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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dr. Mark Lisagor

It doesn't seem that long ago when the "hot button" issue in pediatric dentistry was the lack of awareness by the public of the existence and value of the pediatric dentist, in short, the busy-ness factor.

Through the public relations efforts of organizations like the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and CSPD, as well



as all our efforts as practitioners, doing the great job that we do, resulting in our patient families getting the word out, there isn't much talk among pediatric dental circles about a shortage of patients any more. Even with the concern over the impact of managed care on our practices in recent years, most pediatric dentists seem to be saying that the demand for their services remains quite high.

In fact, when a bunch of pediatric dentists gets together nowadays, the big discussion seems to focus on a different problem. The perception is that there are many in our ranks who anticipate wanting to slow down in practice soon, perhaps even approaching full retirement.

We have all heard stories of colleagues who've had their practices on the market for long periods of time, unable to find

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In Memorium

Wilfred Arlington Nation

July 22, 1945–October 28, 1996

On October 25, 1996, Wil and his son, Javan, crossed the international dateline for an adventure to Guam, Saipan, Korea and Thailand. Wil had been asked to present continuing education seminars to the dentists serving the Seventh-Day-Adventist church in these areas.

Wil loved water sports, so he was eager to accept an invitation to snorkel when they arrived in Saipan. While exploring a part of the ocean that local snorkelers frequented, sea conditions suddenly changed and Wil was fatally injured while attempting to exit the surf on the rocky coastline. Javan, however, is safe.

Wil was born in Mandeville, Jamaica. He received his elementary and high school education at West Indies College and graduated at age 15. He completed 2 years of business study there and subsequently transferred to La Sierra College in Riverside, California to study biology. After receiving his B.A. in 1967, Wil returned to Jamaica to teach biology at his former college and pursue a business career; he also met Beverly Jane Hamilton and they married on August 22, 1971.

He returned to California with the intention of obtaining an M.B.A., but instead was influenced to pursue dentistry. In 1976 he received his D.D.S. from Loma Linda University, completed a year of general practice residency there in 1977, and in 1979, completed his specialty training in pediatric dentistry at U.C.L.A. He became a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry in 1988. Since 1979, Wil has been in private practice in Loma Linda; has served on the Faculties of both Dentistry and Medicine at Loma

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trained pediatric dentists to either join their practices as associates, or to purchase these practices. In some cases, viable pediatric practices have been sold to general dentists, usually resulting in the evolution of the practice into something other than a pediatric dental practice.

This scenario does not bode well for our specialty. With only about 500 pediatric dentists in the entire state, pediatric dentistry can only have credibility as a specialty if a critical mass is at the very least maintained, and preferably if our numbers continue to grow, as the population and awareness of early dental care also continue their growth.

Many of our members have realized that the value of their practice can be a significant component of their economic retirement plan. To a large extent, this asset may only have value if there is a supply of young pediatric dentists in the state, available for associateships, and practice purchases.

CSPD, in an effort to proactively address this problem, or perceived problem, has charged an ad hoc committee with the responsibility of conducting a manpower study in California. This committee, chaired by board member Tom Buch, will focus on the needs anticipated by our members both for associates or pediatric dentists to purchase their practices in the coming years. At the same time, an investigation will be conducted, involving the department chairs of all the pediatric dental residency programs in California to identify where their graduates have come from over the past few years, and following completion of their training, where they have gone to practice.

The committee will also look at the impact of the changing gender make-up of our specialty on manpower (personpower?) issues.

The results, which should be reported by our Annual meeting in the Spring of '97, could be of tremendous value, both to our members, in gaining a better understanding of the extent of the problem, and perhaps even more important, in helping program directors decide whether their current recruiting practices are best addressing the needs of the children and pediatric dentists in California, or whether a change in emphasis might be indicated.

Members are encouraged to contact Tom Buch with ideas and suggestions. When the survey arrives in your mail some time late in January, please thoughtfully complete it. I know the results will more than justify the time spent.

Best wishes to you and your family and staff for a wonderful holiday season.

Respectfully,

Mark Lisagor, D.D.S.
President, California Society of Pediatric Dentists

**CSPD
Annual
Meetings**

1997	1998
April 3-6	April 2-5
Marriott	Tropicana Hotel
Monterey, CA	Las Vegas, NV

Membership News

The University of Southern California begins the 1996-97 year with five new CSPD student members. **Dr. Simon P. Morris** obtained his undergraduate DDS from UOP while **Dr. Sofise Chen** graduated from UCLA. Adding an international flavor to the class **Dr. Eileen L. Cocjin** comes from University of the East College of Dentistry, Manila, **Dr. Jose C.D. Polido** graduated from UFRGS, Porto Alegre, Brasil and **Dr. Svetlana Hamir** comes to USC from Moscow Medical Dental University and USC.

