President’s Message

What is the PFA? It is YOU, our Fellows. What makes the Academy such a wonderful organization? Again, it is each of YOU and it is an honor and a privilege to serve as your President.

I’d firstly like to congratulate Immediate Past President Dr. Dan Castagna for his admirable leadership this past year. His Model Section Recognition program got off to a great start with 21 Sections being recognized for excellence. This program is an excellent avenue to more actively engage our Section Leaders and will be continued in 2015. I thank Dr. Castagna for his initiative in implementing it.

My two primary goals for my term are to more effectively engage and energize our grassroots Sections and to enable the successful start of creating our “Preferred Future.” We began defining our preferred future by holding in-depth interviews with a cross section of PFA leaders, followed by an online survey of Fellows, and then held our all-day facilitated strategic planning session during our annual meeting. We now have clearly defined goals and a timetable in which to complete them. We have re-defined our mission and want to function as a strategic and visionary board as we strive to enhance the value of PFA membership for our existing and future members. Our re-defined mission statement captures the essence of our old mission in one sentence that is easy to remember and articulate:

The Pierre Fauchard Academy’s mission is to recognize and grow leaders in the dental profession, their communities and society.

My challenge to all Section Chairs is to recognize those dentists who serve generously, lead purposefully and live responsibly as stewards of our profession, to invite them into Fellowship, and to develop Section programs and projects that encourage further growth and development of our Fellows as leaders. Our PFA values are based on helping those in need, engaging in continuous learning and education, and creating opportunities for students and leadership. It is about our Fellows thinking globally and acting locally. We must continue to reach out to global communities, make our connections with our profession and communities even stronger, and we must also work harder to support our existing Sections and create new ones.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Georgia Section for their outstanding support and encouragement during my journey from Section Chair to Officer, their willingness to grow to become a Model Section, and especially for their kind support and attendance en masse at our Awards Luncheon. I would also like to extend my thanks and appreciation to Affinity Bank and Microcopy for our “swag bag” donations at our Awards Luncheon, recognizing me as the Academy’s first president from Georgia and the first female president.

Please save the date to join us for our Annual PFA Meeting in Washington D.C. (tentative dates are November 6-8, 2015). This is your opportunity to meet your Academy and Foundation Officers, Trustees, Executive Director, Dental World Editor and Fellows from around the world.

I am looking forward to a busy and productive year working with the incredible dentists who make up our beloved Academy. I welcome your active participation in Academy events and programs, and can’t wait to see what our preferred future holds. If you have any suggestions, comments or ideas, please don’t hesitate to let me know.

In Fellowship,

—Dr. Karyn L. Stockwell
President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy

Newly elected PFA President Karyn Stockwell with Georgia Fellows at the Annual PFA Meeting Luncheon.
From the Desk of the President-Elect

Dr. Mike Schafhauser

“I expect to spend the rest of my life in the future, so I want to be reasonably sure of what kind of future it’s going to be. That is my reason for planning.”
—Charles Kettering

I’ll be quite honest; I’m not a patient person. This comment would come as no surprise to those who know me well. However, perhaps a more accurate statement would be that I’m not patient with pointless meetings that are only on a schedule because someone likes to have meetings.

With this in mind, I might not have been as enthusiastic as I could have been when informed that the Academy would be spending a day on strategic planning after the annual Board of Trustees meeting in San Antonio, TX.

I’m a veteran of those meetings, as many of you likely are. You can probably see the meeting room now, bedecked with endless pages of tag board taped to the walls, with items scratched out in red, arrows drawn to the other page in yellow, big stars drawn on some with “YES!!!” written all over them……. and a “Mission Statement” three paragraphs long that no one really cares about other than the fact that once you get it written down you might be ready for lunch. Of course, you also end up with three pages of measurable and attainable goals that are usually not attainable by any stretch of the imagination. Plus it costs a lot of money. With this in mind, you can picture my excitement getting ready for the meeting in San Antonio.

