Stephen Young Installed as ADEA President-Elect

Young, AAOMP Fellow, ABOMP Diplomate, and Dean of the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry, was installed as American Dental Education Association (ADEA) President-elect at the 2012 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition in March. He will spend a year as ADEA President-elect and become ADEA President at the conclusion of the 2013 meeting in Seattle on March 16-19.

“I extend my congratulations to Dr. Young as he embarks on an important journey in the leadership of the future of dental education,” says ADEA President Leo Rouse. “With his proven dedication to his profession and the future of dental education, he will serve the Association and all of its 18,000 members well in an important time of change.”

With a 36-year long tenure at the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry, Dr. Young has been involved in the full spectrum of academic dentistry from professor to department chair to dean. He believes that faculty development is an integral part of the success of dental education.

Dr. Young graduated from the University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Dentistry. He attended the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, where he received a Master’s Degree in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. Dr. Young previously served as the ADEA representative to the Joint Commission on Dental National Boards and ADA Council on Dental Education and Licensure, also serving both groups as Chair. He currently serves as chair of the ADEA Commission on Change and Innovation, which builds consensus among all stakeholders in dental education, research, and practice by providing leadership to a systemic, collaborative, and continuous process of innovative change in the education of general dentists.
Dear AAOMP Members and Fellows,

This is the first AAOMP newsletter that has been exclusively sent electronically, a reflection of our commitment to stay abreast with the digital age, and save some money. For example, the Education Committee chaired by John Hellstein is helping us rapidly move to a 100% virtual microscopy era in our continuing education delivery. John, Yeshwant Rawal, and the rest of the Committee should be saluted for the major amount of time and planning this has required (as well as Doug Damm and the rest of the ABOMP Directors as they parallel this goal). Also, our dedicated MailServ for Academy business (rather than having to use BBOP) has improved communication, efficiency, and confidentiality.

Since my last message, Paul Freedman, John Kalmar, Janet Svazas, and I met with the officers of the American Dental Association. We brought to their attention the relatively new and important challenge of how our organization should respond to licensure requirement for the interpretation of biopsy specimens that involve interstate commerce. With the help of our attorney and the ADA as well as yeoman work by Ray Melrose and his Laboratory Services Committee, we have completed our official Academy position on this subject and it is posted on our website. Details about the process and its ramifications will be shared at the upcoming Fellows business meeting during the June annual meeting in Minneapolis, MN. We also spoke with the ADA about how dentistry will interact with health care reform, monitored the latest on PECOS, and my personal pet peeve, began the process to eliminate inaccuracies in the current ADA professional office brochures about oral cancer and smokeless tobacco.

The planning of the 2015 joint meeting with the American Academy of Oral Medicine (AAOM) is proceeding on schedule and a draft schedule has been proposed. John Hellstein and Janet Svazas have met face to face with the AAOM leadership, and the Executive Council will be reviewing the plans as well as contributing to confirming the dates, site, and possible venues. Preliminary details should be available at the Fellows business meeting.

Since the Winter 2012 newsletter many dental organizational meetings have taken place. Academy volunteers have attended specific events representing us such as the Dental Quality Alliance/National Quality Forum on Oral Health Issues (Maria Fornatora), Dental Specialty Group/CODA (John Kalmar, Paul Freedman, and myself), ADA Code Advisory Committee (Steve Vincent), ADEA (John Kalmar), and the Intersociety Pathology Committee meeting (Susan Muller). Janet Svazas represented us at the Health Mouths, Healthy Lives advertisement campaign which will be mounted by the Ad Council/Dental Trade Alliance with financial backing by us and at least a score of other dental organizations.

By now, the two proposed amendments to our Bylaws formulated by Angela Chi’s Constitution and Bylaws Committee, as requested by the Executive Council, have been circulated and will be voted upon at the Fellows business meeting. Please review them and plan to attend, so that we will be guaranteed a quorum to discuss and vote on their motions.

So, I will close for now, but this and more will be continued at our June 22-27, 2012, annual meeting. The meeting is chock-full of wonderful social events and continuing education courses. June is a great time to explore Minneapolis’ vibrant urban metropolis culture and people, as well as its more bucolic lake and park areas. Please join us - - you will be supporting our specialty, renewing or forging new professional relationships, learning, and taking a well deserved break from the daily grind whether at work or in retirement.

