UPDATE ON ACADEMY ACTIVITIES

The first few months of 2005 have seen a flurry of activity at the American Academy of Implant Dentistry. The Academy’s volunteer leadership has held several meetings to review the organization’s progress in 2004 and to set even more ambitious goals for 2005 and beyond. Accordingly, much of this issue of AAIDNews is dedicated to providing you updates from the Academy’s leadership.

To help kick off the year, the Academy’s Board of Trustees met in early February in Scottsdale, Arizona, at the site of the 2005 Annual Meeting. In its review of 2004, the Board was presented with reports indicating that membership numbers increased and the Academy enjoyed its best financial year ever. The Board approved an annual award of $1,000 for the best article published in the Journal of Oral Implantology. The Board of Trustees also reviewed the Academy’s newly-redesigned Web site and discussed a new Public Relations campaign to achieve greater recognition of the Academy and its members. To read the full report on the Board’s deliberations and actions, see the article on page 10.

On February 25, the Annual Meeting Committee held its first meeting of the year at the AAID Headquarters Office during the last weekend of February. The annual meeting committee met to review the...
GLOBAL EXPANSION

Mission of the global committee

The Global Committee, originally founded by Dr. Terry Reynolds, has a mission: to influence implant education and increase the academy’s membership internationally. Over the past several months, the committee has had meetings and set forth programs to make this mission eminent.

September 2004 planning meeting

In late September, the committee, under Chairman Dr. Frank LaMar, convened at the AAID Headquarters to design strategies on accomplishing “Global Expansion.”

The strategic plan laid out by the committee yielded the following goals:
1. Establish AAID sponsored C.E. courses.
2. Possible joint AAID international meeting.
3. Establish one new international MaxiCourse®.
4. Recruit new members.

In addition, plans for the Global Breakfast, the hosting of international guests and selection for the 2004 Global Dentist of the Year were achieved.

Global dentist of the year 2004

The committee agreed that the recipient would be an individual who has accomplished the most in helping the Global Committee achieve its goals. The criteria include: assisting with membership recruitment, assisting in establishing educational programs and serving as an ambassador for the AAID. The 2004 Global Dentist of the Year Recipient was Dr. Jihad Abdallah.

February 2005 planning meeting

In February 2005, under new chairman Dr. Paul Johnson, the committee reconvened to discuss the Global Committee’s progress and plans for the near future. Efforts to have AAID sponsored education all over the world are taking shape. The India MaxiCourse® has completed its first year and is beginning its second. There has also been significant progress on establishing new MaxiCourses® in France, Jordan, Mexico, and Iran.

The goal of having an international conference in Dublin, Ireland, in the spring of 2006 is becoming a reality under the diligent work of committee member, Dr. John Stowell.

Finally, the committee is going to great lengths to ensure a most hospitable experience for our International guests at this year’s annual meeting in Arizona.
During the first three months of my term as President of the AAID, I have learned that the effort needed to run the Academy is enormous! The organization operates smoothly because of the numerous people who donate their time and expertise to AAID activities. Truly, the everyday commitment and sacrifice of many individuals make our Academy the growing, vibrant organization it is! As such, I send my sincerest thanks to those who provide this assistance and make my job as President much easier.

Committee members, committee chairs as well as the Officers and members of the Board of Trustees are quick to provide whatever efforts and support are needed. Remaining true to their leadership commitment, many of our committees have already held conference calls to continue their work from last year or have scheduled in-person meetings in Chicago this spring.

Similarly, in February the Board of Trustees held the first of three meetings for 2005 at the Westin Kierland Resort & Spa in Scottsdale, Ariz., which will also serve as the home of the Academy’s 2005 Annual Meeting. Overall, the Board meeting was proof positive that the strategic plan adopted last year is providing a framework for the Academy’s direction. Please take a few moments to read the Board of Trustees’ report in this newsletter—it is important for our members to stay informed about what the present and future holds for this Academy.

While in Scottsdale, the Board had the opportunity to tour the Westin Kierland’s beautiful property. Let me remind you that, if you haven’t registered to attend the 2005 Annual Meeting, do so today! Not only will the education program be one of the best in the Academy’s history, the Westin Kierland and the City of Scottsdale provide a terrific venue for family activities, golfing, shopping, hiking and much, much more.

In addition to our many volunteer leaders and members who spend countless hours on behalf of the Academy, the Chicago staff is always ready to lend their expertise and effort to meet our needs and achieve leadership directives. We have all seen the staff in action at our annual meetings, but many of us do not realize what our staff contributes on a daily basis to keep the Academy running.