This time, the process started out differently. Each participant was interviewed independently, outside of the meeting setting. The questions posed by the moderator of the meeting were thoughtful and with no easy answers. Here is where my opening quote comes in. What kind of future do we want PFA to have? Is it time to hang question marks on things long held dear? I’m happy to say the answer is yes. It’s time for PFA to map the kind of future we want it to be. That is the reason for planning.

We now have a simple, one-sentence guiding principle that one can point to and actually remember. We have a simple, one-page document with desired outcomes to work on over the next several years. Some will come quickly, some with much more work, but there is progress.

The face of PFA will change, and for the better. So yes, I’m reasonably sure of what kind of future PFA will have. I’m excited to have helped plan it………… and I was patient.

With regards,

—Dr. Mike Schafhauser
President-Elect of the Pierre Fauchard Academy
From the Desk of the
Immediate Past President

Dr. Daniel M. Castagna

As I begin my year as the Pierre Fauchard Academy’s Immediate Past President, I can now reflect upon my year as President. There were many highlights, including the recent Academy’s Board of Trustees annual business meeting, Section Chairperson Caucus and Awards Luncheon that occurred in San Antonio. During the year, my presidential theme was to acknowledge the Academy’s Model Sections and the Chairpersons who led them. Strong Model Sections and their associated activities are the grassroots that nourish our Academy. This requires active involvement by Section Chairs to take their Sections to the highest levels.

As such, Model Sections show new and continued Academy growth by seeking and nominating qualified dentists for fellowship, holding annual section meetings to conduct business and inducting these new Fellows. These sections also apply for and hopefully attain PFA Foundation Section service project grants that help the underserved populations within the section; and, usually, section Fellows participate in these service projects. Model Section Chairs also attend the annual PFA meeting and participate in the Section Caucus with other Chairs from around the world, bringing forth new ideas and sharing their local section programs and successes. This helps all sections grow. They attend the Annual Awards Luncheon (our signature event), again demonstrating a commitment to the Academy’s ideals and goals. Chairpersons also share communication within their sections (newsletters, email, etc.), as well as through correspondence to both Executive Director Lowder and Dental World Editor Dr. Collins. So many times, these activities are then posted on www.fauchard.org and/or published in Dental World.

The 2014 Academy’s Officers and Board of Trustees created a new Academy Award category: the Model Section Award. For the first time, this award was presented and will be ongoing in the future. At the Awards Luncheon, the following Model Sections were honored: Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, Northern California, Oregon, Southern California, South Carolina, Texas, Utah and Washington. Internationally, Australia, Japan, the Philippines, Poland and all of Canada’s sections (British Columbia, Maritime Provinces, Ontario, Quebec and Western Provinces) were all presented with the Model Section Award.

Visiting most of these Sections, I have witnessed the Academy’s mission live in our Fellows. Finally, I am excited to begin serving as Immediate Past President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, participating on the Executive Committee that works in concert with the Board of Trustees, the Executive Director’s Office and Academy Fellows worldwide. Please contact me with any issues/concerns you may have for our Academy, I look forward to hearing from any Fellow.

—Dr. Daniel M. Castagna
Immediate Past President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy

From the Desk of the
Executive Director

Loralie Lowder

A sincere thank you to everyone who made it to the PFA 78th Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX, and made it such a success. Worthy award recipients and newly inducted Fellows were cause for a great celebration. The President’s Reception was well attended and it was wonderful to see a room full of camaraderie and fun. I want to extend a huge thank you to our Immediate Past President Dr. Dan Castagna as 2014 was a very productive year under his leadership; I learned a lot and was always impressed by Dr. Castagna’s humble nature.

As we prepare to ring in the New Year, we are excited to welcome the first female President of the PFA, Dr. Karyn Stockwell. I look forward to working with her and know that the Academy will benefit greatly from her talents and her perspective for the future as she moves us forward, increasing excellence and positive growth in the Academy. Dr. Stockwell pays attention to details and knows how to add that extra touch.

