Northwestern University honors alumna Ray Melrose for service to society in tobacco public health policy

Ray Melrose, president of the AAOMP in 1997, has been awarded Northwestern University's Alumni Service to Society Award for his years of work in tobacco prevention. "From restaurant employees to airport travelers, scores of people are living healthier lives" because of his work developing public policies aimed at prevention, according to Northwestern University.

"My most satisfying services are those related to state laws, local ordinances, and international events banning tobacco use," said Melrose. "These measures have saved lives and led to the widespread recognition of the dangers of tobacco use."

The event was attended by family members and several close friends.

A professor emeritus at the University of Southern California School of Dentistry and a leader in the American Cancer Society, Melrose has used his standing as a premier tobacco expert to improve public health. In 1988 Melrose was an important advocate for California’s Tobacco Tax and Health Protection Act. Proposition 99 unexpectedly won voter approval in a landmark victory for anti-tobacco legislation, paving the way for other states to follow suit. Melrose also successfully lobbied the Los Angeles City Council to outlaw smoking in restaurants, and his testimony before the Los Angeles Airport Commission helped lead to an airport smoking ban.
Dear Colleagues:

After a long, hot summer (at least here in Texas), fall has finally arrived along with the more hectic schedule that accompanies the beginning of a new academic year for those of us that work in academia. With the grind of the winter months still to come, I’m sure not many of you have thought about springtime yet. This newsletter hopefully will change that. Janet and Karen have already worked hard to get everything organized for the upcoming meeting in Puerto Rico, and you will find all the necessary information about the meeting included here. Look it over and mark your calendars now. Remember that the meeting has been shifted one day forward from our normal schedule. Thus, the AAOMP Seminar and the Symposium will kick off the meeting on a Friday instead of a Saturday in 2011. This year will also begin the phase-out from 6 limited attendance CE sessions to larger plenary sessions with unlimited attendance, so if there is a particular CE course you are interested in attending, you will want to try to register for it early.

Since it has been a relatively short time since the last newsletter, there is not a whole lot of news for me to report here. The Medicare billing issue remains our top priority. We continue to work with our contact at the ADA on this. Information on our progress is slow to come and spotty in its details. We were recently informed by our ADA contact that Medicare released its “Final Rule” on the issue on September 17th. Then the next day, he called back to tell us that the September 17th Final Rule wasn’t really the final “Final Rule,” and that the real “Final Rule” was still to be issued. Look for a column in the newsletter that will explain the issue as we understood it at the time this newsletter went to print. That column will also contain an address for a link to our website where the most up-to-date information we have available will be posted.

At the CDEL meeting this August, we were informed that the status of our Specialty Re-recognition Application submitted to the ADA in early May 2010 will not become known until late 2011. CDEL is in the process of reviewing the applications of all the specialties and they will not have completed the review in time for a recommendation to be presented at the upcoming ADA House of Delegates meeting in Orlando. Thus, the House of Delegates will not be able to act on the CDEL recommendation until the annual meeting in 2011.

Sometimes good intentions and the best laid plans don’t come to fruition immediately. In the last newsletter I mentioned an AAOMP-specific listserv that our webmistress, Pam Thompson, has been working on. We thought it would be ready to roll out by now, but unfortunately some unexpected glitches have slowed its development. Hopefully it will “go live” shortly. Council members have already beta tested a smaller, council only system to try to identify possible bugs. Once the listserv is operational, members and fellows will be automatically enrolled on it at the email address that is on file with the Academy’s Chicago office. If you want to opt out of the listserv you will be able to do so once it is activated. This is a good reason to double check with Janet or Karen to be sure your email address is accurate.

I was shopping with my wife over that weekend, and to my surprise (or maybe not surprising at all), there already was Christmas music playing in one of the stores. So I guess I am safe wishing everyone a happy upcoming holiday season. Here’s hoping for a mild winter. I’ll be looking forward to seeing you in San Juan in late April.
Thirty-four oral and maxillofacial pathology residents/graduate students from all 14 programs in the United States and Canada attended the fourth annual Gorlin Conference in Minneapolis October 15-17, 2010.

This year, the two Visiting Gorlin Professors for the three-day event were Dr. Roy Eversole and Dr. Wally Burgdorf.

Dr. Eversole, a long-time leader in the science and literature of oral pathology, the specialty board and the AAOMP, discussed the diagnosis of small and large round blue cell tumors and led a discussion on the areas of future research for oral pathologists.

