The advanced annual meeting planning committee brought the 2004, 2005 and 2006 Annual Meeting Committees together in Chicago recently. What transpired was truly a meeting of the minds!

The current year’s committee consists of General Chairman Kim Gowey, DDS, Scientific Chairman Carol Phillips, DDS, and President Fran DuCoin, DMD, pictured above, who put the finishing touches on the 2004 annual meeting. The invited speaker list is exciting, the special events will indeed be special, and the social activities in exciting New York will be the best yet!

“Spotlight on Implant Solutions” will feature treatment planning, and surgical, esthetic and prosthetic solutions to implant dentistry. Some of the most revered speakers will be in attendance on the main podium.

Because of the popularity of the New Tools, Techniques and Technology program last year, the committee agreed to continue the extra day of education—at no additional cost to registrants.

“Where else can a dentist earn 20+ continuing education credits for the cost of registration and spend an exciting few days in New York, New York? I believe this is a real bonus to all registrants,” said Kim Gowey, DDS, general chairman.

In addition to the Saturday evening President’s Celebration, A Night on Broadway, the committee has secured tickets to the Broadway hit, The Producers, for Friday evening.

“Being in New York offers many options. The committee decided to obtain a limited number of tickets to The Producers due to the positive reviews that the play has received. In addition, the theater is literally around the corner from the Marriott Marquis,” said President Fran DuCoin. “Members may purchase tickets to The Producers when they register for the annual meeting. I expect the Preliminary Program [with registration form] to be in the hands of members by mid-May.”

The committee advises all members to make their hotel reservations as soon as possible as there are many large events taking place in New York at the same time as the AAID meeting. Last year, the headquarters hotel sold out and some people had to stay at other hotels. Don’t miss out on the fabulous Marriott Marquis!

President Fran DuCoin, DMD, General Chairman Kim Gowey, DDS, and Scientific Chairman Carol Phillips, DDS, fine tune the 2004 Annual Meeting schedule.

Preliminary Program & Invited Speakers

Wednesday, November 3
New Tools, Techniques & Technology

Thursday, November 4
Treatment Planning
Hilt Tatum, Jr., DDS
Manuel Chanavaz, MD, DDS
Hans-Peter Weber, DMD
Jack Hahn, DDS
Scott Ganz, DMD

Friday, November 5
Prosthetic & Surgical Solutions
Carl Misch, DDS, MDS
Joel Rosenlicht, DMD
Mike Pikos, DDS
Robert Lamb, DDS

Saturday, November 6
Esthetic Solutions
Norman Cranin, DDS
Anthony Sclar, DMD

SEE PAGE 4 FOR EXCITING NEW MEMBER BENEFITS!
PRESIDENT’S REPORT

One thing I have come to realize over the past few years is that every day— even Holidays—someone in the Academy is working for you, and I get emails and phone calls every day to prove it.

Many of the emails are from members who are actively working on committees. These volunteers, in addition to running their busy practices, and/ or teaching, and taking care of their families, find time to do the work that makes our Academy so successful. Everything the Academy does, from this newsletter you are reading to the Annual Meeting (November 3 to 7, 2004, in New York City), is accomplished by volunteers and staff. Our members contribute many, many hours and sometimes days to weeks of labor, all unpaid, to make our Academy great.

Elsewhere in the newsletter you will read of the winter Board of Trustees meeting in San Diego. The sixteen members who make up the Board took at least a day away from their practices and a weekend away from their families to do the Academy’s work, and their efforts paid off. You may have already read in the March e-gram about the Academy’s new Pro Bono Legal Consultation service for Credentialed members (see page 4) and the generic legal forms which are already posted on the Academy’s internet site www.aaid-implant.org; we will shortly announce a newly designed, modern logo reflecting the Academy’s progressive image; the JOI is working to become recognized by Index Medicus and ISI; the Speaker’s Guild will soon begin to provide AAID speakers; AAID Study Club registration information will be released shortly, and the AAID Auxiliary Certification Program will be in place by the Annual Meeting. In addition, we spent almost eight hours continuing to chart the Academy’s future strategic plan. Not bad for a weekend.

