

Color Me Appreciative



August is much-desired holiday time for most of our editorial family, including this scribbler. An annual escape to the countryside at full TV olympian throttle (or overload depending on your perspective) may not make for the usual desired serene start, but this year's is a wondrous reminder of the range of athletic skills that the international community diverts us with. It is also not that far-fetched to remind our readers of comparable pleasures derived from that other range of international intellectual accomplishment that continues to deserve our collective appreciation, hence the

satisfaction derived from this issue, which includes an interview with an exceptional American leader in his discipline, a series of excellent papers from numerous countries, and a delightful picture of faculty and participants from the global prosthodontic community who attended the recent IJP/Karlsruhe Workshop for Young Prosthodontic Educators that was held in Baden-Baden, Germany.

I invited Neal Garrett, one of this journal's invaluable reviewers, to conduct this issue's dialogue with John Beumer. The result is an incisive and objective profile of one of the discipline's leaders whose educational impact upon the international scene, Asia



Group photograph of the faculty and participants from the global prosthodontic community

in particular, has indeed been significant. In its early developmental stages, maxillofacial prosthodontics was a remarkable convergence of clinical skills, materials appreciation, and exemplary humanism, and all too often served as a superb art form in search of a reliable means of retention. But almost overnight its strongly evolved synergies with surgical specialties, combined with the introduction of Brånemark's osseointegration techniques, led to the current therapeutic platform that John Beumer has played an indispensable role in evolving.

This journal continues to believe that the nurturing of our discipline's future leaders demands an

appreciation of those colleagues who helped prosthodontics come of age combined with the manner in which our published research papers continue to evolve. Both objectives are very much underscored in IJP/Karlsruhe workshops, with abstracts of the presentations from the recent June workshop to be featured in the next issue. It needs to be admitted that it is a good time to be part of this discipline—there is so much to appreciate.

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