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Presidents Report May 2008

It has been an honor to be the President over the past two years. It has been a delight to work with my Secretary/Treasurer, Gerry Clausen as he always brings a different perspective to the table. I would like to thank him for all the support, advice and the management of the financial side of the Academy over the past two years. I would also like to thank Brad Shepherd, the immediate past president and all the State Councilors, Karl Lyons, Anders Blomberg, Markijan Hupalo and Cos Maiolo for their support.

Committees

The Academy relies on its committee member to manage its various interests. Over the past two years, the active committees have been the Scientific Committee, the Education Committee and the Standards Committee. I would like to thank all the members of these committees for their hard work.

Scientific Committee: Markijan Hupalo, Stewart Cottis, Simon Wylie, John Locke, John Devlin, Gerry Clausen, Brad Shepherd and Anders Blomberg.

Education Committee: Karl Lyons, Mark Gervais, Brad Shepherd, Stephen Travis and Gil Watson.

Standards Committee: John Locke, Gerry Clausen and Brad Shepherd.

In particular, I would like to thank Markijan Hupalo for all his good work as Chairman of the Scientific Committee and bringing together our excellent programme for this meeting.

At the last council meeting, we decided to disband the Constitution and Ad-hoc Committee as they had been inactive over the past two years.

Membership

The membership of the Academy has increased slightly to 128. We have 23 postgraduate students attending this meeting, which is a good indication of the future growth and support for the Academy.

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Finances

Our aim over the past two years was to maintain the current assets and to provide the necessary financial support to enable to Academy to perform its important role. This has been achieved.

Web Page

After a considerable period of time off air in 2007, the Academy webpage is again up and running. The ADA's upgrade of their own website, unfortunately, took the Academy off air. With considerable input from Mark Gervais and the ADA's Ron Robinson, we are now up and running. The current arrangement allows the Academy to have a website maintained by the ADA at no cost to the Academy. We appreciate the ADA's support and generosity and the access to their expertise.

The Profile of Prosthodontics – The Challenge

This issue has been discussed at every meeting of the Academy since its formation. Numerous committees have met and the recurring recommendation is for "more prosthodontists to be involved in teaching and education at the Universities".

This has been a strong message over a number of years. The challenge for the Academy is to convince individual members to give up their most valuable asset "TIME" and support the cause.

In a world where we all seem to run out of "TIME" it is a big ask. The Universities have a role in creating opportunities for Academy members to be involved without being consumed or overwhelmed by their involvement. It must be a rewarding experience for both the Universities and the Prosthodontists for the relationship to continue and flourish. Getting the right balance is the challenge.

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