The Academy’s staff is always doing something. Our Executive Director, Mr. Shuck, makes every committee meeting which is usually on a Saturday and often a Sunday, too, and every conference call which are scheduled in the evening and frequently last more than a couple of hours. You never know at what hour he will send an email. Furthermore, the Academy’s staff members, who are directly responsible for the committees’ tasks, are always at these meetings too. Mark and LaTasha provide logistics and support while Afshin, Joyce, and Laurie develop the background information, contribute ideas, guidance and the real day-to-day work which moves our Academy forward.

Each supplies unique management expertise for us. Afshin’s financial acumen and supervision continues to strengthen our fiscal position. Joyce’s efforts in every aspect of education and the credentialing process keep us true to our mission of providing the best dental implant education anywhere. And Laurie just seems to be everywhere. Dr. Mills envisioned the success we would have at the 2003 Annual Meeting; Laurie made it work and work so well. Our meeting in 2004 has every indication to be as successful as 2003, if not more so, as Laurie is always dependable to make it happen. Mr. Shuck has put together a great team. We appreciate them all and trust they receive all of the appreciation and reward they deserve.

If you do not know the Academy’s staff, seek them out and say “thanks.” Our Academy continues to grow and be a significant voice in organized dentistry. If you are not already active in the Academy, we can use your services. Our voice will be stronger if you add yours.
BOARD REPORT

At the February Board meeting, District representatives reviewed activities and financial information for each district. **Dr. DuCoin** emphasized that the District Trustees need to insure that the proposed 2005 district meeting dates are coordinated with the Executive Director in order to avoid conflicts among the districts as well as with other implant meetings.

Dr. Recker reported on issues related to the Academy’s suits in California and Florida and noted that oral arguments in the California suit are scheduled for March 10.

In reviewing the proposed legal information service for members, Dr. Recker noted that he was willing to provide generic information on the following subjects:

- General risk management issues such as disgruntled patients, terminating patients, informed consent, patient records, non-cooperative patients, refunding fees for services rendered, patient payment/collection issues, patient demands for compensation, and standard of care issues.
- Dental board issues such as complaints, contact by investigators, a particular state requirement, and producing patient records.
- General business issues such as hiring protocols, dentist employee contracts, independent contractors, terminating employees, restrictive covenants, and employee handbooks.

It was noted that such a potential service could be offered to credentialed members with the caveat that such would be generic legal guidance, not individual legal advice. Inasmuch as it could not be determined with any precision how the members would respond to such a membership benefit, Dr. Recker agreed to provide the service pro bono on a three-month trial basis. The service would be limited to a maximum of one-hour per month for any credentialed member. Following discussion, the Board agreed to initiate the trial program at no cost to the Academy and to consider the members’ responses and the potential long-range cost to the Academy at the June Board meeting.

In addition, Dr. Recker agreed to prepare a regular article for each of the six issues of JOI and to provide the Academy with generic legal forms that would be posted on the Members Only section of the AAID website.

The Board reviewed a list of credentialed members who were in violation of the Academy’s annual meeting attendance provision. The Board agreed to continue sending letters to those members who are or would be in violation of the provision if they do not attend the upcoming meeting. In addition, the Board referred the matter of recertification to the A & C Board for consideration whether meeting attendance, C.E. or re-examination should be adopted as a recertification requirement.

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noted that their contacts could complicate the Academy’s and Foundation’s efforts to obtain sponsorship and/or contributions. Following discussion, the Board adopted the policy that before any Academy committee solicits funding from a potential sponsor, the committee must submit a request to the Board for its review, and that all funding obtained on behalf of a committee should be directed to the Headquarters Office for administration and distribution in accordance with normal Academy policies.

