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& Maxillofacial Pathology

"Tucson"



Bob Brannon Appointed Civilian National Consultant

Dr. Bob Brannon has been appointed Civilian National Consultant in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology to the U.S. Air Force Surgeon General. He is only the third person to hold this position, following Dr. William G. Shafer and Dr. Charles E. Tomich.

Bob is internationally recognized in oral and maxillofacial pathology and forensic dentistry. He has participated in the dental forensic identification of numerous civilian and military mass disasters, including the 1978 Jim Jones mass suicide of 913 people in Jonestown, Guyana and the 1983 terrorist bombing of the Marine Headquarters in Beirut, Lebanon. He was the oral pathology consultant during the 1981 repatriation of 52 Americans held hostage in Iran. He also was a member of the dental forensic identification team in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm and the Battle of Mogadishu, Somalia.

"Dr. Brannon's 47-year career shines a light on serving the needs of America during some of our darkest hours," said Dr. Henry Gremillion, dean of Louisiana State University School of Dentistry, where Bob is a professor. "This rare honor is a fitting tribute to someone recognized by his peers for his excellence in his field."

Bob is a native of Fort Worth, Texas and graduate of Texas Christian University. After receiving his DDS from Baylor College of Dentistry in 1966, he joined the Air Force and completed a dental internship at Travis AFB, California. At Indiana University, he received an MSD in oral and maxillofacial pathology in 1973. During his thirty-year career in the Air Force, he was a faculty member and chairman of the Department of Oral Pathology and director of forensic dentistry at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. Dr. Brannon joined the LSUSD faculty in 1996. He is a past director and president of the American Board of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology.

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AAOMP
April 28 – May 3, 2011
San Juan, Puerto Rico
Caribe Hilton

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues:

I hope everyone who was able to attend the meeting in Tucson enjoyed themselves. The venue was certainly delightful, and the weather, although a little hot (but what did you expect in Arizona), cooperated nicely. Hopefully there was some time for a little rest and relaxation for everyone in addition to the intellectual stimulation provided by the continuing education programs. Janet and Karen deserve our thanks as they did a marvelous job of coordinating everything without any obvious glitches, at least in the areas they could control. Weather is another issue entirely, but thanks to the wizardry of computers and the Internet, a stranded speaker was still able to present the Saturday afternoon symposium. John Hellstein and the

Audiovisual Committee deserve kudos for their adaptability in rescuing the situation.

Many of your fellow Academy members are already hard at work dealing with Academy issues on your behalf. While most of these were discussed at the Fellows' Business meeting in Tucson, I'll try to summarize where we stand now on some of them. A more complete picture of Academy initiatives can be found by viewing the charges to the various standing committees of the Academy. These are posted on the web site. Click the "Fellows" or "Members" link on the left side of the homepage to open the menu items, then click on the "Mtg Mins & Comm Chrgs" link. The minutes of the Council meeting are also available for those who want greater detail about governance within the Academy.

The biggest issue on our radar is the upcoming deadline for registering our contributors in the PECOS system for Medicare patients who have biopsy specimens submitted. Please see the separate column in this newsletter devoted specifically to it.

One task that Council has assigned to the Professional and Public Relations Committee is reorganization of the "Find an OMP" tab on our web site. This issue was extensively discussed at the Fellows' Business meeting. P&PR will work to refine the data displayed in this area so individuals seeking oral pathology expertise can clearly identify individuals providing clinical services from those providing surgical pathology services. In addition, the specialty credentials of the individuals listed will be more clearly identified.

At the request of several Academy members, we are investigating the possibility of having a joint meeting with the American Academy of Oral Medicine. Our Director of Education will make the initial inquiries. If the AAOM expresses interest in a joint meeting, an ad hoc committee to iron out the details will be appointed. As always, your input is appreciated; please direct any comments or suggestions to John Hellstein.

Our webmistress, Pam Thompson, has been diligently working on developing an AAOMP-specific listserv. It is nearly ready for prime time. Council members will have beta tested the system to try to identify possible bugs in late July and it will hopefully go "live" sometime in August, and may be already usable as you read this newsletter. Members and fellows will be automatically enrolled on the listserv at the email address that is on file with the Academy's Chicago office. If you want to opt out of the listserv you will be able to do so once it is activated. This is a good reason to be sure your email address is accurate.