I look forward to greeting each of you later this month. Until then . . . Mike
Interprofessionalism, new leadership at ADEA

OMP section

The Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Section of ADEA continued strengthening its ties with other diagnostic sciences at the recent ADEA meeting in the heart of the Magic Kingdom in Orlando, Florida.

Section Program Focuses on Cone Beam
The annual section program this year was “Engaging the modern technology of Cone Beam Computed Tomography (CBCT) in integrated oral health education”. It was held in collaboration with the Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology and Oral Diagnosis/Oral Medicine Sections.

Drs Craig Whitt, Jim Geist and Rose Geist represented the AAOMP, AAOMR and OD/OM Sections respectively. The panel was organized by AAOMP Section Chair-Elect Kristina Okolisan-Mulligan, and focused on strategies to incorporate the teaching of CBCT principles and interpretation into the predoctoral curriculum.

The panel presented to an overflowing crowd of 53 engaged attendees. During the Q&A session there was considerable interest expressed in the potentially harmful effects of diagnostic radiation exposure and in the use of CBCT in Orthodontics.

New Leadership at Section Meeting
At the Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Section Member’s Forum, Chair Craig Whitt (above center) thanked Alice Curran (University of North Carolina, above left) for her six years of outstanding leadership as Councilor of the Section and presented her with a bundle of virtual red roses. Junu Ojha (University of Detroit Mercy) was elected Secretary and Craig Whitt (University of Missouri Kansas City) was elected Councilor. Kristina Okolisan-Mulligan (University of Detroit Mercy, above right) assumed the position of Chair and Nadim Islam (Indiana University) assumed the role of Chair-elect.

On behalf of the Organization of Teachers of Oral Diagnosis, Jerry Bouquot announced that an updated version of his differential diagnosis teaching resource is available.

Next ADEA Meeting
The 2013 ADEA Annual Session will be held March 16-19 in Seattle, Washington. The theme will be “Landscape for Learning.” Dr Islam proposed the topic of anti-resorptive agent related osteonecrosis of the jaws as the focus of the 2013 Section program.

Cone Beam CT hot topic at ADEA

"Engaging the Modern Technology of Cone Beam Computed Tomography in Integrated Oral Health Education" was the joint section program presented by the Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, and Oral Diagnosis/Oral Medicine sections at the March 2012 ADEA meeting in Orlando FL.

Presenters were (back row left to right) Dr Jim Geist and Dr Craig Whitt, and Dr Rose Geist (front left). The program was organized by OMP section chair-elect Kristina Okolisan-Mulligan (front right).
THOMAS R. BROCK, DDS • a Board-certified oral surgeon with advanced training in oral pathology, died in January 2012. He was an Emeritus Fellow of the AAOMP.

Born in St. Paul MN, Tom received his training at Creighton Dental School in Omaha, NE, Shands Teaching Hospital in Gainesville, FL (Oral Pathology) and the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, SC (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery).

Tom practiced oral surgery in Sioux City, IA, Omaha, NE, Gainesville, FL, Charleston, SC, and Mankato MN. He retired in March 2010.

During his educational and professional years, Tom had been active in the Cleft Palate Clinic, Knights of Columbus of SC, and the Lions Clubs in various communities. Tom had several passions, including motorcycles, deep sea fishing, corvettes, and his faithful canine breed, Irish Wolfhounds.

Tom is survived by his wife, Barb Brock, and children Daniel and Kelly. Memorials may be directed to the Mayo Clinic Health System Hospice Program or to the Brock family for future scholarship funds.

DR. ROBERT VICKERS • passed away on March 15 at age 79. He was AAOMP’s Director of Education from 1974-76 and President in 1983.

A native of Freeport IL, Dr. Vickers grew up in Helena MT. He received his DDS from St Louis University in 1957, and MSD in oral pathology from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry in 1962. He was an American Cancer Society fellow while studying oral pathology, and a Fulbright Research Scholar at the Royal Dental School, Aarhus Denmark, 1965-66. He served at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry for many years, where he was Director of the Oral Pathology Laboratory and was appointed a full professor in 1969.

