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President’s Message:

by Urban Christen Méndez DD - IFD PRESIDENT

When I attended my first IFD Board meeting in Maidstone (UK) 13 years ago, I could not anticipate that I would be addressing you in this Newsletter as the new IFD President. During all those years, I experienced wonderful support from many colleagues. We worked well together, developed and accomplished much. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who walked the road with me and especially our past President, Tony Sarrapuchello for his generous contribution and support for Denturists worldwide. Under his charismatic leadership the IFD developed to new levels and he set an inspiring example as a standard.

The President’s function is to strengthen, lead and update policy and strategy in response to current social, political, economic and technological developments. Together with our new Executive Committee, we are motivated to work as a team in support of all our members in their countries, through their national associations and also to integrate new member countries in the IFD structures.

The IFD continues to grow with the assistance of our sponsors: Vita, Candulor and Kulzer. We also obtained CDI College in British Columbia as a sponsor for Denturism Study Programs. We are proud to have them joining us. As a world federation, we pay high attention to Denturist education and have reworked our Baseline Competencies document on our private Website.

One of our goals is the harmonization of denturist education. It is important to demonstrate the importance of comprehensive training and accreditation at the appropriate level, to break down the skeptic propaganda of our opponents, by replacing doubt with solid facts. The working model in progressive countries shows perfect collaboration of Denturists within the Oral Health Care Team. Each profession has inherent values and is responsible for their own expert competencies; all working together for the patient’s best interest and the most efficient delivery of optimal oral health care.

I would like to motivate the Denturist community with a challenge to publish good quality articles about your practical cases and solutions, community programs and also scientific papers, etc. Don’t hide your successes in modesty! Every publication expands your abilities and develops your writing skills! Each excellent publication from a Denturist that we offer to our readers, strengthens the academic reputation of denturists, expands our professional development through public accountability and permits our profession to shine. We are also maintaining our professional skills through continuing education. We ensure that IFD member countries continue to fulfill this great tradition of competencies.

The IFD provides a platform where we can meet from diverse countries and share in each other’s strengths and victories and learn from the combined experiences and advancements in other locations. Every small victory creates a ripple effect and stimulates others to follow international best-practice. Demographic development around the world supports denturists’ role as independent health care providers. It is always a progressive experience for the Federation to meet Denturists from different countries. We enjoy constructive debates, interchanging ideas and discussions about our professional proficiencies. These opportunities allows us to grow forward together. For that reasons, I would like to promote two future events for Denturists:

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Come and attend these IFD events, grant yourself a holiday trip by yourself, with family or friends and experience the camaraderie of like-minded colleagues from different cultures and communities, including continuous education lectures and state of the art trade shows. The national associations of Canada and the USA are organizing stunning events, with magnificent ambiance in exceptional venues. We all look forward seeing you there!

Respectfully yours,

Urban Christen Méndez, DD - IFD PRESIDENT

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Patient-centred care (PCC) has emerged as a primary approach to health care. This approach emphasises partnerships in health between patients and healthcare professionals. It acknowledges patients’ preferences and values, promotes flexibility in the provision of health care and seeks to move beyond the traditional paternalistic approach to health care. The PCC approach acknowledges a patient’s beliefs and values towards wellbeing. One advantage of the PCC approach is its focus on enhanced patient satisfaction.

An effective teamwork is now globally recognized as an essential tool for constructing a more effective and patient-centred health care delivery system. The nature of a team is varied and complex. It is commonly perceived that the most effective team is the multidisciplinary team. However, teams may be drawn from a single professional group. Referral of patients should always be to another professional with superior knowledge, experience or more specialized expertise. The incorporation of sharing responsibilities with accountability between team members offers great benefit. An effective team is established when the team members, including the patients, communicate effectively with each other, as well as merging their observations, expertise and decision-making responsibilities to optimize patients’ care. When all members of the Oral Health Team focus on what they do best, dental practitioners’ services becomes patient-centred, and more efficient as an overall healthcare service!

Behaviour is normally described as altruistic when it is motivated by a desire to benefit someone other than oneself for that person’s sake. Professional altruism is an attitude of service, designed to acting in the best interest of patients, rather than in the service provider’s own self-interest. Some people believe altruism constitutes the essence of morality. Although we all have to recoup the cost of our services to exist economically, we receive approval and satisfaction as a result of our charitable actions. The International Baseline Competencies for the Education and Training of Denturists prescribed by the IFD, are designed around essential outcomes and objectives that are generally classified as skills, knowledge and attitudes...

During the recent ADPA 2019 Conference incorporating the 11th World Symposium on Denturism in Brisbane, I had the extraordinary experience of meeting many of the Australian Dental Prosthetist pioneers and leadership for the first time in person, after corresponding with many of them for more than 2 decades! What an amazing privilege! It was astounding and inspiring to hear them all reflecting the same dedicated mind-set, related to their service-based professional attitude.

This is what some of them testified:

- **Russell Brownlie**’s career began in Tasmania nearly fifty years ago. Russell was always seriously involved in Dental Politics, becoming regional President and later national Vice President of the ADPA. Russell has remained involved in ADPA national and state committees since and is a passionate advocate for the profession. He said: “Being on the cutting edge of the evolutionary change occurring within our profession is very rewarding, but the best part of the dental prosthetics profession remains changing people’s lives; giving patients the opportunity to smile freely, eat properly and restoring their self-confidence!”

- **Martin Dunn**, a recipient of the OAM (Order of Australia Medal) was quite content having his own Orthodontic laboratory, however gradually became disillusioned working as a dental technician. He was working for others, dentists and orthodontists, and didn’t really have control over his work. He knew he could provide much better personalised services as a Dental Prosthetist, in comparison to working under prescription. Martin said: “The best aspect of being a dental prosthesis is firstly the autonomy of dealing directly with a patient. We have control over the outcome and do the work directly for them, which is really very special. Secondly I love being directly involved in improving people’s lives and their overall quality of life. It can be challenging dealing with all sorts of people, with different experiences and expectations! However, I've found that if you treat a patient with respect, you build trust and rapport”. Mutual respect goes a long way in a practitioner/patient relationship. Martin advised to never stop learning or studying. He added: “Being a Dental Prosthesis is a privilege; serving patients is not a right and with it comes great responsibility - we must never forget that, We are responsible for our patients’ wellbeing and have a duty of care to our patients. Continuous personal development is essential to being a good dental practitioner and to meeting our patients’ needs”!
Bruce Menzies, a former Vietnam veteran from Queensland mentioned that looking back on his career, the aspects that stood out was working independently and the sense that their direct service were being of great value to their patients, which gave them a sense of achievement. He said the profession was good for them, which created the opportunity to give back to the community and the association. He met wonderful people amongst his patients and through the association, who are now lifelong friends.

