AAID files suit challenging how Texas recognizes dental specialties

The American Academy of Implant Dentistry filed suit in Federal District Court in Austin, Texas, on March 5, 2014, challenging the constitutionality of a regulation promulgated by the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners that limits dentists from advertising to the public as “specialists.”

The flawed regulation delegates the authority to determine “specialties” and which dentists can call themselves “specialists” to the American Dental Association, a private trade association over which the Texas Board of Dental Examiners has no control. Specialty recognition is entirely determined within the ADA through a political process carried out by competitor dentists, with no opportunity for review or appeal by any licensed dentist in Texas. The offending regulation is Texas Administrative Code Sec. 108.54.

The AAID was joined by three other organizations that issue bona fide credentials and certifications in various areas of dentistry, such as implant dentistry, dental anesthesia, orofacial pain, and oral medicine. The plaintiff organizations are the American Academy of Implant Dentistry, the American Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists, the American Academy of Oral Medicine and the American Academy of Orofacial Pain. Five individual Texas licensed dentists are also plaintiffs in the lawsuit.

“This law violates several constitutional guarantees to Texas dentists, including the right to due process, equal protection under the law and the right to free speech. This regulation is similar to a Florida state statute that also deferred specialty recognition to the ADA, which was declared unconstitutional in 2009 (DuCoin v Viamonte Ros),” according to Frank Recker, DDS, JD, attorney for the AAID.
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President’s Message

John Minichetti, DMD, FAAID, DABOI/ID
President, American Academy of Implant Dentistry

What a brutal winter it’s been for so many of our AAID members, families and friends. Extremely cold temperatures, combined with rain, ice and storm crippled many parts of the US, particularly those areas not accustomed to these paralyzing conditions. The term “Polar Vortex” was new to many of us (It isn’t even included as a question in AAID’s Part 1 or Part 2 credentialing examinations!).

In spite of the wintery mix, your Academy’s officers, key AAID opinion leaders, our AAID Executive Director and key AAID Headquarters’ staff met all day in Chicago in January to map out an AAID Strategic Plan for the next several years. The purpose of our meeting was to set goals for our great Academy and develop objectives and strategies to reach our goals.

Strategic Planning Meeting
Our Strategic Plan Meeting was moderated by an experienced outside consult, Mr. Barton Tretheway, who has years of experience working with Fortune 500 companies and non-profit organizations. Participants at the meeting included our executive officers: Drs. John DaSilva, Nicholas Caplanis, Richard Mercurio, Shankar Iyer, David Hochberg, and myself. We were fortunate to have Dr. Bernee Dunson, Chairman of our A and C Board, as well as Dr. Natalie Wong, past president of the ABOI, and Past Presidents’ representative, Dr. Fran DuCoin. This mix of members included both general dentists and specialists who practice implant dentistry. Dr. Da Silva, now vice dean of Harvard University School of Dentistry, Drs. Iyer and Caplanis, all active as faculty at various university dental schools, shared their insights into the academic environment, newer dentists, specialty training and Boarding procedures.

Drs. Dunson and Wong provided insights into our credentialing process and the impact of female dentists practicing surgery. Dr. DuCoin, not only a past president, but also the named plaintiff in AAID’s successful law suit against the State of Florida, gave us historical insight into previous AAID strategies and how far our Academy can grow.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the enlightening contribution of the Headquarters’ staff with their views into what is working well within our infrastructure of the AAID, including our financial strengths, constraints, and what changes might be helpful for betterment of our organization.

The Committee set an overarching goal for the Academy: “To be the premier organization for dental implant professionals.” With that in mind, the committee identified and prioritized objectives in order to place our focus on what is most important to achieving this goal.

Restructuring of the Bylaws and Governance
After much discussion, the number one priority objective was to Restructure the Bylaws and Governance. Our Bylaws and governance structure date to more than 60 years ago. Over the years, our Bylaws have evolved to the point where they are not conducive to allow for proper governance. In order for our Academy to be in step with current best practices for non-profit organizations and function in a more timely and efficient manner, changes in our Bylaws are warranted.