Dr Vickers published on a wide variety of oral pathology topics. Colleague Ioannis Koutlas at the University of Minnesota says, “He is, and should be, best known for his observations leading to the reporting of the calcifying odontogenic cyst as a new entity, the identification of the hyalinized material in calcifying epithelial odontogenic tumors as amyloid, and the “Vickers and Gorlin Criteria” in the diagnosis of ameloblastoma.”

He served as Chairman of the ADA Oral Pathology Section in 1976. He was instrumental in the establishment of strong ties with the American Board of Pathology and he served as liaison between the Boards as well as AAOMP’s liaison to the College of American Pathologists. According to AAOMP Past President Valerie Murrah, “He was very involved with the American Cancer Society in Minneapolis, and his ability to work so well with M.D. pathology colleagues enabled him to establish an outstanding anatomic pathology residency experience with Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis.”

Ioannis Koutlas remembers, “He was an avid tennis player (he never liked orange tennis balls), had a love affair with fly fishing, and, not known to many, was a piano music and mechanical watch connoisseur.”

Dr Vickers is survived by his wife of 46 years, Arlene, daughter Jennifer, son Benjamin, and 5 grandchildren.

The family has asked in lieu of flowers that memorial contributions be sent to the Drs. Robert Vickers and Richard Elzay Fund at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, 15-136 Moos Tower, 515 Delaware St. S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55455.
REGISTRATION
As the May 31, 2012 registration deadline has now passed, if you haven’t registered for the 2012 AAOMP Annual Meeting, you must now register onsite and you will be charged an additional $50 late registration 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 and pay the general registration fee in order to attend any portion of the meeting.

Note: Registrants from outside North America, if you have NOT pre-registered, you must bring cash or a check with you for on-site registration.

FELLOWSHIP EXAMINATION
The examination will be held on Friday, June 22, 2012 from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

HOTEL INFORMATION
Radisson Plaza Hotel Minneapolis
35 S. 7th St.
Minneapolis, MN 55402
(612) 339-4900
www.radisson.com

GROUND TRANSPORTATION
The Hiawatha Light Rail is the FASTEST and CHEAPEST way to get from the airport to the Radisson Hotel. Taxi fare is $35-$40 plus tip one way. Light Rail is $2.25 Rush Hour, $1.75 non-rush hour (65+ and kids are $0.75 non-rush hour).

Directions for using the Light Rail from MSP airport to the Radisson Hotel

Terminal #1 (Lindbergh, Main) Terminal – Delta, other major Airlines
A. From the baggage level, go down one more level for ground transportation.
B. Look for directions to “Light Rail”. You will be directed to a tram that also goes to parking structures.
C. Get on the tram. It is about a 1-minute ride and only goes one place.
D. Get off the tram and follow the signs to the Light Rail. You will go down an escalator to a level with ticket machines.
E. Get your ticket on this level BEFORE you go down to the track level.
   1. The ticket will cost $2.25 if it is rush hour ($1.75 non-rush hour)
   2. You can pay by credit card or cash
   3. You just need to have your ticket with you in case you are checked. Don’t get on the train without a ticket, the fines are very high.
F. Go down one more level to the tracks to the side of the platform designated as “Minneapolis”
G. Stand near the front of the platform, somewhat close to the escalators; the trains don’t take up the entire length of the platform.
H. Continue below

Humphrey Terminal (small terminal) – Sun Country Airlines/ Southwest Airlines, regional airlines
A. From the main terminal baggage claim area (ground floor) go across the street following signs to Ground Transportation Center. This takes you into the parking structure.
B. Follow signs to Light Rail. It is quite a long walk through the parking structure to the Light Rail Station.
C. Get your ticket at the machines BEFORE you get on the train.
   1. The ticket will cost $2.25 if it is rush hour ($1.75 non-rush hour)
   2. You can pay by credit card or cash
   3. You just need to have your ticket with you in case you are checked. Don’t get on the train without a ticket, the fines are very high.
D. Make sure you are on the side of the tracks going to “Minneapolis”

For everybody, once you’re on the train heading downtown
• You need to get off at the “Nicollet Mall” station. That is the 3rd downtown stop. Stops just before this are the “Downtown-East/ Metrodome”, and “Government Plaza”.
• When you get off at Nicollet Mall, in the direction the train was going turn left across the street. The station is at 5th Street, you want to walk down Nicollet Mall 2 blocks to 7th Street.
• At 7th Street, go across the street, turn right and go 1/2 block to the Radisson Hotel.

