



Newsletter, August 2006

Message from the IADR DMG President

Dear Members:

It is my pleasure to address you as the 69th President of the Dental Materials Group of the International Association for Dental Research. As a member of the DMG for over 25 years, I can appreciate the historical significance and impact that this organization has had on so many individuals. The DMG is the largest group in the IADR, and as such, we have significant responsibility in the overall success of the parent organization. Our presence was definitely felt at the 84th General Session and Exhibition of the IADR held June 28 to July 1, 2006 in Brisbane, Australia. This meeting was also the 1st Meeting of the Pan-Asian-Pacific Federation. A total of 2533 abstracts were programmed for the meeting. The DMG represented slightly more than 20% of the entire program with 523 abstracts, 459 scheduled as posters and 64 scheduled as orals.

While these numbers are impressive, I wanted to bring up a curious issue. I did a quick perusal of the DMG sessions in the program book and noted that over 50 of the DMG poster presentations were withdrawn prior to the meeting and were listed as such. This represents a significant amount of our science that was not presented. I suspect that this is a result of people not registering by the IADR deadline, or possibly others having difficulties with visas. In any case, I sincerely hope that is not a trend for the future. It was very disappointing to walk through the poster sessions and see so many empty boards. It is important for all to remember that submitting an abstract and having it accepted represents a commitment that should be treated with respect and professionalism. Undoubtedly situations will arise that prevent someone from fulfilling their obligation, but is unlikely that this

is true for over 10% of the entire DMG program. If anyone has more insight into this situation, I would be eager to hear about it.



Beautiful Brisbane and one of the Australian delegation!

The good news is that we had a very successful meeting. I would like to take this opportunity to give special thanks to a large group of individuals who helped organize and conduct the DMG program. We sponsored a very successful symposium, organized by **Satoshi Imazato**, with excellent presentations by **Michael Burrow**, **Satoshi**, **John Mitchell**, and **Tony Smith**. Six DMG members gave Lunch and Learning talks, and I would like to thank **Brian Darvell**, **Hien Ngo**, **John McCabe**, **Toru Okabe**, **Hidehiko Sano**, and **J. Paul Santerre** for the extra effort here. We had 4 Keynote addresses by **Tom Hilton**, **Bob Kelly**, **Sumita Mitra** and **Jeff**

Stansbury, and I can vouch for the fact that there were all outstanding as you might expect. I would also like to thank the individual Group Program Chairs: **John Powers** – DM1, **Paulette Spencer** – DM2, **Dianne Rekow** – DM3, **Yasuko Momoi** – DM4, **Jeff Stansbury** – DM5, **Jim Drummond** – DM6, **Toru Okabe** – DM 7, and **Masao Irie** – DM8. In addition, I really appreciate the efforts of all of the other reviewers: **Franklin Tay**, **Bart van Meerbeek**, **Flavio Demarco**, **Ricardo Carvalho**, **Alvaro Della Bonna**, **Hiroshi Nakajima**, **Niek Opdam**, **Mark Latta**, **Charles Lloyd**, **John McCabe**, **Hidekazu Takahashi**, **Marie Koike**, **Richard Curtis**, **Brian Darvell** and **P.L. Fan**. Lastly, I would like to thank **Ian Meyers** who did a great job organizing the DMG reception. It was a wonderful evening with great food and drink and friends. I have no way to compare the DMG to the other groups within IADR, but it would be hard for me to imagine any of them having more helpful, considerate, and dedicated members than the DMG. Again, thank you all.

On that note, the 85th General Session and Exhibition of the IADR will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA March 21-24, 2007. **Sibel Antonson** from Nova Southeastern in Florida, USA, will be the overall program chair for the meeting. As you did for me, please give Sibel every consideration if she calls upon you for your help. Have a great year.

Best regards,

Jack Ferracane
President, DMG-IADR

AADR elections

For AADR members, please be sure to vote next month for Bill Marshall for AADR Vice-President and Paul Krebsbach for AADR Treasurer. It is important for us to support DMG members running for office in AADR and IADR.

DMGC-A merger with DMG complete!

The DMG (IADR) and DMGC-A (AADR) have officially been merged and will henceforth be called the DMG. The merger was accomplished to reduce redundancy and confusion in the operation of the two organizations, since there was significant overlap of duties and responsibilities. The membership of the DMGC-A voted to approve the merger at the 2005 AADR meeting in Baltimore, but the task could not be completed until the DMGC-A Constitution and Bylaws were modified (approved at the 2006 AADR meeting in Orlando) to allow transfer of the funds in the DMGC-A treasury to the DMG treasury. This has now been accomplished. The DMG officers would like to thank the many DMGC-A and DMG members and IADR central office personnel who played roles in this process. From the standpoint of the membership, this merger should appear seamless. If you have any questions about this change, please contact Jack Ferracane (ferracan@ohsu.edu).

Message from IADR DMG Immediate -Past President

Dear Colleagues:

It has been an honor for me to serve as the president of the DMG during the 2005-2006 year. From the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank **Jack Ferracane**, **Satoshi Imazato**, **Jeff Thompson**, **John Powers** and **Mark Latta** for their help during my term as president. Their advice and support were invaluable.