Several Academy members have voiced concerns about selection of meeting sites and the host hotel, particularly for our junior members in a less than favorable economic climate. Mike Kahn gave a very nice summary of the process at the Fellows' Business meeting in Tucson. For those who weren't at the meeting, his analysis and comments are repeated in this newsletter. Look for it to help you better understand the process. On the same note, if you have ideas or suggestions for meeting sites and hotels, Council would be glad to hear from you.

Bruce Barker has kindly agreed to coordinate an update of the history of our Academy. The first history, compiled by Ham Robinson, left off in 1988, more than 20 years ago, so it is time. If you served as President of the AAOMP since 1988, Bruce will be contacting you to ask that you provide a summary of the significant events during the year of your presidency. Once all the information has been compiled, the complete history will be available on the website. Also, if you have old photos that would be appropriate to include in the history, we hope you will be willing to share them.

I hope you all have some personal time to enjoy what remains of the summer. Look for our next newsletter sometime in the fall.

Henry P. Kessler

Selection Protocol for AAOMP Annual Meeting Site: We're Going Where?!"

By Michael A. Kahn, DDS

The choosing of a meeting site for the annual AAOMP meeting is more complex than one might suspect and, at all times, the Executive Council and the Executive Administrator, Janet Svazas, consider a tremendous amount of factors before signing a binding contract with a specific venue, at a specific location.

Traditionally, in successive years the meeting is rotated among geographic locations (i.e., in recent years being west, east, middle, and south) so that travel time and travel costs tend to even out for members no matter where they live and work. Once the general geographical location has been selected then a decision must be made whether an urban center or a more rural/isolated area is chosen. When each geographic location reoccurs in the rotation usually the opposite type of venue is selected (i.e., metropolitan-based hotel vs. more isolated resort).

Once the general location and type of venue has been decided, then several venues are contacted until a short list is developed of those facilities that have the floor plans, layout, and adequate square footage for our exhibits and events. Additionally, the venue must have a large enough block of rooms to reserve for us at our targeted group rate and subgroup rate for residents. Smaller hotels, which generally might be less expensive, often don't meet either of the above criteria though. An initial price quote is obtained from this short list of eligible facilities. A comparison is then made among the finalists involving items such as

activities and food/meals offered, both on and off property. Ms. Svazas then visits the finalists to personally examine room accommodation quality and event room appropriateness. The variety, quality and price of food and beverages are also obtained and sampled.

Other factors investigated include the accessibility of the hotel to airport/airlines as well as the hotel's distance from the airport and the availability of mass transportation/shuttle buses besides rental cars. Finally, the best negotiated price is obtained from the finalists that include not only room rates (including lower rate for residents) but complimentary rooms and/or waived fees, food and beverage, space, and audiovisual support beyond what our standing committee can provide or is allowed to bring into the venue. The final decision for the specific hotel site is determined by a vote of council.

The Executive Council and AAOMP staff take the responsibility of choosing an annual meeting location and its specific hotel very seriously and ensure it satisfies the demands and budget of our organization. Despite the goal of attempting to satisfy each member, each year, with the perfect location and hotel we realize for some there will be disappointment or frustration; however, rest assured when all the pros and cons are weighed, the final selection is based on what will be most acceptable to the vast majority of attendees.

AAOMP 2010 CPC Cases Tucson, Arizona

Case	Diagnosis
1	extraskelatal chondrosarcoma
2	graft vs. host disease
3	leprosy
4	cementoblastoma
5	fat predominant hamartoma
6	metastatic esophageal ca to the ramus



Dr. James Adrian (at podium) swears in new AAOMP Council.

Drs. Harvey Kessler, Michael Kahn, Paul Freedman, Steve Vincent, Susan Zunt, John Hellstein, Mark Lingen, Lynn Solomon, Kitrina Cordell, Indraneel Bhattacharyya, and Jeffery Stewart.

ANNUAL MEETING 2010

For more pictures of the Annual Meeting in Tucson, visit our website at www.aaomp.org under the Annual Meeting - Recap.



