

NEWSLINE

December, 1993

Greetings!

In this pre-holiday newsletter, I want to forecast some of the events planned for the IADR/AADR meeting in Seattle, and conduct the annual election of officers.

For some of you, this will be the first DMGC-A newsletter you will have received; you recently expressed an interest in DMGC-A activities, and this is our way of asking you to join and get involved.

The Meeting: All of you have received the registration packet for the meeting, and have noted the many interesting topics listed for the "Lunch and Learning Sessions". You should also be aware of a symposium jointly sponsored with the AADS section on Biomaterials titled "Defining the Bio Component in Dental Biomaterials". The goal for this symposium is to produce a series of summary statements that represent a consensus of what experts feel today's dental students should be taught relative to biocompatibility of dental materials. The statements and discussion will be summarized and incorporated into curriculum guidelines, so your comments will matter. Six speakers have agreed to participate.

Also, a Sunday session presented by the AADS Section on Biomaterials titled "Application of Case-Based Examinations and Critical Thinking in Dental Biomaterials" should be of interest to our group membership. This may be a good opportunity to get involved with the Biomaterials Section of the AADS.

Regarding the **Program**, Richard Demke reports that this year, 589 abstracts were received for consideration; 525 were accepted, and apportioned between 19 oral and 22 poster sessions. Hybrid glass ionomer materials, adhesion, and composites appear to be popular topics.

The annual Dental Materials Group Dinner will be held during the meeting on Thursday, March 10. A reservation form is included as part of this newsletter; please make an effort to attend, and send in the completed form, with a check, by February 15.

Election: This year, elections are being held for the position of Secretary, DMGC-A. The post is a three-year term, April 1994 through March 1997. The two candidates who have allowed the Nominating Committee to present their names are Mike Bagby (West Virginia School of Dental Medicine) and Dave Sarrett (Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry). We all appreciate their willingness to serve the group. **Please vote by checking off the space next to the name of the candidate of your choice on the attached ballot, and return the ballot to me by February 15.**

Abstract Ballot: From time to time over the past few years, some members of the DMGC-A have expressed a wish that fewer abstracts be accepted for presentation at the IADR/AADR meetings. (Currently, the abstract rejection rate goes up to approximately 10%). In this way, they believe that the overall quality of the presentations would improve, and there would be fewer conflicts resulting from simultaneous sessions.

The necessary "cost" of such a change would be that fewer individuals would be allowed to present; conceivably, some individuals not presenting papers would not attend the meeting. This poll is being conducted to learn what the wishes of the general membership are concerning a potential increase in the abstract rejection rate. A cautionary note: dramatic changes in the acceptance/rejection rate would probably require approval from the IADR Central Office. **Please fill out the attached ballot, and mail it back together with the election ballot to me by February 15.**

Miscellaneous: **Endowed Professorship** available July 1, 1994, at School of Dentistry, Oregon Health Sciences University. Candidates must have a dental degree and must have a record of significant accomplishment in restorative dentistry, including operative dentistry or fixed or removable prosthodontics, or in dental materials science. A current record of funded research and a strong commitment to continuing education are essential. The successful candidate will be expected to teach in the undergraduate dental program and to conduct research. Please send curriculum vitae and a letter indicating your interest to: Dr. George R. Riviere, Department of Pediatric Dentistry, Oregon Health Sciences University, School of Dentistry, 611 S.W. Campus Drive, Portland, OR 97201-3097.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George Baran".

George Baran, Ph.D.
Secretary

Please fill out these ballots and return them by February 15, 1994 to: Dr. George Baran, Temple University, 3223 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140

Secretary DMGC-A

Mike Bagby _____

Dave Sarrett _____

1.) I am in favor of the current abstract review acceptance/rejection rate.
___yes ___no.

2.) I am in favor of reducing the number of dental materials abstracts accepted for presentation at the IADR/AADR meeting by:
___20% ___30% ___40%.

3.) I would attend the IADR/AADR meeting whether I present or not:
___yes ___no.

4.) I support grouping presentations into "Applied Research" (product testing and evaluation) and "Basic Research" categories:
___yes ___no.

5.) I support grouping presentations given by students into another category:
___yes ___no.

6.) I support a significant increase in poster presentations in order to eliminate conflicts between oral presentation sessions:
___yes ___no.

7.) I support the concept of combining several abstracts from members of a research group working on a closely related topic into one or two summary presentations:
___yes ___no.