Vincent Shuck has served as Executive Director since 1992, in which time he has helped build a strong and efficient organization. In addition to the everyday operations of the Academy, he attends committee meetings, participates in conference calls and spends many nights and weekends in service to the Academy. Afshin Alavi manages the financial well-being of the Academy and has been fundamental to the success and growth of the Research Foundation’s fundraising efforts over the past few years. Joyce Sigmon oversees the recruitment and retention of the Academy’s most important asset—our members. She also supervises the Academy’s educational courses and credentialing, both being our primary membership benefits. In addition to her planning responsibilities with our annual meetings, Jennifer Sivernell works on the Academy’s publications, Web site, marketing and public relations. And, we have hard-working, talented support staff to augment all these efforts. As you can see, the Academy’s staff knows what it means to take on a tremendous amount of responsibility.

The most exciting news I can share with you is that the efforts of our members, leadership and staff are producing results. The number of study clubs, for example, is growing. The Academy’s new Speakers Guild held its first speaker training class in Las Vegas in December and it was well attended. Attendance at our annual meetings has seen an upward trend over the past few years, and most important, our membership numbers continue to increase on an annual basis.

The Academy’s new logo has been unveiled—you will see the new logo on the Academy’s materials and this re-designed newsletter. And, the Academy launched a newly-designed Web site in January to incorporate the new logo’s energy and image. Continue to visit the new Web site www.aaid-implant.org for Academy information, and watch the site evolve with new features and services. These are just a few of our new activities that we plan to expand and enhance in the future.

Successes like these are due to the vision of our past presidents and other leaders who have continually raised the bar for expectations as well as the hard work of others to bring that vision to fruition. Isn’t it nice to know that so many people are continued on page 10
President O’Grady presided over the February meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The Board considered the Officers’ recommendation to limit the initial approval of MaxiCourses® by the Education Committee to two years and agreed to direct the committee to establish a policy that limits initial approval to two years after which up to a five-year term can be applied based on the committee’s review.

District representatives reviewed activities in and financial information for each district.

Dr. Recker reported on issues related to the Academy’s suits in California and Florida.

The Board reviewed the summary information related to the 2004 Annual Meeting, including registration data, schedule, marketing activities, and budget details. Dr. Gowey reported on the Officer’s decision to allocate a portion of the $24,000 hotel savings obtained by the outside meeting planner to Mr. Bartow in recognition of his service to the Academy. The Board also discussed the financial decision-making process used by AAID Officers and President O’Grady referred the matter to the Finance Committee with a request to determine whether guidelines or criteria should be developed for the Board’s review.

Also, the informational reports on the 2005 and 2006 annual meetings were reviewed. Dr. Gowey reported that Dr. Roger Plooster would assume the responsibility as the 2006 meeting’s scientific chairman.

Dr. Rosenlicht suggested that the Academy consider a joint meeting with the American College of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons in 2007 and he agreed to provide the Annual Meeting Committee with background information.

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 who would be in violation of the provision if they do not attend the upcoming meeting. Following discussion, the Board agreed that the Executive Director should continue maintaining a record of meeting attendance but noted that it was unnecessary to provide a report to the Board unless requested.

The Board reviewed the summary of activities from the Research Foundation and noted that over $24,000 was contributed or pledged by members at the Annual Meeting and the Corporate Auction generated over $17,000.

Dr. Gowey reported that 52 candidates are scheduled to take the 2005 ABOI/ID examination in April. In addition, the Board considered the ABOI invitation to Dr. Recker to participate in the April 7 meeting of the ABOI Board of Directors and decided that neither Dr. Recker’s involvement nor the resulting obligation to fund the associated expenses were necessary at this time. Based on the recommendation of the AAID Liaison Committee, the Board increased the funding for promotional activities by $300. In keeping with the Academy’s agreement with the ABOI, the Board voted that $2,519 be released from the ABOI/ID Reserve Fund Subsidy line item in the 2005 AAID budget.

The Board appointed Dr. Barry Bartee to a three-year term on the Admissions & Credentials Board.

The Board appointed Dr. James Fennell, Dr. Shankar Iyer, Dr. Jaime Lozada and Dr. Stephen Swallow to serve on the Education Committee.