Many of you have already seen the new dues statements that we launched in Mid-November. We have received great feedback and truly hope that these changes will make the payment process more convenient and seamless for Fellows, making it possible to pay online with a credit card or sending it in
as usual. The Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Academy is also featured on the new annual dues statements, with a line item for a suggested voluntary contribution of $50. This provides a great opportunity for all fellows to contribute to the many grants and scholarships that are given to charitable activities around the world.

The opportunities to serve and improve our world are limitless. Mark Twain said, “To get the full value of joy, you must have someone to divide it with.” I have made a goal for myself and encourage all of you to find ways in your life to spread joy and charity to those in need. There are so many important and worthy causes that are waiting to be fulfilled. Each day we can make small changes that make a big impact. Look for those in your daily life and spread the joy. I wish you all a wonderful New Year!

Sincerely,

—LORALIE LOWDER
Executive Director of the Pierre Fauchard Academy

From the Desk of the Editor

The end of a year is almost upon us, along with a time to reflect on what has happened and been accomplished and what can still be done. Our Annual Meeting in San Antonio saw Fellows renewing acquaintances, celebrating successes and looking forward to next year. During 2014 much has remained the same, and much has changed. Fellows from around the world have continued to contribute their time to humanitarian projects and missions to help disadvantaged communities, which the Pierre Fauchard Academy and its Foundation support.

At the Annual Awards Luncheon, we bid farewell to Dr. Dan Castagna as the outgoing President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, and welcomed Dr. Karyn Stockwell as our new President. We bid farewell shortly after the meeting to a mission that served the Academy for many years, and welcomed a new mission that will serve us well in the coming years. Soon, we will also bid farewell to the current look of Dental World, and will welcome in a new look when our next issue is published in March/April 2015. If you have suggestions for future content or features, this would be welcomed. Please do send any suggestions.

In the meantime, best wishes for the remainder of 2014 and for a happy and healthy beginning to 2015.

Sincerely,

—DR. FIONA M. COLLINS
Editor, Dental World

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The 2014 Annual Meeting of the Pierre Fauchard Academy was held in San Antonio, TX in October, in conjunction with the American Dental Association Meeting. The PFA Annual Meeting was well attended and gave all participants the opportunity to network with other Fellows from around the world and to learn about the activities of other Sections and Regions.

At the Annual Meeting Luncheon, Dr. Karyn Stockwell of Georgia was elected as President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, the first woman to hold this position and the first PFA President from Georgia. Dr. Mike Schafhauser was elected President-Elect, and Dr. Barry Feder was elected Vice President at the same time retiring from his position as a PFA Trustee. New Trustees include Dr. Geraldine (Gerri) Ferris (Region 3), Dr. Denise Habjan (Region 5), Dr. Gerry Dushkin (Region 6) and Dr. Teruko Takano-Yamamoto (Region 9). Five new Fellows were also inducted at the Luncheon: Drs. Andrew Lazaris, Isabell Oxford, Jamie Bone, Jennifer Bone and T. Bob Davis.

Each year, the Pierre Fauchard Academy awards the Fauchard Gold Medal to a person who has made outstanding contributions to the progress and standing of the dental profession. The 2014 Gold Medal was awarded and presented to Dr. Connie M. Verhagen at the Annual Meeting Luncheon. Dr. Verhagen graduated from the University of Michigan with her DDS degree in 1986 and also completed her Masters of Science in Pediatric Dentistry in 1988 at the University of Michigan. Dr. Verhagen is passionate about pediatric dentistry and the dental profession, owns West Coast Pediatric Dentistry in Muskegon, Michigan and feels truly blessed to be able to fulfill her lifelong dream of making a difference in the lives of children. She is a very active member of the American Dental Association, American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, Michigan Dental Association, Michigan Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and the Muskegon District Dental Society. In addition, she is a past president of both the Michigan Dental Association and the Michigan Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. Verhagen co-chaired Michigan’s first Mission of Mercy (MOM) event in Saginaw in 2013 and was a Lead for the 2014 MOM event in Big Rapids.

