committee doubled its strength as Julie Connolly now Co-Chairs the programs at Columbia and NYU with Robert Miner. Thank you to all of the Facilitators and to Andrew Krieger who offered his home for a celebratory gathering. You have all “exerted your influence and promoted the advancement of our ethical standards.”

### MISSION

The mission of the New York Academy of Dentistry is “To uphold the dignity and honor of the dental profession; exalt its professional and ethical standards; extend its sphere of usefulness and promote the advancement of dental science; encourage publication in professionally controlled refereed journals; elevate the standards of dental education; promote and support dental research; encourage membership activity in community service; promote camaraderie within the fellowship; and exert its influence toward placing the activities of the profession and its members upon the highest ethical plane”.

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Jim Hudson, representing our Humanitarian Mission Committee, went on an Oral Health Assessment Project to La Romana in the Dominican Republic with two NYAD sponsored students from Columbia. Jim Hudson exceeded expectations by screening almost twice the patients originally intended. Through his extraordinary efforts, he also engaged local dentists to participate in this project. As we admire those who have gone above and beyond, the Academy also recognized the commitment and compassion of Frank Andolino and his twenty year dedication to Health Volunteer Overseas and Kageno. He was the recipient of the NYAD Humanitarian Award.

Gene Farone and the Executive Committee very capably supplied interesting and popular speakers throughout our academic year. The Annual Social meeting in April steered us to the Boat House in bucolic and beautiful Central Park. This event definitely promoted camaraderie within the fellowship. Photographer Jim Hudson captured the essence of this very special event.

Tom Connolly is to be commended for his relentless efforts on behalf of the Donated Dental Service Program. Twelve and a half percent of Academy members actively volunteer. One hundred seventy patients have been treated, yet many more are on the waiting list. Despite Tom's massive appeal, there is still a large need for more general dental volunteers. This is an excellent opportunity for any civil minded dentist to participate/encourage activity in community service inclusive of members or any potential candidates for Academy membership.

The Golf and Tennis Outing at the Cherry Valley Club in Garden City is always an event that should not be missed. This extraordinary social event welcomes us as colleagues with similar values, ethics, and enthusiasm. After spending a day together playing on the courts or greens, we emerge as loyal friends. Although everyone who participated in June was a winner, champions John Sobel (golf) and Ted Sewitch (tennis) distinguished themselves.

In a pursuit to "elevate the standard of dental education", Ethics Awards sponsored by the Academy were presented to the graduating seniors from Columbia, New York University, Stony Brook, and the UMDNJ-New Jersey Dental School. The Research Awards Committee, interested in "promoting and supporting dental research", announced the Grant Winners for 2010. Congratulations to Julie Koo from Columbia University College of Dental Medicine, John Matthes from New York University College of Dentistry and Elizabeth Scisci from Stony Brook University School of Dental Medicine.

In conclusion of another model year for the New York Academy of Dentistry, the Board is to be applauded for its new incentives, its achievements, and its fulfillment of purpose. We have advanced the "dignity and honor of our profession". In the words of Robert Browning- "A man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for."

Thank you to Fellows and some of their colleagues who volunteered for the Ethics Programs at New York University and Columbia in 2010/2011:

Columbia:

Lawrence Bailey  
Fred Bergamo  
Charles Berman  
Dory Calev  
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## 2009 SUMMER RESEARCH GRANT ABSTRACTS

### CORRELATION BETWEEN MODE OF DELIVERY, *S. MUTANS* COLONIZATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES IN THAI CHILDREN

Paria Goodarzi<sup>1</sup>, Parakaimuk Saraithong<sup>2</sup>, Joyce Chen<sup>1</sup>, Nok Chhun<sup>1</sup>, Yihong Li<sup>1</sup>  
<sup>1</sup>NYU College of Dentistry, <sup>2</sup>Faculty of Dentistry, Chiang Mai University, Thailand

**Introduction:** The mode of delivery and other maternal factors contribute to the acquisition of *S. mutans* in infants, which may lead to differences in caries experience in later years.

**Objectives:** To determine the association between the mode of delivery and other maternal factors with the colonization of *S. mutans* and caries experience in a group of Thai children.

**Method:** A total of 350 mothers and their 3-or 5-year-old children were randomly selected from a Health Promotion Hospital in Chiang Mai, Thailand; 185 and 165 of the children were born vaginally or by caesarean section, respectively. Caries experiences of the mothers and children were examined. *S. mutans* colonization was assessed by using Dentocult® SM Strip Mutans method (Orion Diagnostica)

and quantitative real-time PCR. Information on childcare history, dietary and oral health practices were obtained by a questionnaire survey of the mothers, analyzed using SPSS. 15.0.

**Results:** Very high *S. mutans* colonization (strip mutans score = 3) was found in 3-year-old (49%) vaginally-born children ( $p = 0.018$ ). Three-year-old vaginally born children experienced more caries (64.9%) compared with age-matched caesarean born children (45.9) ( $p < 0.001$ ) with higher mean DMFS score ( $6.8 \pm 10.3$  vs.  $4.3 \pm 7.6$ ;  $p < 0.001$ ). An association was also found between *S. mutans* colonization and ECC prevalence ( $p < 0.001$ ). Other maternal factors associated with more caries in the children included chewing food to feed their child ( $p = 0.002$ ) and bottle feeding at bed time ( $p = 0.04$ ).

**Conclusion:** This preliminary study demonstrates that maternal mode of delivery and feeding practices were associated with *S. mutans* colonization and caries status in a population of Thai children.