CSPD is pleased to include a new student member of the pediatric dental graduate program at UCLA. **Dr. Douglas Harrington** obtained his DDS degree from UCLA. **Dr. Gregory Olson** is a student in the Loma Linda program and obtained his DDS degree from Loma Linda. **Dr. Afsaneh Matin** graduated with both a masters degree in biology and DDS degrees from UCLA and is now in the pediatric dental program at the University of Pittsburgh.

Membership Status	Active	329
	Associate	22
	Life (inc. ret.)	29
	Retired	6
	Student	50
	Honorary	1
	Faculty	8
	Total	445

Call for Table Clinics

We are planning to have a Table Clinic Session at the upcoming CSPD Annual Meeting in Monterey April 3-6, 1997. This is a call to all of our members, including student members. Any research topic, interesting case(s) or neat clinical idea is welcomed. Recipients of CSPD Research Awards are encouraged to present their findings, and all student members presenting a Table Clinic will receive a \$50 incentive. Please contact Dr. Richard Udin at (213)740-2679 prior to February 1, 1997, if you are interested.

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California Society of Pediatric Dentists

CSPD members are encouraged to contribute to the *Bulletin*. Articles, Letters to the Editor, or other items of interest are welcome. The next deadline for submission is January 21, 1997. Items for publication may be submitted by e-mail (editor@cspd.org), in computer format on a 3.5" disk or double spaced, typewritten and of reproducible quality for Xerox.

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Linda University; and was instrumental in starting the pediatric dental residency program there in 1992. He was also appointed Chairman of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry in 1992.

Wil was a member and active supporter of the following organizations: ADA, CDA, TCDS, CSPD and AAPD. Since 1984 he has served the Tri-County Dental Society in various capacities, and was the 1989-90 President. For CDA, he has served on, and has chaired the following committees: Taskforce on the Young Dental Professional, Task Force on Auxiliary Recruitment and Education, and Council on Education and Membership. For CSPD, he has served on the Nominating Committee and the Professional Activities Committee.

His service to dentistry has been recognized through the following awards: 1984-CDA Marketing Award (TCDS), 1985-CDA Golden Grin Award (TCDS), 1985-ADA Component of the Year Award (TCDS), 1988-COA Recruitment and Retention Award (TCDS), 1989 and 1990-ADA Golden Apple Award (TCDS). In 1992 he was elected to membership in *Omicron Kappa Upsilon* dental honor society, and in 1993 to the *Pierre Fauchard Academy* international dental honor society.

Wil was a kind and loving father to his three children: Jared, born December 21, 1975; Jana, born January 21, 1980; and Javan, born January 6, 1981. He was also a tender and gentle husband. On August 22, 1996, on their 25th wedding anniversary, Wil and Bev renewed their wedding vows in San Diego. He was a beloved friend to his family, his friends, his patients, his colleagues and his students. His life reflected beauty, grace peace, commitment and goodness. We miss him greatly.

John Peterson, D.D.S.
Curtis Wiggins, D.D.S.
Suzanne Berger, D.D.S.
Lisa Brennan, D.D.S.

(In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Dr. Wilfred A. Nation Scholarship Fund, School of Dentistry, Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, CA 92350)

Thanks Lori!

This years' annual **CSPD Auxiliary Continuing Education Course** was held on Friday, October 18, 1996 at the Park Plaza Hotel, San Francisco and on Saturday, October 19, 1996 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Los Angeles Airport.

This course, designed exclusively for pediatric dental auxiliaries, featured Robin Wright, a dynamic and knowledgeable speaker who is a nationally recognized expert on communication. The course, entitled "Tough Questions, Great Answers: Responding to Parent Concerns in Pediatric Dentistry," educated and entertained our staffs how to communicate more effectively with the parents in your practice.

Staff members were heard to say that they thoroughly enjoyed the interactive presentation by Ms. Wright and especially relished the wonderful food and first class treatment.

Thanks are in order for Lori Good for all her effort on another successful Auxiliary Continuing Education Course!

Trends and Implications of Women in Pediatric Dentistry

During the annual meeting in Monterey next spring, CSPD will be hosting an informal breakfast to explore such topics as:

- Female dentists managing predominantly female staffs.
- The effect of time out of the practice for maternity leave or child rearing duties on the practice, on the dentist, and on associates or partners.
- Female dentist under-representation on committees and boards. Trends in female dentist employment status in private practice (owner, employee, or independent contractor) and its effect on the market of potential buyers for practices of retiring dentists.

All interested dentists are encouraged to attend. Look for more information in your meeting registration packet.

CSPD Research Awards

CSPD will support original research by active, retired, or student members in good standing. Interested applicants, which include clinical teams, schools, program chairmen, study clubs, as well as individuals, must submit a standard format research proposal, and an estimated budget and grant request (in an amount not to exceed \$1000 for students and \$2500 for active or retired members). The appropriate forms may be obtained from Dr. Richard Udin at the address below.

It is the intent of the Professional Activities Committee to make the application procedure as easy as possible. The next deadline is April 1, 1997 with acceptance notification by May 1st.