The Board reviewed the Internet Committee’s activities, which included the development of an e-mail-based discussion group and web site design changes. Following discussion, the Board asked the committee and staff to remove member e-mail addresses and fax numbers and to encourage members to inform the Academy of their office web site addresses for posting in the Find a Dentist section.

Dr. Buttacavoli reviewed the membership report and noted that the Academy’s membership had increased by 8% in 2003 and that the member survey report had been completed and would be shared with other committees, as appropriate. Following discussion, the Board approved the Life Member applications for Drs. Dan Bida, Perry Bingham, Harold Klein and Lawrence Lum.

Dr. Cranin, chairman of the Publications Committee, reported that the applications to Index Medicus and ISI would be submitted soon and that the actions from both agencies would be available prior to the November annual meeting. In addition, he recommended that a seminar on writing an article for JOI be offered at future annual meetings.

Dr. Phillips presented the Marketing Committee’s revisions of the new AAID logo and, following discussion, the Board accepted a portion of one of the designs. The Board agreed that the committee should turn to revisions in stationery and related paper products, retaining some reference to the Academy’s incorporation in 1951, and present several design versions at the June Board meeting.

Following discussion, the Board agreed to change the officer nomination sequence and directed the 2004 Nominating Committee to present the position of Secretary as the entry point for new officers.

Secretary

EXCITING NEW MEMBER BENEFITS--PRO BONO LEGAL GUIDANCE

As an added membership benefit for credentialed members, the Academy is now offering free legal guidance through the expertise of General Counsel Frank Recker, who will provide generic legal information on the following subjects:
1. General risk management issues such as disgruntled patients, terminating patients, informed consent, patient records, non-cooperative patients, refunding fees for services rendered, patient payment/collection issues, patient demands for compensation, and standard of care issues
2. State dental board issues such as complaints, contact by investigators, a particular state requirement, and producing patient records
3. General business issues such as hiring protocols, dentist employee contracts, independent contractors, terminating employees, restrictive covenants, and employee handbooks

Dr. Recker has agreed to provide the service pro bono on a three-month trial basis and the service is limited to a maximum of one-hour per month for any credentialed member. The Board of Trustees will assess the results of this offer at the June 2004 Board Meeting following the three-month trial. At that time they will determine whether to continue or discontinue the program.

For more information about the program and to access helpful legal forms, consult the Members Only section of the Academy’s web site at www.aaid-implant.org or call Dr. Recker’s office at 888-337-9700 or 239-642-4704 or e-mail him at recker@ddslaw.com.

CREDENTIALED MEMBERS
Are you linked up? AAID will provide a link to your web site from www.aaid-implant.org. Credentialed members can e-mail mark@aaid-implant.org to make it happen!

ALL MEMBERS
If you have not yet paid your 2004 dues, renew today. Don’t miss out on the benefits of membership in the AAID, which has been advancing the standard of care for comprehensive implant dentistry since 1951.
MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS

The AAID is pleased to welcome the following new members to the Academy. If you joined the Academy recently and your name does not appear, it will be listed in the next newsletter.

