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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Douglas D. Damm, D.D.S.

Another summer seems to be flying by. Every one of us always has great plans to shorten our to-do list, but August seems to arrive overnight. Remember to take time and be with your family. Life is a one-way road.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to Paul Auclair. Over the last few years, Paul's involvement on Council and more recently as President has been invaluable. Luckily, his participation does not end; and as immediate Past-President, he will continue to be active on Council and help move our Academy forward.

I hope everyone enjoyed and survived our week in the Big Easy. From the feedback that has reached me, the meeting was very successful. The membership must be congratulated on their flexibility and patience as we move from the hard-copy days to the electronic era. These moves not only have financial rewards for the Academy, but they have many other positive benefits. The first year of this endeavor was somewhat experimental, and bugs continue to be ironed out. Stricter submission criteria will ensure a more consistent and higher quality product that will be highly useful to the membership.

Once the Essay form was placed in an editable format on the web site, few submissions were received by "snail mail". The membership seemed to accept and easily convert to electronic submission of the abstracts. This transition would have been disastrous without everyone's cooperation. Thanks to all.

The creation of the CPC booklet into a full color PDF file also went well but did have its problems. Some members mentioned difficulty in opening the file. Adobe Acrobat 5.0 was utilized to create the CPC booklet. If difficulty in opening the file occurs, ensure that the most current version of Acrobat Reader is

installed. Free download of this program is obtained easily on the web. Another problem was evident to anyone who printed the CPC PDF. Several of the images appeared fine on a monitor but did not print well. This occurred from low resolution or small initial image size of the submitted figures. Standards for submission of the CPC materials have been established by Council, and recurrence of this problem is not anticipated.

While being chairman of the Essays, it was obvious that many participants were surprised that digital projectors were not available. Rental of a digital projector in New Orleans was \$750 per session. As you can imagine, this cost is prohibitive. Movement toward this format minimally would require purchase of three laptops with accompanying digital projectors. This, too, requires a significant financial commitment, but Council has chosen to proceed along this path. An ad hoc committee has been appointed, but many obstacles must be resolved. Although it would be ideal to initiate digital presentations at the meeting in Banff, it will be difficult to fully implement these changes in the limited time available.

Although getting a committee to agree on the selection of appropriate digital hardware often can be difficult, this is the least of the problems. AAOMP already has contracts with several hotels. These contracts must be reviewed to ensure we can utilize our own audiovisual equipment. In addition, time does not allow placement of the individual abstracts on the presentation computer at the meeting; the meeting already is hectic enough. This will require the membership to complete their presentations in advance and submit to the Essay Chairman prior to the meeting. Procrastinators abound and will be incompatible with this new system. Finally, who will transport, install and ensure proper functioning of the new hardware at each meeting? Academy staff already is too busy; the Education Committee also cannot be expected to perform this task. A new permanent infrastructure will be necessary.

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IN MEMORIAM

DOCTOR VICTOR HALPERIN

Educator Friend Colleague

December 20, 1915 – February 7, 2002



The community of oral pathologists was saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Victor (Vic) Halperin at his home in Florida. Vic had been ill for much of 2001 and Anne's holiday message in December was very much unlike usual, thus giving us the indication that the life of a great educator was coming to an end. Vic passed away on February 7th, 2002, in his 86th year.

Victor Halperin was born in Manhattan, New York, on December 20, 1915. After graduation from high school in New York, he attended the University of Mississippi and received a B.A. degree in Science. He was fond of saying that there was no "B.S." offered at "Ole Miss". While at Ole Miss, Vic concentrated on his studies in chemistry, health science, biological sciences, and pre-dentistry. He entered the University of Illinois dental school in 1937, from which he received a B.S. degree in dentistry in 1939 and the D.D.S. degree in 1941. He then returned to New York to establish his dental practice.

His private practice was cut short by events at Pearl Harbor. Vic enlisted in the Army and spent nearly four years in the Army Air Corps. Vic was in North Africa for a year and in Italy for 15 months during World War II. He earned three Battle Stars. "Some of my best amalgams went down over the Kasserine Pass" said Dr. Halperin while recalling some of his experiences in the service.