Past Presidents: Susan Zunt and Valerie Murrah



Front: Ali Pourian, Colin Eliot, Gorlin Award Winner Bruno Jham, Back: Jennifer Britt, Leticia Ferraira, Pavithra Pugalagiri



1989 President James Adrian with wife Mary Laurel and 2010 President Harvey Kessler with wife Lynn



New Fellow. Germain Jean-Charles with Roy Eversole



Alice Curran & Shafer Award Winner James Rokos



Outgoing Council Members: George Gallagher, Joan Phelan & Valerie Murrah

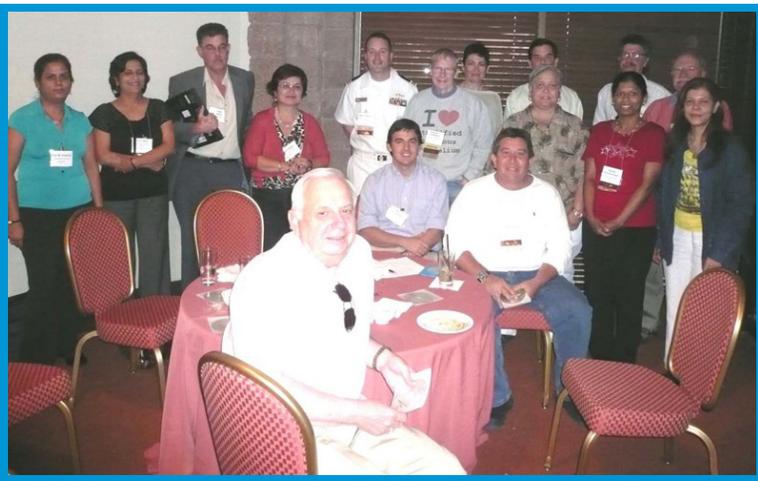


Jim Kratochvil, Dental Student Travel Award Winner Annie McLean, Cindy Kleineggr & Jeffery Stewart



Gordon Rick, Richard Jordan, Judy Rick, Michael Rohrer, Jeffery Stewart

Medicare Billing Update—Where Do We Stand



Rest of Us Reception (ROUR-Group)



Emory Reunion



Spouses' Reception



Patty & Brad Neville, Lydia Chen, Craig Fowler, John Fantasia & Jenny Fowler

PECOS: This issue certainly hasn't gone away and continues to evolve. As most of you should be aware from the last several blast e-mails, we provided information concerning OMP Medicare billing totals to our contact at the ADA to be used at a meeting with the Medicare hierarchy. While the information we provided was deemed very helpful, no definitive results of the meeting have been forthcoming as yet. We are still awaiting word of potential changes in the procedures for dentist registration in the PECOS system. This may take some time. In the interim, the ADA published a letter of support for us, essentially outlining the deficiencies we had identified in the PECOS registration system. Unfortunately the letter contained some factual errors, which we are trying to address with the ADA at present. While we continue to work through the ADA to obtain relief from this requirement, an ad hoc committee has been appointed to work exclusively on this issue for the Academy. They have been tasked to develop a blueprint for assisting our laboratory directors in getting their contributors registered in PECOS, and have been working diligently toward that end. You should already have received some recommendations from the ad hoc committee on what you can already be doing to pre-identify contributors that will need to be registered in PECOS. Hopefully, by the end of the summer, more information on the specifics of dental health care provider registration will become available from Medicare, and the ad hoc committee will have prepared an algorithm to assist in the registration process. Currently, the on-line registration system does not have provisions to allow dentists to register, and the paper registration application is extremely complicated and over burdensome. Thus, it is advisable to delay attempting to register your contributors at this time. Our hope is that if dental health care providers cannot be exempted from the registration requirement entirely, at least an expedited on-line registration process will be implemented by Medicare that will greatly simplify the procedures. We will try to provide additional information as soon as it becomes available to us. If you have questions about this issue, please direct them to Paul Freedman (pdf2001@nyp.org; pfreedm@aol.com) or Renee Reich (rfr2001@nyp.org).

New Fellows

Nada O. Binmadi, Baltimore, MD
Ruwadzano Chikosi, Flushing, NY
Jesse C. Doscher, Great Neck, NY
Siema Eljack, Princeton, NJ
Germain Jean-Charles, Rochester, NY
Jill M. Kramer, Glen Oaks, NY
James W. Rokos, Chapel Hill, NC