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1997 Annual Meeting-Monterey

Plan now to attend the 22nd Annual Meeting and Scientific Session of the California Society of Pediatric Dentists on April 3-6, 1997 in Monterey, CA.

The Monterey Marriott in downtown Monterey is minutes from such attractions as the Monterey Bay Aquarium, historic Cannery Row, beautiful 17-Mile Drive, and charming Carmel-by-the-Sea. The opportunities for golfing, hiking, biking, shopping and dining are incredible. For you dining pleasure, select from dozens of world class restaurants in Monterey and Carmel.

A scientific session is headlined by the new director of the National Institute of Dental Research, Dr. Harold Slavkin. The Saturday banquet will be at the world-famous Monterey Bay Aquarium, which features an entirely new exhibit wing.

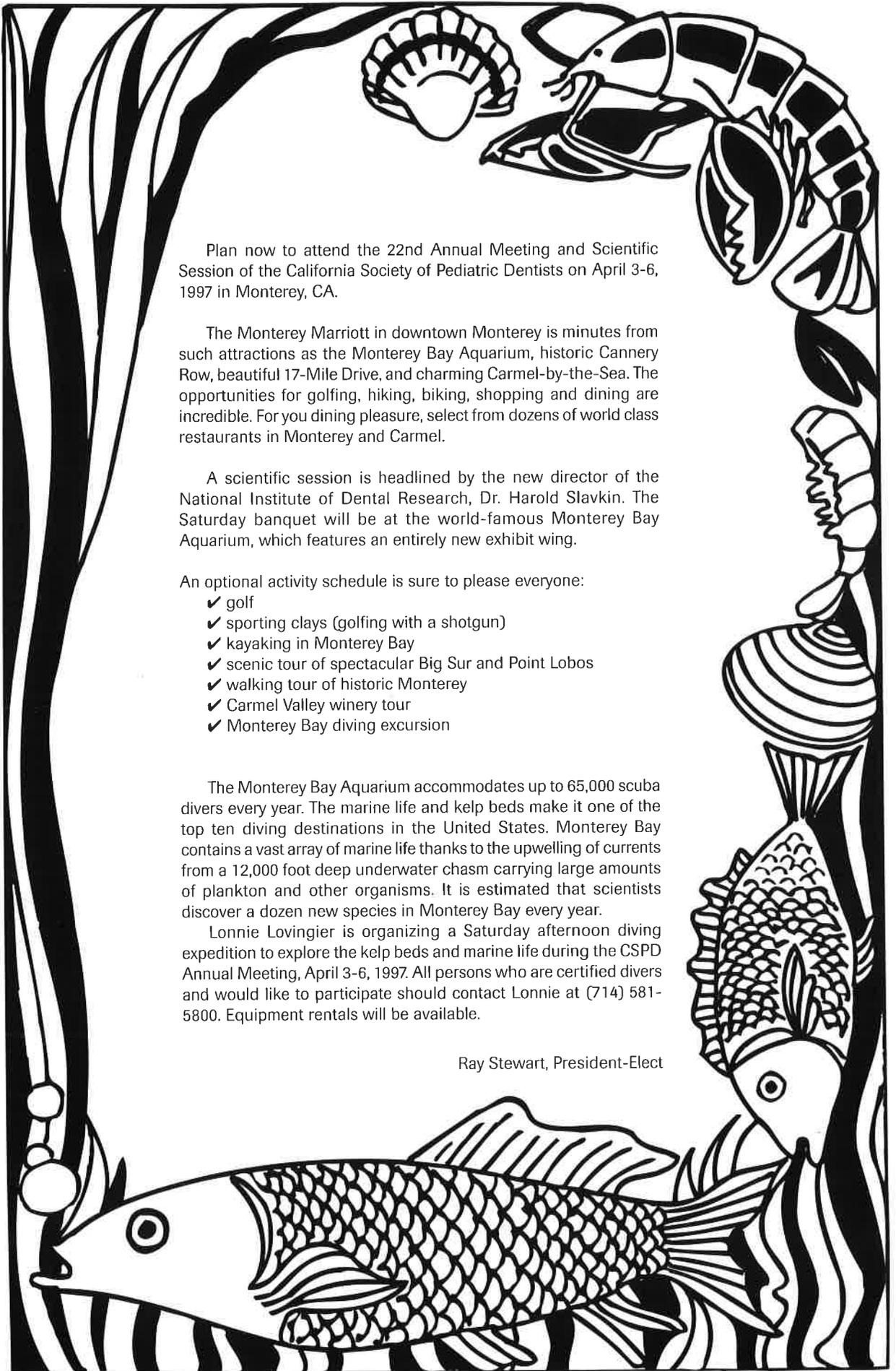
An optional activity schedule is sure to please everyone:

- ✓ golf
- ✓ sporting clays (golfing with a shotgun)
- ✓ kayaking in Monterey Bay
- ✓ scenic tour of spectacular Big Sur and Point Lobos
- ✓ walking tour of historic Monterey
- ✓ Carmel Valley winery tour
- ✓ Monterey Bay diving excursion

The Monterey Bay Aquarium accommodates up to 65,000 scuba divers every year. The marine life and kelp beds make it one of the top ten diving destinations in the United States. Monterey Bay contains a vast array of marine life thanks to the upwelling of currents from a 12,000 foot deep underwater chasm carrying large amounts of plankton and other organisms. It is estimated that scientists discover a dozen new species in Monterey Bay every year.

