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President's Introduction: *President's Views*

For those of you who did not attend the Second International Congress in Hawaii, I send my condolences. You missed a great meeting and a great time. We will be planning another of these for 1997.

The 1994 meeting will be held in Bermuda on November 10-12 at the Royal Sonesta Beach Hotel in Hamilton. Ken Anusavice and Eileen Glasspoole are Co-Chairs. The theme of the meeting is "Prediction and Failure Analysis of Restorative Materials." We will be using a format similar to that used in Hawaii.

All the information will be coming to you shortly and announcements will be made at IADR. For those of you who did not submit abstracts for Hawaii, please note the new abstract format and forms.

Due to a significant increase in activity, the need to schedule meetings and negotiate hotels earlier, and other problems associated with administrating meetings, the Board voted to secure the services of Ardel, Inc. Ardel is the management company for Biomaterials and others. They have already started to work and have negotiated a very good rate for the hotel, especially considering location. They will assume responsibilities for coordinating meeting registration and distributing meeting notices in order to reduce some of the load from the treasurer and meeting chairs. We will review their performance biannually.

You should note some changes in the Executive Committee. These changes are due to people asking to be replaced in light of other responsibilities and a growing awareness of needs in new areas. If you would like to serve or become more involved in any way, please contact me or Ken Anusavice.

I'm sure I'll see many of you at IADR and certainly in Bermuda.

Lyle Zardiackas

Paffenbarger Award Winner

Congratulations to A.M. El Araby at the Nagasaki University School of Dentistry in Japan who was selected as winner of the 1993 Paffenbarger Award. El Araby's paper was entitled "Coherent Phase Diagram in AuCu-Pt Pseudobinary System." The winner is invited to attend the 1994 annual meeting. The Academy will waive the registration and banquet fees and reimburses travel expenses up to \$500.00. El Araby also received a plaque commemorating the award. Congratulations on a job well done!

Aloha from Hawaii

Aloha from the Second International Congress on Dental Materials! This second congress sponsored jointly by the Academy of Dental Materials and the Japanese Society for Dental Materials and Devices was held November 1-4,



1993 at the East-West Conference Center of the University of Hawaii, Honolulu. Scientists from all over the world attended in greater numbers than at the first congress held in 1989. The numbers of abstracts submitted also increased; there was a total of 192, which included 52 oral presentations and 140 poster presentations. The seminar, entitled "Information Exchange: Current Technology of Dental Materials", featured a variety of presentations by both ADM and JSDMD speakers on dental materials topics including composites, bonding technology, glass ionomers, titanium casting and more. All seminar presentations, as well as the poster and oral presentations, were held during the mornings of the conference; the afternoons were left open for the participants to enjoy the beautiful sights and the tropical climate of Hawaii. The meeting headquarters, the Hilton Hawaiian Village, was also the site of the conference banquet, a dinner show featuring the singer/dancer Charo.

The Paffenbarger Award winner was named as part of the conference activities; this year's winner was A.M. El Araby. Transactions of the meeting were produced and distributed to those in attendance. Copies of the Transactions will be sent to ADM members who did not attend.

The success of the Second International Congress was due to the wonderful efforts made by many people from both the ADM and from the JSDMD. Because of this success, a lot of participants indicated that they would like to see a Third International Congress take place in 1997.

Many thanks to all of you who contributed your time and hard work to the planning and preparation of the conference and thanks to all of you who attended!

Toru Okabe, Ph.D.

Status of *Dental Materials*

Six issues of the journal were published in 1993. However, the year started off behind and we have been struggling to catch up. We really appreciate

your patience and will continue our diligent efforts to get manuscripts processed as quickly as possible and the journal back on schedule. Unlike other journals, we do not have a cut off date for authors to return accepted manuscripts that needed slight revisions. In order to avoid more rules and regulations, please recognize the vital importance of returning accepted manuscripts *and page proofs* as quickly as possible to avoid delaying production of the upcoming issues.

If your manuscript is not returned by the editor's office within three months, it is probably due to one of two reasons. Either the reviewers did not submit their critique in a timely manner or there was a split decision and the manuscript was sent out for a third review. We are in the process of computerizing our records and soon will be able to make more accurate predictions about the quality and timeliness of reviewers. We also hope to get the editorial board more actively involved in the reviewing process with the goal that their energetic participation will speed up the process.

The propitious report by the Journal Review Committee was encouraging (see Vol. 9 No. 4). We want to thank the Chairman, Jack Ferracane, and the other committee members, Eugene Huget, Fred Rueggeberg, and Nikhil Sarkar, for the time and effort they spent in evaluating the 1992 issues of *Dental Materials*. Dr. Sarkar has agreed to serve as chair for the team that will evaluate the journal published in 1993. If you have comments or suggestions about the evaluation process please let him know.

In an effort to get the journal out on a timely basis, we have been publishing one issue every month. However to accelerate the time table, the last two issues of 1993, Vol. 9 No. 5 and Vol. 9 No. 6 will be combined as they were in 1992. This issue will be mailed by the end of March. In the following months, you should expect to receive the first issues of Vol. 10. Once again thank you for your patience.

Dr. Victoria A. Marker, Editor

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