Denise Toovey said that listening to what people have to say, to achieve an outcome that allows them to eat comfortably, be confident, and function socially is the best part of being a Dental Prosthodontist. “When I see the changes in my patients’ demeanour from when they first walk through the door for a consultation, to when they have their denture inserted, I know I have made a positive difference to their well-being and quality of life. Sometimes it’s not about making a new denture, it’s about solving problems for the patient who has lost confidence with the profession of dentistry. I believe I was a good Dental Technician, but when I actually became a Dental Prosthodontist, I realised I had a lot to learn. As a Dental Technician one don’t get to see the end result in the patient’s mouth. The differences to every single denture wearer is a crucial aspect of denture making. When I retire from this profession after 40+ years, I will leave satisfied that I have made a genuine difference to people of all ages and walks of life!”

Jos De Klijn from Melbourne in Victoria is another recipient of the Order of Australia Medal, for his service to dentistry and to the community. Jos also cites the best aspect of being a Dental Prosthodontist to be the interaction with his patients. He said: “I have always loved going to work, in this respect I have been exceptionally lucky. The benefit we have as a profession is the link we have with our patients, the individualised and personalised relationship we have with them. I believe as a profession we have a great contribution to make both in private practice and through government clinics. The quality of dentures our members make, are invaluable”.

Christiaan Claassen is originally from Holland and have recently celebrated 35 years in the dental profession. He has been practising as a Dental Prosthodontist since 1988 in group dental practices, public sector hospitals and private practice. Christiaan was recently appointed to the Dental Council of New South Wales and stated: “I am passionate about providing exceptional patient care, supporting and championing the importance of continued education and more importantly the sharing of experiences between colleagues as a means of further developing the dental profession. I have served the prosthetic needs of my community in Sydney for the past 17 years. It’s an honour and privilege to be invited to the membership of the Dental Council of New South Wales and I appreciate the enormity of the task in ensuring public safety at the highest standard and advocating successful outcomes for the general public and to the Council during my tenure.”

Neda Nikolovski, recently awarded with ADPA Life Fellowship, sees herself as a caregiver. She stated: “Having a vocation where I am able to make a difference in someone’s life is incredibly rewarding. Delivering this care goes beyond my patients’ oral health condition. It’s about caring for the individual and tailoring my treatment to suit their individual wants and needs. I respect that they have their own views on what’s best for them, and have their own values and priorities in life. I like to get to know my patient as a person and make the appointment as enjoyable as possible. This places the patient at ease and shows them that I care about them, their emotional, social and practical needs and the outcome, rather than just providing a service. The most rewarding aspect about being a DP, is having a positive outcome for a patient who has felt cared for, safe and along the journey trusted that I had their best interests at heart and finally the confident smile and kindness they reflect back.”

Perhaps denturists’ attitude of patient-centred care were best summarized during a Conference discussion session, hosted by the ADPA, where the question was posed: “What makes life worth living?” Marelice Nesbitt-Foster, a final year Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics student from Brisbane TAFE, responded from the audience, by saying: “…when you give somebody back the ability to smile again; that look you see in the patient’s face, is what I want to experience every day. It makes me feel really good and that to me…. is what makes life worth living for!”

The satisfaction of seeing the transformation in self-esteem reflected in a patient’s eyes, when the new denture is placed, is the universal reward that motivates Denturists! Internationally Denturists are renowned for being selfless servants who reach out to the toothless, including the destitute amongst them. They demonstrate compassion for people’s needs and restores the dignity and function of the edentulous, with dedicated care and consideration, through direct and defragmented efficiency.

Dear colleagues, in this spirit of nurturing care, we wish you all the best for the holiday season, as 2019 draws to an end. Wishing you and your loved ones peace, health, happiness and prosperity in the coming New Year. Editor

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These are my reflection on our Annual General Meeting on September 20-21, 2019 in Brisbane, Australia. It is always a pleasure to share some good news about denturism around the world. This year we had the 11th World Symposium on Denturism in Australia, in conjunction with the 25th Biennial National Conference of the Australian Dental Prosthetists Association (ADPA).

When we arrived for our meeting, on Tuesday morning, 20 August 2019, we were welcomed by a high profile delegation of the ADPA, who stayed on to observe and participated in various discussions. They included ADPA president, Jenine Bradburn, Vice President Russel Brownlie, CEO Jeremy Irvine and Exco member Martin Dunn. The ADPA President provided additional insight on the situation in Australia, particularly at the education level. Australian stalwarts John Taylor from Queensland and Jos de Klijn OAM from Victoria also attended. Jos shared some of his valuable observations about the development of the profession in Australia since his early involvement. Their presence and input was highly appreciated!

Urban Christen Méndez from Switzerland was the chairperson for the duration of the meeting. The IFD Board meeting was conducted with representatives from various member countries, including Australia, Belgium, Canada, Finland, Malta, South Africa, Switzerland and USA. Due to various reasons delegates from Denmark, France, Mauritius, New Zealand, Netherlands, Republic of Ireland, Portugal, and United Kingdom could not attend this year. Delegates participated in the challenge to develop the cause of denturism globally, as it presents currently, respecting various implications. Numerous current matters were pondered during our meeting, as we debated the annual reports from our member countries. The IFD consist totally of volunteers, and we are pleased to confirm again that our country representatives are consistently doing admirable work. We had a productive meeting where several contemporary topics for our federation were debated.

One of these matters was to nominate new Office Bearers for the next term of office. Tony Sarrapuchiello who served as IFD President with distinction for almost a decade, stepped down and was not available to serve another term. Thank you Tony for your invaluable services to the profession and the IFD!