Lonnie Lovingier is organizing a Saturday afternoon diving expedition to explore the kelp beds and marine life during the CSPD Annual Meeting, April 3-6, 1997. All persons who are certified divers and would like to participate should contact Lonnie at (714) 581-5800. Equipment rentals will be available.

Ray Stewart, President-Elect



Trustee Report—District VI November 1996

The ad interim meeting of the Board of Trustees of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry was highlighted by the selection of a new editor for our journal. As you all are aware, Paul Casamassimo is required to step down from this position in May of 1997. He has elevated our journal far beyond its previous position in areas of medical/scientific literature, a role which we hope to continue, or surpass, with our new editor.

Milton Houpt is an academician and clinical researcher who has been active in numerous facets of our organization. He has published extensively and has had a variety of experiences on the editorial boards of a number of journals and has served as a reviewer and consultant for many papers and research projects. Milt is quite sensitive to the request from many members for a more clinical entity from the Academy, therefore he shall immediately be chairing the Ad Hoc Committee on Clinical Publications to examine the potential venues, their demand and the fiscal considerations for such an entity. A detailed report and proposal is expected at the May, Annual Meeting.

The Infant Oral Health Committee presented a number of projects. A January/February 1997 theme issue of Pediatric Dentistry will include papers such as Dr. Art Nowak's "Rationale for the Timing of the First Oral Evaluation," the member survey results regarding the place of infant oral care in our practices, a presentation of the mechanisms for incorporating this into a practice and the aids (forms, brochures, charts) which can be used. The committee also provided draft versions of materials to be available for our offices. These included a flip chart with illustrations and text for presenting information to parents, a card suggesting a protocol and guidelines for performing an infant oral exam with forms for in-office use and a reference card with principles and rationale for these exams for presentation to other health care professionals. In addition, a videotape by Drs. Nowak and Casamassimo describing and demonstrating an infant oral health visit was viewed. This complements the protocol and guidelines cards and the flip chart being prepared. These materials and a half day presentation will be a part of our Annual Meeting.

Jim Crall, our Child Advocate, has been regularly visiting Washington, DC in this year of political elections and uncertainty. In addition, he has been leading a group to more fully coordinate the various subcommittees and liaisons who deal with child advocacy as it relates to the government, other professional organizations and the public. This specifically is focusing on governmental changes expected next year (i.e. Medicaid funding) and our relationship with the American Academy of Pediatrics. The plan is for all components to have one key or focus person for all advocacy issues so as to coordinate communications and local actions when appropriate. A training and educational program is scheduled for our Annual Meeting.

The Dental Care Committee will be continuing the stimulation of state efforts regarding the reimbursement for medically adjunctive care. Currently over 30 states have persons or groups actively pursuing this issue by following a stepwise plan presented at our May 1996 meeting. In October, the ADA passed a resolution to actively support this

endeavor.

This committee is also preparing a more detailed examination of managed care reimbursement in our practices. Specifically this will target selected geographic areas and younger members with more probing questions concerning the effects on their practices.

A survey of the demographics of pediatric dental practices is being formulated. This will include an examination of the form, size and activities within our practices as well as a fee and practice expense survey. It is hoped that this information will provide replicable data which can be periodically revisited for examining our offices and which will provide further areas for stimulation of our Practice Administration Subcommittee for their CE courses. Dental Care is also preparing a report summarizing the reimbursement by medical insurance for dentally



related procedures (i.e. trauma treatment and craniofacial team interventions). This report will coincide with a presentation at our Annual Meeting.

The Education Committee nominated (and the Board approved) the appointment of **Richard Udin** (CA) and Jacob Lee (MINN) to the Commission on Dental Accreditation. That Commission has recently approved the new Standards for Advanced Specialty Education Programs. The committee reviewed the AAPD Educational Foundation's course prior to our May meeting. The subject is dental materials for the pediatric dentist and is jointly funded by ESPE/Premier. In addition, an extensive clinical update course regarding early orthodontic care has been proposed. Drs. Larry

Luke, George Cisneros and Gerald Sampson (all dual specialty trained Academy members) are establishing the parameters and recommending the speakers for this program. A teleconferencing course regarding practice management is being considered for pediatric dental specialty students. This would bring together national experts, program instructors and students; and could be linked to local activities such as seminars or practice visitations by these

students. The Practice Administration Subcommittee has planned a staff development course for September in New Orleans, as the next in their series of CE courses.