Dr. Burgdorf, a dermatologist from Munich, is both a German and an American, having been born in Germany during World War II of an American mother. He did his dermatology training at the University of Minnesota in the 1970s and spent time in the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology studying with Bob Gorlin and Jarda Cerwenka. Wally developed and has maintained a close personal relationship with the Gorlin family. He was chair of the dermatology department at the University of New Mexico before moving to Germany in 1994. He is a world-renowned author and lecturer. Dr. Burgdorf talked about several genodermatoses associated with cancer, beginning with the Gorlin Syndrome. He also gave a very interesting presentation on the tremendously positive influence that medical academicians, whom the Nazis drove from Germany and Austria, had on American dermatology and dentistry.

The residents also watched two special lectures by Bob Gorlin on video. Each resident presented an interesting case and all cases were collected prior to the conference so that each participant took home a CD with over 30 excellent teaching cases.

A banquet on Saturday evening was attended by the Gorlin family, Dr. Guilan Norouzi of St. Louis MO (the main benefactor of the Gorlin Visiting Professor Endowment), and other friends of Bob Gorlin.

The goals of The Gorlin Conference are: to provide a means for all oral and maxillofacial pathology residents to become very familiar with each other and form friendships that will strengthen the specialty of oral and maxillofacial pathology; to maintain an organizational memory of Bob Gorlin; to provide an opportunity for residents to spend several days with eminent oral pathologists and others in the field of genetics with whom they would otherwise be unlikely to come in close personal contact; and to participate in lectures and discussions by these eminent scholars. In order to accomplish this, residents attend for 3 consecutive years and all participants are assigned roommates from a different program.

The Gorlin Conference is organized and directed by Dr. Mike Rohrer and the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology at the University of Minnesota. All expenses, including travel, are covered for the residents. Headquartered at the Marquette Hilton Hotel in downtown Minneapolis, the conference takes place at the hotel and the school of dentistry.
Abstract & Poster Submission

The AAOMP 2011 Annual Meeting will include both oral abstracts and poster presentations. Oral abstracts will be presented on Sunday, May 1st, and posters will be shown on Monday, May 2nd. Online submission is the only method available for submission of abstracts, and the deadline is Monday, February 28, 2011.

The Scientific Program Committee will consider all submissions on a first come, first served basis. Time slots for oral presentations are limited, so it is possible that not all requests for oral presentation will be honored. If your request for oral presentation is turned down, you may be offered the opportunity to present a poster instead. However, space available for poster presentations is also limited. Therefore, organizers recommend the best chance for success is submitting your abstract or poster early.

Abstract Submission

Please submit your abstract online at http://abstracts.aaomp.org/ no later than Monday, February 28, 2011. The electronic submission system will guide you through the process. The main body of the abstract should be a maximum of 1800 characters (including spaces).

Examples of abstracts presented at previous meetings can be found at http://www.aaomp.org/continuing-ed/abstracts-cpcs.php.

If you have technical difficulties with online submission, please email your query to aaomp@b-online.com

Confirmation of Receipt of Abstract

You will receive an immediate acknowledgement on your computer screen confirming receipt of your abstract, including a submission reference number and confirmation of your personal password. Please use these details if you wish to edit your abstract before the submission deadline. No changes or new submissions will be possible after this deadline.

Notification of Acceptance and Presentation Format

You will be notified whether or not your abstract has been accepted no later than Monday, March 14, 2011. Every attempt will be made to notify you of the Scientific Program Committee’s decision within two weeks from the date of submission however.

If your abstract is accepted for either oral or poster presentation, you will be required to register for and attend the meeting. Failure to register for the meeting will result in removal of your presentation from the program. Registration for the annual meeting is now open.
AAOMP Members
Make Major
Contributions to
IAOP Congress

By John Wright


The scientific programs were well received and attended. John Wright presided and completed his two-year term as President of the IAOP. North American and AAOMP members contributed significantly to the success of the Congress. Gary Ellis was a featured speaker on *Salivary Gland Pathology: the Spectrum*. Samir El-Mofty, Roy Eversole and John Wright presented a CE course on *Sinonasal and Craniofacial Pathology* and Brian Schmidt and Richard Jordan presented an additional CE course on *Surgical Pathology of Head and Neck Cancer*. Dr. Jordan also contributed to a symposium on the *Pathogenesis, Diagnosis and Management of Oral Mucosal Disease*. David Wong was a keynote speaker on *Salivary Diagnostics*. Patricia Devilliers and Jerry Bouquot participated in the CPC program.

The new President of the IAOP is Willie Van Heerden from South Africa, and our new President Elect is Takashi Taka-da from Hiroshima. Mike Rohrer will continue as the North American representative to the IAOP Council.

