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Letter from the AAOP President

Dear AAOP Members,

On Tuesday, November 1, 2009, I had the honor of being moderator for our Academy's full-day seminar at the Greater New York Dental Meeting. This full-day program, entitled "Put Evidence-Based TMD Diagnosis and Treatment in Your Practice Tomorrow," was attended by approximately 50 practitioners, including general dentists, endodontists, oral surgeons, and physical therapists. Fellow Academy members Peter Baragona, Gary Heir, and Matt Lark provided a well-organized lecture format that I believe opened the eyes of those in attendance who were clearly looking for guidance and direction in a field that we all know remains misunderstood in the dental community. A few days following the program, I received three separate phone calls from colleagues who were in attendance. Each praised the clarity and quality of the presentations and remarked that there were more than a few pearls that they took back to their offices. Most telling, however, was the remark by one of my oral surgery colleagues who reiterated how fortunate he was to have practitioners like me to turn to, and how lucky patients in this country are to have an organization of dentists committed to understanding the complexity of temporomandibular and facial pain problems. Though flattered by his words, it became crystal clear that there remain too many general dentists and dental specialists who remain puzzled by patients in pain. Without past formal training and lacking a foundation of experience, the untrained practitioner continues to make misjudgments and mistakes, all at the expense of the patient.

Within a few short days of these phone calls, a 41-year-old female was referred to my office, visibly suffering with facial and toothache pain that had led to two molar root canals and subsequent extractions, all within a 2-week period. Her history was replete with similar past episodes, resulting in

12 root canal procedures over 7 years. What was most frustrating was that the history clearly showed that her insistence on treatment led one specialist to refer her to the next, each intervening with the techniques of their training. Ultimately, her cries of pain were met with blank stares and comments like, "I've never seen this before," "You can't have pain in that tooth since the nerve has been removed," or, the most troubling comment of all, "It must be in your mind." As we all have lived this experience, there is obviously much work to be done. Fortunately, I believe the Academy is up to this task.

With the realization that I only have 6 months remaining in this fast-moving presidential term, I encourage all of you to look to your communities to find opportunities for the AAOP Ambassadors to present a timely lecture on orofacial pain. Much of what was presented in New York could easily be formatted in a way so those of you with lecture experience could engage not only dentists, but physicians, dental hygiene groups, and nurse practitioners, as well. Find the venue, share it with Peter Baragona, and let's turn this great idea into a vital initiative. Though we as an Academy are making inroads with CODA and the formal recognition of the OFP training programs, the goal of specialty status is still likely a number of years in the future. Patients in this country can't wait that long. It is our responsibility to do our best with the manpower and opportunities given to us or created by us. I urge you all to get involved in this meaningful effort.

I look forward to seeing you all in Orlando from April 29–May 2, 2010. Register online now, book your airfare so you don't pay top dollar, and encourage your best referring doctors to join us for learning and recreation in Disney. It continues to be an honor to serve the Academy.

Donald R. Tanenbaum, DDS, MPH
AAOP President, 2009–2010

2010 Annual AAOP Scientific Meeting: Put Your Ears On—We're Going to Disney!

Improving Care Through Science, Evaluation, and Management of Temporomandibular Disorders

AAOP 2010 Meeting in Orlando at Disney, April 29–May 2, 2010

This year's meeting will be held at Disney World in Orlando, Florida. We created a venue that will allow you to vacation with your family and, at the same time, expand your horizons in the field of Orofacial Pain. We are also excited about our pre-conference courses, which include a full-day sleep workshop led by Drs Bailey and Merrill, a head and neck dissection led by Drs Auvenshine and Gremillion, and a full day of TMD: The Basics, led by Drs Okeson, Baragona, Lark, Cohen, Syrop, Rozenberg, and Mannheimer.

Please make sure you read the meeting brochure carefully as there is some great information about traveling to Disney. On Page 8, under "Vital Disney Travel Information," you will note that you can actually have your luggage brought from the plane to your hotel room without ever having to go to baggage claim!

Our Academy's source of revenue is based upon our dues and attendance at our Annual Meeting. The AAOP really needs your support this year. Please make an effort to attend this year's meeting and please help to get the word out to your colleagues.

I look forward to greeting all of you in Orlando.

All the best,

Barry Rozenberg, DDS
Program Chair, 2010 AAOP Annual Meeting
Secretary-Elect, AAOP

Opportunities

Vermont:

Dr Jeffrey A. Crandall is seeking an associate for his orofacial pain practice in Vermont. Since 1988, Dr Crandall has maintained a referral-based practice limited to the diagnosis and management of orofacial pain. Dr Crandall is a Fellow of the American Academy of Orofacial Pain, a Diplomate of the American Board of Orofacial Pain, and currently is treasurer of the AAOP. His practice is located in a medical/dental complex with neighboring practices including oral surgery, endodontics, periodontics, physical therapy, ophthalmology, pediatrics, psychiatry and psychology.