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Armin Abron, DDS
Nazeer Abunasra, DMD
Vijayalakshmi Acharya, BDS, MDS
Denis Adrai, DDS
Kathrina Agatep, DDS
Sunny Ahiwalia, BDS
Ammi Al-Dary, BDS
Ashkan Alizadeh, DDS
Carl Eric Anderson, DDS
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Navid Asgaria, DMD
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Brad Barricklow, DDS
Yury Bershadsky, DDS
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Ali Btoush, BDS
Ramesh Bulbule, BDS
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Edouard Choufani, DDS
Michael Coggins, DMD
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Xiaoyan Dai, DMD
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Rahul Deuri, BDS
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Justin Jacob, MDS
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Ed Fastenski, DDS
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Hyung Sik Jun, DDS, MS
Unmesh Karnak, DDS
James R. Keanan, DDS
Mark Khaimov, DDS
Khol Young Kim, DDS
Deason Kim, DDS
John Y. Kim, DMD
Young-Hyun Kim, DMD
Lindsay V. Knight, DMD
Neelsa Kookani, BDS
Keith R. Kowalski, DDS
Bozena Kryzak, DDS
Marusia E. Kushmin, DDS
Jonathan Lai, DDS
Samson Lam, DDS
Giuseppe Lampantea, DDS
Charles Lamberta, DDS
Jim Lee, DDS
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Sang-Kyu Lee, DDS
Patrick Lemay, DMD
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Chandra Sekhar Nakka, MDS
Lloyd Nattkemper, DDS
James Nguyen, DDS
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Sonita Pereira, DDS
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John Willard, DDS
William Williams, DMD
Akiyoshi Yamagami, DDS
Louis Fong-Cheng Yang, DDS
Jolanta Zakrzewska, DDS
Brian T. Zunner, DDS
Loma Linda University has released an interactive educational DVD about implant dentistry. This update of LLU’s Implant Dentistry 2002 CD-ROM is available to AAID members at the special price of $75, a $25 savings. Edited by Jaime Lozada, DDS, director of LLU’s Advanced Education Program in Implant Dentistry, and Charles J. Goodacre, DDS, MSD, dean, LLU School of Dentistry, this course includes the scientific principles of implant dentistry and basic and advanced clinical procedures. It will be the cornerstone of the AAID Study Club program.

Endorsed by the AAID, the American College of Prosthodontics and the Academy of Osseointegration, the DVD has been made available to dental students and full-time faculty throughout North America thanks to an educational grant from Nobel Biocare USA.

To purchase your copy, contact: LLU School of Dentistry Continuing Education, Loma Linda, CA 92350; telephone, 909-558-4685; fax, 909-558-4858; www.llu.edu/llu/dentistry.

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**ADMISSIONS AND CREDENTIALS BOARD**

During the 2004 oral/case examinations, the Admissions and Credentials Board will consider 40 applications for Associate Fellowship and 10 for Fellowship. The Board will also consider one application for reinstatement as an Associate Fellow.

This year’s Associate Fellow candidates are:
- Norma Jeanne Applebaum, Cape Coral, FL
- George Arvantis, Waterloo, ON, Canada
- Artin Barzgar, Laurel, MD
- Momar Bary, New York, NY
- Satnam Bedi, Spring Hill, FL
- Robert Stephen Burrows, St. Helens, Merseyside, England
- Richard Blustein, St. Louis, MO
- Anthony Bordas, Downey, CA
- Raymond Choi, Tustin, CA
- Christian Davila, Tampa, FL
- Domenick DeFrancisis, Chicora, PA
- Delia Downey, Yonkers, NY
- Richard Dubin, Mineola, NY
- Robert Emilio, Norwalk, CT
- Leonard Feld, Maywood, CA
- Neil Flenniken, Carlisle, PA
- Adam Folek, Norfolk, VA
- Gilbert Garbisco, Pueblo, CO
- Joseph Gendler, St. Louis Park, MN
- David Hanswirth, White Plains, NY
- David Harr, Nolensville, TN
- David Hazan, Orlando, FL
- Chesley Houske, Torrance, CA
- Harvey Kanoski, Lake Mary, FL
- Jason Kim, Flushing, NY
- Philip Kroll, Ventura, CA
- Edward Lee, Scarborough, ON, Canada
- Winnie Lee, San Jose, CA
- Mark Lin, North York, ON, Canada
- Roberto Michienzi, Murrysville, PA
- Walter Neuhaus, Tonawanda, NY
- Milton Peavey, Waco, TX
- Francisco PicoFazzi, Plymouth Meeting, PA
- Aristides Rotzos, Astoria, NY

Candidates for Fellowship are:
- Barry Bartee, Lubbock, TX
- Yvan Fortin, Sainte Foy, QC, Canada
- David A. Gimer, Iowa Falls, IA
- Alex Michael Gluhareff, Ocala, FL
- David S. Han, Columbus, OH
- George W. Kay, Boston, MA
- Mohammad A. Khalief, Los Angeles, CA
- Mark A. Kochman, Toronto, ON, Canada
- Richard J. Mercurio, Lincroft, NJ
- Chris E. Perkins, Kingswood, TX

The Admissions and Credentials Board’s Test Construction Committee will meet in Chicago March 26-28. Serving on this year’s committee are Drs. Beverly Dunn, chairman, Burton Balkin, James Fagan, Emile Martin and Jesse Osier.