Among the most important items reviewed by the Board, the Finance Committee’s report showed that 2004 represented the best financial year ever experienced by the Academy, with a total income of $1,830,610 and a resulting surplus. It was further emphasized that throughout the year, the Academy’s leadership and staff maintained a sound fiscal accountability and closely monitored every expense, which assisted in such a strong financial year. The Board recognized that this type of fiscal accountability has helped the Academy avoid membership dues increases, noting that regular members’ dues and credentialed members’ dues have not been raised since 2001 and 1996 respectively.

Dr. LaMar summarized the report and noted that the Global Committee was continuing its international contacts. In addition, Dr. LaMar was appointed as a committee member.

The Board reviewed the Internet Committee’s activities, which included the redesign of the Academy’s web site. Based on the opportunity to purchase a specific

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2005 Examination Candidates:
During the 2005 annual meeting/membership examinations, which will be held in Chicago, April 27 – May 1, the Admissions and Credentials Board will consider 61 applications for Associate Fellowship and 13 for Fellowship. The Board will also consider one application for reinstatement as a Fellow.

This year’s Associate Fellow candidates are:
- Vijailakshmi Archarya, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India
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- Hasib Al-Dary, Amman, Jordan
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- Vincent Vella, Rochester, NY
- Michael Wiland, New York, NY

Gary Dornfeld, East Brunswick, NJ, has applied for reinstatement as a Fellow of the Academy.

Test Construction Committee to Meet: The Admissions and Credentials Board’s Test Construction Committee met in Chicago March 4 – 5. Serving on this year’s committee are Drs. Emile Martin, chairman, Barry Bartee, James Fagan and Roger Plooster.

During this meeting, the 2005 written and oral/case examinations were constructed. Staff from Measurement Research Associates, the firm that provides psychometric services to the AAID, guided the test development process.

2005 Written Examination Schedule: In 2005, the written part of the Associate Fellow exam will be given five times. The dates and locations are:
- June 5, New York City
- August 5, Chicago
- October 23, Scottsdale
- November 18, Atlanta
- December 11, Chennai, India

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.
ABOI/ID NEWS

Board of Directors’ annual meeting.

The Board will convene its annual meeting on Friday, April 8, 2005 in Chicago, Illinois. Among other items on this year’s agenda will be a further discussion of extending the ABOI/ID’s certification requirements to the international market.

Certification examination.

On Friday through Sunday, April 8–10, 2005, fifty-two (52) candidates plan to sit for the ABOI/ID’s certification examination. The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that 21 dentists intend to sit for the written and oral/case examination; 15 for the written portion only; and, 16 for the oral/case section only. The Board will inform all candidates of their results within eight weeks of the examination.

Practice analysis.

Several years ago, the American Board of Oral Implantology/Implant Dentistry (ABOI/ID) undertook a program to enhance the validity and reliability of its certification examination. Since this time, the examination process has been running smoothly. Recognizing, however, that validating an examination is an ongoing process, the Board has chosen to re-validate the written examination. This process, which will take two years to complete, will use a practice analysis as its basis. The validation process is comprised of three parts:

- An identification and listing of patient-care activities in which Diplomates are engaged—i.e., identifying those activities that are deemed by Diplomates to be necessary for the safe and effective care of the public. This process will be conducted by focus groups composed of Diplomates who derive from all regions of the United States and Canada, embrace all demographic aspects of implant dentistry, and represent each gender and racial/ethnic group.
- A verification of this patient-care listing through a mail survey of all Diplomates.
- The development of a set of test specifications (a test blueprint) that is based upon the results of the survey and that serves as an infrastructure for the written certification examination.

At this time, the Board has communicated with all registered Diplomates inviting them to apply for serving on a focus group. After receiving applications and selecting representative samples of Diplomates for each focus group, the Board will proceed. It hopes to have convened all focus groups by the end of the summer.

New format for the oral/case examination.

The ABOI/ID Board of Directors is pleased to announce that it is upgrading its oral/case examination format. Beginning with the 2006 examination year, candidates will no longer be required to bring their own cases to the examination session for discussion and review. Instead, in 2006, candidates will be required to visit each of five standardized oral/case stations, each of which will be timed. At each station, they will examine a particular patient’s medical history, dental chart, computer-printed plastic models, radiographs, and CT scans, etc. For each of the five cases, the evaluators will then ask candidates standardized questions in predetermined categories. By the end of the examination session, each candidate will have been rated on each of the same five cases as other candidates.
2004 Annual Meeting in New York, to finalize details for the 2005 Annual Meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona, and to discuss advanced planning for the Academy’s annual meetings in 2006 and beyond. As you can read on page 13, the 2005 Annual Meeting promises to be one of the best in the Academy’s history.