Dr. Verhagen served on the American Dental Association Council on Scientific Affairs, which led her to author numerous articles on amalgam in wastewater, the utilization of separators in the dental office and guides for hazardous waste. She has testified before the US Department of Labor, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the US Small Business Administration and the US House of Representatives on matters relating to ergonomic standards, OSHA regulations, and regulatory reforms. She also lectures on these topics at local and state dental meetings as well as American Dental Association meetings, bringing clarity to regulatory rules and helping dentists navigate the complicated world of government regulation. Dr. Verhagen is a Fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists.

The Elmer S. Best Memorial Award, named in memory of the founder of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, was established by the Board of Trustees in 1962 and is awarded to a member of the dental profession from outside the United States who has made distinguished contributions of international significance to dentistry. The recipient of the 2014 Elmer S. Best Award is Dr. Mamoru Sakuda, who has had a very distinguished career in dentistry since graduating Summa Cum Laude from Japan’s Osaka University School of Dentistry in 1957. After graduating from the orthodontic program at Osaka University he took advantage of the opportunity to become a research associate in 1963 at the Eastman Dental Dispensary in Rochester, NY where he learned the edgewise technique and published his research findings. Upon his return to Osaka University, he received his PhD and was later appointed Professor and Chair of
the Department of Orthodontics where he developed a three-year postgraduate course in orthodontics that helped disseminate the indispensable edgewise technique in Japan. He was named Professor Emeritus upon his retirement from Osaka University in 1996.

Dr. Sakuda’s influence has been felt internationally through his publication of over 200 scientific papers and as editor and/or chapter author of several books on orthodontics. He held leadership roles in numerous academic and research organizations during his career, served as the President of the International Association for Dental Research and Chair of the 1st Asian Pacific Orthodontic Conference. Dr. Sakuda is also a former Chair of the Japan Section of the PFA, served as the Region 9 International Trustee representing Asia from 2001-2008, and continues to serve the Japan Section of PFA as an advisor. Dr. Sakuda is currently serving as Visiting Professor at both Tohoku and Kagoshima Universities, as well as serving as the Dean of both the Shin-Osaka College of Dental Hygiene and the Shin-Osaka College of Dental Technology.

During his distinguished career, Dr. Sakuda has received numerous honors and awards including the Presidential Award from the Japanese Association for Dental Science for his contributions toward the promotion of dental science in Japan, and he was the 2008 Pierre Fauchard Academy Presidential Award of Excellence recipient. The Pierre Fauchard Academy is pleased to add Dr. Mamoru Sakuda to the list of distinguished recipients of the Elmer S. Best Memorial Award which was presented to him in Japan prior to the PFA Annual Meeting.

The Presidential Award of Excellence was awarded by Dr. Dan Castagna in 2014 to Mr. Dan Jonker who has provided his considerable expertise and diligently looked after the finances and accounting for the Pierre Fauchard Academy for many years. Congratulations to Dan on this award!

The Dental Trade and Industry Award of Recognition was awarded to Sirona for its outstanding leadership and contributions to dentistry and the community. Sirona manufactures and markets instruments ranging from handpieces and instruments to a full range of 3D imaging systems, and dental CAD/CAM systems. Sirona also provides training technology and simulation workstations to dental schools, and draws upon global expertise from over 3,200 employees located around the world. Sirona products are widely used by dental practices, clinics, and laboratories in more than 135 countries, and the company is the global leader in the development of digital treatment modalities that drive improved workflow and ultimately better patient experiences. Sirona believes it is crucial to improve dental health globally. This core value is demonstrated by their support of many children’s healthcare centers with donations of dental chairs and digital 3D x-ray equipment and by partnering with multiple Mission of Mercy (MOM) projects to provide digital X-ray and/or CEREC CAD/CAM equipment and expertise to aid in the treatment of low-income adults who have limited access to dental care. The Dental Trade and Industry Award of Recognition was presented by President Dan Castagna and received by Mr. Michael Williamson and Ms. Linda Gehringer on behalf of Sirona.
Providing $3,344,393 to Those in Need

The Foundation and the Academy have worked together to promote the advancement of oral health care globally to those in need through scholarships and charitable projects.

