

## Message from the President of the International Academy of Periodontology September 2013



The IAP was founded in 1985 and since then has evolved into a significant contributor to global periodontics. Over the past 30 years we have seen many significant advances in periodontology that have led to improvements in our understanding of periodontitis and new approaches to periodontal therapy. A major function of the Academy is to assist in the dissemination of current understanding and concepts in periodontics, particularly in regions where periodontics is still a developing field.

The Academy exists for the benefit of its members and to allow for informed dialogue between all interested in the field of periodontics. Accordingly, membership is open to individuals and associations involved in periodontology. We encourage membership from all corners of the globe and we believe that by working together with our members we can make a difference in the advancement of the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of the many and varied forms of periodontal disease. Our membership is growing rapidly, with members in 37 countries. In addition, 11 national periodontal societies have subscribed to Society membership of the IAP.

An organization such as ours can only succeed if the membership is actively engaged. Accordingly, I encourage all members to attend our biennial meetings and I look forward to personally welcoming you at our next general meeting scheduled for 2015. As soon as the final details are established, we will announce the location for this meeting.

In addition to our general meeting in 2015, we have two other special events scheduled. The first will be a regional meeting to be held in Mumbai from January 24-26, 2014.

The second meeting is the 2014 IAP Conclave to be held in Bangkok, Thailand from April 11-13. The primary objective of the Conclave is to set the standard for periodontal therapy for the decade. The IAP is inviting 15 international faculty who are accomplished leaders and opinion makers in these key areas of periodontal therapy. The conclave will address a total of five sections covering a broad range of important periodontal topics. There will be an "Initiator" from among the invited faculty who, being a known expert in the designated subject area, shall present a position paper on the subtopic to the working group. There will also be a "Reactor" who will put forth the areas that have been adequately discussed and also the aspects that should be further deliberated, with input required from the working group. One senior "Chairperson/Moderator" will coordinate the flow and prepare a summary to be presented at the plenary session.

Please take some time to visit our web site (<http://www.perioiap.org>) for further information regarding our Academy and its activities.

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