*Drs. Jim Farer and George Sferra  
with Paria Goodarzi*

### EXPRESSION OF ATHEROGENIC MARKERS IN CHRONIC PERIODONTITIS BY *P. GINGIVALIS* STIMULATED DENDRITIC CELLS

Erica Ravin, Dr. Julio Carrion D.M.D, Dr. Christopher W. Cutler, D.D.S., Ph.D  
Stony Brook University School of Dental Medicine

Recent evidence has shown that dendritic cells infiltrate atherosclerotic plaques and express atherogenic markers of plaque instability including Hsp-70, C1Q, CCR2, CXCL16 and Hsp-60. The sources of these dendritic cells in atherosclerotic plaques and the expression of these markers in chronic periodontitis (CP) is unclear. This is especially pertinent in view of histological evidence for activation and mobilization of dendritic cells in CP tissues and for evidence linking CP to coronary artery disease. We analyzed the expression of Hsp-70, C1q, CCR2, CXCL16 and Hsp-60 in human dendritic cells stimulated with the periodontal pathogen *P.gingivalis* (Pg) in vitro and in gingival tissues from patients with CP in situ.



*Drs. Guy Minoli, George Sferra and Tom Connolly  
with Erica Ravin*



## 2009 SUMMER RESEARCH GRANT ABSTRACTS

# EXPECTATIONS AND PERCEPTIONS OF AN ELECTRONIC ORAL HEALTH RECORD (EOHR) SYSTEM IN AN ACADEMIC INSTITUTION

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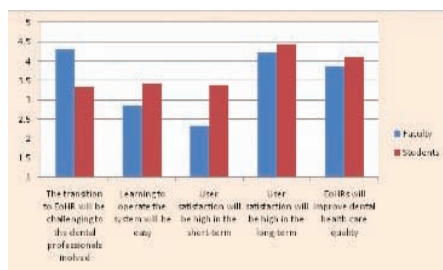
**Introduction:** Electronic health records have become a necessity for forward progress in the health care industry. However, there are many misconceptions about how electronic oral health records (EoHRs) will affect clinical management from the point of view of the students and faculty members. These misconceptions often create a barrier to proper implementation of the EoHR system, decrease efficiency and increase costs. We posit that that if students' and faculty's expectations and perceptions are understood before implementation, the transition to EoHRs will occur with fewer setbacks. This allows for the system implementers to focus on the most pressing issues, creating a better overall product. It is essential to reduce these misconceptions at the inception of the implementation process and to keep all members involved positively focused to enable the implementation process to run more smoothly.

**Purpose:** To evaluate the current expectations, perceptions and misperceptions of Columbia's College of Dental Medicine (CDM) students and faculty members from an EoHR system. This will allow for a more efficient implementation of the EoHR system that CDM has chosen.

**Methods and Materials:** This cross-sectional design was administered via SurveyMonkey.com. Twenty two statements were given and responders were able to choose options from a five point Likert scale. At the end of the survey, participants had the option to leave a comment. The study sample was sixty six (N=66). 26 faculty members, 40 3rd and 4th Year students participated. Inclusion criteria included health care professionals that will be using the EoHR system.

### Results:

Figure 1: Faculty perceptions vs. student perceptions about key EoHR system topics



Height of each bar on graph represents average of group's responses, where (1) = strongly disagree, (2) = somewhat disagree, (3) = neutral, (4) = somewhat agree, (5) strongly agree.

Figure 3: Responses of faculty subgroups to: "The process of logging on to make chart entries, will be quick."

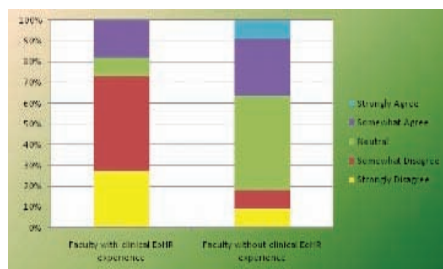
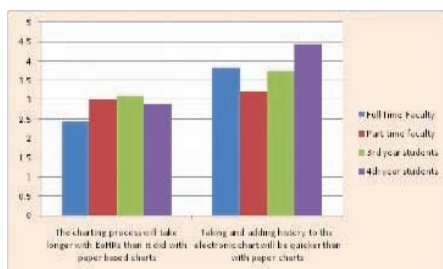


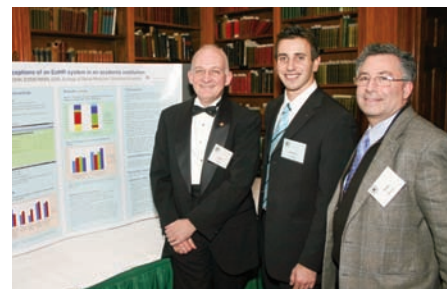
Figure 4: Perceptions of various subtypes of faculty and students.



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### Comments given at the end of the survey:

- "All of this depends on getting the trust of users and user support. Users will be the key for a successful implementation."
- "We have done this in a large private practice, and I am not a computer expert. It was easy and significantly better. We no longer misplace charts or radiographs."
- "For obvious reasons, electronic dental records will be a huge improvement for everyone involved...It will be great for students who want to review their patient's chart the night before an appointment but the records office is closed....Most importantly, it will be easier to read notes made by previous practitioners. It is so frustrating and possibly even DANGEROUS, when I can't make out the notes made in the chart by some previous student with terrible handwriting. It's 2009, there is no reason we should be putting our patients at risk because of illegible handwriting."



Drs. John Young and Guy Minoli with Robert Geiman

**Conclusions:** When comparing the expectations from the system of the students and the faculty members it is evident that the students expect more and are quite optimistic about the transition and implementation process. The percentage of responders that believe that electronic health records will improve health care quality is comparable and

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even a little higher to other studies in similar environments.<sup>1,2</sup> A common and important barrier to implementation is the belief that learning to use the system will be tough and frustrating.<sup>3</sup> This is somewhat true at our institution as well, though students believe that it will be easier than faculty members. The mixed responses shown through figures 2 and 3 represent the variety of effects that electronic health records can have on efficiency.

It has been shown that at times using EHR systems can lead to increased documentation time, but at other times can improve effectiveness and allow for faster results as compared to paper charts.<sup>4</sup> The range of efficiency of EHRs were due to the type of system used as well the specific items being documented.