- Since 1995, the Foundation has awarded 446 grants totaling $3,165,755 to both PFA Sections and non-profit organizations around the world.

- Since 1996, the Foundation has provided $2,017,000 to deserving dental students through its scholarship program in the United States and International PFA Sections.

The need is great! Together, through the financial support of the Foundation and the dedication of dental professionals, we have and will continue to enhance the quality of oral health care around the world.

Thank You for Helping Others Smile
New Logo

In an effort to enhance the Mission of the Foundation, the Board of Trustees has approved a new logo. The incorporated name will continue as the Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

Promoting the advancement of oral health care globally to those in need through scholarships and charitable projects.

Meet Dr. Gary Lowder

Dr. Gary W. Lowder received his D.D.S. degree in 1976 from the University of Washington School of Dentistry, following which he practiced general dentistry in Montpelier, Idaho until 1985. After moving to Logan, Utah in 1985, he established a private practice limited to Craniofacial Pain and TMJ Disorders.

In 1992, he also began teaching the Occlusion course in the Dental Education program at the University of Utah and in 1997 became an Assistant Professor of Pathology in the Clinical Track, teaching courses in Occlusion and TMD as well as Dental Materials/Operative Dentistry. He is an attending dentist for the University of Utah GPR Program and serves TMD patients in the University of Utah hospital dental clinic. He also provides dental sleep appliance therapy at the University's Sleep/Wake Center for patients with obstructive sleep apnea.

Dr. Lowder currently serves administratively as the Assistant Dean of Admissions and is in his third year of service on the National Board Part One Dental Anatomy and Occlusion Test Construction Committee. Dr. Lowder has completed 6 trips to Ghana, Africa teaching at the KATH School of Dentistry in Kumasi and also at the College of Health in Kintampo.

He was inducted into the Pierre Fauchard Academy in 1989. Dr. Lowder served as the Utah Section Chair, Region 5 Trustee, and then in 2002-2003, President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. He has been a trustee of the Foundation Board since 2004.

Foundation Elects New Executive Committee

During the Foundation’s Annual Meeting, the following officers were elected to serve a three year term:

**President**
Dr. Gary W. Lowder

**Treasurer**
Dr. Michael Perpich

**Vice President**
Dr. Howard Mark

**Grants Chairman**
Dr. Steven Hedlund

**Immediate Past President**
Dr. Kevin L. Roach (one year term)

Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Academy Board of Trustees

Back Row L to R: Dr. Joseph Harris, Dr. David Campbell, Dr. William Kort, Dr. Steven Hedlund and Dr. James Long. Front Row L to R: Dr. Kevin Roach, Dr. Gary Lowder and Dr. Howard Mark. (Not pictured - Dr. Charles Eber.)
Be One in a Thousand
–Gary W. Lowder, DDS

Since the founding of the Pierre Fauchard Academy in 1936 by Dr. Elmer S. Best, the Academy has seen steady and valued growth under the direction of great leaders in dentistry. With the establishment of the Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Academy in 1995, many of those great leaders assumed the role of administrators of scholarships for students and grants for worthy service projects providing dental services to the underserved populations in many parts of the world. I owe a great debt of thanks to the exemplary leaders in dentistry who preceded me as president of the newly-named Oral Health Foundation - Pierre Fauchard Academy. My appreciation is without limits to our immediate past president and friend, Dr. Kevin Roach of Canada, and to all of my good friends on the Board of Trustees of the Foundation. I appreciate their vote of confidence and trust.

