



Newsletter, May 1999

1999 IADR Meeting in Vancouver, BC in Review

The 1999 IADR had the largest number of papers presented of any IADR meeting to date. 3559 abstracts were presented. Approximately 1000 of these were presented in oral format. In DMG, 922 abstracts were submitted and 859 were accepted for presentation. For members that attended the DMG oral sessions in Vancouver, the poor acoustics in the meeting rooms was very distracting. Construction in the convention center caused the need temporary rooms to be made for our meeting.

Dr. Toro Okabi was selected as the 1999 Souder Award winner. Congratulations to Dr. Okabi!



Baltimore was selected as the site for the 2005 meeting and a \$10.00 increase in dues for all IADR members, effective in January 2000, was passed.

IADR and DMG Outreach. The IADR Board voted to use \$40,000/year to stimulate dental research in developing countries. Along a similar line, DMG discussed a plan to assist researchers in developing countries to improve the likelihood of abstract acceptance by offering a pre-review service. It was suggested that member volunteers could be identified

who could assist the authors in preparing the abstract. If you would be interested in being a volunteer reviewer, please contact a DMG officer.

Recruitment of young researchers. The need to recruit and retain young dental researchers is becoming critical for maintaining the future strength of dental research. A proactive approach to attracting more students to participate in research is needed. Dr. Steve Duke will lead a task force to develop ideas to encourage student research participation in DMG. Please contact Dr. Duke if you would like to participate in this task force or you have ideas.

Editors report. A survey of the membership was completed by DMG Editor Dr. Susanne Scherrer and the majority opinion of DMG members is not to continue with the submission of either a full-length paper or longer abstract. Various reasons for this opinion included not wanting to spend the time needed to prepare the papers for a non-refereed publication, and that if the papers are published by DMG, a peer reviewed journal may not want to subsequently publish the work. The full report on this topic is on the DMG web page at <http://www.dent.unc.edu/bayne/dmg/Eprep991.doc>. Dr. Scherrer's report also discusses the feasibility and problems associated with electronic publication of manuscripts. As an alternative to paper or electronic publication, the DMG executive committee is recommending that the author's email address be printed on the abstract so that readers can more easily contact the author.

Awards. DMG requested to present more than one award, however, the IADR Board voted not to approve this. Dr. Bayne discussed the negative outcome of this vote at the business meeting. We will continue to work on this issue.

DMG Chapter- Japan News

The 4th Executive Committee Meeting in 1998 and the 13th Annual Meeting of the DMGC-Japan were held on November 27th, 1998 in Tokyo on the

day before the 46th Annual Meeting of the JADR, at Makuhari, Japan. Dr. Atsushi Kohno (Tsurumi University) gave the President's lecture "A trial of LED curing light" at this meeting.

The 1999 officers for DMGC-Japan were elected as follows:

President, Dr. Noriyuki Nakabayashi (Tokyo Medical and Dental University); President-Elect, Dr. Hitoshi Hamanaka (Tokyo Medical and Dental University); Immediate Past-President, Dr. Atsushi Kohno (Tsurumi University); Secretary, Dr. Osamu Okuno (Tohoku University okuno@mail.cc.tohoku.ac.jp); Treasurer, Dr. Masaaki Nakamura (Osaka Dental College); Board Members, Dr. Kimiya Nemoto (Nippon University), Dr. Takaya Kawakami (Shofu Inc.), Dr. Shigeki Yuasa (Tokuyama Corp.); Inspector, Mr. Kazuhiko Watanabe (GC Corporation); Adviser, Dr. Yoshiaki Tani (Toa University).

Upcoming Meetings

May 21-22, 1999, **The Congress of the Spanish Society of Conservative Dentistry (S.E.O.C.)** will meet in Ibizas. The focus of the meeting will be Operative Dentistry and Endodontics. Email incibz@barcelo.com for more information or check the S.E.O.C.'s web site www.seoc.org. The meeting language will be Spanish.

June 7-8, 1999, **Advanced Materials with Biomedical Applications**, at NIST in Gaithersburg, MD, USA. Contact lori.phillips@nist.gov or register online at sales.nist.gov/conf/secure/CONF93/conf_register.htm.