During this meeting, the 2004 written and oral/case examinations will be constructed. Staff from Measurement Research Associates, the firm that provides psychometric services to the AAID, will guide the test development process.

In 2004, the written part of the Associate Fellow exam will be given five times. The dates and locations are: June 13, New York City; August 6, Chicago; October 24, Chennai, India; November 7, New York; November 12, Atlanta.

Applications and fees are due 30 days before the examination date. For an application, contact Joyce Sigmon in the Headquarters Office or visit the Credentials Section of the AAID website - www.aaid-implant.org.
The Accademia Italiana di Stomatologia Implantoprotesica held its meeting at the Verona Congress centre. The speakers came from Italy, Russia, UK, Germany, Spain and Switzerland and it truly was an international implant meeting. The delegates numbered 350 and came from academia, hospitals and general practice and its President, Dr. Arturo Hruska, chaired a very successful conference. The subjects covered were varied and of particular note was the immediate loading concept with the initial stability of the implants provided with titanium wire either welded (intra-oral welder) or screwed to the temporary implant abutments. The Italian implant market is full of small suppliers and as a consequence the average price of any implant is the cheapest in Europe precisely because of this competition in the implant market. The market leader in bio-materials is Bio-oss which is bovine derived (their membrane Bio-gide is porcine derived) and the demand for alloplasts is rapidly growing but the sales of allografts is small compared to the USA because of the lack of regulated bone processors and bone banks. The use of HA coating on implants is slowly declining and this has not been helped by a law suit in France. It is of interest that the largest implant market is Germany closely followed by Italy and Spain third; the UK market is the smallest in Europe. The use of PRP and distraction osteogenesis was fruitful and on the political front AISI has formed a collaboration with the president of the Italian General Medical Practitioners that can only bode well for raising the awareness of implants in Italy. AISI is sponsoring the Amazonian Project which involves equipping a small deprived village in the Amazon with medical supplies, an ambulance and hopefully some dentists will travel there to offer professional services gratis.

The evening social dinner was held in a very old restaurant (part of an old palace) and the food and wine were incomparable. The region around Verona is famous for Valpollicella wine together with its venerated and expensive sibling called Amarone which is used among other things to make a very exotic risotto.

I presented, on behalf of the AAID, a mounted certificate to the AISI president and Dr. Hruska in turn presented me with a certificate to celebrate the twinning of the two Academies and to this end we hope to work together and increase the profile of implantology internationally.

Dr. John Stowell
AAID Global Committee
O. Hilt Tatum, Jr., DDS was recently honored by the President of France by receiving the Légion d’Honneur for his enormous contributions to the field of implant dentistry, the American Academy of Implant Dentistry and the entire profession. Dr. Tatum’s contributions have had great positive impact by improving the lives of patients worldwide.

Dr. Tatum is an Honored Fellow of the AAID and a Diplomate of the ABOI/ID. He was president of the Academy in 1994.

This award was created on May 19, 1802, by Bonaparte, First Consul of the French Republic. Bonaparte himself was head of the Legion (chef de la Légion) and President of the Council of the Legion, and members were called légionnaires. The ranks were, in decreasing order: grand-officier, commandant, officier and légionnaire. The badge was the well-known five-branch star, worn from a red ribbon. The Legion was conceived as a military institution, as the names of the ranks indicate; members were organized in cohorts that were distributed geographically. This elite group would serve as a cadre for the civil society.

By an ordinance of March 26, 1816, the Legion took the name of Royal Order of the Legion of Honor. The rank of grand-aigle was changed to grand-croix, that of commandant to commandeur, and légionnaires were henceforth known as chevaliers. Dr. Tatum was honored as a chevalier.