The Public and Professional Relations Committee is examining the feasibility and demand for newsletters and/or brochures directed to the general dentist (for discussion of pediatric issues such as standards of dental care for children), hospital infant education classes and members of the American Academy of Pediatrics. The success of the recent Reference Cards and the wide variety of its uses has stimulated this request to pursue other practice information and promotional tools.

Dr. Chuck Poland, our liaison to the American Academy of Pediatrics, describe the movement of the "Duperon Initiative" through the convoluted committee structure of the AAP. This is a resolution that states the AAP's support for insurance reimbursement for medically adjunctive care for dental procedures for children. Chuck also described the proposed Associate Member status for pediatric dentists in the AAP. At a local chapter level this would allow more direct input and support of the activities of pediatric dentists regarding children's oral health projects, as well as direct support of AAP child advocacy issues. The AAP Board was asked to again examine the issue of the timing of the first oral health visit in light of their acceptance of the Bright Futures recommendations and the new Maternal and Child Health guidelines (both of which advise dental visits at about one year of age).

The May AAPD Annual Session in Philadelphia promises to be another wonderful combination of professional and social activities. The Academy will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary with a special party and historical display. The pre-meeting CE course (cosponsored by the AAPD Educational Foundation and ESPE/Premier) is entitled "Advances in Dental Materials..."

Program highlights include:

- Fluoride remineralization by Featherstone
- Infant Oral Health by Casamassimo
- OSHA update and practice integration (auxiliaries) by Molinari
- Practice Transitions and Financing - a panel chaired by Ignelzi
- Orthodontics by Kennedy
- Tough Questions/Great Answers by Wright
- Management of Trauma by Trope
- Management of Caries in the Young Child a series of presentations
- Practice Management - miniclinics
- Current Clinical Concepts by Sonis

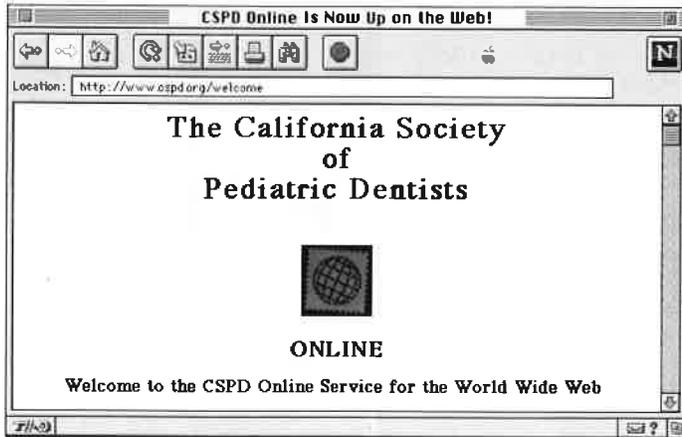
Obviously, there is something far everyone so watch closely for the coming announcements from our Headquarters Office. Plan to be in Philadelphia, May 21-27, 1997.

Again, please contact me if you have any questions or suggestions about the items mentioned. My office is (510)757-4220, my home (510)653-0818 or e-mail me at sobelrl@aol.com. I truly appreciate your feedback and support.

Richard S. Sobel, Trustee District VI

New Address!!!

www.cspd.org



Come and see the new CSPD world wide web site created by our webmaster, Roland Hansen. Any and all feedback is solicited and welcomed.

Other Interesting Web Sites:

Organizations

- www.ada.org
- www.cda.org
- www.aapd.org

Schools

- www.llu.edu/LLU/Dentistry
- www.dent.ucla.edu
- itsa.ucsf.edu/~dental
- www.usc.edu/hsc/dental
- www.dental.uop.edu

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- www.northpole.com
- www.unitedmedia.com/comics/dilbert

Now on disk!



The CSPD Informed Consent Booklet is newly available to the membership on DOS or Macintosh formatted disks.

For more Information contact Mel Rowan at the CSPD office.

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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Opportunity Offered: (Associate, Partnership, Employment or Sale)

Would you consider associateship of Grad students prior to the completion of the program-Evenings or Saturday?
 ____ yes ____ no

Date Available: _____

Mail form to:

Douglas J. McGavin, DDS
 17300 Yorba Linda Blvd., Suite G, Yorba Linda, CA 92686

Letters

Please note that the letter below was submitted in response to the Letter to the Editor by Dr. George Mednick in the last issue of the Bulletin.— Editor

Dear Editor:

George Mednick's very thoughtful and well-reasoned letter in the CSPD Bulletin, Summer, 1996, illustrates a very real concern for the present-day dental practitioner who treats children. We live and work in a highly litigious society in times when the attitudes of the general public and parents have undergone a radical change. The "professional opinions" of the dentist and other health professionals are no longer sacrosanct. Legal definitions are changing and the dental practitioner who treats large numbers of children should bear in mind that *Informed consent* is absolutely essential before undertaking any aspect of patient care that might be open to misinterpretation.¹

All things considered and although I myself still resort to it under very occasional and restricted circumstances, the Hand-over-mouth technique has outlived its usefulness. Too much is at stake. *Physical restraint* can very rapidly become *battery* or even outright child abuse.