The 16th International Congress is scheduled for 2012 in Brazil, and Istanbul has been selected for 2014.

Peter Polverini Inducted to
Institute of Medicine

Dr. Peter Polverini, well-known AAOMP member and dean of the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, was inducted to the Institute of Medicine (IOM) in mid-October. Election to the IOM is one of the highest honors in health care, and recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding professional achievement and commitment to service. Polverini was the only dentist among this year’s 65 inductees, and one of only a handful of dentists among its 1700 members.

New members are elected by current active members through a highly selective process that recognizes individuals who have made major contributions to the advancement of medicine. IOM advises members of the US Congress, Congressional staff, and agency leaders on a range of important health care issues, including oral health.

In a statement issued by the University of Michigan, Polverini said, “It is a distinct honor and privilege to be elected to membership in this most prestigious organization. I look forward to participating in IOM commissioned activities that focus on improving the health of our nation. It is a wonderful validation a commitment to science in service to society.”
Oral Pathologists and other dental health care providers will not be exempted from a new Medicare enrollment policy that threatens the timely payment of thousands of Medicare claims. OMP who bill Medicare for biopsies need to ensure that the contributing surgeon is fully registered in PECOS, the Provider, Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System. If the surgeon is not registered with PECOS, the pathology lab will not be reimbursed by Medicare, starting January 3, 2011.

**What you need to do now**
Every lab director needs to start reviewing every Explanation of Benefits (EOB) you receive on Medicare patients. If the contributor is not registered in PECOS, the EOB will have an n264 code associated with it. These are the individuals you need to encourage to become registered. If they don’t, you will no longer be paid for reading their biopsies on Medicare eligible patients after January 3, 2011 (unless Medicare delays the effective date when the Final Rule is issued - still a possibility). Eventually though, Medicare will begin enforcement and stop paying claims for reading biopsies that are sent by non-registered providers, so you will have to face this issue at some time no matter what.

**PECOS registration is not the same as being a participating Medicare provider**
An important distinction that needs to be emphasized: Being registered in PECOS is a completely different process from being registered as a Medicare provider! Just because a provider is billing and getting paid by CMS for services rendered to Medicare beneficiaries doesn’t guarantee that they are also registered in the PECOS system. They are two separate databases within CMS. If your contributors haven’t updated their registration in PECOS within the last 5 years, they aren’t registered.

Obtaining an NPI number, which we have all done in the recent past, does not register you with PECOS. This is the reason you are getting the n264 code on some claims on specimens submitted by contributors who claim to be enrolled in the Medicare system. Supposedly, when Medicare pays a claim out of its payment database, it is supposed to automatically update the registration in PECOS. However, this obviously is not happening in many cases. You may need to advise your contributors that they need to update their PECOS registration.

**How to check if surgeon is registered with PECOS**
How can you tell if your providers are registered? The n264 code is the main clue. But Medicare maintains a list of registered, physician and non-physician providers on its website too.

The link below will open a PDF file of these individuals where you can check to see if your contributors are registered. Be aware though that the PDF document is more than 14,500 pages long—it will take a very long time for the document to open so don’t think that your computer has locked up and give up on the process. Also, the name of the file is misleading. It is labeled "Ordering/Referring Report (1)" but it actually is not just order/refer providers only but includes all physician and non-physician PECOS registration names.

**Abbreviated registration: for dentists who plan to "Order/refer only"**
On September 17, Medicare released a rule regarding non-physician provider registration in PECOS. This rule stated that dentists who have no intention of billing Medicare for any procedures can register in an abbreviated manner (order/refer only) and their "referrals" will be reimbursed by Medicare. It is not clear if it is legal for the dentists registered as order/refer to perform biopsies on Medicare patients but it is clear that they cannot bill Medicare for them.

Dentists who wish to register as order/refer would need to complete Form 855i from the CMS website. The rule is explicit about which sections of Form 855i that dentists who want to only order/refer must complete. The following sections must be completed and the completed form must be mailed to the designated Medicare enrollment contractor (your Medicare carrier):
Section 1 – Basic Information (they would be a new enrollee)
Section 2 – Identifying Information (section 2A, 2B, 2D and if appropriate 2H and 2K)
Section 3 – Final Adverse Actions/Convictions
Section 13 – Contact Person
Section 15 - Certification Statement (must be signed and dated—blue ink recommended)

The dentist also must attach to the application a letter stating that they want to register as an order/refer provider and have no intention of billing Medicare for any procedures. If the dentist fails to attach such a letter, the registration application will not be processed.

