MESSAGE FROM PROGRAM CHAIR

Dear IAG Members,

Once again your Program Committee is hard at work developing the scientific program for Congress XXVII, which will be held at The Langham Huntington Hotel, Pasadena CA, September 17-19, 2015. Recruitment of members onto the Program Committee since the last Academy meeting has targeted youth, improve efficiency, better overall execution, and a touch of thoughtfully seasoned oversight. With improved service to the Academy in mind, the Program Committee identified critical facets of our biennial Congress and assigned mission-specific duties to each and every member of the committee…

Audio-Visual Subcommittee ... Director: Lane Ochi  
Member: Eric Bloom

Promotions Subcommittee ..... Director: Dick Schirmer  
Member: Doug Erickson  
Member: Eric Bloom  
Member: Kyle Schulz  
Member: Rick Shaw  
Member: Mike Wiley

Exhibitors Subcommittee......... Director: Chuck DeFreest

Reception Subcommittee ....... Director: Doug Erickson  
Member: Eric Bloom  
Member: Kyle Schulz  
Member: Rick Shaw

Committee Oversight.............. Director: Bill McHorris

Each subcommittee is directed by a veteran of the Academy, and additionally staffed by committee members new and old. This year, the Academy very specifically invited Dr. Bill McHorris to join the Program Committee. A true veteran by any definition, Bill has graciously agreed to assist with presenter nominations and selection, but most importantly to keep a watchful eye on committee deliberations to assure proper and efficient function. Thanks Bill, your continued support of Academy operations is greatly appreciated!

The scientific program will take a significant new direction in 2015. This new direction was thoroughly vetted at both Program Committee and Board of Directors levels. The decision to move forward in this new direction was not taken lightly; as such, 2015 will serve as an “experimental” trial run. Rather than arranging a half-day of twelve to fifteen traditional table clinics, we will be offering a half-day of eight projected clinics. A
projected clinic is an 18 minute, rigorous, intensive, get-to-the-point, presentation from the podium. Due to significant time restrictions imposed by this format, presenters must relatively quickly introduce their topic, develop it, and conclude. This mode of presentation is challenging, but very informative. Great clinical information is provided for the audience in a short period of time! As such, the Program Committee has been working hard to identify projected clinicians up to this formidable task.

Though active presenter recruitment is an ongoing process for the Program Committee, a short list of presenters already engaged for Congress XXVII includes:

- **Dr. Henry Gremillion** (Dean & Professor of Orthodontics, LSU Health Sciences Center, School of Dentistry, New Orleans, LA) – *"What Do We Know About Bruxism and How Does This Relate to Restorative Dentistry?"

- **Dr. Bill McHorris** (Private Practice and Assistant Professor, Advanced Prosthodontic Program, UTHSC College of Dentistry, Memphis, TN) – *“45 Years of Gnathological Principles: Then and Now”*

- **Dr. Jeff Okeson** (Director, Orofacial Pain Program, University of Kentucky, College of Dentistry, Lexington, KY) – *“Therapeutic Challenges of TMD & Orofacial Pain”* (#an obvious extension of his 2013 presentation “The Diagnostic Challenges of TMD & Orofacial Pain”)

A flurry of requests emerged from the member survey circulated during the 2013 meeting indicating the desire to “get back to classical Gnathology.” I know of no better way to achieve this goal than to invite our very own Bill McHorris to the podium. Bill has agreed to do so, and will present valuable information for consideration in the modern restorative practice.

A substantial number of additional presenters populate the Committee’s nomination roster and will be considered for inclusion in the scientific program during our upcoming Program Committee meeting in August 2014. If any IAG members would like to suggest a presenter for the Committee to consider, please feel free to contact me (dcagna@uthsc.edu) or any member of the committee. The committee will give due consideration to your suggestion and move forward with a formal nomination if and when circumstances permit.

We are excited about Congress XXVII in Pasadena and look forward to a world-class scientific program. Your hard working Program Committee is confident that you will enjoy both the professional and social events in store for you at the beautiful Langham Huntington Hotel.

Best wishes!
Dave Cagna
IAG Program Committee Chair
MESSAGE FROM JPD LIAISON

Dr. Dave Cagna is the International Academy of Gnathology’s editorial liaison to the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry. He is happy to assist with manuscript submissions for Academy members who write on gnathology-related subjects. If you would like publication assistance, ranging from a friendly reading to strict editorial revision, please feel free to contact Dave at any time.

Because the International Academy of Gnathology is a sponsoring organization of the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry, manuscript related to presentation provided during IAG biennial Congresses will receive high priority throughout the Journal’s peer-review process. If the manuscript is selected for publication, the manuscript will be given high priority during the publication process as well.

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