Our new Executive Committee are:
- President – Mr. Urban Christen-Méndez,
- Vice President Europe - Mr. Matthias Luypaert,
- Vice President North America – Mr. Daniel Robichaud,
- Vice President AustraliaAsiaAfrica – Mr. John Rogan,
- Treasurer - Mr. John Salomone Reynaud.

Mrs. Camille Bourbonnais, CEO continuous to serve the Federation and links the various committees and structures of the IFD. Through various initiatives, the IFD is providing information to empower Denturists to obtain recognition. Our website is at the heart of our communication strategies. It is supported by social media Facebook Group. The Newsletter is designed to promote our profession and incite co-workers to become involved.
The IFD European Committee has an important role in liaison to advance denturism legislation in Europe. This committee consists of Colum Sower (Ireland) Chairman, John Salomone Reynaud (Malta), Ilkka Garaisi (Finland), Matthias Luypaert (Belgium) and Urban Christen Mendez (Switzerland). We (IFD) have established interaction with the United Nations in Europe and interaction with the ADEE Association to standardize Denturism Education in the European Union and also interaction with the European Commission ESCO: European Skills Competences and Occupations. Thus, our European and global notoriety will be reinforced.

On the second day of our meeting we were joined by fresh observers, including three enthusiastic students in dental technology from South Africa, Alminah Banda, Mthunzi Matyeni and Xuba Unathi, who have denturism ambitions to serve the denture needs of their people and Ish Larney from Sydney, who sponsored them to attend. On Wednesday morning we attended the ADPA President’s Welcoming Address, all wearing our IFD shirts. It was great to be in this ADPA meeting, boasting almost 600 participants. We have been told that the presence of IFD was a significant landmark that left an unforgettable impression with ADPA delegates.

On Wednesday evening, one of our sponsors, Kulzer, presented a new tooth line Delara® which was developed in close interaction with a denturist and lecturer from Finland, Ilkka Garaisi, who has 25 years of experience and treated over 7000 patients with full dentures. Kulzer invited all delegates at the Conference, to an interesting cocktail event, where our own Ilkka Garaisi introduced this new denture tooth creation. Delara® is a modern all-round tooth line for all indications with lifelike aesthetics, offering a lively surface structure and unique layering, along with a modern and fresh appearance. Thank you Kulzer for this impressive presentation, where everybody enjoyed the refreshments and social interaction. See more about Delara® on page 11.

On August 22, 2019, the elegant Gala Dinner of the Conference was staged at the stylish and historic Howard Smith Wharves right on the Brisbane river bank under the picturesque Story Bridge. What a magnificent setting for the delegates to enjoy the camaraderie, the food and the party, in grand style! During this prestigious Gala event, the ADPA proudly presented for the first time, its Fellows and Life Fellowship awards, to acknowledge the selfless dedication of those who have contributed much to the profession in Australia and the Association over many years. ADPA President Jenine Bradburn called out the recipients and the awards were presented by stalwart-veterans Stephen Boxhall, Jos De Klijn OAM and Bruce Menzies. Fellowship awards were presented to Brett Davis, Mark De Klijn and Garry McDonald. Life Fellowship was awarded in recognition of outstanding leadership and committed service with great distinction, to John Rompotis and Neda Nikolovski. Congratulations to all! It was such an honour to witness and to be in the presence of such distinguished champions of the profession.

The highlight of the evening was when local IFD representative John Rogan was given international recognition for his outstanding contribution, by being inducted into the Brotherhood of Sterkenburgers. Some 600 guests witnessed John becoming only the third Australian to receive this international award. The proclamation was made by newly elected IFD President, Mr. Urban Christen-Mendez from Switzerland in the presence of fellow Sterkenburgers - Stephan Boxhall (Australia), Duffy Malherbe (South Africa), John Salomone Reynaud (Malta) and Matthias Luypaert (Belgium). See the article elsewhere in this edition for more information about this prestigious award.

On Friday morning, as part of the CPD program of the conference, our own Duffy Malherbe presented a historic timeline and overview of the international spreading of the profession, titled Globalization of Denturism. Due to popular demand, this presentation will be repeated at the Canadian Conference next year, where we will have our next Annual General Meeting.
During the Conference, most of the IFD delegates were present in our booth at the Symposium, meeting with participants mostly from Australia and New Zealand, promoting our 2020 AGM to be held in Halifax, Nova-Scotia, Canada (see the promotion page on page 20 of this edition) and also the 12th World Symposium in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA in 2021.

Although we worked hard, this Conference provided opportunities to network and enjoy the camaraderie of our colleagues and some of their spouses. John Rogan, our Australian representative organized an extraordinary day, full of activities for our group and local comrades. Our touring guide was the ADPA pioneer Bruce Menzies, who kept all in good spirit. This wonderful day was very pleasant and ended by everybody enjoying a Champagne tasting.

When we left on the long route back home, we were filled with gratitude to our Australian hosts and many new friends, with indelible memories of a wonderful experience of a fabulous Conference, great food and an appreciation of a dynamic well-integrated profession, already serving the denture needs of the Australian people for more than 60 years.

Being invited to attend the 25th Biennial National Conference of the Australian Dental Prosthetists Association incorporating the 11th World Symposium on Denturism, was an honor and a privilege that will be treasured for a lifetime. For us, our journey began before our departure. Prior to our trip from Cape Town, a farewell dinner was organized at the BoKaap Kombuis restaurant with loved ones and the Executive Committee of the Society for Clinical Dental Technology (SCDT). At the dinner, we were presented with T-shirts from the SCDT and a letter of recognition from the High Commissioner of South Africa to Australia, who commended us on our perseverance as students in the dental profession.

The President of the Association, Mr. Oliver Meier kindly drove us to Cape Town International Airport where we boarded our first connecting flight to Australia, with Mr. Duffy Malherbe, SCDT Secretary. We travelled via Johannesburg and Perth to Sydney, were we finally met Mr. Larney in person. He drove us to the Marriott hotel that he had so benevolently booked for us to spend the night. The Marriott is a beautiful hotel that is in close proximity to the Sydney Opera House which we eagerly visited the next day. Our day in Sydney included a small tour of the Opera House and the Harbor Bridge, as well as the breath-taking City Centre.

