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OMR Section Mission Statement

The Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology section works within the framework of the ADEA to provide a forum for oral and maxillofacial radiology educators in dentistry and its allied professions, formulates educational goals and clinical competencies in oral and maxillofacial radiology and develops educational strategies based on educational research and development.

Section Program on CBCT in Education and Implant Treatment Planning

This year’s Annual Session section program will provide timely and valuable information for those who teach cone-beam computed tomography in their undergraduate radiology curriculum or work with other specialists to provide CBCT imaging in implant treatment planning. The program, entitled “Strengths of Collaboration: Bridging the Gap with Cone Beam3-D Imaging “, will be presented on Sunday, March 13, 2011, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Please see page 5 for more information about the program.

Each year at the members’ forum the OMR section elects a new Secretary, whose term of office begins at the conclusion of the ADEA Annual Session.

The Secretary is responsible for recording the minutes of the Members’ Forum and the interim meeting of section officers, which is usually conducted during the AAOMR Annual Session. After one year, the Secretary rotates into the office of Chair-elect, who has the responsibility of planning the section program. In the third year, this officer assumes the duties of Chair, who presides over the Members’ Forum and represents the section at the ADEA House of Delegates meetings at the Annual Session.

We need to identify motivated people to serve as section officers. If you are interested or know somebody who is, please contact Anitha Potluri or Jim Geist as soon as possible before the section meeting.

The Members’ Forum will be held on Sunday, March 13, 2011, from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. Please be sure to attend. The OMR section depends on the contributions of its members.

This year’s ADEA Annual Session, “Interprofessional Education: Teaching and Learning Together for Better Health,” promises to offer many outstanding programs that are of great benefit to dental educators. With Faculty Development Workshops, posters, Lunch and Learn Sessions, Symposia and other forums, this meeting should be a priority for OMR faculty members. Hope to see you in San Diego!
The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m. by Section Councilor Dr. James Geist. The meeting was attended by 12 members, including all section officers: Dr. Jahanzeb Chaudhry, Chair; Dr. Vijay Parashar, Chair-elect; and Dr. Anitha Potluri, Secretary.

Reports

Chair’s Report:

Dr. Chaudhry thanked the presenters of the section program, Drs. Vijay Parashar, Jim Geist, and Steve Singer, for their efforts. The program was attended by 40 people. The section’s foundational knowledge document is available for viewing on ADEA’s website.

The theme for next year’s Annual Session is Interprofessional Education: Teaching and Learning Together for Better Health. The abstract of the OMR’s section program is due by June 1, 2010. Our section members were invited to volunteer to serve as reviewers for the Journal of Dental Education. See the website for more details.

Dr. Chaudhry mentioned that this year’s Annual Session has 1,761 attendees and over 300 educational programs. He commented on the continued financial support from member organizations despite the economic downturn and encouraged our members to visit the exhibits.

The National Board of Dental Examiners reported an 18% failure rate on the Part 2 exam, which represents an increase over recent years. The decision of the NBDE to abandon numerical scores and report only pass/fail status is expected to affect decisions by specialty programs on applicants. ADEA has initiated the ADEA Future of Advanced Dental Education Admissions (ADEA/FADEA) Project, which will identify the best ways to review, compare, and select candidates for advanced dental education programs.

Dr. Chaudhry reported that ADEA has no position on the introduction of new levels of health care workers in the dental workforce. This is the ADA’s business, but if new categories of HCW are created ADEA will be involved in establishing standards for the educational programs.

The funding mechanisms for research projects submitted to the Council of Sections Project Pool were discussed. Six projects are currently in progress. Applications for funding of up to $28,000 will be considered. Research should focus on dental educational issues. Applications are made by sections or special interest groups, and collaborative efforts of multiple sections or SIGs are viewed favorably. Sections must contribute 10% of the proposed budget. The OMR section currently has approximately $3,500.