The Global Committee met on February 26 to continue its ongoing discussions regarding the expansion of the Academy’s presence internationally. The Committee reviewed its 2005 assignments from the Board of Trustees and the responsibilities contained in the Academy’s Strategic Plan. In addition, it reviewed applications for new international MaxiCourses® and further discussed an Academy-sponsored meeting in Ireland in 2006. More information on the Global Committee’s activities can be found on page 2.

The Education Committee completed the weekend with its meeting in the Headquarters Office on February 27. Among the items on the committee’s agenda were reports from the three existing AAID co-sponsored MaxiCourses® and discussion about three potential international MaxiCourses®. In its effort to promote current and future continuing education activities, the committee also developed plans to complete other assignments from the Strategic Plan and the Board of Trustees. Read a full report on the Education Committee’s meeting on page 13.

In addition to the Academy’s many other activities, these meetings are proof that the Academy’s leadership and staff are working diligently on behalf of AAID members. Questions related to any of these items can be directed to the Headquarters Office at (877)335-AAID.

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web address, the Board approved an increase of $3,000 in the committee’s 2005 budget to accomplish the purchase.

Dr. Buttacavoli reviewed the Membership Committee report and noted that the Academy’s membership had increased in 2004, the 2005 dues statements were being processed, and that a substantial increase in student/resident members had occurred. The Board approved the Life Member applications for Drs. Robert Bloom, Ronald Cullen and Robert Katz.

Dr. Cooper noted that the Public Relations Committee will be developing a three-year plan for the Board’s review. The plan will include the key target audiences and messages.

Dr. O’Grady summarized the Marketing Committee report and noted that the committee had not provided information to the Finance Committee as requested by the Board at its November 2004 meeting. Following discussion, the Board referred the committee activities to the Finance, Membership, and Public Relations Committees for review and recommendation.

Dr. Cranin reported on activities related to the Journal of Oral Implantology. He reiterated the importance of having the Annual Meeting Committee encourage speakers to submit an article to JOI so that their presentation content can be disseminated to the entire membership. Based on Dr. Cranin’s recommendation, the Board agreed to fund an annual $1,000 award for the best article published during the year as selected by a committee of the Editorial Board.

The Board reviewed the progress report from the Study Clubs committee and noted that the committee’s activity needs to be included on the Academy’s web site.

Dr. Svoboda summarized the activities of the Speakers’ Guild Committee and the Board appointed Drs. Jeffery Meister and John Minichetti as members of the committee.

Drs. Buttacavoli and Rosenlicht on behalf of the Logo Usage Task Force, noted that several organizations have established guidelines on the use of the logos by members and recommended that the Academy develop similar guidelines. The Board requested Legal Counsel and the Executive Director to develop guidelines for the Board’s consideration at its June 2005 meeting.

In relation to the requested use of the Academy’s logo by Dr. Svoboda, the Board authorized the one-time use at the May 4-5, 2005 meeting provided the meeting is sponsored by the Central District and is approved by the Education Committee.

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COMMITTEE NEWS

Education Committee
The Education Committee, chaired by John D. DaSilva, DMD, MPH, ScM, met in the Headquarters Office on February 27. Among the items on the committee’s agenda were reports from the three AAID co-sponsored MaxiCourses®, discussion about three potential international MaxiCourses® as well as planning future continuing education activities. The committee also developed plans to complete other assignments from the Strategic Plan and the Board of Trustees and considered an application from an AAID Mentor 2 Study Club for approval to award AAID continuing education credits for its programs.

In addition to Dr. DaSilva, the committee includes Nicholas Caplanis, DMD, MS; James Fennell, DDS; Shankar S. Iyer, DDS, MDS; Emile Martin, DDS; Emil Svoboda, PhD, DDS; and Stephen Swallow, DDS.

Bone Grafting Course
There’s still time to register for the Academy’s highly acclaimed Cadaver Bone Grafting Course, which will be held June 24 – 25, 2005, at Wright State University School of Medicine in Dayton, Ohio. Course tuition is $1,995 for AAID members, $2,475 for non-member dentists and $150 for allied dental staff.

The course brochure, which was mailed to all AAID members early this year, is posted on the AAID website. To enroll or for additional information, contact Joyce Sigmon in the Headquarters Office.

Annual Meeting Committee
The AAID Annual Meeting Committee held an advanced planning meeting at the AAID Headquarters Office in Chicago on February 25. Chaired by Kim A. Gowey, DDS, this committee is comprised of the planning leaders of the 2005, 2006 and 2007 annual meetings.