I also want to express my great appreciation to all those who participated in organizing the scientific programs and social events of the Dental Materials Group at the Brisbane IADR meeting. As at previous meetings, a large number of presentations at the 2006 IADR meeting were given by members of the Dental Materials Group. I thank **Ian Meyers** for his excellent local arrangements for the DMG banquet, and I am also grateful to **GC America**, **BISCO**, **Ivoclar Vivadent**, **3M ESPE**, **Kerr**, **DenMat**, **Ultradent** and **Whip Mix** for their generous support of the group banquet.

As many of you know, the structure of the Dental Materials Group drastically changed in 2005-2006. The largest regional group chapter, DMG Chapter-America, dissolved with the aim of being more active in the future activities of the Dental Materials Group as a whole. After the important decision to merge the group chapter with the IADR-DMG was made by the members of the DMGC-A, several issues related to the merger were discussed and resolved by the "terminal" President of the DMGC-A, **Larry Gettleman**, and the group officers. At the business meeting in Brisbane, a new constitution and by-laws were adopted, thus beginning a new era of the IADR-DMG. Please join me in thanking **Jack Ferracane**, **Susanne Scherrer** and **Sheldon Newman** for their great contributions toward drafting the new constitution and by-laws.

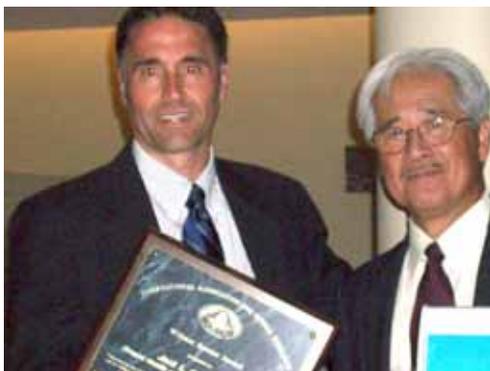
I congratulate **Jack Ferracane** for winning the **2006 Wilmer Souder Award**, **Steve Bayne** for being voted **President of IADR** and **Sibel Antonson** for becoming the **President-elect of IADR-DMG**.

Thank you for your support and assistance during this past year. Please give Jack and Sibel your whole-hearted support as well, as we begin a new year of activities.

With sincerest appreciation and respect,

Hiroshi Nakajima

Immediate-past president, DMG-IADR



2006 Wilmer Souder Award recipient Jack Ferracane (left), and the former recipient Toru Okabe (right)

Message from the AADR DMGC-A President

Dear Members of the Dental Materials Group,

This is the last message from the Dental Materials Group Chapter-America of the AADR, which has been dissolved and returned to the parent Dental Materials Group of the IADR. We have voted to merge our organization and assets back into the DMG, which remains the oldest and largest scientific group chapter in the International Association for Dental Research. The merger also saves me from twisting arms to find a successor as president!

The DMGC-A annual meeting and reception/banquet was at Disneyworld on March 9, 2006, attended by a record-breaking crowd. Many thanks are expressed to **Sibel Antonson** for arranging the event on the Swan Hotel patio.

The following manufacturers were sponsors of the banquet, which helped to make the event affordable for all:

Bisco, Inc. - Byoung Suh

Kerr Corp - David Tobia

GC America - Robert Lee

Ivoclar Vivadent USA - George Tysowsky

DenMat - Amber Touchstone

Brasseler USA - Larry Rose

The Eugene W. Skinner Award for Innovation was presented to **Byoung I. Suh** of Bisco, Inc., Schaumburg, Illinois.

The Floyd A. Peyton Award for Clinical Research was presented to **Joseph B. Dennison** of the University of Michigan. Congratulations to them both.



Robert Erickson of Woodbury, Minnesota (right), presenting the Eugene Skinner Award to Byoung Suh of Bisco, Inc., Schaumburg, Illinois (left).



Peter Yaman of the University of Michigan (left) presenting the Floyd Peyton Award to Joseph B. Dennison of the University of Michigan (right).

The following DMGC-A officers are acknowledged for their devotion and help over the past 5 years. There are many others who have worked to make the Dental Materials Group successful, but no room to acknowledge here.

- > Immediate past-president: **Tom Hilton** (Oregon Health & Science University)
- > Secretary: **Jim Broome** (University of Alabama-Birmingham)
- > Treasurer: **Jeffrey Platt** (Indiana University/Purdue University)
- > Councilor: **John Powers** (University of Texas Dental Branch/University of Michigan/*The Dental Advisor*)
- > Local arrangements: **Sibel Antonson** (Nova Southeast University)
- > DMG president-elect: **Jack Ferracane** (Oregon Health & Science University)

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- > IADR president: **Steve Bayne** (University of Michigan)

We wish you all a productive year and look forward to seeing you in “Ma Dawlin’ N’ Awlins” at the next IADR meeting in March 2007. (After Katrina, I have a new waiter at Antoine’s, so call or write to me for details).

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Important Dates

- 2006: October 23-25
Academy of Dental Materials 2006 Meeting
Sao Paulo, Brazil
- 2007: March 21-24
85th General Session and Exhibition of the IADR
New Orleans, Louisiana, USA
Abstract submission deadline: October 2, 2006
- 2007: November 21-24
International Dental Materials Congress 2007
Bangkok, Thailand
Abstract submission deadline: July 15, 2007

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