Dr. Chaudhry reported on several task forces that have been created by ADEA over the past few years:
1. A cost task force is looking into funding programs for the annual Council of Sessions meeting. The sections are asked to discuss mechanisms of funding.
2. Healthy People Curriculum task force is working with osteopathic, nursing, dentistry, pharmacy, allopathic, and physician assistant programs; this task force was established in 2007.
3. A task force will examine dental school curricula this year and in 2015 and 2020 to see how many of the competencies have been incorporated.

Report from the AAOMR

President:

AAOMR President Allan G. Farman was not able to attend the ADEA meeting, and was represented by your officer, Anitha Potluri at the ADEA Opening Ceremony:

Since AAOMR’s Annual Session, a number of activities have taken place of which you should be made aware:

1. The AAOMR EC has expanded the use WebEx to host teleweb conferences. Such meetings have been held at least monthly since October for the whole EC and more frequently for selected subgroups. This has permitted several exciting new activities to move forward without delay.

2. An entirely new website was initiated February 2, 2010, but can still be accessed through http://www.aamr.org. This is remarkable as the hosting site needed to be selected and then the contents developed in the last two months of last year, then polished in January. This website will be the portal for paying 2010 membership dues – so if you have not done so yet, please go online and sign up. The new website took a great deal of work by many individuals, but the process was only possible because of the leadership skills of Dania Tamimi. She “quarterbacked” this activity.

3. It had been a dozen years since the last position paper was published by the AAOMR. Under the new leadership of the new Position Paper Editor, Mansur Ahmad, several such guidelines are on fast track. We will have updates on TMJ imaging (task force led by Sharon Brooks), and on imaging
for dental implantology (task force led by Don Tyndall). For the first time AAOMR will also collaborate with other groups in developing joint position papers. Formal agreements have been made at the executive level in these cases. AAOMR and AAE will collaborate on guidelines for use of CBCT in endodontics (task group co-chairs, Marty Levin for AAE and Dale Miles for AAOMR), and with AAO for guidelines on imaging for orthodontics – with special attention to use of CBCT – (task group co-chairs Carla Evans for AAO and Bill Scarfe for AAOMR). The latest such agreement is between AAOMR and AGD and will be guidelines for dental caries diagnosis. More collaborative agreements are being discussed with other groups. Position papers are in the initial stages of getting under way to explain Standards in oral and maxillofacial radiology, and also on display systems and DICOM structured display.

4. The Annual Session main speakers for AAOMR (combined this year with AADMRT) San Diego November 17-20 have been selected and will include Sharon Brooks (Cline Fixott Oration), Marty Levin, Charles Hildebolt, Christos Angelopoulos, David Hatcher, Maria Mora, and Dale Miles. Special sessions will include: education (John Brand, co-ordinator), Research and Technology (Erika Benavides, co-ordinator), CRC (Juan Yepes, co-ordinator), and Exhibitors’ Forum (Kenny Abramovitch, co-ordinator). We will also have a Pre-Congress to be conducted in Spanish (Francisco Eraso, co-ordinator). Of course, there will also be a commercial exhibit and scientific free papers. More details will be available at www.aamor.org

Bob Cederberg, Juan Yepes and Christos Angelopoulos are leading on congress arrangements.

5. Christos Angelopoulos has been appointed the new Executive Director for AAIOMR with Gail Williamson as Associate Executive Director.

6. William C. Scarfe is the new Scientific Editor for AAOMR and will be assisted by Charles Hildebolt and Christos Angelopoulos as Associate Editors.

7. Christos Angelopoulos and I attended the ADA Roundtable Dental Collaborative of all specialty and other key US dental organizations including ADED. Dr. Valachovic (another oral and maxillofacial radiologist as well as ADEA Executive Director) represented ADEA. This was held in early January with a follow up teleconference 6 weeks later. Dr Tankersly, ADA President, is working very efficiently to ensure symbiosis of the organizations representing dentistry. Several new initiatives are likely, especially directed towards advertising dental health to the public.