As far as management techniques are concerned, *Physical Restraint* is right up there with *Conscious Sedation* as an issue which is highly contentious and open to being misconstrued. If one is going to use it and make no mistake, I frequently do, then it must be with full understanding of the potential ramifications and strict adherence to all legal precautions there are no exceptions.

Sincerely

Raymond L. Braham, B.D.S., M.Sc.D.
Clinical Professor and Associate Chair - Clinical Affairs
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Board Member Profile

Robert Fisher
Director '98 North



Bob Fisher completed his undergraduate education and dental degree at Indiana University. He then spent two years in the US Army based at the Presidio in San Francisco. In 1975, Bob returned to the midwest for his pediatric dentistry residency at the Children's Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio. Bob came back to California and started a private practice in San Jose (1978). Bob and his wife Jan-married together for 28 years-raised two children in Palo Alto. Jan is in her internship for her doctorate in psychology. Bob's hobbies include SCUBA diving, running, photography and gardening.



CSPD and Children's Medical Services (CHDP) shared a booth at the CDA Scientific Session on August 9-11 in San Francisco. At the booth were **Richard Sobel**, **Lydia-Mendoza-Sobel** (not pictured), Shiry Woo of the CHPD program, **David Perry** and **Mark Lisagor**. Sippy cups and BBTD flip charts were distributed to CDA members.

December 19, 1996

To: CSPD Members

From: CSPD Board of Directors

Re: Access to General Anesthesia

California Society of Pediatric Dentists Strategic Plan #1 objective is to seek equal access to general anesthesia. Recently, California Dental Association agreed to help pursue state legislation that would require medical insurance companies to pay for hospital and anesthesia costs for children 5 years old and younger. CSPD will need to testify in front of a committee concerning the need for such a law.

We need your help. **Do you have any cases that were denied general anesthesia and developed complications as a result, i.e. did not get treatment and suffered facial swelling which resulted in hospitalization.** Please think long and hard: ask your staff since they may also know of some child.

Then call if you think that you may have a case that would work. If that parent would be willing to go to Sacramento to testify, that would carry more weight than anything that we might say. Please contact:

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Dental School News

Sixteen residents have started the first year of pediatric dental training at the four programs in California. Those of USC and UCLA are biographed here. Those of LLU and UCSF will be in the next newsletter.

At USC the new residents are:

Dr. Sofise Chen

Sofise was born in Taiwan but raised in Southern California area. She received her D.D.S. from UCLA in 1993 and has most recently finished a General Practice Residency Program at VA Medical Center in San Francisco.

Dr. Eileen Cocjin

Eileen was born in Chicago, IL but grew up in the Philippines where she eventually received her D.M.D. from the University of the East in Manila. Dr. Cocjin's future plans include entering private practice and reuniting with her husband who is living in Texas while she works on her Pediatric Certificate.

Dr. Svetlana Hamir

Dr. Hamir was born and raised in Moscow, Russia. She received her dental degree from Moscow Medical Dental University and also received an American degree through the International Student Program at USC. Her husband was in the ISP as well. Svetlana hopes to enter private practice as well as become associated with a hospital.

Dr. Simon Morris

Simon was born in England and was raised in both England and California. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Biology from Harvey Mudd College and his D.D.S. from the University of the Pacific. Dr. Morris hopes to enter private practice and possibly teach as well.

Dr. Jose Polido

Dr. Polido was born and raised in Porto Alegre, Brazil. Although receiving his dental degree from Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul Porto Alegre, he would eventually move to California thanks to a Foreign exchange student living in Brazil who would become his wife. Jose hopes to further his education by getting a Master's Degree and would eventually like to enter private practice, which he has been doing for the last four years.

At UCLA the new residents are:

Dr. Dennis Wong

Dr. Dennis Wong was born in Sacramento, California in 1970 and attended UC Davis where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology. He received his D.D.S. from UCLA and graduated in June, 1996. Dennis is currently a resident in Pediatric Dentistry at UCLA and is expected to earn his certificate in 1998. After this, his plans include private practice in Northern California with a possible future in teaching. On the weekends, he can be found pursuing his other goals of becoming a professional fisherman and golfer.

Dr. Denise Prugh

Dr. Denise Prugh was born in Oak Park, Illinois. She attended Cottey College in Nevada, Missouri for two years and then completed her B.S. in biochemistry at the University of Wyoming in 1987. She received her D.D.S. degree from the University of Nebraska College of Dentistry in 1993. She was in private practice in Casper, Wyoming for three years and is currently a resident in pediatric dentistry and orthodontics at UCLA. Upon completion of her residency, she plans to return to private practice in Wyoming.