After returning from his service in Europe in 1945, he married Anne Emer. After two years in dental practice, he joined the general dentistry staff at the VA Hospital until 1951. During that time, he met Dr. Hamilton B.G. Robinson and, like many others, was inspired by Ham to pursue the study of the fledgling specialty of oral pathology. He received his post-graduate certificate in 1952 and then joined the faculty of Emory University in Atlanta. In 1955, he accepted an invitation to join the faculty of Loyola University in New Orleans. It was there, in 1958, that two of us (CET & RFC) became his students in general and oral pathology. Our oral pathology textbook was the first edition of *A Textbook of Oral Pathology* by Shafer, Hine, and Levy.

Vic taught general and oral pathology for many years, during which he attained the rank of Professor. When it was decided to phase out the dental program at Loyola and start the dental school at the LSU Medical Center in New Orleans, Vic was named the dean at Loyola. He was successful in maintaining the stability of the Loyola program until the last student graduated. In 1967 he was named Head of the Department of Oral Pathology at LSU and in 1970, he was named Associate Dean for Research Development, a program he initiated. He retired from LSU in 1980 and he and Anne moved to Florida. Always the educator, he could not completely give up the great love he had for teaching. He accepted a part-time teaching position in the dental hygiene program at Miami-Dade Community College and used some of his free time to improve his golf game.

Vic was a fellow of our academy and a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. He served as Vice-President and President of the academy. He and Anne regularly attended the annual meetings of the academy, even after he retired from dental education. Many in the academy will remember the fantastic seafood buffet that he and Anne arranged during our annual meeting that was held in New Orleans many years ago.

Dr. Halperin expressed on many occasions that his most important activity was teaching his students. He was energized by teaching. He would report having a headache before leaving for class but after the lecture he would say it was gone. Besides his commitment to family

and work, Vic was a student of modern history, having experienced two of its major events, the Great Depression and World War II.

Dr. Halperin will be remembered and deeply missed by those who have had the opportunity to know and to learn from him. In addition to his wife Anne, he is survived by a son, Dr. Henry Halperin, a daughter, Randi Olson, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

As his students we mourn his passing but we are grateful for and enriched by having this good man in our lives for these many years.

Respectfully,

Ronald F. Carr
Douglas D. Damm
Charles E. Tomich



DOCTOR GILBERT E. "GIL" LILLY

Dr. Gilbert E. "Gil" Lilly, 71, of 11 Lakeview Dr., Iowa City, accidentally drowned Monday, May 27, 2002 while fishing at his home. Dr. Lilly was born May 14, 1931, in Barron, Wis., the son of Everett and Mary Beecroft Lilly. He graduated from Barron High School in 1949. He was united in marriage to LaVonne Lloyd on Oct. 23, 1954, in Barron.

Dr. Lilly graduated from River Falls State University in River Falls, Wis., in 1951 and earned his B.S. and D.D.S. from the University of Minnesota in 1955. He also completed a predoctoral program in orthodontics at the University of Minnesota in that same year. He received his certificate in oral pathology from Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D.C. He served in the Army Dental Corps for 20 years, attaining the rank of Colonel. In 1975, Dr. Lilly came to the University of Iowa as Professor and Head of the Department of Oral Pathology, Radiology and Medicine. He remained department head until 2000.

Dr. Lilly earned numerous awards for service and education at the University of Iowa. The dental classes of 1983 and 1984 selected him as Best Instructor and he received the Dental Educator of the Year Award from the University of Iowa Dental Alumni Association in 1984. He also received the University of Iowa Hancher-Finkbine Medallion in 1987 and in 2000, the University of Iowa Council on Teaching recognized him for educational excellence.

Dr. Lilly was an active researcher, leading more than 50 clinical, laboratory and epidemiologic studies. He wrote and presented widely and served as a consultant at the national level, advising the National Institutes of Health, the Surgeon General and other government agencies and organizations.

He was a member of numerous professional organizations, including the American Dental Association, American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, American Association for the Advancement of Science, International Association for Dental Research, American Dental Education Association, International College of Dentists, American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, American Academy of Oral Medicine, International Association for Dental Research, University District Dental Society, Omicron Kappa Upsilon and was a member of the local British Car Club.

Dr. Lilly's interests included gardening, fishing, cooking, traveling and the Iowa Hawkeyes.