Perhaps the most important finding was the realization of the importance to correct faculty's misperceptions long before those of the students. Many students look up to the faculty members and often take what they say for fact. Therefore if faculty members have false perceptions or even negative outlooks, it will greatly modify attitudes of the students. A negative attitude will greatly hinder the implementation process.

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*Henry's Captive Audience*



*Another Cannoli, Dr. Minoli?*

## 2009-2010 GUEST SPEAKER ABSTRACTS

### VERTICAL AUGMENTATION OF POSTERIOR MANDIBLE AND ANTERIOR MAXILLA: SURGICAL SOLUTIONS IN AN OFFICE SETTING

Michael S. Block, DMD

October 8, 2009

Patients often present with 5-6 mm of bone superior to the inferior alveolar canal with the desire to receive a fixed implant borne restoration. Patients also present with the need to 5 mm of vertical augmentation in the anterior maxilla to recreate lost bone for esthetic restorations. This presentation will focus on the use of interpositional osteotomy methods to vertically augment the atrophic ridge. The procedures are performed in the office with implant placement approximately four months after the augmentation with minimal morbidity.

Dr. Michael Block graduated from the University of Rochester in 1975, attaining both a BA in Biology and a BS in Biomedical Engineering. He completed his dental training at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine in 1979, receiving his DMD cum laude in a

special field. He completed his residency program in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the LSU School of Dentistry in 1983, where he remained on the faculty and achieved the academic rank of Professor in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Currently he has joined with Dr. Paulino Castellon in creation of the Center for Dental Reconstruction, a private practice dedicated to patient oriented care.

Dr. Block is the editor-in-chief of four textbooks on dental implants: Endosseous Implants for Maxillofacial Reconstruction; Implants in Dentistry; Color Atlas of Dental Implant Surgery – Edition 1; a second edition of the Color Atlas of Dental Implant Surgery was released in 2007, and a new third edition, with videos, was released in 2010. He is Past President of the Academy of Osseointegration, and has

been program chair for three of their annual programs. Dr. Block serves on the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) Committee on Continuing Education. Dr. Block has been an examiner for the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. He is a Section Editor on Dental Implants for the “Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery”.

Dr. Block is particularly interested in the translation of technology for efficient and predictable reconstruction of the jaw to provide ideal bone for implant placement and esthetic replacement of missing teeth, the use of multiple techniques and implants to reconstruct significant atrophic conditions, and interceptive strategies for rehabilitation extraction sites with implant restorations.

### EVOLVING TRENDS IN IMPLANT RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY

John Davliakos, DMD

November 12, 2009

Successes with dental implants have allowed the development of treatment planning philosophy focused on preventative and interceptive prosthodontics. Dental implants provide the opportunity for simplified restorative options via single unit dentistry. With the modern technology we can utilize a proactive method combining knowledge and experience to meet the needs of the patient and practitioner.

Dr. John Davliakos is involved with the surgical placement and prosthetic reconstruction of dental implant patients. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine in 1984. Dr. Davliakos completed his prosthodontic residency in 1986 and a fellowship in Oral Implantology in 1987 at the University of Pittsburgh. He was an assistant professor in the post-graduate

prosthodontic program at the University of Maryland, Baltimore College of Dental Surgery from 1990 to 1997. Dr. Davliakos maintains a private practice in Annapolis, MD.

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### ACUTE HIV INFECTION: NEW FRONTIERS FOR HIV PREVENTION

Antonio E. Urbina, MD

January 14, 2010

Acute HIV Infection (AHI) is the first stage of HIV infection and lasts approximately 54 days. Everyone that becomes infected with HIV will go through AHI. Two out of every three people who go through AHI will be symptomatic. Typical symptoms include fever, rash, lymphadenopathy, myalgias, sore throat and headache. Often these symptoms are easily mistaken for other acute viral syndromes, like influenza or mononucleosis.

Because persons in AHI can be up to 3,000 times more infectious than persons with chronic HIV infection, detecting persons in AHI can have enormous public health benefit. As typical antibody testing, including rapid tests, are only able to detect infections that are at least one month old, testing for virus via viral load testing is required to diagnose AHI. Although this technology has been available for several years, the majority of persons who present with AHI are infrequently diagnosed.

Dr. Antonio E. Urbina received his MD from the University of Florida on 1992. He completed a residency in Internal

Medicine at St. Vincent Catholic Medical Center-Manhattan in 1995. Currently, he serves as an Assistant Professor of Medicine and Associate Professor in the School of Public Health at New York Medical College. In October 2008, Dr. Urbina was inducted into the Presidential Advisory Council (PACHA) on HIV/AIDS, a four year advisory council position that will help shape the future of the national AIDS strategy in the United States.

Dr. Urbina has practiced HIV medicine in New York City for more than a decade. Since 2003, Dr. Urbina has served as the Medical Director for the HIV/AIDS education and training program at St. Vincent Catholic Medical Center – the largest HIV education department in New York State. In this position, Dr. Urbina has pioneered innovative educational programming for community based clinics, hospitals and public health departments. He also serves as the Principal Investigator for the Clinical Education Initiative of the New York State DOH AIDS Institute, the New York/New Jersey AIDS Education and Treatment Center at St. Vincent Catholic Medical Center, and the Maintenance in

Care Initiative for the NYC DOH, a program designed to bring HIV positive patients lost to care back into treatment.

Dr. Urbina maintains a busy private and clinic-based practice at St. Vincent Catholic Medical Center, providing HIV and primary care treatment to over 300 patients. Moreover, Dr. Urbina is actively involved in HIV research and has directed more than ten HIV clinical trials research protocols.

Dr. Urbina has published in the journal Clinical Infectious Diseases on Crystal Methamphetamine and ARV Interactions, a book chapter on the clinical management of the HIV infected substance user, and in the New York Times on the public health benefits of conducting pooled HIV viral load testing. Dr. Urbina has co-produced two widely acclaimed educational videos on Acute HIV Infection and Immigration and HIV in NYC.

Dr. Urbina is a well known national lecturer on the various topics related to the clinical management and prevention of HIV.