Dr Crandall's office currently consists of 2,400 square feet, including four treatment rooms, a large laboratory, on site I-CAT cone-beam computed tomography, a patient education room, and pleasant accommodations. His staff includes a nurse practitioner and five clinical assistants. His referral base includes all of Vermont and parts of upstate New York and New Hampshire. The practice currently sees three new patients per day and has a backlog of over 200 patients waiting to be seen.

The State of Vermont passed a legislative mandate for medical coverage of craniofacial disorders in 1998.

Dr Crandall is seeking a highly motivated individual for an associate position with the potential for partnership and eventual buy-out. This opportunity is for someone interested in clinical practice

with future potential to develop research and/or education in this setting. If you are interested in obtaining more information, please contact:

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40 Timber Lane, S Burlington, VT 05403
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Michigan:

Dr Ghabi Kaspo, TMJ/Facial Pain/Dental Sleep Medicine practice, is seeking a highly motivated, self-directed, quality minded associate for full-time associateship with an option of full partnership. Two locations with I-CAT cone beam scanner in each office, with medical and dental radiologists offsite for interpretation. A referral base practice, the practice currently sees more than 60 new patients a month with the potential of growth in the future.

Residency, fellowships, and/or certification in TMD/orofacial pain is desired.

Licensed in the state of Michigan.

If you are a new graduate from an orofacial pain program, please send me a letter of recommendation form your program director.

Email CV to: gakaspodds@gmail.com

Maine:

Robert J. Mitchell, DDS, MS, is seeking an associate for a very busy Orofacial Pain practice in Portland, Maine. Dr Mitchell received his certificate in Orofacial Pain and TM Disorders, as well as a masters degree in neuromuscular physiology, from the University of Buffalo in 1986. Since then,

his practice has been limited to the evidence-based medical management of TM disorders and orofacial pain. There is no general dentistry involved, other than the fabrication and adjustment of night time stabilization splints.

This is an excellent opportunity for someone recently trained in the orofacial pain field to step into an ongoing practice with a superb reputation and outstanding referral base which includes dentists and physicians from all of Maine, as well as southern and eastern New Hampshire. This practice

includes its own physical therapy practice with two physical therapists and a PTA who specialize in the treatment of TM disorders. We are the sole provider for most of the medical insurance plans in the state. On average, we see over 60 new patients per month, working 4 days per week.

Someone trained in oral medicine would also fit well into this position.

For further information, contact Robert J. Mitchell, DDS, MS at the following email: mecfp@ime.net or go to our website at centerforfacialpain.com.

OBITUARY

Dr James Percy Lund, BDS, PhD

October 2, 1942–December 8, 2009

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Dr James Lund, who died peacefully in his sleep on December 8, 2009. He was the beloved husband of Dr Jocelyne Feine, cherished father to Michelle and Katherine, devoted grandfather to Laura and Mihai, and adored brother of Paddy and Jo. He was also a dear friend and respected colleague to many around the world.

Jim was born in Lancashire, England, in 1942 and moved with his family to Southern Australia in 1957. He earned his Bachelor of Dental Science in 1966 from the University of Adelaide and, after a brief private dental practice in Mt Gambier, South Australia, came to the University of Western Ontario. It was there that he received a PhD in Physiology in 1971 and began his life of research. He went on to the Université de Montréal where he enjoyed a distinguished 24-year career culminating in an 8-year appointment as the Vice-Dean for Research in their Faculty of Dentistry.

In 1995, Jim was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry at McGill University, a position that he held until June of last year. It was a challenging time for the Faculty but under Jim's leadership, the DMD program at McGill was completely restructured. A champion of interdisciplinary research, Jim played a leading role in the establishment of several multidisciplinary centers at McGill, including

the Centre for Bone and Periodontal Research, the Centre for Biorecognition and Biosensors, and the Alan Edwards Centre for Research on Pain. But probably his most satisfying accomplishment was the establishment of a flourishing Outreach Program that provides free dental care to vulnerable patients within community centers. In recognition of his work in establishing the Outreach Program, he was awarded a Medal by the Carrefour des Communautés du Québec. In addition, the Outreach Program was awarded a Prix Qualité par L'Association des CLSC et CHSLD du Québec in 2003, and a Silver Medal of Excellence by the Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education in 2005. He is also a member of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences.

Beyond his role as an excellent researcher and academic leader, Jim was an outstanding mentor to people at all levels of career development from undergraduate and postgraduate students to junior academic staff and peers in administrative positions. Through his nearly 40 years in academic life, he has helped bring the best out of an incredible number of people who sought his advice and used him as an example of energy, enthusiasm, and leadership.

The untimely passing of Jim will leave an enormous hole in the personal and professional lives of many of us.