In 1992, one dentist, Dr. Fernando Jorge Berenes-Espinach of Costa Rica, gave his life’s legacy to the trusted care of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. That act led to the formation of the Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Academy that went forward to expand its reach to recognize outstanding students with scholarships and serve the underserved through grants. This year approximately 60 grant applications were received and reviewed by the Foundation’s Grants Committee. Twenty-five of these were funded. Funding for these grants and scholarships is currently limited to the proceeds from the carefully invested Espinach Legacy.

So, if one man’s donation could accomplish so much, how much could the donations of 1,000 people accomplish each month? Imagine…1,000 donations of just $25 per month. You can be one in a thousand TODAY!

Thank you for your continuing support!

During the PFA Annual Awards Luncheon, the following individuals received the Shira Fellows Award and pin for donating over $1,000 within five years.

Aldo Boccia, DDS
Tom Breneman, DDS
David Campbell, DDS
Daniel Castagna, DDS
Christian Colpaert, DDS
Ernest Dewald, DDS
Barry Dolman, DDS
Charles Eller, DDS
James Englander, DDS
Joseph Harris, DDS
Steve Hedlund, DDS
Michael Kelly - Robert Golden Foundation
James Long, DDS

Gary Lowder, DDS
Carl Lundgren, DDS
Howard Mark, DMD
Rory Mortman, DDS
Cheri Newman, DDS
Kiyoshi Ohura, DDS
Sohee Park, DDS
Robin Reich, DDS
Kevin Roach, DDS
R. Michael Sanders, DDS
Richard Sawers, DDS
Karyn Stockwell, DDS
Mark Sinclair, DDS

Shira Fellows Awards and pins were presented to donors at the PFA Annual Awards.
Pierre Fauchard Academy
Second Annual International Induction Ceremony
Chicago Midwinter Dental Meeting
Illinois, Region 4

Chicago Cultural Center
Thursday, February 26, 2015
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

You Are Invited to Attend.
Please join region Trustees, Section leaders and other Fellows for this event.

The Chicago Cultural Center, considered by visitors to be a “must see” Chicago historic landmark, is located at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Washington Street.

Come celebrate with us under the largest Tiffany Dome in the world, an appropriate venue to salute our first woman President, Dr. Karyn Stockwell, and to host dental luminaries, national and international PFA dignitaries, PFA Fellows, and new PFA inductees, their sponsors, family and friends.

Tickets are $60 per person (incl. cocktails and hors d’oeuvres).

Please make checks payable to: “PFA Illinois” and mail to:

Dr. Christos Baboulas
9350 Waukegan Road
Morton Grove, Illinois 60053

We look forward to welcoming you at this special event!
Firstly, congratulations go to all Canadian Sections. Each one won the Model Section Award (the Maritimes, Quebec, Ontario, the Western provinces and British Columbia). We would like to thank Dr. Tom Breneman for doing an awesome job as out Trustee, those are big shoes to fill. We would also like to congratulate Dr. Sam Sgro on becoming the new Section chair for Quebec and to thank him for assuming the position! PFA Canada has presented a $5000 cheque to the PFA Foundation, and at the PFA Foundation Board Meeting held in San Antonio, TX in October, it was agreed to continue funding scholarships for all ten Canadian dental schools.

PFA Canada has two induction ceremonies planned for 2015. The main one will be held in St. John’s, Newfoundland, in association with the Canadian Dental Association annual meeting. It is scheduled for August 28, 2015 and Dr. Alf Dean will be running the meeting. Our second induction ceremony will be held in Montreal, Quebec, in conjunction with “Les Journees Dentaire International du Quebec,” the dental meeting being held there on May 24, 2015. Dr. Sam Sgro will be directing from the helm.

Respectfully submitted,
—Jerry Dushkin
Trustee Region 6

The Chile Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy has scheduled an induction ceremony for new Fellows during the FDI’s first Las Americas Regional Congress in Chile to be held in Santiago de Chile on March 26th/28th, 2015. This induction ceremony covers Region 7, and the Trustees of Region 7 have also organized a meeting with all chairs of the Region and already confirmed their attendance at this important meeting. An important number of our Latin Fellows will attend the FDI Las Americas Congress, the First Regional Congress of the FDI in conjunction with the Chilean Dental Society, SOCH, which has been a major dental event in the region for years! The objective of the meeting is for Trustees to hold an in-depth analysis of the functioning and development of each Section in the region and to exchange ideas. We believe this meeting is crucial for the future of PFA in our LATAM region. See you all in Chile!