The members of the IFD were most welcoming and hospitable. It was wonderful meeting familiar faces from the previous IFD AGM in Cape Town as well as a few new ones. Conversing with these passionate individuals is always inspiring and we made it our mission to try and absorb all of the knowledge that they had to share. The meeting was most informative and we were given a platform to speak about what we would be taking home from our experiences.
We spent the next 3 days attending lectures from various speakers and visiting booths exhibiting interesting new technologies and techniques in Dental Technology and Denturism. During the conference, we had the pleasure of meeting important role players and pioneers in the Australian Prosthetists profession, including Ms. Neda Nikolovski who is the only Doctor of Dental Technology in Australia, Ms. Janine Bradburn (ADPA President), and Mr. John Taylor, who is a former IFD representative for Australia and stalwart who was at the forefront of getting professional recognition for Queensland; the last Australian state to complete the picture of national legislation. He introduced us to a group of Dental Prosthetist (CDT) students from the Brisbane TAFE in Queensland. We will definitely keep in touch and liaise! Mr. Taylor gave us a narrative of his involvement in their fight to gain legislated recognition, even enduring harassment by the police. We also had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Sudesh Moodaley, who is a former lecturer from our university, now serving the rural community through his thriving denture clinic not far from Brisbane. Their knowledge and insight gave us a new perspective and new ideas on how to further our cause for introducing Clinical Dental Technology in our country. One of the esteemed speakers at the conference was South African IFD representative, Mr. Duffy Malherbe who presented a lecture on the Globalization of the profession. It included a video-clip of the peaceful demonstration conducted by our CPUT students for the legalization of Clinical Dental Technology that we held earlier this year, during the opening of Parliament in Cape Town.

The Gala dinner was held at the iconic Howard Smith Wharves which is uniquely positioned beneath the Story Bridge and presented an incredible night view of the river and the city. What a wonderful festival! The dinner was marvelous and allowed us the opportunity of witnessing the bestowing of Mr. John Rogan of Australia into the Brotherhood of Sterkenburgers – a prestigious award granted to select members of the profession who have demonstrated exceptional service to the profession of Denturism. During Mr. Rogan’s acceptance speech, in a hall of more than 600 guests, he mentioned how proud he was of us and our dedication towards the profession and that he would be delighted to assist us see CDT become a reality in South Africa.

On Friday the 23rd of August, the conference officially ended with the President’s closing speech. That night, we boarded a flight from Brisbane to Cairns where we checked into the Ridges Esplanade Resort. Saturday morning saw us boarding a helicopter for an adventurous trip over the majestic Great Barrier Reef, which is between the Queensland coast and the western edge of the Pacific Ocean. We then boarded a boat that hosted us for the day, stationed close to one of the reefs. Seeing the coral reefs and different types of fish while snorkeling is definitely one for the books. We had an even clearer experience of the ocean by cruising in a semi-submersible submarine with large glass panels on the sides, where we became one with life in the ocean. That evening, to seal our indescribable experiences of the week, Mr. Larney drove us to Port Douglas for our last supper together. The next morning, at Cairns Airport we parted ways with Mr. Larney and boarded a flight to Perth and homewards, whilst his flight was Sydney-bound. Our goodbyes were sad, but knowing that we had been blessed with such a gracious opportunity, and finally meeting the legendary Ish Larney was heart-warming.

Experiencing Australia’s iconic culture and wonderful hospitality was surely a magnificent one filled with important lessons, motivation and a great deal of jollification along the way. Our attendance at the ADPA Conference tremendously increased our desire to continue striving towards the legalization and professional development of Denturism in our country and it made us realize that we are not alone in this struggle.

We hope to share the knowledge and experiences that we have gained with the rest of the dental technology students to further motivate them to fight for the future and specialization of our profession. We would like to thank especially Mr. Larney for his organization and sponsorship, making this dream a reality! We are proud to associate with The Society for Clinical Dental Technology, for their tireless efforts in the struggle to have Denturism legalized in South Africa, in order to serve and enrich the lives of denture wearers in our country! AMU

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- To promote and establish a category of Denturist throughout the world, in every jurisdiction where there is an identified need for denture services,
- To restore the functional, emotional, psychological and social well-being, together with the oral health needs of denture wearers.

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With a new style and company name, Kulzer remains a reliable partner for all dental professionals – with more than 80 years of expertise. Based in Germany, Kulzer provides an extensive product range, covering cosmetic dentistry, tooth preservation, prosthetics, periodontology and digital dentistry. Our goal is to provide the best possible solutions, so that our customers can restore their patients’ oral health and well-being in a safe, more convenient and cost-effective way. Through restorative and aesthetic treatments, you provide patients with beautiful smiles, self-esteem and improved quality of life. The whole team deserve materials that meet the highest quality standards. It is our mission to support your daily work with innovative and reliable products, because oral health belongs in good hands. Kulzer teaches the most efficient means of achieving aesthetic results, using both traditional techniques and digital solutions.
Zurich, 12th March 2019: CANDULOR AG launches the new tooth lines PhysioSelect TCR & BonSelect TCR. Young shapes for a new patient and customer generation.

The development and manufacture of artificial teeth has been at the core of CANDULOR for over 80 years. The Swiss company attaches great importance to development feedback from both an internal and external perspective. A vibrant collection was created especially for the new generation of "Best Ager", to match their self-confidence and agile aspirations.

"Dental technicians, dentists and prosthodontists have motivated us to develop a new tooth line - consisting of proven materials and molds - for the patients of the coming decade and to inspire customers and patients alike." Claudia Schenkel-Thiel (Managing Director)

A piece of Switzerland, also in terms of design.

A rejuvenated design was developed from proven, attractive molds to create 18 maxillary molds - delicate, prominent and universal - and 4 mandibular molds. Layering and surface structure support the young appearance and are a reflection of the patients' attitude to life in our times.

"The objective is to meet contemporary customer and patient expectations. We are very grateful for the feedback from the dentists, dental technicians and prosthodontists involved in this tooth development." Jody Paul Spalt (Head of Product Management)

BONSELECT TCR.