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AAOMP’s continuing education offerings in 2011 promise another year of excellence. We bring back five programs that all have received excellent reviews in the past.

Our new course this year is presented by one of our long time members, Dr. Alan Gould, who will be presenting on the topic of innovative treatment strategies for mucosal disease. Dr. Gould has spent years analyzing therapies to develop methodic manners of treatment and I believe the membership will find his presentation very interesting.

Dr. Marta Van Beek and Dr. Julie Fanburg-Smith return for their final three-year seminar. I want to encourage members especially to see Dr. Van Beek’s presentation. Through fault of my own, her presentation may have been titled in a manner that did not fully reflect the width and breath of her seminar. In her seminar she presents numerous photo micrographic images that correlate with the clinical photographs. Everyone who has attended has found it very interesting. It addresses clinical applications to the diagnosis of dermatologic conditions of the oral facial region as well as the histopathologic correlation of those lesions. In addition, the surgical management of these lesions is presented in a way that I believe many of our members have not seen before. At the end of the presentation, she goes over a quick summary of vitamin D and the controversy associated with the tanning industry. In this summary she also relates how relatively small organizations can have an impact at the state level as well as nationally. I encourage all AAOMP members to think very hard about attending this particular seminar and not to miss an excellent presentation as well as an excellent speaker. Dr. Fanburg-Smith’s course was full again for the second time this past year even with a larger room.

Returning for their second year Dr. Robert Robinson, Dr. Rodney Miller and Dr. Ernie Lam were all well received last year. We had to increase room size for all three of these speakers.

The AAOMP seminar will return with five new speakers: Dr. John Kalmar, Dr. Duane Schafer, Dr. Bruce Barker, Dr. John Fantasia and Dr. Larry Goldblatt. All of them are well known members of the academy and I expect another set of very interesting slides to be presented and summarized.

Dr. Maura Gillison will speak on HPV and the relationship of that viral family to oral and oropharyngeal carcinoma. Dr. Gillison is a leading international researcher on this topic and has published in numerous journals including a recent New England Journal of Medicine article. Thus I expect the symposium to be well attended and very well received.

So once again, we believe that our continuing education program will be an excellent one with something to interest all members.

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The form can be downloaded at: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/cmsforms/cmsforms/ItemDetail.asp?ItemID=CMS019477

Full registration: for surgeons who will bill Medicare
It appears that any dentist or oral surgeon who intends to bill Medicare for any procedure will still have to go through the arduous registration process via either the online application or filling out a long form version of Form 855i.

For more information
Another valuable link that may help you understand the issues is below. This is the CMS website. When the page opens, on the left side of the page there is a menu bar for all the subpages that contain information. The PDF document cited above is one of these subpages. You will also see that one of the subpages will take you to the on-line PECOS registration site if you want to look at it and see just how complicated the process is going to be for those that will need full registration.

Link for basic CMS information: http://www.cms.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/01_Overview.asp#TopOfPage

As soon as the final "Final Rule" is issued we will update you on any pertinent changes to the PECOS registration requirement. Please check the AAOMP website and your email for updates.
GENERAL & HOTEL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

Register by mail as soon as possible to avoid delays on-site. Registration forms must be received and postmarked by April 1, 2011. After April 1, 2011, individuals must register on-site and will be charged an additional $50 fee. A registration fee for spouses attending the meeting is being charged to offset a portion of the cost of the services that the Academy provides them. You must register to attend any portion of the meeting. To register, fill out the registration form (also available at www.aaoomp.org). Attach your payment in US funds to American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology (AAOMP) and mail to:

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214 N. Hale Street  
Wheaton, Illinois 60187  
Toll Free: 888-552-2667 or 630-510-4552  
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FELLOWSHIP EXAMINATION

The examination will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2011 from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Applications to sit for the Fellowship Examination must be received by the AAOMP office by January 13, 2011. You may call 888-552-2667 for an application or download it from www.aaoomp.org.

HOTEL INFORMATION

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San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901  
(787) 721-0303 Toll free – (800) 234-5117  
www.caribehilton.com

Call and mention "AAOMP" to receive our special rate of $209 Single/Double rate + 9% tax.

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES

Fellowship Examination Fee: $209 Single/Double rate + 9% tax before taxes. There is a one-night’s deposit that you will need to put down as well as the tax of 10%.

RESIDENTS

Unfortunately, this year there are no special resident rates available at this property. If you are interested in sharing a room with a fellow resident, please complete the “Roommate Program” form and send it to AAOMP headquarters by March 1st. AAOMP doesn’t guarantee that you will be matched with a roommate.

