

Greater Philadelphia Society of Orthodontists

JULY, 2006

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I wish to thank Dr. Michael Perillo for heading a great meeting featuring Drs. Ray Fonseca and Tim Turvey on Selected Topics in Orthognathic Surgery. This joint meeting with Oral Surgeons was our best attended meeting ever! In fact, we had so many new vendors that we had to move them into another room. Please continue to patronize our vendors; they help to keep our annual meeting one of the best values for 6 CE credits.

Please mark your calendars:

Day: Wednesday
Date: November 8, 2006
Place: Union League of Philadelphia, 140 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

This year we are looking forward to hosting Dr. Vincent Kokich on November 8, 2006. Those of you who have heard Dr. Kokich speak in the past know that you are in for a phenomenal presentation. For those of you who have never heard him; don't miss this year's meeting! The topic he will present is:

The interdisciplinary management of the implant patient. This presentation will use many clinical examples to discuss the orthodontic, surgical and restorative management of the implant patient.

We will be inviting all area Oral Surgeons and Periodontists to join us on this day. Please call your Oral Surgeons and Periodontists and invite them as well to ensure their attendance. We will extend the same course rate as our membership.

We welcome our newest board member, Dr. Michele A. Bernardich, who in a very short time with us has made excellent contributions to our society. Very special thanks to Dr. Mark Mele who is absolutely essential to the success of our organization.

Please talk to your friends, classmates and colleagues, and plan to attend this year's GPSO meeting together. It's always one of the most affordable and convenient continuing education programs you'll have the opportunity to attend. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Union League on Wednesday, November 8, 2006 for our 61st annual meeting!

Ali Husain, DMD



**Greater Philadelphia Society
Of Orthodontists Annual Meeting**

**Wednesday November 8, 2006
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM**

Vincent G. Kokich, DDS, MSD

"Interdisciplinary Management of the Implant Patient"

Union League, Philadelphia, PA

<http://www.gpsso.org>

TEMPLE ORTHODONTICS

Dr. Orhan Tuncay
Professor and Chairman
Temple University Department of Orthodontics

We continue to be grateful for our good fortune at Temple. Our work on biotechnology, 3D imaging, and animation technology are light years ahead. Most recently, we were able to reduce the time it took our 3D animations to a mere click of the mouse.

Drs. Kristin Thiry (class of 1998) and Dr. Hyun-Duck Nah recently joined the E.H. Angle Society of Orthodontists. Dr. Ali Husain (class of 1997) passed the phase-III examination of American Board of Orthodontics and is now a diplomate of the board.

The capital campaign to re-build the department is ahead of schedule. We project to meet our goal by early 2007. Meanwhile, residents and faculty enjoy the additional new technology introduced to the department. Our most recent acquisition is a 3dMD Vultus camera. It takes 3D pictures seamlessly. All patients are now photographed in 3D. Also in place are indirect bonding techniques with OrthoCAD and iBRACES lingual appliances. These are made possible by the Coben Foundation.

Book publishing has taken a foothold in the department. Dr. Marc Ackerman is writing a book on enhancement orthodontics and Dr. Tuncay, on Invisalign.

The 3rd year residents' graduation will be held on September 29th - again, at the Union League of Philadelphia.



GREETINGS FROM DELAWARE

We all congratulate Dr. Ray Rafetto on his awesome job as President of the Delaware State Dental Society for the past year. Ray faced many challenges including legislative initiatives that require strong representation for dentists. Ray and his committee ran a successful Gives Kids a Smile Day delivering over \$90,000 worth of dental care to the needy children of Delaware.

Yours truly and my partner Dr. John Nista were featured on the cover of Doctors of Dentistry, a new publication for general dentists. The article discussed the benefits of the new Damon orthodontic technology which we have incorporated into our practice for over two years now.

We are looking forward to the MASO annual meeting in November (3-7). The meeting promises to be a wow at the fabulous Atlantis Resort in Nassau, Bahamas. We encourage all of you to attend and plan to bring some deserving staff along also.

Here's wishing you a restful & rejuvenating summer.