One for all, all for one. Be it for tooth-to-tooth or tooth-to-two-tooth placement, the BonSelect TCR posterior tooth was endowed with a bifunctional, semi-anatomic occlusal surface. It can therefore be easily integrated into existing laboratory workflows, particularly when different set-up methods and occlusion concepts need to be implemented. One for all, all for one is possible in 4 sizes with the BonSelect TCR.

The red one from CANDULOR.

The tooth rack which is optimized for the dental storage in the laboratory is a mirror image of the entire brand appearance. The "Red" represents the Swiss flag in the tooth cabinet, which presents the new anterior and posterior teeth harmoniously in both mold and shade.

"CANDULOR supplies its customers all over the world with high-quality, durable and aesthetic, natural-looking products. When it comes to tooth selection in the tooth cabinet, quick orientation is essential. We are Swiss, and proud of it, and this should be reflected by the PhysioSelect TCR and BonSelect TCR. Their red beats the usual black and gray." Alexander Ewert (Marketing Director)

Made of durable tooth materials.

Adaptation to the alveolar ridge, to abutments and antagonists requires tooth materials that can be processed quickly. But also materials that reliably bond chemically to the base resin, and which are plaque resistant and abrasion resistant.

The new PhysioSelect anterior and BonSelect posterior teeth are therefore made of the resistant TwinCrossedResin, the 3rd generation TCR material, a modified polymethyl methacrylate (PMMA) variant. The polymer, but also the matrix, are evenly cross-linked and additionally tempered. This means that the pre-crosslinked polymer is again linked to the matrix and condensed during production. This way the tooth material meets the high requirements for plaque and abrasion resistance.

The new PhysioSelect TCR anterior tooth will be available for trial purposes as from April 2019 together with the BonSelect TCR posterior tooth. More information at candulor.com or live at the IDS.
INTERVIEW with dental technician Anika Ehret about the new Delara® tooth line

Anika Ehret (31) is a dental technician in the Implantec Dental Laboratory in Amstetten, Germany. Her focus is on CAD/CAM, implant planning, 3D printing and full dentures. For Kulzer, she has been closely advising the development of Delara® teeth, with other experts. The name Delara® is of Persian decent and means “darling”.

Everybody’s darling

Delara® is Kulzer’s new line of prosthetic teeth, a single tooth line that meets every need of dental laboratories – delivering aesthetics, form and function, with a lively surface structure and unique layering, along with modern and bright shading for a fresh and vivid appearance.

Anika Ehret, by your experience as a dental technician, what role plays the aspect of efficiency in a tooth line?

Delara® is a tooth line for everyday use, and saving time plays a vital role. With Delara®, this already begins with preparation time since grinding is reduced to a minimum. Additionally, the anatomical tooth forms of Delara® are process-optimized and allow for an efficient set-up for every indication and preference. All set-up options from tooth-to-tooth to cross-bite are possible. The reduced cuspss enable an easy interlock. Positioning is fast and simple due to clear facets for orientation and due to the digitally mirrored layering. Clear mesial and distal contacts allow for an easy approximal positioning of molars. A polishing buffer, basal grinding reserve and optimized incisal edge further simplify the individual set-up.

What are further advantages of the new tooth line Delara®?

In order to avoid the undesirable “greyish” effect that can occur in the mouth after corrections, Delara® offers a slightly “blueish” effect for a fresh and lively appearance along with modern shading, a vivid surface structure and dynamic light refraction. The thin enamel layer allows for a large dentine core which preserves the basic shade during grinding and ensures predictable results.

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Regarding the increasingly fast processes in prosthetics, is there still room for the individual patient?

The patient has to wear his or her denture for years. This implies durable functionality as well as aesthetics on the material side. And, it requires the technician to answer the individual patient’s needs. Therefore, patient communication plays a vital role in creating dentures. What I like about Delara®: Talking to the patient about prosthetic options, I have something at hand that shows the exquisite aesthetics the patient wishes for. Delara® teeth are visually impressive and offer a naturalistic feel that lasts long in the mouth. Patients will love the life-like, harmonious appearance of “their” Delara® teeth. This satisfies the dentist and boosts the reputation of the laboratory.

More information: Product website with further information and technical details: www.kulzer.com/delara

PalaXtreme® – Strong & Gentle
High-impact, self-curing denture acrylic for many indications

With PalaXtreme you get high-impact strength, excellent handling characteristics and great flexibility. Kulzer’s new Core Shell Technology minimizes the risk of fractures, especially for implant supported dentures. This high-impact, self-curing denture acrylic offers labs great flexibility, and it is just as easy to use as — or even easier than — conventional auto polymerizing materials. The acrylic is also more allergy friendly for users and patients – proving that it is both strong and gentle at the same time.

The following in-vitro investigations confirm PalaXtreme “high impact” properties and a particularly low residual monomer content.

Fracture toughness measurement of denture acrylics
Aim of the in-vitro study was the examination of fracture toughness and fracture work of four different cold-curing denture base materials. Standardized specimens (n = 15) were fabricated from four different denture base materials (two conventional, two so-called high-impact materials) and a defined central notch was introduced into each specimen. Three-point bending testing was carried out with the universal testing machine at a crosshead speed of 1 mm/min. Fracture toughness and work of fracture were calculated according to ISO 20795. Fracture toughness describes the ability of a material to withstand crack propagation. Work of fracture represents the energy needed to fracture a specimen.

Results and conclusion
PalaXtreme meets the ISO standard requirements concerning fracture toughness (fig. 1) and work of fracture for materials with improved impact strength (known as high-impact materials). Materials with improved impact strength can better resist the propagation of cracks and are considered less susceptible to fracture.

Determination of residual monomer content in denture acrylics
The objective of the in-vitro investigation was to determine the residual monomer content of four different cold-curing denture base materials.
From four different denture base materials (two conventional, two so-called high-impact materials), standardized specimens were prepared. Methyl methacrylate monomer (MMA) was extracted from the polymerized test specimens and analyzed using the gas chromatographic analysis method.

Results and conclusion
All cold-curing denture base materials tested had a residual monomer content below 4.5 % (fig. 1). This is the only one of the materials tested to be well below the required values. A low residual monomer content of the denture base acrylic can increase the biocompatibility of the denture and provide a reduced allergy potential.