To accomplish this objective, we have put together see President’s Message p. 20

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You will find opportunities. An available practice may even be larger than your existing practice, and the leased space may be more adequate than what you presently have. Again, dentists worry about the “how,” rather then see the bigger picture. Find the opportunity first. Make no promises of sale price, if the doctor can continue, if you will move, if you keep all the team, if you want the office, etc. MAKE NO PROMISES initially. Let them know you are interested.

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A Dentist Recognizes Ectodermal Dysplasia and Brings Welcome Relief to Family

Like many who suffer from ectodermal dysplasia (ED), 14-month-old Jacob was initially diagnosed by his dentist. As the first health care provider to link together the various symptoms described by the child’s parents — delayed teething, severe facial eczema, sparse eyebrows, red rimmed eyes, unwillingness to drink warm beverages — Jacob’s dentist suspected an ED disorder.

“We were incredibly lucky that our dentist knew how to recognize ED,” explains Jacob’s mother, Meghan Howard. “Many families go through years of dental treatments without hearing about ED as a possible diagnosis, or having enamel and decay issues blamed on poor diet and dental hygiene.”

Diagnosis

“One of the challenges in diagnosing ED is that it not always a simple, consistent, predictable clinical presentation,” explains Dr. Kevin Butterfield, division chief of dentistry and oral and maxillofacial surgery at the Ottawa Hospital in Canada.

ED refers to more than 170 rare genetic disorders that cause abnormal ectoderm development. The main ED defects can be divided into 4 types of dysplasia — dental, hair, nail and sweat glands. Dentists can be instrumental in diagnosing ED as they can observe first-hand dental defects caused by the various disorders, including:

- Anodontia or hypodontia
- Taurodontism of deciduous molars
- Permanent dentition often limited to: central incisors, first molars and canines (maxilla);
  canines, first premolars and first molars (mandible)
- Deficient alveolar ridges (associated with hypodontia)
- Underdeveloped jaws
- Malformed teeth
- Cleft lip or palate
- Absence of lingual frenulum

When Jacob’s dentist believed that the toddler likely had ED, he referred him to a pediatric dentist who practices at the Children’s Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) in Canada. “We were so relieved and grateful to meet with a specialist experienced in treating patients with ED,” remembers Ms. Howard.

Treatment

Patients with ED are usually good candidates for implant therapy, and the procedure success rate compares to that of normal patients. However, they often have to undergo bone augmentation in preparation for implant placement.

In October 2013, Dr. Butterfield performed dental implant placement on Jacob, who is now 5 years old.

“While the varying clinical presentations can cause difficulties in the diagnostic

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If you would like to suggest topics to be covered in future Clinical Bite enewletters, simply send an email to max@aaid.com.

The Canadian Ectodermal Dysplasia Syndromes Association (CEDSA)

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The cost to students attending the Iran MaxiCourse® effectively increased from $12,000 US to $40,000 US. Since most of the students attending this second offering of the MaxiCourse® pay tuition with installment payments, the final payment was to cost nearly four times what they originally anticipated. As a result, the MaxiCourse® came to an abrupt halt after the Fourth Module in January 2013. Students were at risk of missing the Fifth Module, which covers Advanced Implant Considerations and the opportunity to take the AAID Associate Fellow Part 1 examination.

To overcome these hardships, Course Coordinator Dr. Mohammed Ali Mostafavi met frequently with the primary Course Sponsor, ACECR. According to Course Director, Dr. Frank Lamar, “it was important to ACECR to preserve the credibility of the MaxiCourse® and did so by advancing the difference in cost for the balance of the program for all the students, even though they did not pursue repayment. This points out how crucial it is that there be a credible sponsor with adequate financial resources,” Dr. Lamar said.

The students completed the fifth and final module at the end of January 2014, and most of the 24 students who started in August 2012 are taking the Associate Fellow written examination.

“AAID Maxicourses are so important to dentists around the world that they find a way to thrive even in a world of political and economic uncertainty,” Lamar stated.  

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Nominations sought for AAID Honored Fellows

The Honored Fellows Committee is seeking nominations of members to be denoted as AAID Honored Fellows in 2014. The process includes the opportunity for members to self-nominate, nominate, or be nominated by their peers. Those eligible for nomination are all who have been voting members (Associate Fellow, Academic Associate Fellow, or Fellow) in good standing for at least eight years.