New Members

Shawn S. Adibi, Houston, TX
Audrey Boros, Santa Monica, CA
Leah M. Bowers, Gainesville, FL
Jennifer D. Britt, N. Bethesda, MD
Ioulia Chatzistamou, Athens, GREECE
Grant C. Collins, Rochester, MN
Whitney E. Dunn, Chicago, IL
Bethany J. Jensen, Minot, ND
Matthew H. Langewisch, Oak Park, IL
Brent D. Martin, Columbus, OH
David A. Mouritsen, Vestavia Hills, CA
Tiffany M. Peters, Charlotte, NC
Ali Pourian, Iowa City, IA
Sakthi S. Prabhakaran, Buffalo, NY
Pavithra Pugalagiri, Dallas, TX
Khaled A. Shaikhi, Buffalo, NY
Jessica Shireman, Hillsborough, NC

New Life Members

Norbert J. Burzynski, Louisville, KY
Robert A. Goldman, Palm Beach Gardens, FL

2010 Dental Student Award Winners

Audrey Boros, Flushing, NY
Grant C. Collins, Rochester, MN
Whitney E. Dunn, Chicago, IL
Lauren L. Gutenberg, Loma Linda, CA
Nadia Hassan, Los Angeles, CA
Bethany J. Jensen, Minot, ND
Brittany Konez, Pittsburgh, PA
Drew Krainyk, Saskatoon SK
David A. Mouritsen, Vestavia Hills, CA
Tiffany M. Peters, Charlotte, NC
Justin M. Rich, San Antonio, TX
Mana Saraghi, Philadelphia, PA
Chelsea Selin, Milwaukee, WI
Jessica L. Wollenberg, Newark, NJ
Wei H. Zhou, Vancouver, BC

2010 Dental Student Travel Award Winners

Rebecca L. Grammer, Boston, MA
Annie C. McLean, Portland, OR
Rob Vander Broek, Ann Arbor, MI

2010 Gorlin Award

Bruno C. Jham, Baltimore, MD

2010 Shafer Award

James W. Rokos, Chapel Hill, NC

2010 Waldron Award

Don M. Cohen, Gainesville, FL

Changes are coming!! Please take note.

San Juan meeting change: The entire meeting schedule has been shifted one day earlier. Thus, the meeting will begin on a Friday and end on a Tuesday instead of the normal Saturday thru Wednesday schedule. Meeting dates are April 28 - May 3, 2011.

Fellowship examination change: In the past the fellowship examination has been scheduled for the first day of the meeting. This prevented the examinees and the fellowship committee members from being able to participate in the continuing education programs. Therefore, the fellowship committee has elected to move the fellowship exam to the day prior to the beginning of the meeting. This coming year, therefore, the examination will be held on Thursday, April 28th 2010 from 8:00am – 5:00pm. Applications to sit for the Fellowship Examination must be received by the AAOMP office by January 13, 2011. Please call 888-552-2667 for an application, or download it from www.aaomp.org. Program directors and residents plan accordingly.

Continuing education format change: With the increasing ability to digitize microscopic slides, the academy is moving away from offering courses that use real glass slides. The advantage is that attendance at the courses, previously limited by the number of glass slides that could reasonably be prepared, becomes unlimited. Therefore, in 2013, instead of offering 6 different CE courses, only one morning and one afternoon course will be offered.

What is your Academy doing?

Are you interested in how the AAOMP functions and what is going on behind the scenes? There is a lot more going on than you might imagine. It isn't all just about the annual meeting! Check out the website for these updates:

1. Minutes of the May 2010 Executive Council meeting
2. 2010-2011 AAOMP Executive Council & Committee Roster
3. 2010-2011 Charges to the AAOMP standing committees
4. Official Academy position papers developed by the Research and Scientific Affairs Committee
5. Results of the manpower survey conducted as part of the Specialty Re-recognition process
6. Be sure to visit the Academy website and click on "In the News" under the Members and Fellows section to receive updates on issues and to find out what's new at AAOMP.

Also, if you have any AAOMP related news items, please send materials to aaomp@b-online.com. We are always looking for articles to use on the website and in the newsletter.

7. Please add our email address – aaomp@b-online.com - to your contact list to ensure that you are receiving our emails. And be sure that our emails are not dropping into your spam filters. Don't miss the latest news and information regarding the Academy.

George Everett Garrington, DDS, MPH, MS

June 1, 1927 – June 16, 2010



The Academy has lost one of its most cherished and respected Fellows on June 16th when Dr. George E. Garrington of Gainesville, Florida passed away. Many words can be used to describe George, but the one that comes to mind for most of us is "Gentleman". Indeed, George was a true Southern Gentleman, soft-spoken, kind, and of gentle demeanor. For many years he

and his wife of 57 years, Doris, attended the annual Academy meeting, including our 25th meeting in Washington, D.C., where they hosted the event.

