The ICP Notches up 14 Successes in a Row

Avirtual man-made and beautiful resort community on a remote volcanic island may be an unlikely metaphor for the ingenious salvage nature of our discipline, yet little imaginative stretch is required to reconcile the International College of Prosthodontists' (ICP) scientific meeting's intent with Hawaii's Big Island site. After all, vision, creativity, and ecological concerns are paramount architectural responsibilities whether they occur in the mouth or in the Pacific Ocean, hence the aptness of lava-dominated Kona as the choice for a gathering of a singular collection of good minds, especially those of young and eager clinical scholars.

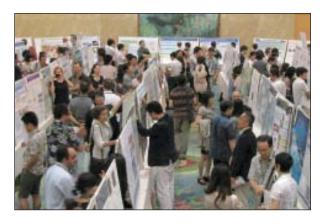


September's 14th biennial ICP meeting was a very successful one. Joerg Strub (Freiburg, Germany) and Jung-Suk Han (Seoul, Korea) sustained the momentum of past program chairpersons and selected an eclectic and provocative range of papers for the large audience's scholarly assessment. Old friendships were renewed, new ones made, and Young Prosthodontic Educator participants from past IJP Karlsruhe workshops reunited to celebrate their joint ICP commitment. I continue to find these alternate-year reunions intellectually supple ones—superb exercises in role modeling for the senior and more experienced members and strong reminders for the younger cohort of prosthodontic scholars of the bonds of civility that bind our collective international constituency. The strongest argument for ICP meetings is not only the opportunity to confront and challenge dearly held convictions about clinical science, but that they put us in touch with one another.

The partially renewed as well as newly elected slate of 14 Board of Councilors and ICP officers now includes 4 distinguished female clinical scholars: Rhonda Jacob (USA), Ann Wennerberg (Sweden),

Nicola Zitzmann (Switzerland), and Petra Guess (Germany). This particular selection augurs very well indeed for the emergent gender's role in the college's future. Moreover, the selection of Martin Gross (Tel Aviv, Israel) and Yoshinobu Maeda (Osaka, Japan) as co-presidents guarantees the continuum of wisdom, stability, and transparency in the college's ongoing governance. Turin, in Piedmont, Italy, has been selected to host the next ICP meeting in 2013. This is bound to be another outstanding venue given the city's beauty, enormous grace, and charm, while set against the dramatic scenery of the foothills of the Alps. Turin is also blessed with numerous museums housed in splendid palazzos and civic buildings and is famous for its innovative cuisine and some of Italy's finest restaurants. Moreover, being hosted by one of the ICP's most loyal national groups—the Italian one, led by council member Mario Bresciano—guarantees that magical touch of unparalleled Italian gracious hospitality.

One of the meeting's additional highlights was the impressive display of 185 poster presentations from 35 countries. Their authors deserve collective congratulations for the fascinating range of submitted research topics; theirs was indeed a feast of accomplishment. Three of the poster presenters—Mats Kronstrom (USA), Risa Matsuda (Japan), and Limor Avivi-Arber (Canada)—were judged as deserving special recognition and are included in this issue for our readers' critical analysis.



This issue also features an interview with Professor Frank Yuh-Yuan Shiau, who recently retired from his distinguished academic career at the National Taiwan University. It was carried out by Li-Deh Lin, who is one of our long-serving and invaluable associate editors. Both colleagues, like several of us in clinical

academia and members of the IJP editorial family, have enhanced our career trajectories by studying abroad—most often in North America—and Professor Shiau's career has most certainly been an impressive and exemplary one of scholarly achievement. His enduring commitment to international clinical science development is one we all seek to share, and both the

ICP and this journal will continue to serve as strong advocates for the scholarly bonds that international contacts offer young prosthodontic educators.

George A. Zarb Editor-in-Chief

REMEMBER THE DATE:

The IJP/Karlsruhe Workshop for Young Prosthodontic Educators (YPE)

June 7-10, 2012 | Baden Baden, Germany

YPE workshops are provided by the IJP's editorial staff, whose pro bono faculty commitment is to encourage and develop clinical prosthodontic scholarship. The workshops are also the result of generous support from NobelBiocare and the International College of Prosthodontists (ICP). These unique educational international initiatives seek to underscore the scholarly nature of the prosthodontic discipline, and the next workshop will be open to both new participants as well as past workshop attendees. As with past workshops, **attendance will be limited.** The first 36 new applications as well as 12 to 18 delegates from previous YPE workshops will be accepted.

Participation criteria:

Candidates should preferably be at an "early career" stage of their teaching commitment, currently contracted to a 50% to 100% teaching position in the discipline, and must be current ICP members. Candidates are requested to submit an application, a brief current/recent CV, and a short one-page essay on how workshop participation could impact their scholarly development. Each application should also be endorsed by the applicant's department/discipline head or faculty dean.

Both endorsement and application should be emailed to the IJP office (*ijp.prostho@utoronto.ca*) as well as the ICP administration office (*icp@icp-org.com*) to confirm ICP membership.

The ICP provides workshop support through competitive funding to assist participants from developing countries. Potential participants should provide confidential information about their funding limitations, confirmed by their department head/program director. Participants are expected to contribute a minimum amount themselves, depending on the funds available and the number of requests received.

Registration Deadline: December 1, 2011

Register online at: http://www.icp-org.com/ICP_YP_Workshop/ICP_YP_Workshop_Application.html Visit the ICP website for more details (www.icp-org.com).

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