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Dr Jaime Gil graduated from the medical school at the University of the

Basque Country in Bilbao, Spain, where he also obtained his PhD. He then undertook specialty training in stomatology at the University of Madrid and completed his postdoctoral dental training at the University of Southern California. In 1982 he returned to his home town of Bilbao to open the Albia Dental Institute, which is a multidisciplinary speciality clinic, and he currently directs the Department of Prosthodontics there. Three years later, he was promoted to the rank of associate professor in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of the Basque Country, where he has taught ever since.

His next initiative was the USC Europe Extension Program—a continuing education project for Spanish general dental practitioners that operated in the three major cities of Madrid, Barcelona, and Bilbao. The net result of this educational endeavor was over 100 courses—both theoretical and hands-on—that reached over 30% of Spanish general dental practitioners. The outcome of this effort was a general and appreciative conviction on the part of the Spanish dental community that these courses were very beneficial to the dental profession. As a result, the educational objective of exposing general dentists to the newest technologies and material and their applications became a reality.

He also organized implant study groups, which sought familiarity with implant systems that would yield predictable treatment outcomes for all patients, with minimal associated morbidity. In 1984 his study group went to Sweden to get acquainted first-hand with the Brånemark System, which led to very gratifying results on both the practice and academic fronts. His clinical, administrative, and academic pursuits enabled him to actively participate in numerous international meetings, most particularly the European Academy of Aesthetic Dentistry, the International College of Prosthodontics, and the Spanish Society of Prosthodontics. He has now served as president of all three organizations.

In 1998 he was appointed chairman of prosthodontics and a member of the faculty board in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry at his university. Professor Gil also founded the postgraduate program in full-mouth rehabilitation, which he has now directed for more than 10 years. In 2000 he became president of the International College of Dentists (European section) and very successfully organized their annual congress in Bilbao at the architecturally unique Guggenheim Museum. Additional responsibilities and recognition came in the form of the presidency of the 2002 organizing committee and scientific program for the annual meeting of the Spanish Society of Prosthodontics, co-chairmanship (with Dr Steven Eckert) of the 2007 scientific program for the ICP Fukuoka meeting in Japan, and in 2006, he was elected a member of the board of the European Association of Osseointegration. He was elected co-president of the ICP in Fukuoka, an office that he regards as a major highlight of his dental career.

During these last 2 years serving the college as copresident, he has been involved in many lectures, courses, and seminars. The two activities he enjoyed most were his participation in the IJP's Young Prosthodontist Education Workshop in Karlsruhe and the ICP's board meeting held in Madrid in September 2008, which he regards as crucial for the ICP's future strategy.

Professor Gil has directed six doctoral theses and his major research interest remains the studying of the fracture resistance of different esthetic veneer materials on metal structures. He is currently participating in a multicenter study of the clinical behavior of different veneering porcelains on zirconia structures in the anterior and posterior segments of the mouth.

For the past 12 years Professor Gil has co-directed the Spanish version of the *International Journal of Periodontics and Restorative Dentistry*. He is now editor-in-chief of the Spanish version of the *European Journal of Esthetic Dentistry*, as well as being a reviewer on the editorial team of the IJP.

Professor Gil has been married to his wife Margerita since 1985. She is a practicing orthodontist and they are the very proud parents of two sons, Alfonso and Jaime.

Iven Klineberg

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Dr Iven Klineberg graduated from the University of Sydney with degrees in both dentistry and physiology, and completed his clinical training in prosthodontics. He also completed a PhD at the University of London, Royal College of Surgeons of England, and gained a Fellowship in Dental Surgery. Later, he was the recipient of an Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh. After his educational training, Dr Klineberg returned to Sydney as an NH and MRC Senior Research Fellow and subsequently commenced a specialist practice in prosthodontics, which he has continued.

From 1977 to 1978, he was a visiting associate professor in the Department of Occlusion at the University of Michigan, and appointed professor and head of prosthodontics at the University of Sydney in 1978, where he established the specialty program in prosthodontics and the Jaw Function and Orofacial Pain Research Unit in 1981. In 1992 he was appointed dean of the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Sydney and held that position until 1998. He again served as dean from 2003 to 2004. He was also made a member in the Order of Australia for his contributions to dentistry in 1998.

Dr Klineberg chose a specialty in prosthodontics for several reasons: its focus on rehabilitation of form and esthetic enhancement as a cornerstone of treatment and function, with its influence on nutrition and health; the requirement for comprehensive treatment planning and interdisciplinary interaction for optimizing patient care; and the fact that the availability of oral implant rehabilitation and the often complex decisions required for prosthodontic care has led to this discipline being the driver of case planning for optimizing outcomes and maintenance requirements.

Three particular individuals and the opportunity to collaborate with them—Barry Wyke, Major Ash, and P-I Brånemark—were inspirational in defining Dr Klineberg's career path and clinical philosophy. Additionally, there was the invaluable encouragement from Cam Graham to pursue further research and training.

Professor Campbell Graham, who encouraged clinical excellence and PhD research, was the

stimulus to take the next step into facial pain and neurophysiology. Professor Barry Wyke's paper on the neurology of facial pain changed the way Klineberg thought, and he joined Wyke's neurological laboratory to complete a PhD at the Royal College of Surgeons of England. The unit had been established as a center for studies on articular neurology and pain.

The Department of Occlusion at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor was also a major influence since it focused on clinical research on jaw reflexes and jaw function, and Professor Major Ash with Professor Sig Ramfjord were strong influences in molding a clinical philosophy of oral rehabilitation. With a clinical research background in jaw function and prosthodontic rehabilitation, the knowledge of biologically predictable oral implants proved to be the most exciting and defining influence for Dr Klineberg both personally and professionally, which commenced with a visit to Professor P-I Brånemark and his team in Gothenburg in 1980. The meticulous biologic and long-term clinical research directed by Brånemark continues to redirect clinical practice and rehabilitation in dentistry and has profoundly changed prosthodontics practice and training. In addition, contemporary colleagues continue to provide influence and guidance.

Since its inception, the ICP has had a significant influence on Professor Klineberg's professional career both as an organization dedicated to the advancement of the research base and clinical practice of prosthodontics, and as an international catalyst for prosthodontic education. The opportunity for Dr Klineberg to serve on its executive board, and in particular work with Professor Jaime Gil as co-presidents, has been especially rewarding.

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