8. Dr. Angelopoulos attended the ADA Dental Specialty Group meeting in Chicago on behalf of AAOMR.

9. I attended the Saudi Dental Congress in Riyadh in early February. There is much interest in oral and maxillofacial imaging applications. The OMR discipline is certain to grow strongly given the very capable local talent in our field.

10. An ADA Standards Committee on Dental Informatics meeting was held in Chicago February 23-24. AAOMR was represented by Jie Yang and Dania Tamimi as well as me. Technical Report 1048 on DICOM e-mail transport was sent forward to the ADA Council on Dental Practice. TR 1060 on obstructions to use of electronic transfers of diagnostic images was a little more controversial and needs a little reworking before it will be approved to move forward. Both of these technical reports are expected to answer the request of the ADA House of Delegates Resolution 83-2009 regarding electronic transfer of diagnostic radiographs and photographs.

11. As National Board Examinations are scheduled to become pass/fail and many dental schools have dropped the GPA and also become pass/fail, this is perceived to be a problem for initial screening of applicants for advanced programs in dentistry. Discussions are under way to examine the possibility of an A-DAT (Advanced Dental Aptitude Test). I will be attending a session set up by ADA Testing on this matter in Chicago, March 15-16. The AAOMR is ambivalent on the formation of such a test and would much prefer to have grades reinstalled for National Boards. An A-DAT would mean more expense and time loss for potential candidates to advanced programs in dentistry.

12. The AAOMR has a newly approved Strategic Plan (available on www.aamor.org) which was put together by the Strategic Planning Committee, Bernard Freidland, Chair. This is just in time for Brad Potter and the Periodic Review Committee to use in the 10 yearly specialty periodic review self study. Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology is now 10 years old as an ADA recognized specialty in the USA and periodic review will occur this April.

13. Maria Mora is the new Continuing Education Chair for AAOMR. AAOMR will be providing a case of the month on its website and also will contribute cases to DrBicuspid.com on a regular basis. The Continuing Education Committee is charged with developing basic certification courses for CBCT use. The ADA has also asked the AAOMR to man the Annual
Session Live Operatory Education Program and help also to interpret CBCT scans that may be made (after appropriate selection) on some individuals at the ADA Annual Session Health Fair. AAOMR will be provided a special booth through the ADA Annual Session for this purpose. Maria will be looking for OMR volunteers for this operation.

14. The AAOMR has two entirely new ad Hoc Committees, both of which are being most productive. Jeff Price leads the OMR Residents’ Committee. They have initiated a Board Review for June in North Carolina. They will also have a special session at the AAOMR Annual Session (to be held in parallel to the ABOMR luncheon). David Gane (Practiceworks) and Doug Chenin (Anatomage) head up the Corporate Advisory Board. Several exciting initiatives will be unveiled shortly.

15. The AAOMR is an Academy of “Radiology” – not only “Radiologists.” All interested in Radiology are welcome as our associates. If you are not yet a member then go to www.aaomr.org and check us out. We hope you will become a member of “our family.”

Councilor’s Report:
Members were informed that they are not automatically enrolled on the section’s listserv when they join the OMR section. This became apparent when it was discovered that many section members did not receive the January 2010 OMR Newsletter, which had been sent electronically through the listserv. The membership was asked to make sure they are included on the listserv, and if not, to subscribe as soon as possible.

To do this, follow these steps:
1. Go to www.adea.org
2. Sign in to access your personal profile
3. Select ADEA Service Center (right of the screen)
4. Select “Contact and Personal Information”
5. Scroll down to the “Please include me on the listserv” option
6. Select Yes
7. Select Save

The importance of this was emphasized because printed versions of the Newsletter will no longer be produced, and all important information including details about the annual section program and details regarding the annual session will be placed in the electronic Newsletter. The Councilor will contact as many OMR section members as possible via the AAOMR Membership Roster and the ORADList and ask them to subscribe to the listserv.