George was born in Poplar Branch, NC but spent his early years in Sumter, SC. George served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1944-1946. He was a graduate of The Citadel in Charleston, SC. George earned his dental degree from the University of Maryland (1953), an MPH from Johns Hopkins University (1960), and his Master's degree in oral pathology from Georgetown University in 1964. After George graduated from dental school, he joined the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) and served a dental internship at the USPHS Hospital in Seattle. It was while in the USPHS that he earned both Masters degrees and became an oral pathologist. He was assigned to the National Institutes of Health where he served as Clinical Dental Director (with a rank equivalent to that of a Navy Captain) until his retirement in 1973. In 1967, George was the senior author (with Drs. Scofield, Cornyn, and Hooker) of the seminal paper on osteosarcoma of the jaws that was published in Cancer.

Upon retirement from the USPHS, George accepted an academic position at the University of Florida in Gainesville. He served as Professor of Oral Pathology as well as an Assistant Dean for Admissions and Student Financial Aid. He retired

as Professor Emeritus in 1989. George was President of the Academy in 1977. He was a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology and a Fellow of the American College of Dentists. George loved to play golf, garden, cook and collect recipes, and travel with Doris (and often with George and Winnie Blozis and the Courtneys, Dick and Joanne). George kept precise journals of their travels with detailed information on hotels, restaurants, etc. Back home in Gainesville he was active in his church, the Gainesville Fine Arts Association, and the Kiwanis Club.

George was a devoted and loving husband, father, and grandfather. In addition to Doris, he is survived by two sisters, one son (Timothy), two daughters (Patricia and Janice) and six grandchildren. Prior to his death, George penned the following message to his family and friends:

Don't mourn for me

"Mourn for those who have not had as good a life as I have. Mourn for those who have not known the joy of a truly loving and faithful life companion – as I have with my wife. Mourn for those who have not known the thrill of having bright children and having watched those children grow into responsible adult members of the human race. Mourn for those who have not had the privilege of seeing their grandchildren mature into hugely talented people. Mourn for those who have not had all the love and luck and privilege that I have had the good fortune to have had."

Dr. Garrington will be interred at the Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.

Requiescat in pace, George

Charles E. Fomich

ESTOP 2010

ESTOP 2010 is scheduled for the weekend of October 1-3. The meeting will be held at The County Clare, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This is a lovely Irish Bed and Breakfast on Milwaukee's East Side with restaurant, pub and meeting facilities on-site. There will be the traditional no-host cocktail party on Friday night in the Joyce Room at County Clare. The Saturday morning Seminarian is Barbara D. Wilson, M.D., of the Department of Dermatology at the Medical College of Wisconsin, who will be speaking on "The ABCs of Dermatology". The Sunday case presentation and slide exchange will include residents and faculty from the Department of Dermatology at MCW.

For more information contact Dr. Denis P. Lynch at denis.lynch@marquette.edu.

37th Annual Meeting of WESTOP

It's time to mark your calendars for the October 15-18 WESTOP meeting this year. It will be held in the AAA 4-Diamond Award resort hotel, the San Luis, on the gulf coast beach of Galveston Island. There will be a different schedule than usual, with a reception Friday evening, the scientific program Saturday morning and the slide exchange Monday morning. There will be an informal information exchange session Sunday morning.

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your submissions!

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SPEAKERS FOR 2011

NEW IN 2011

Founders' Memorial Seminar
"Endocrine System Pathology "

Dr. Carol Adair

Symposium "HPV"

Dr. Mara Gilleson

CE: Innovative TX Strategy for Mucosal
Disease

Dr. Alan Gould

AAOMP Seminar

Dr. John Kalmar

Dr. Bruce Barker

Dr. John Fantasia

Dr. Larry Goldblatt

Dr. Duane Schafer

Returning Favorites

CE: Mesenchymal Tumors of the Head &
Neck

Dr. Julie Fanburg-Smith

CE: Mohs Surgery of the Head & Neck
with Histopathologic Correlation

Dr. Marta Van Beek

CE: Conebeam CT & the Oral Pathologist

Dr. Ernest W.N. Lam

CE: Immunopathology

Dr. Rodney T. Miller

CE: Head & Neck Pathology

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