Sincerely,
—Francisco Omar Campos
Trustee Region 7

The Spanish Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy held its annual meeting on September 26-28, 2014 in the city of Mahon, Minorca in the Balearic Islands. This solemn ceremony was chaired by the President of the Spanish Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, Dr. Pere Riutord Sbert; the Secretary General, Dr. F. Xavier Güerri Ripol, President of the Conference Minorca ’2014; Dr. Andres Martinez Jover; and, the Honorable Mr. Macia Tomas Salvà, President of the Royal Academy of Medicine of the Balearic Islands. Important officials attended the inauguration ceremony of new academics, headed by the Mayor of Mahon, the Honorable Ms. Agatha Reynés Calvache and 1st. Deputy Mayor, Mr. Simón Gornés Hachero.

The inauguration of the 2014 National Conference in Mahon by the Honorable Mrs. Agatha Reynés Calvache. L to R: Dr. F. Xavier Güerri Ripol (Secretary General of the Academy), the Honorable Mrs. Agatha Reynés Calvache (Mayor of Mahon), Dr. Pere Riutord Sbert (President of the Spanish Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy) and Dr. Andrés Martinez-Jover (President of the conference).
Spanish dental organization of its kind, bringing together one hundred of more than twenty thousand dentists who are part of the Spanish professional dental organization. Dr. Andrew Martinez-Jover from Minorca, is the Chair of the Organizing Committee of the Conference, and the only member of the Pierre Fauchard Academy with a practice on the island of Minorca. He was asked to give the lecture “Mathieu Orfila y Pierre Fauchard: dos vidas ejemplares,” an extraordinary discourse about the life of these two leading figures of Medicine and Dentistry.

The conference included numerous scholars from other Spanish autonomous communities, who actively participated in the General Assembly and Scientific Sessions held in the Hotel Port Mahon. Key speakers participated in these sessions,
including: Dr. Pedro Perez Cuesta, an orthodontist in Palma de Mallorca, spoke about complex treatment of occlusal Class III; Prof. Sebastiana Arroyo Bote from the University of Barcelona, gave a lecture on dental adhesives; his fellow professor at the University of Barcelona, Prof. Vicente Lozano Luaces, amazed the audience with his speech about his experience in the Vicente Ferrer Foundation; and, Mallorcan doctors, dentists and maxillofacial surgeon, Dr. Emilio Martinez-Almoyna, a Mallorcan physician and maxillofacial surgeon, talked masterfully about Professional Ethics. The Secretary General of the Spanish Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, a doctor and forensic dentist from Barcelona, Dr. F. Xavier Güerri Ripol, how is a physician and forensic dentist in Barcelona, read a summary about the new Fellow inducted at the meeting. Fellows inducted included Dr. Thomas Solarana Herrerie from Oviedo, Dr. Sebastiana Arroyo Bote and Dr. Javier Martinez Osorio from Barcelona, Dr. Ana Hospital Ribas from Girona and Dr. Emilio Martinez-Almoyna from Palma de Mallorca.

The next Conference of the Spanish Section will be held in Oviedo, and is being organized by Dr. Thomas Lombardia Garcia.

With warm greetings,

—PERE RIUTORD SBERT
President of the Spanish Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy

Sala de Hijos Ilustres at the town hall of Mahon, during the inauguration of new academics, chaired by Dr. Pere Riutord Sbert (President of the Spanish Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy), Dr. F. Xavier Güerri Ripol (the Secretary General), Dr. Andrés Martinez-Jover (President of the National Conference) and the Honorable Mr. Macià Tomàs Salva (President of the Royal Academy of Medicine of Balearic Islands).
At the Pierre Fauchard Academy Annual Meeting this year, our Dr. Connie Verhagen of Grand Rapids, Michigan was awarded the Academy’s highest honor, the Fauchard Gold Medal. In addition, the Michigan Section received the Model Section Award. The Michigan Section is also pleased to welcome new Fellow Dr. Matthew Lindemann.

