

# NEWSLINE...

## DENTAL MATERIALS GROUP CHAPTER AADR

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### Greetings !

Not wishing to see the membership languish without reading material in the long days of summer, I hereby provide you with news of interest to all. This mailing also contains several enclosures, including:

- a list of executive and other committee members; this should allow for faster and more direct communication between members;
- a survey submitted by Jack Ferracane on members' scholarly activities. This represents the second such survey, and Jack will appreciate your willingness to provide him with the information.

### Meetings

The health of our community is underscored by the number and variety of meetings scheduled for the next several months. In chronological order they are:

- 1.) "Effects and Side Effects of Dental Restorative Materials". This NIH technology assessment conference will be held August 26-28, 1991 at the NIH. The purpose of the conference is to allow the dental and medical communities the opportunity to evaluate available scientific information on dental restoratives and address the issues of efficacy and safety. Those interested in attending can write to Prospect Associates, Suite 500, 1801 Rockville Pike, Rockville MD 20852, or call 301-468-MEET.
- 2.) "Implantable Materials: Development, Utilization, and Critical Analysis". This Fall Conference, jointly sponsored by the Specialized Materials Science Research Center and the W. K. Kellogg Institute, will be held at the University of Michigan on October 28 and 29, 1991, at the Campus Inn in Ann Arbor. Further information can be obtained by contacting Robert Craig at 313-747-4212 or 313-764-1530, or the Postgraduate Office at 313-763-3315.

### Membership

John Engle wishes to thank all for their helpful comments on the draft of the membership brochure. He requests that each member of the DMG-C contacts one peer or associate at their institution or place of employment and invite them to join us. John will provide membership information to anyone who requests it and will follow up any "leads".

On a practical note, if you notice that this newsletter comes to you with a delay, or if colleagues that have moved on continue to get mail sent to their old address, or if your address, telephone number, or FAX number has changed recently, please notify the Central Office of the change. We depend on them for mailing labels.

### Councillor's Report

I've excerpted a few items from Bill Marshall's report:

- Vickie Marker was elected from the AADR council to be Board-Member-at-Large.
- National Affairs Committee efforts resulted in a 1991 NIDR budget increase of \$14 million to \$149.6 million, the 5<sup>th</sup> highest of the NIH institutes.

-The AADR council has directed the Science Information Committee to draft recommendations on amalgam and fluoride for council recommendations.

#### AA DR Elections and Awards

A call for nominations has gone out for science awards and AADR committee appointments. To nominate an individual for a new "AA DR Distinguished Scientist Award", or for AADR Honorary Membership, please contact Dr. John Clarkson at the AADR Central Office by 11/1/91.

To nominate an individual for membership on an AADR committee, please contact Dr. Sally Marshall, (President-Elect, AADR) at the University of California, San Francisco, by 10/1/91.

To nominate an individual for Vice-Presidency of the IADR/AA DR for 1993-94, contact the following by 10/1/91:

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#### Nominations for DMG-C Offices

The nominating committee is accepting nominations for the elected positions of President-Elect and Treasurer. Please contact them as soon as possible with your ideas for candidates.

#### Treasurer

Don McKenzie wishes to thank all of the many members of DMG who wrote, sent cards, and expressed their best wishes during his recovery from heart transplant surgery. He now has the heart of an 18 year old young man beating in his chest, and has returned to work. Don also sent a floral arrangement in the name of the DMG-C to the funeral of Ralph Phillips.

#### Logo

You may have noticed that the DMG-C has been using the DMG logo on many of its plaques and awards. To remedy that situation, we are contemplating the development of a logo for DMG-C use alone. A proposal will be made at the next membership meeting.

#### In memoriam

We were all saddened to hear of the passing of two of our outstanding members, Ralph Phillips and Gunnar Ryge. These two Souder Award winners and past presidents of the IADR did much to establish materials on a firm footing within the clinical dental community. Their absence leaves a void in our ranks, one which needs to be filled by others willing to carry on their tradition of teaching and scholarship.

I have been provided with the following information on Ralph Phillips by Indiana School of Dentistry, and on Gunnar Ryge by Mal Jendreson. These brief summaries are inadequate in doing justice to the careers of these two men; Jack Lemons wishes me to note that he plans a time for remembrance at the 1991 DMG-C banquet in Boston.

### Ralph Phillips

Dr. Ralph Phillips, a renowned scientist, teacher and lecturer in the international dental community, passed away in Indianapolis on May 17, 1991 at the age of 73. Throughout an eminent career that spanned 50 years, Dr. Phillips appeared on more than 1000 programs, wrote more than 300 scientific papers and books (including 9 editions of "The Science of Dental Materials") and served as a consultant to the NIDR, the FDA, the U.S. Public Health Service, the National Academy of Sciences, and the Surgeon General. As a pioneer in dental materials research, Dr. Phillips focussed on the clinical applications of laboratory findings, an approach that he followed throughout his career.

### Gunnar Ryge

Dr. Gunnar Ryge of San Rafael, California, died peacefully on May 30, 1991. He was 74. Dr. Ryge was a native of Denmark and a graduate of the Royal Dental College. In 1949, he came to the United States and after a year at the NBS he joined the Marquette University faculty where he became Professor and Chairman of the Department of Dental Materials. In 1964, he was appointed to the USPHS Dental Health Center and became Director in 1969. In 1972, he became Dean for Research at the University of the Pacific Dental School in San Francisco. His many professional associations included Past-President of the IADR, and in 1965 he received the Wilmer Souder Award. In 1980, Gunnar Ryge was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the University of Lund, Sweden.

Finally, I wish to note that this is my first Newsletter as Secretary. I want to thank John Keller for his help and advice during the transition. In the future, I hope that all members will feel free to call or write to me with announcements and recommendations for items to be included in the newsletter. I want the Newsletter to be responsive to your wishes and needs!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Suman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G" and a long, sweeping underline.

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