Dr. Robert C.K. Peng

Robert C.K. Peng, D.D.S. graduated from Duke University in 1986 with a B.S. in biology and a concentration in biochemical engineering. He served for over four years on active duty as an officer in the United States Coast Guard. Following graduation from the UCLA School of Dentistry in June, 1995, he went to Asia and helped set up a missionary clinic in Mainland China. After returning to the U.S., he completed a mini residency in AEGD at UCLA in June 1996. Robert is currently a first year resident in Pediatric Dentistry at UCLA.

Dr. Betsy Kaplan

Dr. Betsy Kaplan is currently a first year resident in the UCLA Pediatric Dentistry post-doctoral program. Originally from Connecticut, Dr. Kaplan received a Bachelor's degree in psychology from Boston University in 1989. She attended the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, receiving her D.M.D. in 1993. She completed a general practice residency in Long Beach, CA in 1994 and practiced general dentistry in Los Angeles for 2 years prior to starting her post-doctoral training.

Dr. J.J. Shimonishi

Dr. J.J. Shimonishi was born and raised on the island of Kanai, Hawaii. After completing her undergraduate studies at the University of Hawaii, she graduated in 1993 from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry. She received a certificate from the Queen's Medical Center General Practice Residency in Honolulu, Hawaii in 1994 and is currently a first year pediatric dental resident at UCLA.

Dr. Douglas Harrington

Originally from Clovis, California, Douglas Harrington completed his undergraduate education at CSU Fresno, earning a B.A. in biology in June, 1992. His dental training was completed at UCLA School of Dentistry, earning a D.D.S. in June, 1996. He is now a first year resident in UCLA's combined pediatric dentistry/orthodontic program which he will complete in 1999. Dr. Harrington plans to practice in the San Diego area.

Thanks to Richard Udin of USC and Steve Blain of UCLA for the bios of their students.



Highlights- Board Of Directors Meeting October 5, 1996 Marriott Hotel - Burlingame, California

The 88th meeting of the Board of Directors of the California Society of Pediatric Dentists was called to order by Dr. Mark Lisagor, on Saturday, October 5th at 9:10 A.M. at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel in Burlingame, California.

The minutes of June 8, 1996 were approved as corrected.

A quorum was established. In attendance were Drs. Mark Lisagor, President, Melvin Rowan, Executive Director, Ray Stewart, President-Elect, Wayne Grossman, Secretary, Steve Chan, Treasurer, Jim Yee, Editor and Tom Buch, Bob Fisher, Lori Good, Scott Jacks, Lonnie Lovingier, Richard Mungo, Jac Pedersen and David Perry, Board Members. Drs. Don Duperon and Richard Sobel were unable to attend the meeting. Dr. Francisco Ramos-Gomez was a guest at the meeting.

Recent correspondence was reviewed. Of particular note:

1. The CSPD helped the AAPD put on a very successful exhibit at the Association of Women's Health, OB and Neonatal Nurse's Convention in Anaheim, California.

2. Letter from George Mednick, published in the bulletin, precipitated much interest and discussion. TDIC wants to clarify what CSPD's liabilities and risks are. TDIC will be providing information for future bulletins and possibly will provide a speaker at the Annual Meeting.

3. The Dental Practice Act is under Sunset Review this year. The CDA sent the CSPD a large packet of material to review. Drs. Sobel and Lisagor responded back to the CDA, who in turn will give input back to the Board.

4. Dr. Lisagor followed up by sending letters to COMDA (State Board Committee on Dental Auxiliaries) regarding the proposed restriction on rubber dam placement being done only by RDA's under direct supervision. It was suggested that COMDA not add this restriction to their list.

Officer's Reports

President- Dr. Mark Lisagor

1. AAPD Board of Trustees sent us the invitation to send someone to the ad interim meeting. Dr. Larry Luke will be attending and has been sent all of the material.

2. Letter was written on behalf of CSPD, congratulating Dr. Roland Hanson on his receiving the ASDC Great award in New Orleans.

3. A bill was received from the Academy for the Officer's and Director's insurance premium. The Academy's charge was prorated for each component at \$5 per member. They will be extending the policy for another year and gave the CSPD a bill for \$1750.

4. The President is appointing an ad hoc committee to conduct a Pediatric Dental Manpower Study. Dr. Tom Buch will chair this committee and will create a survey to be approved at the next Board meeting.

5. A travel policy for Board members and officers will be developed to serve as a guideline for implementing travel to meetings. The President, Secretary and the Executive Director will draft guidelines and distribute them for review to Board members before the next meeting.

The 1998 Annual meeting will be held in Las Vegas and several people are working together to make it a first district regional meeting. Because of this Dr. Duperon is estimating that 150-175 pediatric dentists will be in attendance.

Dr. Pedersen and Dr. Perry have been working on the sedation/compensation issue. AB595 was discussed which passed in July of 1996. This law restricted the ability of physician anesthesiologists to work in dental offices unless they are accredited sites. Dentist anesthesiologists were not affected since they are regulated differently. A program was outlined whereby CSPD will try to elicit CDA support to pass legislation in order to rectify some of the problems with sedation and anesthesia compensation. Patients who have experienced problems under the existing programs will be needed to testify before the legislative committees. The Insurance Commission will also be approached for assistance in this matter.