WELCOME RECEPTION BOAT CRUISE
For those of you who are attending the Welcome Reception out on our boat cruise, it is IMPERATIVE that you be on time to catch the buses to take you to the boat. The boat will leave promptly at 6:00 pm on Sunday, June 24th. For those of you who are NOT taking CE courses on Sunday, you should be down in the lobby area by 5:00 pm to board the buses. Those of you who ARE taking CE courses on Sunday, should be in the lobby area at 5:30 pm. Please don’t be late. If you do not make it on the buses to get on the boat, we will be leaving without you. Please be sure to bring a light jacket or sweater as the boat cruise goes from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm and although there are indoor locations on the boat, being on the water - it will get cool once the sun goes down.

DINING IN MINNEAPOLIS
Dr. and Mrs. Rohrer, our local arrangement contacts have been so kind as to put together a list and map of the dining facilities surrounding our meeting location. Please go online under the annual meeting tab to view this information.

ATTIRE
The meeting attire is business casual. Shorts, capris, and docker-type pants are appropriate.

You will want to make sure that you bring a sweater or light jacket if you normally get cold in the meeting rooms. While we will do our best to keep the temperature amenable to everyone, the meeting rooms themselves will be air-conditioned.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact AAOMP staff at aaomp@b-online.com
PET-CT examples, as well as examples of many of the common pitfalls images. This discussion will include definition of the nodal levels, with pathology and anatomy of the head and neck as it is seen in FDG PET a discussion will be presented on the appearance of the common the unknown primary staging and follow-up/surveillance. In addition, PET-CT imaging of head and neck cancer, including assessment of the histopathologic, immunohistochemical and molecular studies in differential diagnosis.

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 well known board certified Academy members who will share interesting cases from the head and neck region that have been accessioned throughout their oral and maxillofacial pathology careers. Cases selected typically include recently described entities, rare lesions or variants of well-characterized tumors. Emphasis will be placed on the histopathologic differential diagnosis, adjunctive special laboratory studies and the rationale used to arrive at the final diagnosis.

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

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

1:30 pm - 4:30 pm Symposium: “Overview of the current status of PET/CT of the head and neck”
Michael Graham, MD, PhD
CE Program # 2 (3 credits)

The talk will include an overview of the major indications for FDG PET-CT imaging of head and neck cancer, including assessment of the unknown primary staging and follow-up/surveillance. In addition, a discussion will be presented on the appearance of the common pathology and anatomy of the head and neck as it is seen in FDG PET images. This discussion will include definition of the nodal levels, with PET-CT examples, as well as examples of many of the common pitfalls encountered in the interpretation of these images.
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 consideration of relative effectiveness and patient risks.
8. Illustrate the importance of interprofessional communications in enhancing the probability of long term positive outcomes in the management of patients with OMLD.

8:30 am – 11:30 am
Diagnostic Immunohistochemistry Update
Formerly - 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 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 2, markers useful in determining the primary site of metastatic carcinomas are discussed, and their use illustrated with a number of case studies. Part 3 will focus on reviewing important technical aspects of immunostaining, with emphasis on those elements that are required to ensure high-quality reproducible stains. Troublesome artifacts and pitfalls that can lead to misinterpretation will be discussed in detail, and steps to avoid these pitfalls are presented.

Objectives:
1. List the most useful antibodies for assessing “undifferentiated” tumors, and understand the strengths and limitations of the markers.
2. 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.
3. 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 stains.
4. Recognize endogenous biotin artifact and know how to abolish it.
5. 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.
6. Know the characteristics of true-positive and false-positive immunostains.
7. 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.
8. Discuss the options available for work up of cases when no paraffin block is available.