For more information about PalaXtreme and the full version of the study visit www.kulzer.com/palaxtreme

Social Intelligence and the IFD Executive Committee:
by Camille Bourbonnais – IFD Chief Executive Officer

Social intelligence is the capacity to know oneself and to know others. Social Intelligence develops from experience with people and learning from success and failures in social settings. It is more commonly referred to as “tact,” or “common sense”. It refers to sound practical judgment concerning everyday matters, or a basic ability to perceive, understand, and judge that is shared by a group of people.

Social intelligence can also be defined as a coherent intellect, with one collective mindset. The success of the International Federation of Denturists is that our Executive Committee has abundant social intelligence in their commitment for recognition of Denturists worldwide.

Our new Executive Committee are:
• President – Mr. Urban Christen-Méndez,
• Vice President Europe - Mr. Matthias Luypaert,
• Vice President North America – Mr. Daniel Robichaud,
• Vice President AustraliaAsiaAfrica – Mr. John Rogan,
• Treasurer - Mr. John Salomone Reynaud.

Their commitment for the cause is bigger than the individuals;
They communicate openly together;
They respect each other and have established mutual trust;
They have creative intelligence in their field;
They also accept to lead and/or contribute to the ability to get along well with others, while gaining cooperation.
Their attitude of generosity and consideration, and practical skills interacts successfully with people in different settings.

We, the International Federation of Denturists, have a built-in bias toward empathy, cooperation, and altruism. We develop social intelligence to nurture these capacities in ourselves and others. We are designed for sociability, constantly engaged in a “neural ballet” that connects us brain to brain with those around us. In this message, the members of our team will share some of their thinking.

Respectfully yours,
Camille Bourbonnais
IFD Chief Executive Officer
Our President sent this letter of appreciation after the ADPA 2019 Brisbane Conference to the ADPA President. This thank you letter is a good example of his great nature.

Dear Jenine

After a long trip back to Switzerland I arrived safe and happy at home, starting immediately to work again over here. Now, I have a quiet moment to reflect and write this mail.

With very good memories, I would like to thank you and your team for such a great Conference! It was very well organized down to the last details; it is obvious you worked really hard before, during and after the Conference to realize all this. A beautiful Gala Dinner in front of the illuminated bridge was the highlight of this event.

It was a pleasure to meet you all there. Very good conversations, good jokes and good food will be part of my memories. To see the ADPA as an organization and the members, well organized, strong with a concept for the future, I’m sure we may learn from you a lot of details to improve in the majority of our member countries.

I would like to keep in close touch with you to ensure a benefit for all involved parties. Hopefully, I will meet you and your team in Halifax or Las Vegas and we will have relaxed moment with some drinks together.

The taste of Australia accompanied me quite often over here, because my wife is using Vegemite very often in the kitchen ;-) I wish you all the best and hope to see you again soon.

Best regards,

Urban Christen-Méndez, Switzerland

I am Matthias Luypaert from Belgium, recently elected as the Vice-President Europe for the IFD. How did it come this far? I’ll try to explain in a nutshell…During my education to become a dental technician, one of my teachers, Firmin Driegen, told me about the possibility to follow an extra education, somewhere in Antwerp, to become a denturist. I did follow this course together with his oldest son Peter and graduated cum laude. Years later I became a teacher myself at the same institute and one of my students was his younger son Bart, what are the odds?

Denturism was and still is not recognised in Belgium. Immediately after my graduation in 1992, I managed to get my diploma accepted in the Netherlands and started up a denturist clinic just across the Belgian border in Sas Van Gent, as the first ever Belgian denturist working legally. Working as a Denturist in the Netherlands was OK, but I wanted to be able to do the same work in Belgium. I got involved with our Flemish union, FETAPRO, elected as president a few years later and in 2010 founded our national organisation, UBDD, together with Jean-Pierre Bacquaert, Claude Croonen and Herman Van Hoorde. With our joint forces and the tireless effort of my three companions we almost succeeded in 2016, but that’s another story.

Eventually Belgium re-joined the IFD with our new association. I became the Belgium representative. My first IFD meeting was in Amsterdam. It was an almost surrealistic experience, meeting colleagues from all over the world with exactly the same mind-set, goals, intentions and ideas. This is also where I’ve met my brother-from-down-under, John Taylor, the most inspiring man I know. We share the same passion for the profession and exquisite Belgian beers and he’s the one who got me more and more involved with the IFD.

During the 10th World Symposium on Denturism in Montreal in 2017, I was proud to be inducted into the Brotherhood of Sterkenburgers. I accepted this award in the name of my fellow companions of my association. I am also a member of the European Committee. We meet regularly to strategize for the promotion, practice and recognition of Denturism through the various structures and directives of the European Union. I am a strong advocate for the patient’s freedom of choice and their right to be treated by a Denturist. For more than 27 years I have been promoting the recognition of Belgian Denturists. I am proud to be part of the Executive Committee of the IFD and looking forward to get things going with our new President and all other colleagues.

I would not have come this far without the support of my lovely wife Sybille, and the colleagues I mentioned and many, many others, Raff, Pol, Marcel, Luc,…Thank you all.

Matthias Luypaert, Belgium

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Daniel Robichaud serves as National President of the Denturism Association of Canada and hosts a column in the DAC Journal. The following extract from his latest column demonstrates his team-based commitment and social intelligence:

Summer started with the DAC Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) working group meeting with representatives from NIHB in Ottawa. We always look forward to these meetings to keep the dialogue open and to make sure denturists interests are kept at the forefront. NIHB communicated an update to the DAC on the Partial Denture Trail Project that started in 2018. Since its inception, denturists have been 100% compliant with the Project guidelines. We are very proud of this, as it means that our members are following the guidelines, but it also shows that we should not have to face the barriers that are enforced, with regards to partial dentures outside of this project (i.e. radiographs, pictures of models, or models). We are hopeful that when this project ends, the data will continue to show this fact and that these barriers will finally be removed.