### STEM CELLS AND THE FUTURE OF DENTISTRY

Jeremy Mao, PHD

February 11, 2010

What are stem cells? As dentists, why should we be concerned with stem cells? How would stem cells change dental practice? Is it possible to grow a tooth or TMJ with stem cells? This lecture summarizes the latest stem cell research and development for dental, oral and craniofacial applications. Stem cell research and development will, over time, transform dental practice in a magnitude that is far greater than amalgam or dental implants. Metallic alloys, composites and even titanium implants are not permanent solutions. In contrast, stem cell technology

will generate native tissue analogs that are compatible with the patient's own.

Dr. Jeremy Mao is currently Professor of Dental Medicine at Columbia University, and Director of the Center for Craniofacial Regeneration at Columbia University Medical Center. Dr. Mao has published over 200 scientific papers, proceedings and book chapters in the area of tissue engineering, stem cells and regenerative medicine. He currently serves on the editorial board of several scientific journals such as Tissue Engineering, Journal of

Biomedical Material Research, Bio-fabrication, International Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Angle Orthodontics, Journal of Dental Research, Stem Cells & Therapeutics, Journal of Endodontics and Journal of Orthopedic Surgery and Research, and has served as an Associate Editor of Stem Cells and Developments, as well as on the editorial board of Medical Engineering and Physics and Frontiers of Bioscience. Dr. Mao is editor of a new book entitled "Translational Approaches in Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine". Dr. Mao is also the editor of upcoming

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books entitled "Principles of Craniofacial Growth and Development" and "Bio-engineering of Wound Healing".

Dr. Mao is currently a fellow of the American Institute of Biological and Medical Engineers, and received numerous awards for his scientific accomplishments, including the Yasuda Award for Excellence in Biomedical Research and Whitaker Fellow. Dr. Mao has over 50 patents granted and/or filed in the areas of stem cells, tissue engineering and regenerative medicine, leading to the incorporation of two biotechnology companies. Dr. Mao is a standing member of the Musculoskeletal Tissue Engineering Study Section of the NIH and serves on review panels for NIH, NSF, Human Frontier Science Program, Medical Research Council of Great Britain, Wellcome Trust, United Kingdom, CIHR, Canada, DARPA; DOD; Israel Science Council, Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (Dutch

Research Council), Smithsonian Institute, Science and Engineering Council of Singapore, Innovation and Technology Division, Hong Kong; Michigan Skeletal Center, Pittsburgh Tissue Engineering Initiative, Science Foundation Ireland; Louisiana State; California Institute of Regenerative Medicine; Natural Science and Engineering Council of Canada; Illinois Institute of Regenerative Medicine; US Army; Skeletal Center, Pittsburgh Tissue Engineering Initiative, Science Foundation Ireland, Human Frontier Science Program; China Natural Science Foundation including Panelist for NIH Director's Pioneer Awards.

Dr. Mao has been invited to give over 260 keynote, plenary and named lectures. He has chaired multiple international scientific conferences, including an NIH-sponsored Stem Cells and Tissue Engineering Conference in 2006. Dr. Mao's laboratory is currently funded by research grants from

the National Institutes of Health and also from industry. His laboratory has trained over 120 graduate students and postdoctoral research scientists, some of whom are successful faculty members at universities in the U.S. and overseas, whereas others are leaders in biotech industry.

Dr. Mao is a consultant to several Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine centers and companies in the United States and overseas. His pioneer research in stem cells and tissue engineering has been featured by NIH, NIDCR, NIBIB, American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, American Dental Association, American Association of Plastic Surgeons, etc. and by public and professional media such as CNN, New York Times, Chicago Tribune, NBC, CBS, BBC, Der Spiegel, Nature, Reader's Digest, FASEB Journal, Forbes and Lancet Oncology.

## EXCESS GINGIVAL DISPLAY – DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT

J. William Robbins, DDS, MA

March 11, 2010

Comprehensive esthetic restorative dentistry involves much more than choosing the correct tooth shade. It requires an understanding of facial esthetics and the interrelationship of the parts including the lips, gingival and teeth. Guidelines for esthetic diagnosis will be presented. These guidelines will then be used to diagnose and develop treatment strategies for the patient with "excess gingival display". This condition can occur as a result of one or a combination of factors, including short or hyperactive maxillary lip, short teeth due to wear and/or altered passive eruption, dentoalveolar extrusion and vertical maxillary excess. This lecture will discuss an interdisciplinary approach to treatment, including orthodontics, periodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery and restorative dentistry.

J. William Robbins, DDS, MA, maintains a full-time private practice and is Clinical Professor in the Department of General Dentistry at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dental School. He graduated from the University of Tennessee Dental School in 1973. He completed a rotating internship at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Leavenworth Kansas and a 20-year General Practice Residency at the V.A. Hospital in San Diego, California. Dr. Robbins has published over 80 articles, abstracts and chapters on a wide range of dental subjects and has lectured in the United States, Canada, Mexico, South America, Europe, the Middle East and Africa. He coauthored a textbook, Fundamentals of Operative Dentistry – A Contemporary Approach, which is published by Quintessence, and is in its

3rd edition. He has won several awards, including the Presidential Teaching Award at the University of Texas Health Science Center, the 2002 Dentist of the Year, the Fellowship Award and the 2003 Honorary Thaddeus C. Weclaw Fellowship Award from the Academy of General Dentistry. He is a Diplomate of the Federal Services Board of General Dentistry and the American Board of General Dentistry and is a past president of the American Board of General Dentistry. He is a member of several organizations, including the American College of Dentists, the International College of Dentists, the American Dental Association, the American Academy of Restorative Dentistry, the Southwest Academy of Restorative Dentistry, the Academy of General Dentistry, and the Academy of Operative Dentistry.



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### **Report of the President:**

In recent years, while adhering to its traditional professional and ethical values, the New York Academy of dentistry has begun to explore new directions to achieve the goals set forth by our founders. Despite and perhaps because of the fact that this year has been, thankfully, without serious strife and bereft of any overwhelmingly challenging issues, those efforts have continued on many fronts.