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Cone Beam CT: Principles and Applications in Imaging Oral & Maxillofacial Pathoses.
Ernest Lam, DMD, MSc, PhD
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
Oral pathology case reviews: from chair, to histopathology, to patient treatment
Eleni Gagari, DMD, DMSc
CE Program #7 (3 credits)

The everyday practice of the oral and maxillofacial pathology profession entails clinical examination of the patient, use of diagnostic procedures, evaluation of test results and use of therapeutic modalities to treat the patient. This course aims to provide the oral and maxillofacial pathologist with a view of comprehensive patient care delivery “from beginning to end” in the current practice context of the specialty. Selected cases will be used as paradigms to discuss diagnostic and therapeutic approach and patient management. A concise critical review of the most commonly employed diagnostic procedures and therapeutic modalities will be provided.

The course is divided in three parts: In the first part, 10 complex cases of oral pathology will be discussed in detail. In the second part, 10 cases that are either diagnostic or therapeutic challenges will be discussed briefly in an interactive format. The course will end with a review of diagnostic and therapeutic guidelines that are most useful in chairside practice. A CD with the cases and selected content of the course will be provided.

Objectives:
- To discuss oral and maxillofacial pathology cases that represent diagnostic and/or therapeutic challenges.
- To discuss diagnosis and treatment of oral pathology conditions in a comprehensive manner that focuses on patient care delivery.
- To provide a review of diagnostic and therapeutic guidelines useful in everyday oral pathology patient management.

At the end of this course the participant should be able to:

1. Evaluate and select appropriate diagnostic and treatment modalities for the oral pathology patient.
2. Improve patient care delivery for complex oral pathology problems.
**Monday, June 25**

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
**Update on the Histological Risk Model** –
- Why do some patients with low-stage oral/oropharyngeal cancers fail treatment
- Practical application of the Risk Model in Surgical Resections
- Update on Mucoepidermoid Carcinoma Grading and Etiology
- And For Dessert: A Selection of Interesting Cases

Margaret Brandwein-Gensler, MD  
CE Program #8 (3 credits)

This course will:

1. Update the outcome of data on the histological risk model. Provide information on the correct procedure for applying this grading schema to surgical resections for squamous cell carcinoma.
2. Review mucoepidermoid carcinoma with particular interest in the grading and etiology.
3. Present a group of interesting and challenging head and neck pathology cases and increase the understanding of some unusual entities.

Objectives:
Following this course, the participant will:

1. Gain a better understanding of the role of risk models in the head neck region
2. Attain updated knowledge about the grading and etiology of mucoepidermoid carcinomas.
3. Have a refreshed knowledge of head and neck lesions that will provide a further foundation for interested lifetime learners.

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm  
**Welcome Reception**

**Editors Breakfast** (by invitation only)
**Spouse Breakfast**
**Continued Competency Assurance Exam**
**Registration**
**Coffee Service**
**Iowa Luncheon** (by invitation only)
**Program Directors Luncheon**
**Air Force Luncheon** (off-site - by invitation only)

**Fellows’ Business Meeting**
**Spouses’ Reception**
**Indiana Reception** (by invitation only)
**Emory Reception** (by invitation only)
**ROUR – Rest Of Us Reunion** (by invitation only)
**CAOMPOM Scientific Session** (by invitation only)
**New York Hospital Queens Oral Pathology Lab Reception** (by invitation only)
**Residents Reception** (open to all attendees)

**Tuesday, June 26**

7:00 am – 8:00 am  
**Education Committee Breakfast**
**Spouse Breakfast**
**Continued Competency Assurance Exam**

7:00 am – 10:00 am  
**ABOMP Certification Maintenance Exam**

7:30 am – 9:30 am  
**Registration**

7:30 am – 5:00 pm  
**Coffee Service**

8:30 am – 11:30 am  
**Poster Program**
**Past Presidents’ Luncheon**
**ADEA Luncheon**

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
**Founders’ Memorial Seminar - Enigmatic, Notorious, and Troublesome lesions in ENT Pathology**
Jennifer L. Hunt, MD, MEd  
Founders Memorial Seminar (4 credits)

The course will use a set of head and neck lesions to discuss differential diagnosis in some common and uncommon ENT lesions. Immunohistochemistry and ancillary diagnostic testing will be discussed, but a strong emphasis will be placed on traditional morphologic and cytologic interpretation, side by side comparisons and controversial features. These will be highlighted in lesions that are pitfalls for diagnosis.