After the DAC AGM my beautiful wife and I headed to Australia for the 11th World Symposium on Denturism and the IFD meeting in Brisbane. The ADPA outdid themselves again: this was an amazing trip and an once-in-a-lifetime experience. We thank the Australian Dental Prosthetists Association and its directors for hosting this wonderful event. Check out the Winter 2019 edition of the Canadian Denturism Magazine for an in depth report and highlights of this trip that left a lasting impression.

As we move into the later part of the year we would like to take this time to thank all for the hard work that everyone does, not just at a national level, but also at the provincial and territorial levels. Without your hard work and dedication, we at the DAC would not be able to accomplish all we do in a year. Thank you!

Yours in Denturism
Daniel Robichaud – Canada

I am John Salomone Reynaud. I am working with International Federation of Denturists since 1996. I have always been involved for recognition of Denturists especially in Europe. I organized the International Federation of Denturists Annual General Meeting in 2008 in Malta. During this meeting, I was inducted into the Brotherhood of Sterkenburgers. I will show you how it was a great event for me and other denturists.

This year, I continue to work on a main Legislative Target: Postgraduate education courses for Denturists. Together with our Legal Advisor Dr Tonio Azzopardi LLd, MDTA worked hard for the past year on its Court Case for Clinical Dental Technician regulation, meaning for denturists recognition. The proceedings which have been going on since 2012, turned out to be longer than expected but we are beginning to look at the end of the tunnel. Finally MDTA was proud to nominate two of its members as Speakers at the yearly Dental Conference, ‘Smile for Health’ organized by the Department of Health on October 2019.

I am also an active member of the European Committee and I am also proud to be Treasurer and to be part of the Executive Committee of the IFD. Working for Denturists, knowledge and recognition worldwide for Denturists are a significant involvement in my life.

Kind regards
John Salomone Reynaud, Malta
During the gala dinner of the 25th biennial AGM of the ADPA, incorporating the 11th World Symposium on Denturism held recently in Brisbane, John Rogan was inducted into the Brotherhood of Sterkenburgers by IFD President Urban Christen-Méndez from Switzerland. Fellow Sterkenburgers - Stephan Boxhall (Australia), Duffy Malherbe (South Africa), John Salomone Reynaud (Malta) and Matthias Luypaert (Belgium) and ADPA President Janine Bradburn observed the presentation.

As he called on the 600 delegates present at the event to witness, Christen-Méndez had the pleasure to ordain Rogan into the Brotherhood of Sterkenburgers, in recognition of the respect he has earned. He said that John is a member of the International Federation of Denturists who truly carries out his duties as country-representative with the utmost honour and courage. The privilege to receive this prestige, is earned by few! John is only the third Australian to be recognised this way.

**Brotherhood of Sterkenburgers:**

It was at Sterkenburg Castle in 1971 that Dutch Denturists first started their education and training for professional status. The Dutch Denturist pioneers started courses that were, initially, run over two years with attendance once a week. Very soon, Denturists were attending the courses for entire weekends. Sterkenburg Castle became their weekend school and home! Because of their comprehensive training, Denturists retained their right to educate themselves and pressure government for legal status. After official recognition, they formed a comradeship, a brotherhood of Denturists from those original pioneers, to honour those who were committed to Denturism and education. The Sterkenburger philosophy is to help and support the education of Denturists and honour those who have shown an unyielding commitment to the Denturist profession worldwide. Candidates for induction are nominated by the Brotherhood of Sterkenburgers through the Executive of the IFD. It is the highest token of recognition a Denturist can aspire to! The administration of the Brotherhood of Sterkenburgers is vested with the Executive of the IFD. In the next edition of this Newsletter, we will feature a full article on Sterkenburg Castle.

**About John Rogan:**

John held the position of Victorian State President for thirteen years and ADPA National President from 2009 to 2015. He guided the organization from the ‘Federal Inc.’, to the current corporate model ‘ADPA Ltd’. He presided over many meetings both at executive and board levels. John sat on many advisory committees; both inside ADPA and also statutory ones at government level where the status of President was required. During 2015 John was awarded an ADPA National Life Membership.

The highest political achievement for John, was when they finally achieved state wide partial denture recognition. He said it was a painfully agonising process, but a really good time for the profession, having a united goal. By working with a prosthodontist, who became a close friend, they broke down many barriers. The idea of a structured professional relationship come to fruition, there was communication between dentists and dental prosthetist’s, referral pathways were improved as was access to CPD speakers. This really changed the culture of the profession.

John says that the best aspect of being a dental prosthetist is the patients. He loved being involved politically as well, but the most rewarding part of the job has always been working with and caring for his patients, by making a difference to their self-esteem and oral health, one smile at a time. He said: "The best measure of your value is referrals by other patients – nothing is better than that. I have patients I’ve made three or four dentures for. I don’t advertise, yet they still find me to design, make and provide their next set of dentures, even when I’ve relocated".

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His affable nature has been an asset to ADPA and during 2014 John was appointed
ADPA delegate to the IFD, succeeding the legends Stephen Boxall and Graham Key,
where he has been an enthusiastic and passionate ambassador. John Rogan has
attended the following IFD meetings: 2014 Dublin, 2015 Washington, 2016 Lucerne,
2017 Montreal, 2018 Cape Town and 2019 Brisbane.

In his delivery, the IFD President, Urban Christen-Méndez stated that John has made
an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the cause of Dental Prosthetists
at the national level and at an international level for Denturists. He does a lot more
than what we know about, behind the scenes. John Rogan has excelled and inspired
those around him as a major driving force. Thank you John, for your excellent
contribution to the profession, over many years to the IFD and together towards
legislated recognition worldwide. You have earned our gratitude and respect.

The International Federation of Denturists recognize you, John Rogan, and we
honour you as a member of the Brotherhood of Sterkenburgers!

Tony Sarrapuchiello steps down

We want to thank our past President, Tony Sarrapuchiello for the generous contribution he invested in the IFD. He left us a wonderful legacy! Tony remains deeply committed to the profession, which he has served for almost 40 years. Tony’s most prominent quality is his charismatic personality; a natural leader with impeccable integrity!