Through the action of the Humanitarian Mission Committee, mechanisms have been established for Fellows to perform pro-bono charitable service to those in need of dental care, not only locally but in impoverished areas of the nation and abroad as well.

The Academy sponsorship of didactic programs on ethics within the local dental schools provides an opportunity for our members to facilitate the elevation of future dental practitioners to heightened standards of ethical behavior.

The Summer Research Scholarship Program encourages the advancement of scientific research by dental students and, along with the liaison relationship with the various deans of the local dental institutions, allows students to be made aware of the presence and beneficial influence of the Academy and its Fellows on the profession at large.

All of these efforts have continued to evolve and expand over the past year.

That said, several notable steps which will improve the quality of our organization were taken this year. The Annals will now be distributed electronically, creating more flexibility in the length and content of articles to be distributed to the membership. This will eliminate a sizeable expenditure from the budget as well, allowing enhanced funding for other programs the Academy wishes to pursue.

The recognition of widespread corporate sponsorship of lecturers presenting scientific programs has led to the establishment of a protocol to cope with this situation that respects the Academy's principals and long traditions. It is believed this will enhance

the continuation of the quality of the presentations the Academy Fellows have enjoyed for many years.

A general review of the Academy website was begun by the Public and Professional Relations Committee and I would urge President Elect Chalfin to continue this effort as this promises to be the "face of the Academy" in the future for members and non-members alike.

The final phase of the compilation and collation of text for the updated Academy History continues and hopefully will be completed in the near future. Contacts were initiated with the American Dental Society of Europe to establish a permanent relationship with that organization, facilitating participation by our members in their scientific programs and establishing the groundwork for camaraderie between like minded professionals within the international community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Directors for their insight, support and punctual attendance at Board meetings, as well as all committee chairs and their committee members for their service to the Academy.

I am indebted to the Executive Committee Chair, E.A. Farone and his committee members for their stellar help in the arrangement and organization of this year's scientific program.

Senior Advisory Committee Chair, Ed Buehler, and his committee deserve recognition for their sagacious opinions and help in solving some of the year's more mettlesome problems.

I would be remiss if I did not single out Past Presidents Drs. Charles Solomon, John Scarola, Stanley Weinstock, James Verna, Joel Goldin, Robert Miner, Mitchell Kellert and Susan Karabin, who generously contributed their sound advice to numerous discussions.

Finally, very special and sincere thanks to our Administrative Secretary, Ms. Carol Bensky, whose efforts and diligence make the day to day functioning of the Academy not only possible, but seemingly effortless.

It has been a pleasure serving as your President and it is my fervent hope that I have maintained the high standard established by our founders, our history, and my predecessors.

Respectfully submitted,  
George W. Sferra, Jr. DDS

### **Report of the President Elect:**

As the President Elect, I attended all of the Board of Directors meetings and Fellowship meetings at which I reported the deliberations of the Board to the fellowship. I worked closely with the Program Committee, served as Chair of the Officers Committee for Strategic Planning, and otherwise fulfilled the requirements of the office, as outlined in the bylaws.

Respectfully submitted,  
Henry Chalfin, DDS

### **Report of the Vice President:**

The duties of the Vice President were duly carried out for the Academic Year 2009-2010. I recommend the following addition to the protocol for Vice President: the Vice President, in conjunction with the Executive Secretary, shall maintain an updated list of committee appointments of Fellows. This list will be made available to the Nominating Committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jonathan Roberts, DDS

### **Report of the Secretary:**

The Secretary fulfilled the duties of his office by attending all of the meetings of the New York Academy of Dentistry's Board of Directors and

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Fellowship, edited the minutes of these meetings, reviewed the written communications of the Board, proposed changes in fellowship status to the Board and adopted the revised standards of the American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program (ADA-CERP) in our printed meeting announcements.

The "vital statistics" of the Academy are:

226	Active Fellows
54	Associate Fellows
7	Non-Resident Fellows
22	Retired Fellows
51	Life Fellows
14	Active Life Fellows
8	Retired Fellows
1	Honorary Fellow

The total is 383 members. Our membership was decreased this past year due to 1 deceased member and 8 dropped members and was increased by 6 new Associate Fellows and 1 reactivated Fellow. 13 Associate Fellows were elected to full membership.

Respectfully submitted,  
John J. Young, Jr. DDS

### **Report of the Treasurer:**

All mandated and necessary duties of the Office of the Treasurer have been fulfilled to date. A review of the financial status of the New York Academy of Dentistry shows a balance of \$213,000 as of February 28, 2010.

The New York Academy of Dentistry Endowment Fund has a balance of \$35,600 as of February 28, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy L. Ludwig, DMD

### **Report of the Editor:**

The Editor attended the meetings of the Board of Directors of the New

York Academy of Dentistry. He fulfilled his duties under the bylaws of the Academy to prepare and publish transactions of the Academy in the "Annals of Dentistry".

Respectfully submitted,  
Guy N. Minoli, DDS

### **Report of the Fellowship Committee:**

The Fellowship Committee has reviewed all the applications for Associate Membership. We conferred on individuals credentials and several calls were made to sponsors. Nine applicants were accepted as Associate Members of the NYAD and two were deferred, to be considered next year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Karabin, DDS, Chair  
Dennis N. Morea, DDS  
James D. Hudson, DMD

### **Report of the Ethics Committee:**

There were no issues presented to the Ethics Committee of the New York Academy of Dentistry for review during the 2009-2010 year. The committee did not meet during this period but the members of the committee thank the Academy for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully submitted,  
Claudia Kaplan, DDS, Chair  
Steven H. Cho, DDS  
Egidio A. Farone, DMD

### **Report of the Associate Fellowship Committee:**

The Associate Fellowship Committee discharged its duties as proscribed. The committee reviewed the supporting documentation submitted by the Associate Fellows seeking elevation to full fellowship status. After this review and communication among the committee members, all of the

applicants were approved for elevation. These approvals were then forwarded to the Fellowship Committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steven M. Rubin, DMD, Chair  
Vincent Romano, DMD  
Jack S. Roth, DDS

### **Report of the Audio Visual Committee:**

First, I would like to thank Doug McAndrew for his valuable leadership. The projector, 10x14 screen and new microphone are working well. There are, however, ongoing problems with the sound system, which is being delivered through antiquated amplifiers and speakers. The speakers sound like they are somewhat blown out, there is a lot of dropout and only two frequencies are functional. The Union League had promised a new system but it seems it has been shelved due to cost. We need to address this with the club on some level as it is reasonable that they provide an adequate sound system. A group recently held an all day meeting and brought their own sound system, which is not feasible for us due to cost.