PRICING AT HOTEL FOOD OUTLETS

The hotel restaurant pricing is on the higher end, similar to Tucson. The hotel’s breakfast buffet that has everything from fruits, juices, bagels, locks, breads, danish, eggs, bacon, french toast, pancakes, made to order omelets and egg dishes, etc. is $26 per person, plus tax and gratuity.

The Pina Colada Club restaurant or the Atlantico pool bar restaurant has sandwiches, hamburgers, soups, salads, etc. You should anticipate that lunch for two people, for example: a chicken wrap and a ruben sandwich, both with fries, an appetizer and a cocktail for each person would cost you approximately $35-$40 with tip. If you are looking to have a nice higher-end dinner, there is a Morton’s Steakhouse on property. Everything on the menu is a la carte. Dinner for two, without drinks, is approximately $100 per person. That would be inclusive of the main meat or seafood dish, a starch, vegetable and individual dessert.

There are also other places to eat off property. For example, at the Conrad Hotel in the Condado area, there is a very good noodle bar where everything is made fresh to order, even the egg drop soup and again you should anticipate that cost at approximately $30-$40 with tip.

There are also plenty of restaurants in Old San Juan, which is about 5-10 minutes away from the hotel. You can take a cab or there is a city bus that you can catch just outside of the hotel area for .75 each way. You can also walk it. The hotel concierge says it takes about 1/2 hour to walk - with the humidity, but keep in mind the humidity is very high.

GROUNDF TRANSPORTATION

Cabs in Puerto Rico are on a zone-to-zone flat rate. A cab from the airport to the hotel is $19 plus a $1 per luggage bag (it seems that only luggage with wheels gets charged the $1, laptop bags, other carry-on type bags they didn’t seem to charge for). However, by the same token, the zone-to-zone can cost you $10-$15 to go a short distance from the hotel. For example, if you wanted to go to the casino at the Conrad or over to the Condado area, which is relatively close, you can walk it or you can take a cab there. The cost would be about $12, plus tip. The same can be said for taking a cab over to Old San Juan or you can take the city bus for .75 cents each way.

HILTON HONORS - GOLD AND DIAMOND MEMBERS

For those of you who may be Hilton Honors Gold or Diamond members, there is a special check-in area for you at the hotel, there is also a separate tower of rooms and a free continental breakfast at one of the hotel’s restaurants or Starbucks Coffee (right on property) or $11.00 off the breakfast buffet in Palmeras restaurant.

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES

For those of you who are interested in setting up tours or activities such as: a tour of the rainforest (highly recommend), a tour of the Bacardi Rum fac-

At the end of the symposium, the participant will:

Objectives:

1. Know the role of papillomavirus in the head and neck region.
2. Have a better understanding of the current knowledge base associated with the human papillomavirus.
3. Also better understand the oncologic role of the human papillomavirus and thoughts about future research on the human papillomavirus in head and neck cancer.

Saturday, April 30

8:30 am – 11:30 am

Interesting Cases in Head and Neck Pathology
Robert Robinson, MD, PhD,
CE Program #3 (3 credits)

A group of 10 lesions encompassing tumors, benign and malignant, as well as inflammatory processes that affect the head and neck will be presented. The sites of origin of these lesions include the nose and paranasal sinuses, soft tissues, oral cavity and thyroid as well as some lesions that occur in or around the base of the skull structures. Some of the cases will be illustrated as metastatic processes, including visceral malignancies, to the head and neck region, always a difficult but important issue when evaluating tumors in this region. When appropriate, the use of ancillary studies such as immunohistochemistry will be highlighted. The most important aspect of the lesions illustrated will be differential diagnoses that must be entertained when these processes are encountered.

Objectives:
By the end of this course the participants:

1. Will learn about a variety of tumors and disease entities in the head and neck region. Cases selected typically include recently described entities, rare lesions or variants of well-characterized tumors. Emphasis will be placed on the histopathologic differential diagnosis and use of adjunctive laboratory studies. A brief synopsis of the condition will be provided.
2. Will learn to develop an appropriate differential diagnosis on the presenting lesion and development of the appropriate clinical differential diagnosis.
3. For the diseases presented, will learn which immunohistochemical or molecular testing would be most appropriate.