He is survived by his wife, LaVonne; a son, Scott Lilly and wife Lisa of Tulsa, Oklahoma; a daughter, Kim Lilly and husband Lynn Sigler of Iowa City; a sister, Caryl Olson and husband Severt of Barron, Wis.; six grandchildren, Rachel, Ethan, Everett, Ryan, Jennifer and Shane; three nephews and a niece.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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Congratulations to the
"2002 Gorlin Award
Winner"
Kitrina Cordell
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

With Paul Auclair's leadership and Susan Zunt's excellent work ethic and organizational abilities, an excellent symposium on the future of oral pathology was constructed with minimal lead time. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of the participants: Steven Vincent, Ken McClatchey, Steven Budnick, Valerie Murrah, Susan Muller and John Wright. The discussion was right on point and most beneficial. Both sides presented strong view points. This cannot be allowed to dissolve into the night. Further discussions must be continued. We must not bury our heads in the sand and ignore the realities of the environment and the needs of our younger members. Carl Allen, the entire Council and I will strive to keep the fires burning until a consensus is reached among the membership. This does not require a single approach but may be a mixture of different avenues to intermix the variety of viewpoints and better guarantee a positive future for AAOMP. Don't sit back and relax; join the debate.

As many of you already know, we lost two great educators who will be missed by all. Dr. Victor Halperin was my initial mentor and dramatically impacted my choice, success and progression in our specialty. Words cannot express my feelings for Vic. Before me, Vic had a similar influence on many others. Chuck Tomich and Ronnie Carr graciously have submitted a memorial for Dr. Halperin that appears in this newsletter. More recently, I was shocked and deeply saddened by the sudden loss of Dr. Gilbert E. Lilly. Like Vic, Gil positively impacted those around him and will be missed immensely. Dr. Lilly's death coincided closely with the time of submission of this newsletter.

This year's Gorlin Award went to Dr. Kitrina Cordell of Ohio State University for her project entitled Evaluation of Clonality in Epithelial Dysplasia Using Laser-capture Microdissection and PCR Amplification of the Human Androgen Receptor Gene. Congratulations to Kitrina!! The Gorlin Award is a self-supporting project that depends on the voluntary contributions of the Academy. I would like to encourage all members to continue to submit contributions. I promise this drive will end once significant funds are obtained to guarantee its permanent financial security. Finally, I would like to strongly encourage all residents to submit their abstract for consideration for the Gorlin Award; the competition has no downside.

Although I already am buried under mounds of dead trees from the ADA, I look forward to the upcoming year. Feel free to email me with any suggestions,

criticisms or input related to any aspect of the Academy. Enjoy your remaining summer. If anyone finds a Titleist Pro V-1 in the deep grass, it probably is mine; and I would appreciate its return.

EMPLOYEEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

FACULTY POSITION - ORAL PATHOLOGY

The University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) College of Dentistry, Department of Oral Biology, has a full-time, tenure-leading faculty position available July 1, 2002. Responsibilities include teaching in general and oral pathology, consulting in the college clinics, and participation in a tissue diagnostic service. In addition, the department is expanding its research focus in oral cancer and the selected candidate is expected to make a significant contribution in building this program. Applicants must have completed a postgraduate training program in oral pathology. Salary and rank commensurate with background training and experience. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled. To apply, submit a letter of interest, current curriculum vitae, and the names of three references to: **Office of the Dean, Room 115, Position #2-0051, UNMC College of Dentistry, P.O. Box 830740, Lincoln, NE 68583-0740.** *The University of Nebraska Medical Center is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.*

FLORIDA: ORAL PATHOLOGY

The University of Florida College of Dentistry is seeking applications for a full-time tenure track position at the level of Assistant/Associate Professor in the Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Section, Oral Diagnostic Sciences Division, of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Diagnostic Sciences. Candidates certified by the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology are preferred. Responsibilities will include teaching at the predoctoral and graduate levels and participation in an active biopsy service. Proven ability to conduct research is desirable. Salary and academic rank are commensurate with qualifications. Starting date is negotiable. The University of Florida is an EO/AA employer. The selection process will be conducted under the provisions of Florida's Government in the Sunshine and Public-Records law. Send curriculum vitae and three letters of reference to:

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To receive full consideration, resumes should be received by August 30, 2002. Review of applications will commence on September 1, 2002