Members were encouraged to view the speech of the incoming ADEA President, Dr. Sandra Andrieu, and the report of ADEA Executive Director Rick Valachovic, on the website. The members of the ADEA House of Delegates (HOD) will vote during the annual session for the new President-elect. OMR section members were asked to share their preferences with the Councilor and Chair, who are the section’s delegates.

The opening session of the HOD on February 27 included votes on the following four resolutions:

1. The HOD approved the appointment of Dr. Connie Drisko to a four year term as an ADEA member of the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations, effective at the conclusion of the ADA Annual Session in 2010.

2. The HOD extended its appreciation to numerous organizations and individuals for their support of ADEA’s activities and programs over the past year.

Dr. Joan E. Kowolik, Member-at-Large of the Council of Sections, will be the liaison to the Council for the OMR section. The councilor thanked the outgoing section Chair, Dr. Chaudhry, for his excellent work and expressed the gratitude of all section members for his service.

Old Business:
None.

New Business:
Dr. Dan Colosi of SUNY at Stony Brook was unanimously elected Secretary. The OMR section officers for 2010 – 2011 are:

Dr. Vijay Parashar, Chair
Dr. Anitha Potluri, Chair-elect
Dr. Dan Colosi, Secretary
Dr. James R. Geist, Councilor

Adjournment:
The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.
focused on building bridges between varied professional roles in education. One of the major presentations at the meeting was "Diversity and Access to Dental Careers: Building Capacity for the Future."

Dr. Kevin Barnett of the Public Health Institute spoke about the challenges and opportunities for diversity in health professional education. He noted that underrepresented minorities are more likely to serve in minority communities as health care workers, but also presented evidence that diverse student bodies improve educational outcomes for all students. Diversity-promoting accreditation standards must be actively driven by leaders of academic institutions. Dr. Barnett pointed out that despite the CODA standard that schools must design admissions policies to recruit and admit minorities, 20 dental schools have no more than one African American first year dental student. Despite this, none of these programs were found to be non-compliant with the standard. Dr. Barnett then spoke about the use of accreditation as an agent for change.

Dr. Joshua Aronson of NYU addressed the issues of stereotyping and the nature and nurture of intelligence. He noted that African American students struggle in high school and college, but cited a general anti-intellectual culture in the US as one reason for poor performance by all American students on international tests. Dr. Aronson spoke of the malleability and fragility of intelligence and how stereotyping can adversely affect learning.

Drs. James Koelbl and Susan Crim presented a draft of ADEA’s Guiding Principles on the Education of New Oral Health Professionals, including Dental Health Aide Therapists, Community Dental Health Coordinators, and Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioners, among others. Feedback is solicited from members. This is an area of concern for OMR members, since some knowledge or dental radiology will undoubtedly be required for some of these health care workers.

Section Evaluation
2009 - 2010

Each year the ADEA Council of Sections (CoS) Administrative Board conducts a review of section performance in accordance with the ADEA Bylaws (Chapter X, Section E). The report from the Board regarding the OMR section for 2009 – 2010 has not been forwarded, despite requests from the Councilor. Once the report is received, the Councilor will forward it electronically to all section members.

2011 Section Program
Strengths of Collaboration: Bridging the Gap with Cone Beam 3-D Imaging

Cone beam 3-D imaging is a vital tool that can bring various disciplines together to improve the oral health and well-being of patients. Cone Beam Volumetric Tomography (CBVT) is an excellent modality for maxillofacial imaging and has numerous applications in dentistry. There is a need to include 3-D image interpretation and implant treatment planning in dental education. A review of a survey conducted to evaluate the inclusion of cone beam imaging in dental education will be presented. Three-dimensional imaging can serve as an excellent tool for implant treatment planning. The significance of 3-D imaging and collaboration between implant team members in implant placement and implant restoration will be discussed.

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