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The aim of education is to enable individuals to continue their education ... (and) the object and reward of learning is continued capacity for growth.

John Dewey

The upcoming milestone **65th Annual Meeting of the American Institute of Oral Biology** to be held at the **Palm Springs Hilton Hotel, November 14-17th, 2008** will also be our 60th consecutive annual meeting held in **Palm Springs, CA**. Significantly, this year's meeting will be dedicated to our past president, **Dr. Philip J. Boyne**, who passed away June 9th, 2008. As so many of our attendees are aware, Phil dedicated himself to, and tirelessly nurtured the Institute for many years; attending and serving as president for over 32 years, following the initial long-term presidency of our founder, **Dr. Hermann Becks** and his interim successor, **Dr. Reidar Sognaes**. This year's meeting with its' outstanding faculty will serve as a fitting tribute to Dr. Boyne and a special video presentation on his life and career is planned for the **Opening Dinner on Friday evening**, so please plan on being there.

2008 GUEST SPEAKERS

As you are aware from the accompanying brochure, our president, **Dr. Shahrokh Shabahang, DDS, MS, PhD** has selected **Dr. Steven Robert Gundry, MD, Director. The International Heart institute for Advanced Cardiac Surgery of Palm Springs** to deliver the **Philip J. Boyne Lecture 2008**. Dr. Gundry's topic, "*Diet Evolution*", is also the title of his recently published book, whose subtitle is, "*Turn Off The Genes That Are Killing You-And Your Waistline-And Drop The Weight For Good.*" At last year's AIOB Spouses Program, Dr. Gundry delivered a riveting and provocative presentation on how his dietary modifications radically improved the cardiac conditions of some of his cardiac-surgery-candidate patients, thereby eliminating their need for surgery. Following his own advice, he personally has experienced and maintained a 70-pound weight loss. Dr. Gundry has also established a **Center for Regenerative Medicine** as a result of his experiences, and he will, undoubtedly relate his personal dietary "odyssey", which he began as a result of undergraduate dietary studies at **Yale University**.

New to our faculty and family this year is **Dr. Ashraf F. Fouad, BDS, DDS, MS, Associate Professor and Chairman, Department of Endodontics, Prosthodontics & Operative Dentistry, Director Post-Graduate Endodontics Dental School, University of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland.** A Diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics, Dr. Fouad has made numerous contributions to the literature both in journal publications and textbook chapters and serves as a consultant to various specialty groups. He has chosen for his topics, *"The Influence of Clinical and Microbial factors on Endodontic Treatment Outcomes"* and *"Endodontics, Its Relationship to Systemic Disease."* This latter topic should be an interesting supplement to the expanding literature on the putative relationship of periodontal disease to cardiovascular and other systemic disorders, and is one of the major interests of Dr. Fouad's research.

Also making his initial appearance on our faculty roster this year is **Dr. Russell D. Nishimura, DDS, Private Practice Limited to Prosthodontics, Implant Dentistry and Maxillofacial Prosthetics, Westlake Village, California.** Formerly a full-time member of the **UCLA** dental faculty, where he completed three certificate programs in Hospital Dentistry, the specialty of Prosthodontics, and the subspecialty of Maxillofacial Prosthetics, Dr. Nishimura's topics will be. *"Implants and Removable Partial Dentures"* as well as *"Integrating Surgical Procedures and Prosthetic Restoration."* He is a member of numerous professional organizations, including OKU, and has numerous contributions to the literature.

Enthusiasm is excitement with inspiration, motivation, and a pinch of creativity.

Bo Bennett

At our last meeting, **Dr. Nicholas Gersdorff, Dr. med. Dent. ERASMUS Coordinator, Department of Prosthodontics, University of Goettingen, Germany,** delivered a most interesting paper, and he returns to our faculty this year to present an ever-timely lecture entitled, *"Pathogenesis and Treatment of Temporomandibular Disorders."* Dr. Gersdorff is an engaging speaker and he may truly offer a "guide to the perplexed", as we continue to see people seeking treatment for these disorders.

We are, indeed, pleased that **AIOB Board Member, Dr. Alan S. Herford, DDS, MD, Chair and Program Director, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, Loma Linda, California,** will also be a returning faculty member, and will update attendees on *"Clinical Application of Growth Factors."* Drs. Boyne and Herford showed some astonishing reconstructive results at

past meetings, utilizing growth factors, and we are certain that we will be apprised of the absolute latest applications and results.

Rounding out the faculty is another veteran AIOB presenter, **Dr. Dimitris Tatakis, DDS, PhD, Professor and Director of Post-doctoral Program, Section of Periodontology, College of Dentistry, The Ohio State University, and Columbus, Ohio.** He has chosen for his topics, "Recession Therapy," and "*Smoking and Diabetes: Risk Factors for Periodontitis.*" Smoking, especially, has been implicated in poor healing following various types of surgical procedures and may influence the integration of implants, according to various literature reports, so this latter topic should have broad implications for our practices.

SPOUSES' PROGRAM

The new Chairperson of the **AIOB Spouse's Program, Jo Fitzpatrick**, wife of Director, Dr. Jim Fitzpatrick, has also selected a very dynamic speaker, **Judith L. Pearson** whose topic is, "*A Different Kind Of Courage.*" This author and educator will specifically address women's courage, and her two books, "reflect her passion for ordinary people who exhibit extraordinary courage." She is a popular speaker who has addressed many groups which included the American Dental Association and the CIA. Her website, www.judithlpearson.com, offers more information as well as a video of a presentation. Due to a previously scheduled speaking engagement, in Palm Springs, on Saturday, November 14, Ms Pearson's AIOB presentation, will break from tradition, and will be held on **Sunday morning, November 15, at 11:00 A.M.** As always, there is no charge to attendees, for this popular aspect of our program, as the Institute underwrites the cost.

Many past attendees have participated in our ever-popular group **Sunrise Walk**, which leaves from the Hilton Lobby at 6:15 A.M. daily, starting Saturday, November 14th, and provide a leisurely pre-breakfast get-together. Only a willing spirit and comfortable shoes or sneakers are necessary and all the early risers are encouraged to join us.

We should be taught not to wait for inspiration to start a thing. Action always generates inspiration. Inspiration seldom generates action.

Frank Tibolt

As I have alluded to above, a large dental specialty meeting will also be convening in Palm Springs, the same weekend as ours. Although they are using the Convention Center for their meeting venue and exhibits, there will undoubtedly be a great deal of competition for hotel rooms, so... if you are planning to attend our milestone 65th Meeting, do not delay any further and call the Hilton Hotel for a reservation now!

Hoping to see many familiar faces, as well as new attendees, in November.

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*To find what you seek in
 the road of life, the best
 proverb
 of all is that which says,
 "Leave no stone
 unturned."*

Edward B. Lytton

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