Nominees should have distinguished themselves through support of AAID, including committee, district leadership, and other activities. In addition, they should have distinguished themselves and colleagues through professional, clinical, research or academic endeavors. They should have achieved noteworthy accomplishments within the field of implant dentistry. For a list of eligible members and a nomination form, visit www.aaid.com. Nominations are due July 1, 2014.

The review and selection process itself will be handled by the Honored Fellow Committee. That committee is chaired by Dr. Tom Chess and includes Drs. Walter Chitwood, Fran DuCoin, William Locante, Jeffrey Meister, Joseph Orrico, and Hamilton Sporborg as members. The Committee will meet to review nominations this summer with the new Honored Fellows recognized at the 2014 Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL.  

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process, the prosthetic management has dramatically improved as we are now able to provide patients with a predictable, functional result,” says Dr. Butterfield.

Unlike many patients who struggle to find specialists in any needed area of treatment, Jacob is followed by a multidisciplinary team of health professionals. “Our team of experts includes Dr. Butterfield, a prosthodontist, a pediatric dentist, a geneticist and a pediatrician,” explains Ms. Howard. “We have, however, been unsuccessful in finding a dermatologist with experience in treating patients with ED, so Jacob’s eczema is not under control at this point.”

Outlook

Prognosis for people with ED is generally very good. They have a normal life expectancy, and most disorders do not lead to developmental delays. Jacob’s resilience to his condition never ceases to

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Nominations sought for 2014 Isaih Lew Memorial Research Award

The Isaih Lew Memorial Research Award is presented by the AAID Foundation to an individual who has contributed significantly to research in implant dentistry. This award is given every year to perpetuate Dr. Isaih Lew’s spirit and enthusiasm for implant dentistry. Dr. Lew was an implant pioneer. He was a founding member of the AAID and served as its president and the editor of the Journal of Oral Implantology. In addition to publishing widely, he taught at New York, Columbia, Temple and Farleigh Dickinson Universities, and the New Jersey College of Dentistry. He lectured to dental societies in the US and around the world and produced a national television program on implants.

Isaih Lew was born in Poland in 1915. After immigrating to the United States, he graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Dental School and then spent a lifetime conducting surgical and prosthetic clinical implant research. Dr. Lew was committed to the “where, why and how” of implantology. He left a legacy of being a learned practitioner and researcher.

Send your nominations and the CV for the nominee to Afshin Alavi at afshin@aaid.com by July 31, 2014.
AAID takes the lead in introducing implants to dental students

The Academy is in the forefront of bringing implant dentistry to dental schools. “Bite of Education” programs have been presented at four dental schools thus far in 2014.

Dr. Jay Elliott addressed over 100 students at the University of Texas Dental School’s Houston campus. Over 120 students at the University of Nebraska Medical Center were educated about implants by Dr. Ed Kusek. Dr. David Gimer presented a “Bite of Education” at the University of Iowa Dental School to 30 students. Dr. Kevin Owok presented to more than 50 students at the University of Pittsburgh Dental School. Dr. Danny Domingue brought the total dental students who heard about implants and the AAID to 100 when he lectured at Louisiana State University Dental School.

Any credentialed member interested in presenting a “Bite of Education” should contact Carolina Hernandez, Manager of Member Services, at Carolina@aaid.com or by phone at 312-335-1550. She will provide lunch for the students, help with arrangements and promotion of the event, and provide you with a powerpoint presentation to use.

Carolina also attended the 2014 American Student Dental Association Annual Session in Anaheim in February. Over 100 dental students become student members of the Academy during the meeting.

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impress his mother. “He absolutely refuses to let ED slow him down. He could teach many of us what courage really means,” says Ms. Howard.

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2014 Candidates for Credentialed Membership

When the Admissions and Credentials Board holds its 2014 annual meeting and oral/case examinations in Chicago, April 24-27, it will consider 104 applications for credentialed membership. Eighty have applied for Associate Fellowship and 24 for Fellowship. This year’s candidates are:

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**Upcoming Key AAID Dates**

**JUNE 2014**
6-7  Southern and Northeast Districts Meeting
Fort Lauderdale, FL

**JULY 2014**
2-6  IIOI Hands-on Surgical Training (AAID Members receive $900 discount)
Dominican Republic

**SEPTEMBER 2014**
19-20  Advanced Bone Grafting on Cadaver
( AAID members receive $500 discount)
Doral, FL

**NOVEMBER 2014**
5-8  63rd ANNUAL IMPLANT EDUCATION CONFERENCE
Orlando, FL

**DECEMBER 2014**
12-13  Soft and Hard Tissue Surgery on Cadavers
( AAID members receive $500 discount)
Las Vegas, NV

Check the AAID Online Calendar using this QR Code for a complete listing of all Key AAID Dates.
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found on page online at www.aaid.com. If you are interested, please contact Sharon Bennett, Executive Director, at sbennett@aaid.com. If you have questions about the role and responsibility, please feel free to contact me directly at dgh@colony squaredental.com.

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AAID 2014 Annual Meeting Poster, Table Clinic, and Abstract Presentations

Overview
Table Clinics, Poster and Abstract Presentations will be an important part of AAID’s Annual Meeting, which will be held at the Hyatt Regency Orlando in Orlando, FL, November 5 – 8, 2014.

This is an ideal opportunity for dental professionals and graduate students to participate. We will accept applications until we reach capacity, so the sooner we receive your application, the better. However, if you want the title and name of authors to appear in the printed onsite program guide, we must receive your application by August 1, 2014. We will e-mail applicants within a month of receipt of the application to verify acceptance, provided your application is complete.

Meeting Registration
Full-time dental students who are Poster, Table Clinic, or Abstract presenters are eligible for complimentary meeting registration. Students are responsible for their own housing and all other expenses connected with attending the meeting.

Non-student Presenters (i.e., not full-time dental students) must register to attend the meeting at full dentist rates and are responsible for their own housing and all other expenses connected with attending the meeting.

For more information
If you have any questions about the scientific content, the application process, the status of your application, the time of your presentation or other logistics, contact Sara May, Director of Professional Development, at 312.335.1550 or e-mail sara@aaaid.com.

Detailed information about the rules, process, and suggestions for preparing your abstract, as well as an online application, can be found online at AAID Web site. Or scan the QR Code below with your smartphone for direct access to that additional information.

AAID Membership Ambassadors

AAID Membership Ambassadors know first-hand how membership in the Academy helps dentists establish or expand their expertise in implant dentistry and encourage their colleagues to join the AAID. We would like to thank the Membership Ambassadors who have referred colleagues as new members between December 2, 2014 and March 1, 2014.

Thank you for referring three colleagues to the Academy. (Credentialled members in bold)
John Minichetti, DMD, from Englewood, NJ

Thank you for referring two colleagues to the Academy.
Louie Al-Faraje, DDS, from San Diego, CA
Gordon J. Christensen, DDS, MSD, PhD, from Provo, UT
Brian Jackson, DDS, from Utica, NY

Thank you for referring one colleague to the Academy.
Bradley Bockhort, DMD, from Lake Forest, CA
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Paresh R. Kale, MDS, from Pune, INDIA
Shane Samy, DMD, from Eugene, OR
Todd Engel, DDS, from Cornelius, NC
William M. Brown, DDS, from Greensboro, NC

Thank you to Brian Jackson, DDS, from Utica, NY, for referring five student members and Jay Elliott, DDS, from Houston, TX, for referring one student member.

Would you like to be an AAID Membership Ambassador? Simply encourage your colleagues to join the AAID. Offer your colleagues a discount on their first year’s membership dues by having them specify your name in the “How did you learn about the AAID?” section of the membership application. Your colleague saves $50 off his/her 2014 dues by simply placing your name on the referral line.

Refer a member by November 1, 2014, and be entered into a drawing for 2015 AAID membership dues up to a $600 value. If you would like to request membership applications, contact the Headquarters Office at info@aaaid.com or by phone at 312-335-1550.
Practical Solutions for Everyday Implant Challenges

Presented by AAID Southern and Northeast Districts

What you learn at this meeting will immediately help your practice. Dental implant practitioners will address everyday challenges you face. Beginning on the morning of June 6, you will learn about pharmacotherapeutic considerations from one of the top experts in the field—Dr. Dan Becker.

That afternoon, you will engage in a new, interactive learning experience. Six case studies will be presented by AAID members. You, along with eight colleagues and a facilitator, will discuss the treatment options, key considerations in executing treatment, and possible complications. Each group will report their conclusions, and the presenter of each case will share what occurred in the real case.