Respectfully submitted,  
Arnold M. Cochin, DDS, Chair  
Edward Goldin, DDS  
John D. Ward, DDS



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### **Report of the Budget and Finance Committee:**

The Budget and Finance Committee met on October 12, 2009 to review the financial status of the New York Academy of Dentistry and the New York Academy of Dentistry Endowment Fund. The committee recommended that the current assets of the Academy remain in safe investment vehicles and that the dues and fees remain unchanged. The committee presented its budget to the Board of Directors, a budget was agreed upon and accepted.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy L. Ludwig, DMD, Chair  
Henry Chalfin, DDS  
Anthony J. Curinga, DDS  
Charles A. Lennon, DDS  
Guy N. Minoli, DDS  
Steven M. Rubin, DMD

### **Report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee:**

During the 2009-2010 year our committee was not charged with any tasks or actions by the Board of Directors. No committee meeting was necessitated.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Chondrogiannis, DDS, Chair  
Gail E. Schupak, DMD  
David P. Pitman, DMD

### **Report of the Dinner Committee:**

The 2009-2010 Dinner Committee did an exceptional job arranging the dinner menus, collecting money and distributing drink tickets for each of the dinners held by the Academy this year. The average number of attendees was 125. There was an increase in the cost of the dinners but this did not adversely affect the attendance. There was also an increase in the cost of drinks served during the cocktail hour

which also did not seem to change the spending habits of the attendees. The co-chair persons would like to thank the members of the Dinner Committee for their help.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail E. Schupak, DMD, Co-Chair  
Julie A. Connolly, DDS, Co-Chair  
Colleen K. Cournot, DDS  
Edward Gottesman, DDS  
Andrew K. Kim, DDS  
Scott O. Kissel, DMD



*Debating Handicaps*

### **Report of the Education Committee:**

As I reported last year, after a number of years discussing the idea of a think tank – social gathering to brainstorm about the NYAD Dental Ethics Program represented at the three local dental institutions with the Education Committee, we pulled it off in grand style in October of 2008. However, the event was so successfully hosted by Colleen Cournot, we have scheduled the Second Annual Esprit De Corp Gathering for March 18th, hosted by Colleen and Andrew Krieger in Andrew's suite, which has a spectacular view from high above Manhattan.

The event was conceived as a brainstorming session, training session and social gathering of fellow facilitators, prospective facilitators, spouses and friends with good eats and wine. While last year's event may be hard to beat, we intend to try by any means

deemed ethical. Fred More has agreed to conduct a training session utilizing ethical scenarios involving all present in what I call a parlor game. These experiences have proved interesting in the past. And, with Fred's experience and skill, this promises to be a high-point, only to be topped by the good fellowship. So be there or be square.

There has been a recent infusion of new Fellows in the American College of Dentists who practice near Stony Brook and with John Scarola's guidance and determination, many of them are assisting as facilitators in the rejuvenated Dental Ethics Program. The NYAD has assisted with the purchase of the ethics texts for the facilitators. Anyone able to assist in this endeavor, please contact Carol Bensky or John Scarola.

The Education Committee has recently been given the responsibility of coordinating the New York Academy of Dentistry Award for Professionalism and Ethics that has been presented at the Columbia, NYU, Stony Brook and NJCDM graduations for a number of years. The award had originally consisted of a certificate, along with a large "coffee table" book on dental history that, unfortunately, went out of print a few years ago. Since then, we have been giving a copy of the History of the New York Academy of Dentistry, which is not a particularly appropriate prize. The committee has been polling its members over the web for alternative suitable selections for the prize. Members were given choices among DVDs and books on ethics or a cash prize. The preponderance of responses was to give three or four books, unless the cash prize could be raised from possibly \$150 to three or four hundred dollars. But again, the choice has been to select three or four books. The selection among a half dozen ethics books was:

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- A. "The Ethical Brain", Michael S. Gazzaniga (Director of the Center for Cognitive Neuroscience at Dartmouth College), 2005, \$25
- B. "Kluge, The Haphazard Construction of the Human Mind", Dr. Gary Marcus (NYU Psychologist), 2008, \$24
- C. "Second Nature, Brain Science and Human Knowledge", Herald M. Edelman, M.D., PhD, Nobel Prize Winner, Director, The Neuroscience Institute, President, Neurosciences Research Foundation and Chair, Department of Neurobiology, The Scripps Research Institute, 2006, \$24
- D. "Truth, A Guide", Simon Blackburn, Professor of Philosophy, University of Cambridge, former Professor of Philosophy at the University of North Carolina and Fellow and Tutor, Pembroke College, Oxford, 2005, \$27.50
- E. "Human, the Science Behind what Makes Us Unique", Michael S. Gazzaniga, see above, longer book 431 pages vs. 194, 2008, \$27
- F. "Plato and a Platypus Walked into a Bar...Understanding Philosophy Through Jokes", Thomas Cathcart and Daniel Klein, Philosophy Majors at Harvard, divinity training and comic writing etc..., 2007, \$19
- G. "Hidden Brain, How are Unconscious Minds...", Shankar Vedantam, 2009
- H. "Stumbling on Happiness", Vendantam
- I. "Virus of the Mind, The New Science of the Mind", Richard Brodie, 2009
- J. "Drive, the Surprising Truth About What Motivates Us", Daniel H. Pink

- K. "Born to be Good, The Science of a Meaningful Life", Dacher Keltner, 2009
- L. "Moral Minds, The Nature of Right and Wrong", Marc D. Hauser, 2006

The prizes are to be about \$150 each. These choices, when selected, will total about \$80-\$100.