June 24-25, 1999, **Israeli Division of IADR Annual Meeting** will be held at the Holiday Inn Crown Plaza, Jerusalem.

September 2-3, 1999, **1999 European Dental Materials Conference**, "Engineering Dental Materials" will be held in Arnhem, The Netherlands. The conference secretariat is:
University of Nijmegen
College of Dental Sciences
Section OFL
PO-Box 9101
6500 HB Nijmegen, The Netherlands

October 28-30, 1999, **Academy of Dental Materials 1999 Annual Meeting**, The Buttes Resort, Tempe, AZ. The meeting topic is "Tissue Engineering and Biological Interactions of Materials in Dentistry". Contact Dr. John Powers at jpowers@mail.db.uth.tmc.edu for more information or on the

web at www.teleport.com/~aofdm/docs/1999_Annual_Meeting.htm.

April 5-8, 2000, Washington, DC

78th General Session & Exhibition of the IADR
Held in conjunction with the American and Canadian Divisions

Deadline Dates:

May 28, 1999, Call for Abstracts Packets Available.

September 10, 1999, Abstracts Submission Deadline

January 3, 2000, Membership Dues Deadline (to register at member rates).

February 25, 2000, Pre-registration Deadline.

March 6, 2000, Hotel Reservation Deadline.

April 9-12, 2000

16th International Conference on Oral Biology (ICOB)

"Saliva in Health and Disease"

Deadline Dates:

October 8, 1999, Abstracts Submission Deadline for Poster Presentations.

March 13, 2000, Hotel Reservation Deadline

Position Available

The American Dental Association Health Foundation's Paffenbarger Research Center has a position open for a one year, with stipend, Scientist-in-Training. This position is open to B.S. or graduate level candidates who are interested in experiencing laboratory research in dental materials and/or calcium phosphate remineralizing technologies. The appointment is one year at a stipend of \$35,000. Interested parties are asked to contact Dr. Nelson Rupp, ADAHF/PRC, NIST, 100 Bureau Dr. Stop 8546, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8546 or Dr. Clifton Carey at clif.carey@nist.gov.

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DMG Chapter - America News

1999 IADR Meeting- Vancouver

Many individuals worked diligently to make the 1999 meeting a success. We owe a debt of gratitude to all DMG and DMGC-A members who sponsored, organized, participated and served as officers for the meeting and the DMG reception. THANK YOU, everyone.

A special thank you is extended to outgoing president **Michael Bagby**. Mike devoted considerable time and energy to running our chapter during 1998-1999 and kept us on track for meeting deadlines and achieving our goals. Thanks, Mike!

1999-2000 Officers

New officers for this year include Michal Staninec as president, Jon Goldberg as President-elect and John Powers as councilor. Congratulations and thank you for serving our organization.

When you receive your ballot-VOTE!

Last year we were unsuccessful in electing two DMG members for important IADR/AADR officer positions BECAUSE MOST OF OUR MEMBERSHIP DID NOT VOTE! Later this year you will be receiving a ballot from the IADR home office to select candidates for IADR/AADR officer positions. Again, two of the candidates are members of the Dental Materials Group. Dr. Jon Goldberg will be a candidate for AADR Vice-President, and Dr. Vickie Marker will be candidate for the publications committee. If elected, these people will represent the interests of the DMG, so **be sure to vote** by completing and returning your ballot by the deadline. Remember, DMG is the largest research group in IADR/AADR, and we must be represented in policy making decisions. This also means that if we vote as a block, our candidates win!

In Memoriam

Sadly, we lost several DMG members recently. Please remember these fine individuals and keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Robert Neiman, a Vice President at Whip Mix Corporation in Louisville, Kentucky, passed away January 17, 1999, at age 85. Mr. Neiman spent his entire 63 year career at the Whip Mix Corporation researching and formulating chemical products, such as casting investments, gypsums and waxes for dental professionals. In 1998, Mr. Neiman was awarded the DMGC-A's prestigious Skinner Award for innovative dental research. The Skinner Award is among the highest awards the DMGC-A can bestow upon an individual.