Objectives:
1. Recognize some common and uncommon variants of ENT tumors.
2. Utilize targeted immunohistochemistry and ancillary studies in the diagnostic workup of ENT lesions.
3. Compare and contrast histologic features of lesions with overlapping histologic profiles.

**Wednesday, June 27**

7:00 am – 10:30 am  
**Continued Competency Assurance Exam**
**Registration**
**Coffee Service**
**Clinical Pathology Conference**

**Save the date: Grand Rounds**

Bike Minneapolis, the #1 biking city in the USA! Participate in Minneapolis Grand Rounds Sunday, June 24. No, this will not be a presentation of difficult and interesting cases - this is a bike tour around Minneapolis, the “City of Lakes”, on the Grand Rounds National Scenic Byway, a 50-mile system of biking trails in the city. Mike and Cec Rohrer will lead a bicycle tour over about half of the Grand Rounds that will be almost entirely on dedicated bike paths and will encompass historic areas of Minneapolis, the famous chain of lakes, the beautiful Minnehaha Creek Parkway that crosses the city, Minnehaha Falls, and the Mississippi River Parkway. We’ll cross over the Mississippi River and back and we’ll have lunch along the Mississippi River Parkway. There are over 20 lakes within the city limits and we’ll see a number of them. The bike ride will be approximately 25 miles and we’ll ride about 12 mph. The bike rental cost will be about $25-$40 per bike. More details in the near future, just hold the date if you want to join the Rohrers on this bike ride. If you’re interested, email Mike at rohre008@umn.edu. You can look at the Grand Rounds at http://www.minneapolisparks.org/grandrounds/home.htm.
LSU awards Brannon for teaching excellence

Robert B. Brannon, DDS, MSD, professor and director of the Louisiana State University School of Dentistry (LSUSD) Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, has received the Allen A. Copping Excellence in Teaching Award for 2012. The prestigious award recognizes exceptional faculty members at each of the schools in the LSU Health Sciences Center and is the highest award given by the University. It is bestowed on individuals nominated by students and peers for their life-long quest for discovery and ability to inspire their students.

Dr. Brannon is also the recipient of the 2012 Golden Apple Teaching Award from the fourth-year dental class and was recently named honorary faculty member of the LSUSD C. Edmund Kells Honor Society.

During his thirty-year career in the U.S. Air Force, Dr. Brannon was chairman of the Department of Oral Pathology and director of forensic dentistry at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP). He directed identifications of victims in many high-profile mass disasters, including the 1978 Jim Jones mass suicide of 913 people in Jonestown, Guyana, and the 1983 terrorist bombing of the U.S. Marine Headquarters in Beirut, Lebanon.

Dr. Brannon joined the LSUSD faculty following his retirement from AFIP in 1996. He has authored or co-authored 140 scientific articles, abstracts, and clinical presentations in the fields of oral and maxillofacial pathology and forensic dentistry. At LSUSD he has directed courses in the dental, dental hygiene, and advanced education programs. He has also served as mentor of numerous students, residents, and faculty members.

In 2009, Dr. Brannon was appointed Civilian National Consultant in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology to the Air Force Surgeon General. This three-year appointment is equivalent to the rank of a one-star (brigadier) general. Dr. Brannon is only the third person to hold this position.

“Dr. Bob Brannon is respected by all,” said Dean Henry Gremillion, “and he epitomizes those most important qualities of an educator: professionalism, ethics, selflessness, and dedication to mentoring students. He is most deserving of the Copping Award for Teaching Excellence.”

Dr. Allen A. Copping, a former dentist who became chancellor of the LSU Medical Center in 1974 and then president of the LSU System from 1985-1999, established the award.

SAVE THE DATE

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SPEAKERS FOR 2012

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Rajaram Gopalakrishnan, DDS, MSD
Ioannis Koutlas, DDS, MS
Mitzi J. Palazzolo, DDS, MS
David L. Wells, DDS, MS

Returning Favorites
CE: Oral Mucosal Lichenoid Diseases: Diagnosis and Management
Dr. Alan Gould

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

CE: Immunohistochemistry
Dr. Rodney T. Miller

CE: Interesting Cases in Head and Neck Pathology
Dr. Robert Robinson

Fellowship Exam Date
June 22, 2012