The Board acted to recommend a change in the bylaws of CSPD relative to the election of officers and the holding of Annual Meetings. The Board is proposing that the North/South delineation's be eliminated when it comes to the selection of meeting sites and officers. It was felt that the North/South delineation should still be utilized in the selection of members at large to serve on the Board. This issue will be placed on the ballot at the next Annual business meeting.

The Board selected the site for the 1999 Annual Meeting. It was decided to hold this meeting on board a Cruise ship on a Baja California itinerary. A multitude of recreational and social events are possible and the setting lends well to enhanced camaraderie and interaction among members, presenters and exhibitors. A very favorable package is being put together by a travel agency that specializes in such functions ensuring a host of amenities and smooth sailing. Costs should be very competitive with land-based meetings considering the included food, social functions, and meeting space. Early signups and deposits are necessary so it is imperative that all members start planning for this exciting event. Dates for the cruise will be either March 19-22 or 26-29 1999. Dr. Grossman, Site Selection Chair, guaranteed a great time would be had by all.

Dr. Ray Stewart discussed the program of the 1997 CSPD Annual Meeting to be held in Monterey from April 2-7. An exciting program and social activities are planned. More information is available elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Dr. Lori Good discussed the upcoming Auxiliary C.E. course sponsored by CSPD. Robin Wright will present her program in two locations, San Francisco and Los Angeles, and the expectations are for a great turnout and successful program. Lori stated that she is soliciting the names of great speakers for future programs that would be of value to our staffs.

Dr. Perry discussed CDA's activities relative to baby-bottle tooth decay and other

matters of interest to Pediatric dentists. Dr. Perry has been instrumental in bringing these issues to the forefront such that CDA has chosen to highlight them and to spend money to see that the word gets to the public. The Board has also directed that the Public and Professional Relations Committee continue in the development of a program for our membership which would involve providing laminated information cards to pediatricians

Past CSPD president Suzanne Berger has been selected to serve on the Council on Community Health of CDA and Board member Scott Jacks has been appointed to serve on the Committee on Dental Care. In December, Drs. Stewart, Rowan, and Lisagor will be going to the House of Delegates Meeting where they will caucus with 10-12 other pediatric dentist delegates on issues of mutual concern.

Dr. Francisco Ramos-Gomez discussed the current status of the PANDA project and their need for additional funding. They have a one hour presentation available for use by our members.

Dr. Jim Yee discussed the current status of the CSPD Website. Many suggestions were made as to the type of information which we wish to have available on the site. Drs. Yee, Rowan, and Roland Hanson (the committee) will develop these ideas and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Dr. Lonnie Lovingier discussed the ongoing contact with Dr. McGinley at Delta Dental. We have been in contact with them regarding the difficulties our members have reported in getting updated fee listings approved. Delta seems concerned about reports that pediatric dentists are submitting fees as general dentists to achieve such updates. This issue will be followed by the Dental Care Committee.

The new association brochure was discussed. Dr. Grossman is directed to continue work on the updated version and the Board members will review this prior to the next quarterly meeting. It is hoped that a final version can be presented at the January Board meeting.

Dr. Doug McGavin presented a written report as Graduate Student Liaison. Efforts are being made to improve our information relative to recent pediatric dental graduates.

The issue was raised regarding the alarming number of "incidents" that seem to be happening among our colleagues in regard to management issues and accusations of wrongdoing. The perception seems to be that the numbers of these episodes are increasing dramatically but no data base truly exists. It was felt by some Board members that CSPD might wish to serve as a clearinghouse of some sort for information about these incidents. TDIC is in the process of evaluating this subject and may develop a new risk management course specifically directed at our specialty. It was also suggested that our organization become more pro-active in regard to informing law enforcement or others about the appropriateness of our techniques.

The Board is organizing another strategic planning retreat for the fall of 1997. This will probably be held in the San Francisco Bay area. Our first such encounter two years ago was a great success.

Note: The next Board meeting is January 11, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Grossman, Secretary

MOTION: 96.10.05.1: P. PEDERSEN/ LISAGOR: I move that the bylaws be amended so that the criteria to have the North/South alternating Officers requirement be deleted. PASSED

MOTION: 96.10.05.2: P. PEDERSEN/ STE WART: I move that the bylaws be amended so that the criteria to have the North/South alternating annual site be deleted. PASSED

MOTION: 96.10.05.3: G. ROSSMAN/ FISHER: I move that the 1999 Annual Meeting be held on a cruise ship during a Baja California cruise (Royal Caribbean Line). PASSED

CSPD Board Meetings

Officers and members of the Board of Directors for CSPD meet quarterly. The membership of CSPD is encouraged to provide input to it's leadership. Our next regularly scheduled meeting is **January 11, 1997.**

Board meetings are open to the membership, and you are welcome to attend. In the alternative, written communication should be addressed to Dr. Mark Lisagor.

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