Tony has a vision for denturists having the option to relocate to any destination of their choice worldwide and be recognized, like any other profession. Through various initiatives to harmonize education and standards of the profession, the IFD provides information and support towards this goal of globalised practice. Throughout his career, Tony have served in various leadership capacities at provincial, national and international level. For the last nine years Tony have been the appreciated President of the IFD. During this time his passion, perseverance and love for the profession has been contagious, setting high standards and an excellent example. His confident management style inspired a sense of direction and clear vision! International recognition of the IFD reached new levels under Tony’s guidance. It has been a joy to work with such a dedicated colleague and we are all proud to be part of the IFD team and look forward to his future contributions as past-President.

Sarrapuciello have been recognised for his dedication by induction into the prestigious Brotherhood of Sterkenburgers. During 2013, he became one of only eight recipients ever to be honoured with the Pieter Brouwer Award of Merit - the highest IFD accolade, reserved exclusive for individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary and exemplary service to the profession internationally. Tony, please accept our heartfelt gratitude, from us all!

News from around the World:

Member countries of the IFD include: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Malta, Mauritius, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Slovak Republic, South Africa, St. Kitts and Nevis, Switzerland, The Netherlands, United Kingdom and United States. Many of these countries have well-established status, others are still in transition.

This Column features news flashes to provide fresh overviews of initiatives and efforts to establish and/or reinforce the profession globally. The following 2 News articles are local from Queensland, where we had the 11th World Symposium on Denturism and the other about normalising Scope of Practice from Nova Scotia, where we will meet next year. Congratulations to Nova Scotia for this substantial breakthrough! Seeing forward meeting you all in Halifax in September 2020!

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The Australian Dental Prosthetist Association proudly presented the Karl Ring Award to Ryan Mensforth and congratulated him on this outstanding achievement. TAFE Queensland highlighted:

- **Ryan has been an extremely diligent Bachelor of Dental Prosthetic’s student who has received excellent results in both his academic achievement and clinical application.**
- **Ryan was a dedicated member of his cohort, who positively interacted with his peers, acted as Student Representative and met with The Australian Dental Council on behalf of his cohort in 2018.**
- **Ryan was an enthusiastic, conscientious, polite and punctual student.**
- **He participated in the ADPA mentoring program, engaged with Industry to further his knowledge and skill and worked hard to maintain a consistently high standard of work.**
- **Ryan thoroughly deserves the excellent GPA he has achieved.**

ADPA State Life Member Queensland, Graeme Morris, provided this feedback:

I wish to share one of the proudest days of my life, when my daughter, Cheyenne and I (pictured) were amongst the first graduates of the Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics from TAFE Queensland. This course is the first of its kind anywhere in Australia. It has created a far more level playing field within the dental team. Many of my peers, particularly in the Australian Dental Prosthetists Association of which I am a life member, have asked me why at my age, almost 70, I decided to do the Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics Degree course with my daughter. Apart from my personal motivations, there are 3 other reasons:

**Number 1:** is that I love and care for my profession as a dental prosthetist and it continues to give me so much. It can hardly be described as “work” when on a daily basis I am given the opportunity to change a person’s health and improve their dignity. As the mentor of my daughter Cheyenne, I want to be on the same page as her with the knowledge I pass on. The Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics puts me on that same page.

**Number 2:** as a vindication to the sacrifice made by so many ADPA members (the grandfather clause members in particular) to the creation of our profession, particularly the late Karl Ring who dared to dream of tertiary training for dental prosthetists more than 30 years ago and was scoffed at by our opponents. Also to the many members, including John Taylor and Bruce Wieland who even went to jail for their belief in our profession!

Finally, I understand that the struggle to establish the profession of Denturism worldwide still has a long way to go in countries such as USA and in Europe. It is my hope that with a person of my age completing this Bachelor Degree course in Dental Prosthetics that it strengthens the political argument in support of Denturism being an independent, honourable, viable and necessary clinical profession in dentistry. Challenges keep our interest in life and learning is an endless challenge. We congratulate and commend these graduates and look forward to working with them throughout their career, Graeme said.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE OCTOBER 31, 2019:

LEGISLATION BILL 166 TO AMEND THE DENTURISTS ACT RECEIVES ROYAL ASSENT BY LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

The Denturist Society of Nova Scotia is pleased to announce that Bill 166 to amend the Denturists Act in Nova Scotia to allow for Denturists to place Removable Dentures over Implants has received Royal Assent by the Lieutenant Governor on October 30, 2019.

This is exciting news for Denturists in Nova Scotia and our patients as this allows Denturists, who have completed the necessary training (as set out by the Denturist Licensing Board of Nova Scotia) to be able to practice a skill that they are qualified and trained to do. Nova Scotians will have more options for accessing care of these services.

We have always believed that Denturists across the Country should be allowed by legislation to provide services that we are extensively trained in, directly to the public as part of the dental health team, which is why we pursued this advancement in our scope of practice. The education and ongoing continuing education that Denturists receive are the building blocks for safe, competent and ethical professional practise. These expanded services will allow the opportunity to adapt to change and the ability to serve the aging population more effectively.

We want to thank the Health and Wellness Minister, the Honourable Randy Delorey, for his unwavering and tremendous support of our Profession through these amendments to bring our scope of practice in line with other Provinces.

The Denturists in Nova Scotia thank the Nova Scotia Legislature in passing legislation that is comparable with the majority of Canada, which allows these necessary services to be provided by competent practitioners whose priority is the delivery of denture services to our patients.

For more Information visit: https://nslegislature.ca/legislative-business/bills-statutes/bills/assembly-63-session-2/bill-166

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NATIONAL CONVENTION WITH AN INTERNATIONAL TWIST

International Federation of Denturists Annual General Meeting
Monday, Sept 28 & Tuesday, Sept 29

The Denturist Association of Canada’s Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, Sept 30 & Thursday, Oct 1

Continuing Education
Friday, Oct 2 (all day) & Saturday, Oct 3 (afternoon)

Tradeshow:
Friday, Oct 2 (12 pm – 7pm)
Saturday, Oct 3 (8 am – 2 pm)

Annual General Meetings
Saturday, Oct 3 (9 am – 12 pm):
Denturist Society of Nova Scotia
New Brunswick Denturist Society
Denturist Association of Newfoundland & Labrador

Additional activities will be announced shortly!

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