Accordingly, the Annual Meeting Committee addressed meeting issues as far out as the year 2007. An initial review and evaluation of the 2004 annual meeting in New York last November was used to discuss how the Academy can build on the successes of the past for future meetings. Specifically, the committee reviewed potential meeting themes, speakers and locations to ensure that the Academy’s annual meetings continue to grow in quality and attendance.

The committee then spent a large portion of the day focused on final details for the 2005 Annual Meeting, which will be held October 19-23 at the Westin Kierland Resort & Spa in Scottsdale, Arizona. The Committee quickly reached consensus that the Academy’s 54th Annual Meeting is sure to be an impressive event.

The AAID will host some of the top and most respected dental implant lecturers in the world, including Dr. Sascha Jovanovic, Dr. Bob Marx, Dr. Hilt Tatum and Dr. John Brunski. The program will be a compelling combination of clinical lectures and relevant scientific presentations. The 2005 Annual Meeting Chairman, Dr. James W. Fagan, III, reflected: “Our 2005 committee has assembled a dynamic lineup of top notch speakers on bone regeneration, tissue engineering and esthetic strategies, all of which are pertinent to our members’ implant practices.”

Not only will the 2005 Annual
HOCHBERG: Dr. Lozada, as Director of the Graduate Program in Implant Dentistry at Loma Linda University, please share with us the history of the program and how it has evolved.

LOZADA: Dr. Robert James was the founder of this program. He was recruited to practice implant dentistry at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry in the 1970’s. Interestingly enough, Dr. Norman Cranin, who is now the editor-in-chief of the AAID Journal of Oral Implantology, contributed to Bob James getting involved with implants.

While at Loma Linda and before establishing the implant program, Dr. James worked on his thesis for a masters degree in autopathology. The research that he conducted was the evaluation of the surrounding tissues to a metal post placed in dogs.

One of the major discoveries from Dr. James’ research in 1973 and 1974 is one of the reasons why Loma Linda is known in the field of implant dentistry. He was the first clinician to discover hemidesmosomes next to an implant post.

Because of his research, the former Dean encouraged Dr. James to develop an implant program. In 1976, the two-year program was started with just one student. I was accepted in 1984 as the program’s fifth student.

Since 1976 when it was established, 56 residents and over 100 interns, students and fellow students have graduated from the Advanced Education Program. In 2006, we will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Loma Linda program by organizing a scientific program. The program will include high-caliber speakers, and alumni of the education program will be invited to attend.

HOCHBERG: As a past student in the program and now its director, share with the membership a little bit about what your students experience.

LOZADA: When I was a resident, we would see patients, review literature and attend courses with other specialty programs. Now the environment is more structured, and it’s much busier.

We have at least three different literature review courses, and the residents also take specific courses that have been created over the years exclusively for implant dentistry. In the early days when the program had only one student per year, we saw some patients, but today we attract approximately 18-20 patients per week and assign them to graduate students.

HOCHBERG: How long is the program?

LOZADA: Today it is a full-time, three-year program.

HOCHBERG: Currently, how many students do you have enrolled?

LOZADA: We enroll three students per year. We have also developed other forms of formal education known as fellowship and internship training. The residency program has two tracks. The certificate track and the masters track.

HOCHBERG: How do they differ?

LOZADA: The masters degree, of course, involves research and a thesis.

HOCHBERG: I see. So the masters track would be for an individual more inclined to do research?

LOZADA: Correct. Both programs involve a research component, but interns in the masters track have to publish and defend the thesis.

HOCHBERG: Are they actively involved in clinically treating patients from the beginning?

LOZADA: Yes, right from the very beginning. We have a very extensive, ambitious curriculum. At Loma Linda, we also have a dental anesthesia program. It’s one of the strongest programs in the country. Our students spend the entire first three months working full-time on an anesthesia rotation. We actually don’t see them at all until they finish that first rotation.

HOCHBERG: You mentioned
that both programs involve some research. Share some of that with us.

LOZADA: Four years ago we started with a prospective clinical study on early or immediate loading. At the present time, some students are evaluating the success rate of the implants supporting over-dentures. There is also a prospective clinical study where two implants have been placed and immediately loaded with an upper denture. Other students are involved in an ongoing evaluation of materials for sinus grafts. We have also evaluated and conducted research that involves the use of various cements for implant prosthodontics.

HOCHBERG: When did you take over the program, and are there any other university-based programs like this?

