

NEWSLINE...

DENTAL MATERIALS GROUP CHAPTER AADR

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Greetings to all DMG-C/AADR members! I hope you all had a productive, yet relaxing summer. Now that the abstract deadline for the Acapulco meeting has passed, we can focus our energies on other DMGC related activities.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a copy of a membership survey sent to all DMG-C members. The Membership Committee along with the Executive Committee have been working very hard to obtain the "pulse" of the membership on specific issues ranging from opinions of the annual meeting and its format, as well as publication of abstracts, to willingness of individual members to serve and participate on committees and activities within the DMGC. Since we have the largest membership of any group in the AADR, it is virtually impossible to know everyone and we need your help. Please take a few minutes to help your officers sort through some important issues by filling out the membership survey and returning it to Dr. Vickie Marker, President of the DMGC/AADR. The information will be tabulated and presented in an upcoming issue of the newsletter. Thank you in advance for your help!

In a related matter, the Membership Committee headed by John Engle and Bill Brantley, is putting together a membership brochure and directory. These should be available to the membership in the near future.

Contrary to previous information, the Abstract Summaries will not be appearing in the Journal of the American Dental Association, due to a change in editorship with that journal. However, the Executive Committee is working with other journals and we can expect to see them in a different journal soon. Thanks again to all who have helped (names appeared in the previous newsletter).

As you may know, the Awards Committee has been working diligently to initiate a DMG-C/AADR award. The Committee, consisting of Kamal Asgar, Gunnar Ryge, Dave Mahler, and Chairman, Ralph Phillips, recognizes that the time has come to establish an award to recognize the clinical researchers in the DMG-C/AADR. The criterion for the award have been developed by the committee and will recognize individuals who have performed superior clinical research, but who are ineligible for the Souder Award. Included in your membership

survey is a ballot to vote on this issue. If you are in favor or opposed to the idea of having a separate DMG-C/AADR award please cast your vote and return the ballots to President Marker. Results of the vote will be made available in the next newsletter. Special thanks go to the committee members who have worked very hard on helping to establish the award!

FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP:

Best wishes go out to our Treasurer, Don McKenzie, who is awaiting heart transplant surgery. Don, please be assured that our prayers and thoughts will be with you during this difficult time!

Robert (Bob) Craig has been named the Marcus L. Ward Professor of Dentistry at the University of Michigan. This appointment recognizes "outstanding intellectual leadership and nationally recognized achievement in research, teaching and service". Congratulations, Bob!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

Full-time Assistant Scientist position is available at the University of Florida. Responsibilities include research in the finite element method, stress analysis, and heat-transfer analysis. A strong background in computational/experimental methods in dental materials and a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering is required. Please contact Dr. Ken Anusavice, Dept. of Dental Biomaterials, Box J446, JMHSC, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32610-0446.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES:

Calls for 1991 AADR Student Research Fellowships are now being made. Awards are made on a competitive basis following the submission and review of a research proposal. Awards are announced at the annual meeting and consist of a \$1600 stipend, \$300 research supply budget and travel funds to present research findings at the 1992 annual meeting. For details, please contact Dr. Jack E. Lemons, Dept. of Biomaterials, University of Alabama at Birmingham, SDB Box 49, UAB Station, University Station, Birmingham, AL 35294, (205-934-5307). It should be noted that the DMG-C/AADR has traditionally supported this important program and this past year sponsored the research efforts of Ms. Deborah Rigsby from UAB. Ms. Rigsby's mentor is Dr. Hugo Retief and the title of her project is "The Effect of Temperature and Load Cycling on the Microleakage of Class V Dentinal Bonding Agent/Composite Restorations".

Respectfully submitted,
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Secretary, DMG-C/AADR