Dr. Connie Greeley

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ALBERT EINSTEIN MEDICAL CENTER ORTHODONTIC RESIDENCY PROGRAM

Alan J. Borislow, DDS
Chairman and Program Director

Orthodontic Residency Program

I am truly pleased to announce that the three graduates of the class of 2004 have passed Phase III of the ABO and are now Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics. Casey Johnson, Ed Silverman and Yana Volfson Newman presented their cases in St. Louis at the end of February. For those that recall, Einstein Medical Center was one of 16 programs in the nation that participated in a voluntary American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) pilot study for assessment of clinical outcomes. This "Orthodontic Resident Clinical Outcomes Study" is an evaluation of the efficacy of offering early certification to recent orthodontic graduates using cases treated in their residencies. The issue is whether cases treated in graduate orthodontic programs meet ABO standards. The study was limited to classes that graduated in 2004 - 2005.

Longtime faculty member, Rusty Long, recently received the "Honors of the Association Award from the American Cleft Palate Association (ACPA) at their national conference. This is the highest award presented by the ACPA. Rusty was recognized for his outstanding achievements in the field of cleft palate or other craniofacial anomalies and for his outstanding service to the Association. He is past president of the ACPA and he currently serves on the Strategic Planning, Management and Finance, and Research Committees. Rusty, Director of the Lancaster Cleft Palate Clinic, continues to present a valuable learning experience to our residents through his courses in Cleft Palate/Craniofacial Anomalies and Surgical Orthodontics.

It is with sadness and regret that I announce the resignation of Steven M. Cohen as Associate Orthodontic Program Director. He reluctantly made the decision to "step down" due to an increasing personal need to devote more of his attention to his family and to his ever-increasing private practice responsibilities. His contributions and accomplishments since joining the department in 1997 are many. Some but not all include his direct guidance of incorporating advanced technology such as digital photography, computerized patient education and PowerPoint presentations by residents during case conferences. Also, he had direct involvement and guidance of the orthodontic program being selected for the American Board of Orthodontists resident pilot study for board certification. Steven Cohen also incorporated improvements in the program's Mock Board exam format. In addition to his role as Clinical Director, he played a significant part in the academic training of the residents. Some of his courses are: Pre-Clinical Orthodontics, Introduction to Clinical Orthodontics, Cephalometrics, Biology of Tooth Movement, and Biomechanics I and II. Fortunately Steven Cohen will continue as a faculty member but on a more limited basis.

PENN ORTHODONTICS

The most significant news out of the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine is the opening of the new Dr. Brainerd F. Swain Orthodontic Clinic. Dedicated on April 2006 in the memory of the great clinician, educator, innovator, and author, the new clinic provides a state-of-the-art facility for the undergraduate dental students, postgraduate orthodontic residents, faculty, alumni and patients of Penn. The project began with a fundraising campaign initiated by the Professor and Chairman of the Paul V. Reid Department of Orthodontics, Dr. Robert L. Vanarsdall. Dr. Vanarsdall has served on the faculty since 1972 and has followed through with his commitment for a great teaching facility that our alumni, students and faculty could be proud of. With help of the generosity of our alumni base and friends of Penn, especially Mrs. Eleanor Reid (wife of the former Department Chair, Dr. Paul V. Reid) our funding was met to support the new Swain Clinic. In total, over three million dollars were raised by more than 140 alumni and friends of the Orthodontic Department. A special thanks goes out to Drs. J. Henry O'Hern and Peter Greco who serve as the Alumni Association's Co-Chairs whose hard work and dedication played an important role in this fundraising effort.

Changes in the facility include more clinical chairs for the residents (from 14 to 19 chairs), a larger waiting room (from 12 to 30 chairs), and fully digital radiography units. A new chart room, Ackerman Orthodontic Seminar Room, and new consultation rooms utilize the space available very efficiently and effectively.

In May 2006, the postgraduate residents will present their research projects to the Research Committee prior to graduation. There will be a total of eight research presentations (6 residents in the certificate program and 2 Master's of Science in Oral Biology candidates). The Committee will select the project which will receive an award of special recognition at the graduation ceremony on June 2, 2006. Graduation will be held at the University's beautiful Morris Arboretum in Philadelphia.

The newest full-time faculty member in the department is Dr. Antonino Seccchi. Dr. Seccchi completed his Orthodontic specialty training at Penn with a Master's in Oral Biology after beginning his dental education in Chile. Dr. Seccchi serves as an instructor in both the undergraduate and postgraduate programs and serves as the primary research advisor for many projects with the residents. Besides the rigors of academia, Dr. Seccchi also maintains an active private practice in the Dental Care Center of the University of Pennsylvania.

Respectfully Yours,

Michael A. Perillo, D.M.D.