8:30 am – 11:30 am

Mohs Surgery of the Head and Neck with Histopathologic Correlation
Marta Van Beek, MD
CE Program #4 (3 credits)

There is a significant amount of overlap between the fields of dermatology and oral pathology with Mohs surgery being a mainstay of maxillofacial tumor therapy. This course will attempt to bridge the gap by clearly demonstrating Mohs surgical cases with clinical-pathologic correlations. The course shows numerous photomicrographs along with clinical photos both before and during surgery.

The course will be divided into three segments:

1. Clinical pathologic correlation with the clinical presentation of the presenting lesion and development of the appropriate clinical differential diagnosis.
2. Common and uncommon tumors of the head and neck region, managed through Mohs surgery will be covered.
3. Near the end, a quick summary of the politics of Vitamin D and how a specialty can have a real world impact will be presented.

Objectives:
At the end of this course the participants should be able to:

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Meeting Details

Thursday, April 28

7:00 am – 8:00 am  Fellowship Exam Breakfast
7:00 am – 8:00 am  Fellowship Committee Meeting
8:00 am – 5:00 pm  Fellowship Examination
8:00 am – 5:00 pm  Fellowship Committee / Examinee Luncheon
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm  Executive Council Meeting

Friday, April 29

7:00 am – 10:00 pm  CCA Exam
7:30 am – 5:00 pm  Registration
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm  New York Hospital Queens Oral Pathology Lab Reception
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm  (by invitation only)

8:30 am - 11:30 am

AAOMP Seminar – (Replacing AFIP Seminar)
John K. Kalmar, DMD, PhD
Bruce F. Barker, DDS
John E. Fantasia, DDS
Lawrence I Goldblatt, DDS, MSD
Duane R. Schafer CAPT DC USN, DDS
CE Program #1 (3 credits)

Ten challenging surgical pathology cases will be presented. The diagnosis for each will be offered and discussed in the context of the attendees’ submitted diagnoses.

The five speakers are all vintage Academy members who will share interesting cases they have encountered from the head and neck region. Cases selected typically include recently described entities, rare lesions or variants of well-characterized tumors. Emphasis will be placed on the histopathologic differential diagnosis and use of adjunctive laboratory studies. A brief synopsis of the condition will also be provided.

All registrants will receive virtual slides of all cases prior to the meeting. These DVDs need not be returned, however, attendees are strongly encouraged to submit their diagnosis for the cases to help guide the presentations. Attendees will receive a handout containing histories, diagnoses, discussion and references.

Objectives:
1. To review rare, unusual, or challenging surgical pathology cases from the oral and maxillofacial region.
2. To outline the development of a clinical and histopathologic differential diagnosis.
3. To provide the rationale for the use and application of adjunctive histopathologic, immunohistochemical and molecular studies in challenging diagnostic scenarios.

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Symposium: Clinical Implications of HPV in Oral Cancer Pathogenesis
Maura L. Gillison, MD, PhD
CE Program #2 (3 credits)

This course will begin with an introduction on human papillomavirus, its history and general demographics. A major portion of this course will address the predictive value of human papillomavirus in the oral and oropharyngeal region as well as prognosis and survival data.

Objectives:
At the end of the symposium, the participant will:

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1. Formulate a differential diagnosis of facial tumors then properly refer and follow-up the patient through the treatment continuum.
2. Update knowledge of the histopathologic features of facial tumors.

8:30 am – 11:30 am
**Immunopathology: Tips, Tricks and Getting Out of the Quicksand.**
Rodney T. Miller, MD
CE Program #5 (3 credits)

This course consists of three 1-hour presentations, covering a variety of relevant topics regarding the use of immunohistochemistry by diagnostic pathologists. Part 1 will focus on reviewing important technical aspects of immunostaining with emphasis on those aspects that are required to ensure high-quality reproducible results. Troublesome artifacts and pitfalls that can lead to misinterpretation will be discussed in detail, and steps to avoid these pitfalls are presented. Part 2 will discuss the optimal use of immunohistochemical markers to address the problem of morphologically “undifferentiated” tumors, and will include a number of illustrative case studies. In Part 3, markers useful in determining the primary site of metastatic carcinomas are discussed, and their use illustrated with a number of case studies.