The Education Committee was also recently given the charge of overseeing the NYAD student Summer Research Award of \$4000 that was begun by Tom Connolly's administration. The grant has been going to Columbia and NYU for a few years, but Stony Brook has recently joined the project. The Board recently approved the additional \$4000 funding. The student grant recipients, selected by the respective schools, will present a poster or table clinic on their research at the February meeting and submit an article for publication in the Annals. The arrangements for this are to be coordinated by the committee, with Carol Bensky and the respective schools.

The textbook issue and funding considerations or options have been with us for a few years. We purchased the last of the first edition of "Ethical Questions in Dentistry" years ago. Depending on the number of books I get back in mid-March from the Columbia senior class, by September we could be in trouble getting through next year's dental ethics program. We could consider trying to get books returned from facilitators who doubt they will participate in the future, but I doubt many books would come back. If I get 40 back from students, it might get us through another year, depending on the number of new facilitators coming on board who would then need the first edition books.

We would probably need about 200 books (for junior and senior – about 40

books per class), allowing for some attrition, about 100 books, and another 60 or 70 books for facilitators, plus reserve, would be an additional 100 books. My contact at Quintessence is no longer there but I could likely get a 20% discount (must check current fee for "Ethical Questions in Dentistry" but its now around \$35. If I can get at least a 20% discount and use the NYAD tax free number, we would need \$5600-\$7000 to convert to the second edition of "Ethical Questions in Dentistry" by Rule and Veatch. Perhaps the NY Section of the ACD and the NYAD can share the burden, but we may need the books by September.

All the duties of the Education Committee have been accomplished, especially in successfully organizing and producing the 17th year of the Dental Ethics Program at Columbia and NYU and now at Stony Brook.

The budget for next year is \$2000, not including the awards for the Student Summer Research grants.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert D. Miner, Columbia, DDS,  
Chair  
Stanley P. Freeman, Columbia, DDS  
Michael F. Liefert, NYU, DDS  
Steven S. Moss, NYU, DDS  
Alan J. Kucine, Stony Brook, DDS  
Howard A. Rodin, Stony Brook, DDS  
Colleen K. Cournot, DDS  
Ashraf Estafan, DDS  
Mark Schachman, DMD

### **Report of the Executive Committee:**

The Executive Committee is pleased to report that the presentations of the 2009-2010 program have occurred or will occur as scheduled. All the presentations have been well prepared by the lecturer and well received by the fellowship. The travel plans and accommodations were arranged with

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the kind assistance of Ms. Carol Bensky.

The final program for 2009-2010 was as follows:

October 8, 2009

Dr. Michael Block – Vertical Augmentation of the Posterior Mandible and Anterior Maxilla: Surgical Solutions in an Office Setting

November 12, 2009

Dr. John Davliakos – Evolving Trends in Implant Restorative Dentistry

January 14, 2010

Dr. Antonio Urbina – Acute HIV Infection: New Frontiers for HIV Protection

February 11, 2010

Dr. Jeremy Mao – Stem Cells and the Future of Dentistry

March 11, 2010

Dr. J. William Robbins – Excessive Gingival Display: Differential Diagnosis and Treatment

April 22, 2010

Social Meeting: Boat House Café Central Park

Respectfully submitted,  
Egidio A. Farone, DMD, Chair  
John J. Lanzetta, DMD  
Clifford Williams, DMD

### **Report of the House and Archives Committee:**

The House and Archives Committee has met on numerous occasions during the 2009-2010 academic year. Work on the Academy history for the twenty-five years succeeding Dr. Edgar Bacon's volume is on-going.

Respectfully submitted,  
Neal J. Cronin, DDS, Chair  
Quentin M. Murphy, DDS  
George W. Sferra, Jr., DDS

### **Report of the Necrology Committee:**

The Necrology Committee is happy to report that there is nothing to report. All members are alive as of this date.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles S. Solomon, DDS, Chair  
John M. Scarola, DDS  
Paul J. Tannenbaum, DDS

### **Report of the Nominating Committee:**

The Nominating Committee met and proposed the following slate for consideration by the membership:

**President** Dr. Henry E. Chalfin  
(automatic elevation as per bylaws)  
**President Elect** Dr. Jonathan Roberts  
**Vice President** Dr. Amy L. Ludwig  
**Secretary** Dr. John J. Young, Jr.  
**Treasurer** Dr. Egidio A. Farone  
**Editor** Dr. Guy N. Minoli  
**Member of the Ethics Committee** Dr. Joyce M. Johnson  
**Member of the Fellowship Committee** Dr. Anthony J. Curinga

At the February 11, 2010 Fellowship Meeting, the above slate was approved by the fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,  
James D. Hudson, DMD, Chair  
Mitchell A. Kellert, DDS  
Dennis N. Morea, DDS  
Quentin M. Murphy, DDS  
Stanley M. Weinstock, DDS

### **Report of the Program Committee:**

The Program Committee met on three occasions in 2009 to establish the program for the 2010-2011 meeting year for the New York Academy of Dentistry. At the first meeting, February 9, 2009, held at the 21 Club, protocols and procedures for the committee, as

established in the bylaws of the Academy, were reviewed. A new charge was reviewed that a member of the Program Committee make contact with the speaker at the conclusion of the meeting to make sure that their evening arrangements are taken care of. Many lecture topics and speakers were suggested. The list of potential speakers was divided up among the committee and each speaker was contacted regarding availability. A tentative schedule emerged at our second meeting, held on April 20, 2009 at Club 21. A review of the speakers and topics was discussed at our last meeting, held on October 15, 2009 at the Rock Center Café.