The insignia consists of a five-arm cross with (currently) the profile of the French Republic surrounded by a wreath of oak and laurel. The motto is Honneur et Patrie.

The Academy extends its heartfelt félicitations to Dr. Tatum.

Jorge Arce, DDS, a general member from Redondo Beach, CA, has won a free registration for the Academy’s 53rd Annual Meeting. He was selected in a drawing that included 1105 members who paid their 2004 dues by December 31, 2003. This was a 15% increase over the number who responded to a similar incentive last year.

Dr. Arce joined the AAID last year and attended the 2003 Annual Meeting, which he enthusiastically describes as “one of the best meetings I have ever attended.” Before being notified about this award, Dr. Arce had already made plans to attend the 2004 meeting and invited many of his friends to share this outstanding educational experience with him.

An oral and maxillofacial surgeon, Dr. Arce received his undergraduate dental and specialty education in his native Colombia.
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education Committee, chaired by Jaime Lozada, DDS, met in the Headquarters Office on February 22. The committee had a full agenda. Among the matters considered were reports on the courses presented since its last meeting, proposals for new courses, sponsorship of educational courses, two applications for continued approval of AAID co-sponsored MaxiCourses® and ways to increase the Academy’s visibility in the dental schools.

In addition to Dr. Lozada, the committee’s membership includes Norman Cranin, DDS; Beverly Dunn, DDS; John D. DaSilva, DMD, MPH, ScM; Lawrence B. Lum, DDS; Edward Mills, DDS; and Emil Svoboda, PhD, DDS.

Courses Presented: The committee considered reports about the four courses presented since its February 2003 meeting: The Restoring Dentist: The Leader of the Team, Kevin J. O’Grady, DDS, course director; Introduction to CT Scanning in Dentistry, Jerry Soderstrom, DDS, course director; Marketing Dental Implants, Craig Cooper, DDS, course director; and Bone Grafting, James Rutkowski, DMD, course director. Overall, the evaluation reports for these courses indicated that they were well received.

The Education Committee is developing plans to offer the Marketing Dental Implants and Bone Grafting courses again. Watch the AAIDNEWS and the web site for details.

Courses Approved: The committee approved two new courses: Overview of Implant Surgery and Prosthetics - Live, John Minichetti, DMD, course director, and Optimizing Implant Esthetics with Soft Tissue Grafting, James Rutkowski, DMD, course director.

The Implant Surgery and Prosthetics course will be presented as a post annual meeting course on Sunday, November 7, from 8:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at The Center for Implants and Aesthetics in Englewood, NJ. Transportation between the Marriott Marquis and The Center will be provided for course registrants. Details about the course will be included in the Preliminary Program for the 2005 Annual Meeting.

The date and location of the Optimizing Implant Esthetics course will be announced later.

AAID Visibility in Dental Schools: As charged by the Board of Trustees, the Education Committee is working with the Membership Committee to increase awareness of the Academy in the dental schools. Their joint plans will be implemented following the Membership Committee’s meeting in March.
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The AAID Membership Committee met recently in Hawaii during the WCOI6 meeting. From left to right are: Jeffry Meister, DDS; Mark Cullen, DDS; Carol Phillips, DDS; Chairman Joe Buttacavoli, DDS, and Michael Potts, DDS.

ALABAMA IMPLANT STUDY GROUP SUMMER MEETING

The Alabama Implant Study Group is planning their summer meeting FOR August 5-8, 2004, at the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel & Conference Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Dr. Truman Baxter, AISG president has invited special guest speakers Dr. Charles English and Mr. Dan Root.

For information and reservations contact Connie Story at 877-842-3683 or by fax at 931-296-7182.

ABOI/ID Executive Manager Valerie Lober, PhD, and AAID Director of Administrative Activities Joyce Sigmon, CAE, represented their respective organizations as exhibitors at the WCOI6 meeting in Hawaii.
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