**Objectives:**
At the end of this course the participants should be able to:

1. Know the basic steps involved in immunostaining and recognize the dangers of using predilute ready-to-use antibodies and the importance of proper antibody dilutions in obtaining optimal stains.
2. Recognize endogenous biotin artifact and know how to abolish it.
3. State how to properly work up a new primary antibody and how to continuously monitor the sensitivity and specificity of antibodies with every stain performed.
4. Know the characteristics of true-positive and false-positive immunostains.
5. Understand the importance of proper controls, and describe a method that can be used in any laboratory to make multitumor sandwich block positive control blocks.
6. Discuss the options available for work up of cases when no paraffin block is available.
7. List the most useful antibodies for assessing “undifferentiated” tumors, and understand the strengths and limitations of the markers.
8. List the most useful antibodies for studying cases of metastatic carcinoma of unknown primary origin, and be able to select appropriate markers when given relevant clinical information.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
**Speaker/Education Committee Luncheon (by invitation only)**

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
**Cone Beam Ct: Principles and Applications in Imaging Oral & Maxillofacial Pathoses.**
Ernest Lam, DMD, MSc, Phd, FRCD(C)
CE Program #6 (3 credits)

With the emergence of cone beam computed tomography in dentistry, there is widespread excitement in the general dental and specialist communities as strategies are developed for incorporating this novel technology into patient care. Being able to separate the hype from the reality of what cone beam CT imaging can actually offer will be essential to our understanding the potential of this new modality in dentistry, as well as its limitations.

**Objectives:**
At the end of this course the objectives are to:

1. Develop an understanding of the basic concepts of 3D imaging: imaging physics, image processing and image management.
2. Understand current radiation dose and risk considerations related to cone beam CT imaging.
3. Describe the potential uses of cone beam CT imaging in dentistry in the context of the established imaging modalities with consideration given to risk vs. benefit approach to modality selection.
4. Understand the major limitations of cone beam CT technology in the context of the established imaging modalities.

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
**Mesenchymal Lesions of the Oral and Maxillofacial Region**
Julie C. Farburg-Smith, MD
CE Program #7 (3 credits)

The seminar will be based on DVD virtual microscopic slides. The aim is to present and discuss a selection of soft tissue neoplasms which may present in the oral cavity or adjacent structures. The following topics and subtopics will discussed:

1. Specialized Myofibroblastic Tumors
2. Myomelanocytic/Melanocytic Tumors
3. Nerve Sheath Tumors
4. Adipocytic Tumors
5. Round Cell Tumors and Genetics
6. Overall approach to soft tissue tumors
   a. Phenotype and Immunostains
   b. Classification and Grading

The importance and relevance of accurate differential diagnosis will be stressed. Modern diagnostic techniques (including molecular genetics) will be described as appropriate.

**Objectives:**
At the end of this course the participants should be able to:

1. Better understand the diagnosis, differential diagnosis and natural history of mesenchymal tumors in head and neck region.

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
**Oral Mucosal Lichenoid Diseases: Diagnosis and Management.**
Alan R. Gould, DDS, MS
CE Program #8 (3 credits)

Lichenoid diseases are among the most common symptomatic oral mucosal disorders encountered in the outpatient clinical dental setting. Accurate diagnosis and effective long term control of oral lichenoid disease continue to represent significant challenges in the successful provision of oral health care. This course will seek to provide an analysis of a population of patients presenting with oral mucosal lichenoid disease in a suburban clinical oral and maxillofacial pathology private practice. Aspects of patient diagnosis and management will be emphasized, including medical and family health history, patient medication profile, cutaneous, oral mucosal, and extraoral mucosal clinical manifestations, differential and definitive diagnosis, and principles of patient management. Relative efficacies of specific treatment protocols for oral lichen planus will be compared, and long term clinical outcomes will be examined.

**Objectives:**
Upon completion of the course, participants will be prepared to:

1. Define oral mucosal lichenoid disease (OMLD).
2. Select findings relevant to OMLD in the patient medical and family health history.
3. List medications and proximal oral agents which may be contributory to the emergence or expression of OMLD.
4. Provide a description of cutaneous, oral mucosal and extraoral mucosal findings which are useful in the assessment of patients with OMLD.
5. Describe the range of oral diseases which may present as OMLD, and methods for distinguishing between these disorders.
6. Specify considerations in patient management which will enhance the likelihood of successful treatment.
7. Identify specific treatment options for oral lichen planus, with
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm  Welcome Reception

**Sunday, May 1**

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**Certification Maintenance Examination by Doug Damm**

At the 2011 AAOMP Annual Meeting, the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology will be offering the initial Certification Maintenance Examination.

The Certification Maintenance Program is directed primarily toward Diplomates with time-limited certificates (those received in 2004 or later); however, the process will be open to all certified Diplomates. A Diplomate who holds a non-time-limited certificate will not put that certificate in jeopardy by participating in the certification maintenance program.

Certification maintenance is based on three components:
1. Evidence of professional standing (licensure),
2. Evidence of commitment for lifelong learning and involvement in periodic self-assessment (organized CME and self-learning), and
3. Evidence of cognitive expertise (Certification Maintenance Examination).

