



Academy of Dental Materials NEWSLETTER

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President's Introduction: *Let's Promote Involvement*

Since this is my first newsletter, I wish to extend my sincere appreciation for the confidence of the membership in selecting me as president of the Academy of Dental Materials. As most of you know, I have served as Corporate Liaison for the past twelve years and, while this has been most rewarding, I believe that in passing those responsibilities on to Bob Erickson at 3M, the new blood and new approach is welcomed. Speaking of new blood, this is one of my major goals over the next 18 months. . . to enlist and encourage active participation by our newer or younger members. Only by getting new people involved can the Academy grow and prosper.

As I am sure everyone is aware, last year we changed the location and date of the annual meeting from Chicago in February to "someplace" at "some time" in the fall. This year our annual meeting will be in Hawaii and will be a joint meeting with the Japanese Society for Dental Materials and Devices (JSDMD). Drs. Okabe and Tani will be chairmen. As with the First International Congress, this meeting will be an adventure and, by all indications to date, will have even greater attendance than previous meetings. The number of abstracts for the meeting is increasing significantly. Ken Anusavice and Bob Erickson have already begun to put the meeting together for the fall of 1994. The meeting site and time will be announced in Hawaii and in the Winter newsletter.

Finally, the format of the newsletter has been altered slightly with sections submitted by various officers, liaisons, program chairs and the editor. Starting with the Winter newsletter, there will be a section devoted specifically to information from one or more of our International liaisons.

I hope to see each of you in Hawaii!

Lyle Zardiackas

ADM in Honolulu

Dr. Yoshiaki Tani, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan, and Dr. Toru Okabe, Baylor College of Dentistry, Dallas, Texas, are finalizing arrangements for the **Second International Congress on Dental Materials, Joint Meeting of The Academy of Dental Materials and**

Japanese Society for Dental Materials and Devices which will be held November 1-4, 1993, at the University of Hawaii East-West Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. The meeting will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day. During the first two days, twelve invited speakers will review recent advances concerning various dental materials. Each of you should have received the preliminary program and registration form. The program includes poster presentations over the four-day period as well as oral presentations during the last two days.

A mixer will be held on October 31 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and a banquet is planned for November 3 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. The ADM business meeting will be November 2 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. These events will take place at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Approximately 400 attendees are expected from the U.S. and other countries. For more information, please call Dr. Toru Okabe or Dr. Victoria Marker, Local Arrangements Chairman, at (214) 828-8190.



Status of *Dental Materials*

Everyone has been incredibly patient and cooperative during the transition to desktop publishing of *Dental Materials*. A new team has been assembled and trained. Soon the publishing dates should correspond to the month you receive the journal. Nearly 95% of the manuscripts are submitted on computer disks which speed up the process. As we work to produce the best quality journal, we are exploring new options such as going on-line.

The number of manuscripts submitted to the journal continues to increase ($\approx 20\%$ more than last year). Other improvements include: 1) the time from receipt to acceptance has dropped to the current mean of less than 3 months, 2) because we are publishing 6 issues, the time from acceptance to publication has declined to 2 months; and 3) the decision time incurred with revised manuscripts is reduced. Many authors are assisting by sending detailed lists of their responses to the reviewers' critiques.

To ensure that the journal maintains the highest scientific standards, an independent evaluation group

is assessing the quality of the papers published during the past year. Their report will be printed in the July issue. To standardize reviewers' critiques and the scientific level of accepted papers, we are in the process of revising the Reviewer's Form. Many of you have given your opinions, and we welcome additional input into this important aspect of peer review. We would encourage you to take an active role in the journal by submitting papers, editorials, or volunteering to review manuscripts. Let us hear from you.

Dr. Victoria A. Marker, Editor

ADM Directory On Its Way

The 1993 Academy of Dental Materials Directory is in the mail. In filling out the information for the directory, some people asked what a Bit Net address is. I don't have one, but I heard an excellent talk by Dr. Dave Sarrett on the merits of Bit Net and Internet at our last annual meeting. Maybe by the next directory we will all be connected. If you need an extra copy of the directory, the purchase price is \$10.00.

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