Shortly after we returned from the Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX, we held our first, and well-attended, continuing education dinner. Dr. Joe Alamat, an oral surgeon, gave a great presentation titled “Integrative Medicine Approach to clenching and Myofascial Pain.” Our West Michigan Fellows have expressed great interest in providing continuing education dinners in West Michigan. The Board strongly supports such an initiative and is asking for volunteer(s) to lead the West Michigan group. The leader will become a Board member. The Board usually meets twice a year in Novi. Fellows in the 49xxx zip code interested in coordinating the once-a-year annual Continuing Education Dinner should contact me at ksp511@gmail.com or 248-521-9827. The 49xxx zip codes includes, but is not limited to, the cities of Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, Portage, Coldwater, Dowagiac, Mendon, St. Joseph, Three Rivers, Berrien Springs, Bridgman, Belmont, Rockford, Grand Haven, Grandville, Holland, Montague, Muskegon, Grand Rapids, Traverse City Alpena, Escanaba and Marquette. The Board will support the leader and will be present during the event.

The next meeting of the Michigan Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy will be our Spring 2015 breakfast meeting, to
be held on Saturday, April 25 at 7 AM in the Lansing Center in Lansing, MI. We will honor Dr. Edward Hirsch with the Joseph B. Harris Mentor Award at this meeting, and also honor our life Fellows. All ADA/MDA life members are entitled to become PFA-Michigan Section life Fellow members – if you qualify, please submit your name to me by March 15, 2015. Please also forward candidate names for Fellowship to Dr. Pat Boyle, Chair of the Membership/Fellowship Committee, for inclusion in the Spring 2015 breakfast meeting in Lansing.

Sincerely,

GHABI KASPO
Section Chair, Michigan

The Northern California Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy held its annual meeting and awards luncheon on September 6, 2014 at the University of the Pacific School of Dentistry. Dr. James Stephens, President of the California Dental Association, spoke on what organized dentistry was doing for its members and some of the politics and areas they are working on. We also had the honor of Dr. Daniel Castagna, President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, speak to our group and give us an update on the Academy and the PFA Foundation. Dr. Wai Chan (Northern California Section Chair) ran the meeting and, with the help of Dr. Castagna, inducted the new Fellows and award recipients.


The Faculty Recognition Award to the University of California, San Francisco was given to Dr. Paul Atkinson, PhD and the Faculty Recognition Award for the University of the Pacific was given to Dr. Paul Subar, EdD. The Faculty Development Grant recipient for the University of California, San Francisco was Dr. Susan Hyde, MPH, PhD, and for the University of the Pacific the recipient was Dr. Jessie Vallee. Student scholarships were awarded to Dr. Rosalie Bittong Brao (UCSF) and Dr. Bartolo J. Espana-Austin (UOP).

The new Northern California Section Chair, Dr. Jeffrey J. Rosa, was installed by Dr. Wai Chan and Dr. Dan Castagna. Dr. Rosa announced that the 2015 luncheon would be held at the University of the Pacific School of Dentistry and made his closing remarks.
The Mission of the Pierre Fauchard Academy is to recognize and grow leaders in the dental profession, their communities and society.

The Academy shall position itself to accomplish this mission by publicly honoring in a significant and noteworthy manner those practitioners who exemplify these ideals. The Academy shall further expand the accomplishment of this stated purpose by creating a Fellowship, the selection to which in itself becomes an honor. The selection of Fellows commensurate with the honor-fellowship ideal shall be the practice of all sections. It is through this purpose in deed and action that the causes, aims, and objectives of the Academy for the benefit of dentistry and the society that it serves will be achieved.