The examination will consist of 50 multiple-choice questions, the major-ity of which will focus on histopathologic and clinical diagnoses. The deadline for application to sit for the 2011 Certification Maintenance Examination is February 1. For additional information, please contact Clarita Scioscia, Executive Secretary ABOMP, PO Box 25915, Tampa FL 33622-5915, (813) 286-2444, extension 230.
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Got a photo or news story? Please send it. We welcome your submissions!

SAVE THE DATE

AAOMP Meets in San Juan, Puerto Rico
April 28 - May 3, 2011

SPEAKERS FOR 2011

NEW IN 2011
Founders’ Memorial Seminar
“Selected Topics & Diagnostic Pitfalls in Thyroid Pathology”
Dr. Carol Adair
Baylor University Medical Center

Symposium “Clinical Implications of HPV in Oral Cancer Pathogenesis”
Dr. Maura Gillison
Tzagournis Research Facility

CE: Oral Mucosal Lichenoid Diseases: Diagnosis and Management
Dr. Alan Gould
Louisville Oral Pathology Laboratory

AAOMP Seminar
Dr. John Kalmar
Dr. Bruce Barker
Dr. John Fantasia
Dr. Larry Goldblatt
Dr. Duane Schafer

Returning Favorites
CE: Mesenchymal Lesions of the Oral and Maxillofacial Region
Dr. Julie Fanburg-Smith

CE: Mohs Surgery of the Head and Neck with Histopathological Correlation
Dr. Marta Van Beek

CE: Cone Beam CT: Principles and Applications in Imaging Oral & Maxillofacial Pathoses
Dr. Ernest W.N. Lam

CE: Immunopathology: Tips, Tricks and Getting Out of the Quicksand
Dr. Rodney T. Miller

CE: Interesting Cases in Head and Neck Pathology
Dr. Robert Robinson
This year our meeting starts on FRIDAY instead of Saturday and ends on TUESDAY instead of Wednesday.

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General Registration Fee
NOTE: All Attendees MUST pay the meeting registration fee. The registration fee includes the following:
• Founder’s Seminar
• Oral Essay Presentations
• Poster Presentations
• Resident’s Reception
• Clinical Pathology Conference (CPC)
• Coffee and Sodas during meeting breaks
• President’s Reception and Dinner
• Welcome Reception

* Residents – Members who are currently in a residency-training program may pay a reduced registration fee of $150. A letter must accompany this form from your Program Director verifying your residency status.

** Spouse/Significant Others – Spouse general registration fee includes the following: Continental Breakfast (Saturday, Sunday and Monday), Welcome Reception, Spouse Reception, Resident’s Reception (the President’s Reception & Dinner is a separate fee).

Poster and Oral Abstract Presenters – MUST pay the meeting registration fee, even if you are only coming to make your presentation(s).

Please add the appropriate registration amount to any courses or events you are registering for in the “Total Amount.”

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Dr. Ernest Lam | $110 | $150 |        |
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Dr. Julie Fanburg-Smith | $110 | $150 |        |
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Dr. Alan Gould | $110 | $150 |        |
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Dr. Carol Adair (without slides) | FREE | FREE |        |
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Dr. Carol Adair (with slides) | $110 | $150 |        |
| Monday, May 2      | ADEA Luncheon – Active Oral Pathology Section Members Only | $65 | N/A |        |
| Friday, April 29   | Continued Competency Assurance Program (CCA) | $110 | $150 |        |

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**Special Dietary Requirements**

Please indicate below if you will need a specially prepared meal when we have full food functions (i.e.–vegetarian, kosher, no dairy, no alcohol, etc.)

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**Special Needs**

The AAOMP wishes to ensure that no individual with a disability is excluded, denied services, segregated, or otherwise treated differently than other individuals because of the absence of auxiliary aids or services. If you need any of these services identified in the Americans with Disabilities Act, please contact the AAOMP office.

**Late Fees**

A $50 late or on-site fee will be added for registrations made after April 1, 2011.

**Refund Policy**

The fee, less a $75 administration cost, will be refunded if the AAOMP office is notified in writing of the cancellation prior to April 1, 2011. After that date, no refunds will be issued.

**Payment Information**

Your payment must accompany this form. Please make all checks payable in U.S. funds to the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology (AAOMP) and mail or fax the registration form and payment to the address or number below.

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  Credit Card # __________________________ Exp. Date: __________ CVC Security Code: __________
  
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*Please return this form by Friday, April 1st to:*

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