LOZADA: Dr. James passed away in February of 1994, and I have served as the program’s director ever since. There are several other universities with programs, though not on a full-time basis like Loma Linda’s. There are other universities with combination programs that contain implant and prosthodontics, perio or oral surgery. But as for stand-alone programs, there are perhaps only two. However, more universities are opening fellowship and internship programs like I mentioned earlier. Almost all dental schools have one of those programs.

HOCHBERG: Please share a little bit about the AAID’s involvement in the Loma Linda program over the years?

LOZADA: It goes back to the days when Dr. James was the director of the program. He was an Academy officer, recipient of AAID awards, member of Academy committees and the co-founder of the American Board of Oral Implantology/Implant Dentistry.

Currently, the Western District Section of the American Academy of Implant Dentistry also puts together a program every other year known as “going live,” which is a program where we demonstrate live surgical procedures to a large audience. All of this takes place, of course, at the Loma Linda’s implant dentistry program.

The Academy, with the efforts of Dr. Hilt Tatum, was able to encourage members to donate toward a grant benefiting Loma Linda’s implant dentistry research programs, which eventually turned into an endowment fund named after Dr. James. I’m extremely grateful to the Academy and to Dr. Hilt Tatum for supporting us. As a result, our residents can benefit from the funded research.

HOCHBERG: I know you're involved with the AAID at many different levels. Please share your Academy experience with the membership and any goals you’d like to set.

LOZADA: It started with the Education Committee, when Dr. Kevin O’Grady invited me to get involved. We’ve been able to help develop courses and evaluate the existing MaxiCourses® presented around the country. Later when I became the chairman of the education committee we established some liaisons with other organizations so we can jointly develop programs that benefit AAID members.

More recently I was nominated for the AAID’s officer’s position of treasurer. I’m delighted to have the opportunity to work with an incredible group of AAID Officers.

One of the areas I would like to see addressed is an improved reputation for the Academy’s scientific programs and the scientific material published in our journal. I am involved with the JOI editorial board. Working with Dr. Cranin, we have made tremendous headway. We have published more papers than ever before, and our residents are regular contributors with literature reviews as well as scientific-based articles and studies in the JOI.

Somehow, we must develop an interest among our members to publish in our journal. This is a challenge because many members are not familiar with writing articles for a scientific publication.

I would like to see efforts made to develop a committee consisting of scientific writers that can help these clinicians publish. This will add tremendous value and credibility to our organization and journal. In today’s healthcare environment, we have to be able to scientifically validate our work.

HOCHBERG: Dr. Lozada, any closing thoughts?

LOZADA: I think we need to continue working to improve our annual meetings by positioning the Academy as having one of the most interesting scientific sessions in the country.

Also, we need to closely work with the American Board of Oral Implantology/Implant Dentistry by encouraging our membership to take the credentialing examination.

HOCHBERG: Dr. Lozada, the membership thanks you for your hard work in helping to create and continue this unique and first class program. On behalf of the membership and of course our patients, a hardy thank you.
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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James B. Gibney, DMD, a Fellow member from Spring Hill, FL, has won a free registration for the Academy’s 2005 Annual Meeting. He won the registration in a drawing that included 1,132 members who paid their 2005 dues by December 31, 2004.

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In addition, Dr. Gowey shared many compliments about the Westin Kierland following his stay during the Board of Trustees’ February meeting: “It is a wonderful property with a spa, 27 holes of golf, an outdoor pool complex and a lazy river for the kids. The restaurants at the hotel are also fantastic.” Dr. Gowey further urged members to “register and make hotel reservations early before the room block at the Westin Kierland sells out.”

Members, students, spouses and office staff can register for the annual meeting by visiting the Academy’s Web site at www.aaid-implant.org or by using the registration form included in this newsletter. (See page 23.) A hotel reservations link is also provided on the Web site that allows members to access a special site coordinated by the AAID and the Westin Kierland.

By using this site, registrants can conveniently make hotel reservations online and take advantage of the AAID’s special room rate.

As Dr. Fagan reminded Academy members, “Don’t miss the many great educational opportunities the 2005 meeting offers under one roof at a bargain registration price.”

Winner is a King
Dr. Kenneth King is the lucky winner of a five-night hotel stay at the Westin Kierland Resort & Spa during the AAID’s 2005 Annual Meeting. Dr. King won the prize as a result of a contest for those who pre-registered for the 2005 meeting before December 31, 2004. Congratulations, Dr. King!

INDUSTRY NEWS

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