On Saturday, June 7, five different lectures will cover even more challenges you face daily. Our expert presenters will share their solutions with you.

Saturday afternoon, there will be an optional Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support certification course. This program will be presented by Derek L. Johnston, American Heart Association Instructor. Successful completion of the course will qualify for ACLS certification. Space in the course is limited to 24 participants.

Camaraderie is a hallmark of AAID meetings, and this one is no exception. Enjoy a beach bar-b-que Friday evening.

Gerskoff/Goldberg Memorial Award nominees sought

If you know a member of the Academy who exemplifies qualities of co-founders and past presidents Aaron Gershkoff and Norman Goldberg, please contact an AAID past president to suggest his or her consideration as a nominee for the award.

Winners of the award have demonstrated one or more of the following attributes:
• An outstanding and recognized contribution to the field of implant dentistry
• National and/or international recognition as an outstanding implantologist
• Distinction in the field or allied sciences
• Documented, outstanding services to AAID
• High degree of professionalism

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The meeting will be held in Fort Lauderdale at a beachfront resort that is decidedly, and purposefully, different. Understated, not loud. In short, a sophisticated retreat where you can appreciate the enduring traditions of genuine hospitality. With its spectacular 500-foot private beach and secluded location encompassing 10 acres in the exclusive Harbor Beach neighborhood of Fort Lauderdale, Lago Mar Resort & Club invites you to discover this wonderful vacation resort.

Call 800-LAGOMAR (800.524.6627) or 954.523.6511 to make your reservation. Mention 1406AMERIC to receive discounted rates of $155 per day single or double occupancy (plus tax).
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an experience and stellar Bylaws Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. John DaSilva. Committee members include Drs. Tom Chess, Emile Martin, Larry Bush, and Kim Gowey. Our plan is, with input from Academy members, to discuss and re-write our Bylaws over the next two years. This task will be executed with the help of an outside non-profit bylaws consultant and legal review. Although we have excellent representation with our Bylaws Committee, the thoughts of all of our members are valued. I encourage any of you to communicate your opinions regarding the Bylaws, to share your ideas to me and our membership through letters to our editor.

AAID Educational Plans

Our second priority objective is to Increase and Enhance the Quality of Education. Our education committee met on January 31, 2014, where Dr. Shankar Iyer, Chairman, and the committee set a road map for the next year. Besides building on the success of our Annual Meetings, our Headquarters’ office is focusing on the growth of our District Meetings. Their coordination, planning, marketing and help with programming have lead to better attendance and financial success.

Our Academy created a Maxicourse® Committee, with the intent to strengthen this fundamental AAID education program that contributes significantly to new membership growth. Hands-on Skill Building Courses are under way with three AAID-supported Cadaver Programs in Miami and Las Vegas. Plans for an Advanced Training Symposia and an International Meeting in Dubai 2014 are in the works. Dr. Jaime Lozada, has formulated standards for AAID-sponsored Live Surgical Training Courses and Dr. Don Preble is working to increase our AAID-Sponsored Study Clubs.

Online education is the future. Our webinars will continue under the direction of Dr. Jason Kim and a new sub-committee has been established under leadership of Dr. Rod Stewart with Drs. Ben Donn, Drew Colantino and Danny Domingue to look into advancing AAID online education.

In November 2014, the Academy will play a significant role at the Greater New York Dental Meeting Implant Expo. This meeting was the largest U.S. Dental Meeting in 2013, with over 54,000 attendees, including close to 20,000 dentists and over 8,500 exhibitors. The AAID will present lectures and workshops over a four-day period. Our Academy will be one of the hosts of a welcome reception, have an exhibit booth, and coordinate ambassadors for promoting AAID membership. This educational opportunity will help expose our great organization as a leader in dental implant education.

Volunteers for ambassadors are needed, so those interested should contact the Headquarters’ office. Another example of our increased participation with other dental organizations is that we have been invited to plan an AAID Educational Program in collaboration with the ADA at their 2015 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.

Credentialed Membership Growth

Our third objective is to grow our credentialed membership. Statistics show that our credentialed membership base contributes substantially to the strength of our Academy.