Many national speakers have high fees that prohibit us from inviting them. The concept of corporate sponsorship was suggested to offset the cost of inviting special speakers. This is a challenging topic, balancing two conflicting issues: accepting financial support from corporations without compromising the high ethical standards of the Academy. The matter was brought to the Board of Directors and they approved a motion to allow corporate sponsorship of select speakers with Board approval and set guidelines limiting the corporate sponsor from influencing the speaker and audience. This policy will be reviewed annually to determine if it should be continued.

The program for 2010-2011 is as follows:

October 14, 2010

Dr. Carlos Nemcovsky – Periodontal Issues (exact topic to be determined)

November 11, 2010

Dr. Peter Moy – Managing Implant Failures

January 13, 2011

Dr. Jeremiah Lowney – Humanitarian Work In Haiti (medical meeting)

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February 10, 2011

Dr. Gerard Chiche – Setting High  
Esthetic Standards for the Dental  
Team (tentative speaker)

March 3, 2011

Dr. Gerard Kugel – Digital  
Impressions and CAD/CAM

April 14, 2011

Social Evening – Bill Bradley  
(potential speaker)

Respectfully submitted,  
Steven B. Syrop, DDS, Chair  
Henry Chalfin, DDS, President Elect  
Mark J. Bronsky, DMD  
Egidio A. Farone, DMD  
Mitchell A. Kellert, DDS  
Scott O. Kissel, DMD  
David P. Pitman, DMD  
John J. Young, Jr, DDS, Secretary

### **Report of the Publications Committee:**

The Publications Committee of the  
New York Academy of Dentistry  
fulfilled its obligations under the  
bylaws by assisting and advising the  
Editor about suitable essays for future  
issues of the “Annals of Dentistry”.

Respectfully submitted,  
Guy N. Minoli, DDS, Editor/Chair  
Neal J. Cronin, DDS  
Jerry L. Halpern, DDS  
Scott O. Kissel, DMD  
Steven Mondre, DDS

### **Report of the Professional and Public Relations Committee:**

As Chair of the Public and  
Professional Relations Committee, I  
was charged with beginning the  
process of the NYAD website  
re-development. Building upon the  
great work of Dr. Guy Minoli,  
who engineered the original web  
development and implementation,  
President Dr. George Sferra and I  
conferred on how to best update the

site. Our brainstorm sessions yielded  
a list of web designers, web hosting  
companies, and a list of site function-  
alities that will best serve the NYAD  
and its members. At this time we are  
going to bid with several firms and  
have asked them to pitch their ideas.  
We have instructed the firms that we  
want crisp, clean, conservative design  
that reflects the NYAD’s commitment  
to excellence in our profession while  
taking a decidedly modern approach  
to web design and functionality. We  
have asked that they allow for  
maximum flexibility for future design  
changes and additions. All bidding  
parties are aware of budget constraints  
and will provide budget estimates. The  
committee will approach the NYAD  
Board with our top picks when  
available.

The committee would like to thank  
the NYAD Board for its confidence  
and support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark J. Bronsky, DMD, MS, Chair  
Aleksander Iofin, DMD  
Guy N. Minoli, DDS  
Charles J. Perruzzi, DMD

### **Report of the Reception Committee:**

The Reception Committee fulfilled its  
duties as charged. The student guests  
from the local dental schools were all  
attended to.

Respectfully submitted,  
Adrienne Spiegel, DMD, Chair  
David S. Binder, DDS  
Gregory Browne, DDS  
Gregg Monterosso, DMD  
J. Desmond Ward, DDS

### **Report of the Senior Advisory Committee:**

In September 2009, our President,  
George Sferra, asked the committee to  
pursue the matter of financial policy

relative to reinstatement to Active  
Fellowship of inactive Fellows who  
have suffered “bona fide” hardships,  
for example, issues of finance, health,  
family tragedy, leading to inactive  
status. At that time nothing existed in  
our bylaws or policy statements to  
address this issue.

The concept of “bona fide” hardship  
issues was found to be credible and  
acceptable to all committee members.  
The committee findings were presented  
at the October 8, 2009 Board meeting  
and were discussed.

A motion was made, seconded and  
accepted to refer “bona fide” hardship  
cases to the Fellowship Committee for  
their considerations and recommenda-  
tions to the Board for final resolution.

Subsequent to the “bona fide” hard-  
ship issue, the committee was charged  
with developing recommendations for  
the resolution of a request by a dean  
from one of the local dentals for  
“Inactive Fellowship” with relief from  
payment of dues. Again, nothing in  
our bylaws or policy statements exists  
to address this category of fellowship.

The issue of awarding deans  
Honorary Fellowship then arose. A  
means for awarding Honorary  
Fellowships was outlined in the  
February 11, 2010 committee report  
and already exists in our bylaws,  
including a “fast tracking” process.

The most important consideration for  
awarding Honorary Fellowship, deans  
or otherwise, is that it should be  
granted as a result of contributions of  
especially high value to the Academy  
and that Fellows so honored continue  
to participate in the fellowship of the  
Academy.

This committee Chair spoke with the  
dean who had requested inactive  
fellowship status on February 3, 2010.  
He asked that Ms. Bensky call him so

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that he could “re-up” and bring his fellowship up to date. His request was so honored.

All committee communications and input were carried out via e-mail.

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### Report of the Officers Committee for Strategic Planning:

The Officers Committee for Strategic Planning met on March 9 at which time we reviewed all of the various endeavors that the Academy is

currently committed to. The committee concluded that with the newer programs initiated in the past few years, we more than adequately address all of the core values and ideals as delineated in our charter. Even so, we will continue to look for new and better ways to serve our profession and our community. The committee felt that a formalized mentorship program with the area dental schools could be another possible area of involvement for the Academy.

Respectfully submitted,  
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### Report of the Grants Committee:

The annual Student Research Grants were awarded to one student each from Columbia, NYU and Stony Brook. The amount was \$4000 per school.

The students presented their research as poster presentations at the February meeting and abstracts will be published in the Annals.

The schools will be contacted in April to arrange 2010 grants.

Respectfully submitted,  
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