Under Mr. Neiman's guidance as Vice President, the Whip Mix laboratory grew from just one individual to twenty trained scientists and technicians. His published articles in dental journals and textbook contributions have long been regarded as cornerstones in the industry. Mr. Neiman will be deeply missed by his friends in the industry and at Whip Mix. Though our co-worker of sixty-three years is gone, the memory of his company loyalty, great humor and unfailing cheerfulness will always be with us. (Submitted by John Hughes, Whip Mix Corporation)

Dr. Carl W. Fairhurst passed away on April 4, 1999. A memorial service was held at the Medical College of Georgia on April 23 to honor Dr. Fairhurst's many contributions. Contributions in his name can be made to The Nature Conservancy, Florida Chapter, 222 South Westmonte Drive, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714. Cards can be sent to Dr. Eva Mertz-Fairhurst, 145 Lantana Circle, 1200 US Hwy 301, Parrish, FL 34210.

Dr. Maria Georgescu was born and trained in Romania. She was a Professor at the Bucharest Polytechnic Institute for over 25 years before emigrating to the US. Her background was in polymer synthesis. Although she had no experience in the dental field, she was able to become proficient in the dental polymer chemistry area to the point her research prompted her to develop a patent entitled, "Method of conditioning enamel, dentine and similar substrates to obtain adhesive bonding of polymeric materials". (Submitted by Dr. Allan Schulman, New York University)

President's Message

Dear colleagues:

First of all, I would like to express my gratitude to all of those who did such a great job in putting together the Vancouver meeting, the largest ever, with 859 DMG abstracts in the program. Dr. Derek Jones was kind enough to act as Program Chair and was assisted by Drs. Bob Erickson, Bob Kelly, Mike Suzuki, George Baran, Bob Seghi, John Osborne, John Powers and Amin Rizkalla (lunch and learning).

One issue of concern across the AADR is the lack of young scientists serving as faculty members at universities. A shortage exists within the age range of 30-45 years, and this has elevated the average age of an AADR member to 51. With an increasing education debt burden and a favorable dental marketplace, fewer graduates are choosing academics as a career. The DMG is affected and we need to find ways to attract and support younger investigators who are willing to consider

research as a full or part time career.

As you may know, the microfiche version of manuscripts was abolished, as approved by the DMG membership at the 1998 IADR meeting in Nice. A desire for manuscripts to become available on-line was voiced at the meeting, and a feasibility study was undertaken. For a number of reasons, it appears that it will not be practical to publish manuscript versions of abstracts electronically. The complete report with all the details is posted on the DMG website. Many thanks are extended to Susanne Scherrer for her work on this important issue.

The executive committee has proposed that we request DMG presenters to include an e-mail address in the abstracts to facilitate discussion and communicate with the corresponding author. We plan to ask the IADR to include this in abstract instructions, possibly as a special box.

In just a few months, abstracts for the IADR 2000 meeting will be due, and preparations for the meeting are now under way. Jon Goldberg has agreed to serve as DMG Program Chair and Sabine Dickens will serve as Local Arrangements Chair. We have held discussions in the executive council as well as informal meetings regarding the format of our banquet/reception. The consensus thus far appears to suggest that the size of the DMG is too large for a banquet to allow adequate networking among members. As a result, a reception may better serve members' needs. We realize that some members may find it difficult to stand for longer periods of time, so some seating must be provided. If you have strong feelings about this issue, please contact me or Sabine.

I wish everyone a productive year and I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Best regards,

Mike Staninec <stanin@itsa.ucsf.edu>

Request for Information

The Department of Dental Materials Science at NYU Graduate School of Arts and Science is anxious to update the records of its graduates. There are a few of our 57 M.S. graduates whose addresses we do not know. Alumni please drop us a line at as8@is2.nyu.edu. (Submitted by Dr. Allan Schulman, New York University)

Do you want more DMG information? Visit the DMG home page at:

<http://www.dent.unc.edu/bayne/dmg/hp-dmg.htm>

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