Plans to increase enrollment in our Maxicourses® and streamline routes to AAID credentialing are being examined. An increase in our credentialing review and study courses is underway. The ABOI has already established a review course, now in its third year. They plan to add a workshop at our 2014 AAID Annual Educational Conference in order to better prepare candidates for examination.

Drs. Dave Resnick and Dennis Flanagan will be conducting the first AAID Part II Examination Oral Mock Board Workshop at our 2014 AAID in November. This workshop will give potential examination candidates a sense of how the Part II examination process is conducted.

Dr. Bernee Dunson, Chair of our Accreditation and Credentialing Board, has been charged with streamlining our existing examination and credentialing process to parallel changes by other dental specialty organizations over recent years. Our Education Committee will be reviewing dental implant educational programs at hospitals and university-based post graduate programs (for example, Loma Linda University’s advanced implant program), to determine if they qualify as pre-requisite for AAID credentialing.

Specialty Status

Another key strategy is to achieve specialty status. To further this objective, ABOI representatives, Drs. Natalie Wong and Kevin O’Grady, joined six representatives of other dental organizations — American Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists, American Academy of Oral Medicine, and the American Academy of Orofacial Pain — at a meeting of the American Board of Dental Specialties (ABDS) in Chicago on February 22, 2014. ABDS Bylaws were completed and
plans set to finalize the formation of an organization of member dental certifying boards, recognized and accepted by the ABDS, with shared objectives and standards related to the certification of dentists in a particular area or fields of dentistry. Unlike the ADA, a private trade organization with voting members, the ABDS will act as a non-partisan organization to provide accreditation of organizations that issue certification and/or subspecialty certification and maintenance of certification throughout the practitioner’s career. Our hope is that the ABDS will provide states and various licensing boards another vehicle, besides the ADA, to accept dental specialty and credential recognition. Our Academy is challenging the State of Texas regulations in this matter. (See page 1.)

Raising Awareness
Another objective is to raise the awareness of AAID to the profession and public. The Public Relations Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Adam Foleck met in Chicago on March 29, 2014, to discuss new and exciting ways to accomplish this. One of those ideas is to conduct a comprehensive survey of the implant practice and publish the results so that you can better manage and grow your practice. I’m personally looking forward to participating as a responder in that endeavor to see how my practice compares to my peers.

Grow Membership
The final objective that was adopted is to grow membership in the Academy. The Membership Committee under the direction of Dr. Richard Mercurio met in Orlando in late January (see, us New Jersey guys are smarter than we look. He chose Orlando rather than Chicago for his meeting.) We will launch a new member benefits program that will include products and services that you currently use, but at a discount — negotiated on your behalf by the AAID. In addition, we are focusing on identifying and providing information for those new to the practice or interested in adding implants to their existing practice.

2014 Annual Meeting
I am very excited to invite all of you to attend our 2014 Annual Educational Conference to be held November 5-8, 2014, at the Hyatt Regency Orlando Hotel (formerly the Peabody Hotel), in Orlando, Florida. This meeting will be the first Annual Meeting that was created within the structure of our new Annual Meeting Education Committee. The committee, consisting of several of our leading AAID educators, put together a great scientific program of main podium lectures, workshops, and live surgery. The Hyatt Regency Hotel is a first-rate venue. I recently visited the facilities and assure you will not be disappointed. After this vicious winter, what better a location to bring the entire family than warm, sunny Orlando? I look forward to you joining me and our colleagues for this great event in education and comraderie.

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Gendex Celebrates Award-Winning Line and New Innovation

Gendex, a leader in dental imaging, showcased its full line of digital imaging solutions at the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting from February 20 to February 22, 2014.

At the show, Gendex also celebrated the recent Dentaltown “Best Panoramic X-ray” Townie Choice Award received for its GXDP-300 digital panoramic and GXDP-700 panoramic, cephalometric, and Cone Beam 3D systems.

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NEW MEMBERS

The AAILD is pleased to welcome the following new members to the Academy. The following members joined between December 2, 2013 and March 11, 2014. If you joined the Academy recently and your name does not appear, it will be listed in the next newsletter. The list is organized by country, by state and then alphabetically by city. Contact your new colleagues and welcome them to the Academy. You may find their contact information online in the members’ section of AAILD’s website. Scan the QR code to log into the members’ section.

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