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## Twenty Seven New Diplomates become Certified

The ABOI/ID Board of Directors is pleased to make known that **27** dentists became Board certified on May 3, 2005. These distinguished practitioners include the following:

Touradj M. Ameli, DMD, MS, Boston, MA  
Richard Allan Assing, DDS, Brandon, FL  
Wesley S. Blakeslee, DDS, Manasquan, NJ  
Richard Blustein, DDS, MS, St. Louis, MO  
Mario M. Cabianca, DMD, Trail, BC, CANADA  
Gregg R. Codelli, DDS, Atlanta, GA  
Jean-Jacques Elbaz, DDS, MS, Beverly Hills, CA  
Jay E. Elliott, DDS, Houston, TX  
Leonard Feld, DDS, Maywood, CA  
Robert Anthony Giantomas, DMD, Toms River, NJ  
Richard V. Grubb, DDS, Havre de Grace, MD  
Brian J. Jackson, DDS, Utica, NY  
Peter S.Y. Kim, DMD, Burnaby, BC, CANADA  
Frank R. Leone, DDS, Armonk, NY  
Mark H. E. Lin, DDS, North York, ON, CANADA  
Victor M. Manon, DDS, Kingwood, TX  
Vahik Meserkhani, DDS, Glendale, CA  
Joe Mike Murphy, DDS, Athens, TX  
Alan Paradis, DDS, Colleyville, TX  
Steven P. Quinn, DDS, Springfield, MO  
William M. Reuss III, DDS, Anderson, CA  
Ehab T. Shahid, DMD, Bergenfield, NJ  
Edwin Simpson, DDS, Houston, TX  
John Sung, DDS, Flushing, NY  
Kiyotaka Umezu, DDS, Saitama, JAPAN  
James A. Vito, DMD, Wayne, PA  
John C. Watkins, DDS, Lindale, TX

The ABOI/ID will honor these distinguished dentists during the ABOI/ID Breakfast, as well as during the President's reception and dinner, both of which will take place during the 2005 AAID Annual Meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona.

This year, **48** candidates participated in the examination process: **19** sat for both the written

and oral portions; **13**, for the written portion only; and, **16** for the oral only.

The ABOI/ID was activated in 1990. Since then, **315** dentists have become Diplomates. Including the new 2005 Diplomates, the ABOI/ID now has **293** dentists who are Board certified. The *2005 Diplomate Directory* will be made available to all Diplomates in August.

## The Board of Directors Nominates Barry K. Bartee, DDS, MD for 2006 Seat



The Board of Directors of the ABOI/ID is comprised of seven members, each of whom serves a rotating seven-year term. This means that, each year, one new Director rotates on to the Board and that the most senior Director rotates off. On December 31, 2005 **Barry K. Bartee, DDS, MD**, who has served on the Board since 1999, will vacate his seat. Accordingly, his departure makes a new position available on the 2006 Board.

As it is empowered to do by the *ABOI/ID By-laws*, the 2005 Board of Directors has nominated **Barry K. Bartee, DDS, MD** for the open 2006 position.

Dr. Bartee received a degree in dental surgery from Baylor College of Dentistry, Dallas, TX in 1986 and entered private dental practice with his

father in Lubbock, Texas. Immediately following graduation, Bartee began to attend numerous implant courses and training programs, accumulating over 500 hours of implant continuing education within four years. In 1992, he became an Associate Fellow in the American Academy of Implant Dentistry. In 1995, he entered Texas Tech University School of Medicine where he earned an M.D. degree in 1999. Bartee then returned to private practice where he focused on implantology and complex restorative dentistry. He soon became a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral Implantology/Implant Dentistry, completing the written and oral examination in 2000.

His daily professional activities involve patient care, teaching, writing, research, and product development. He holds two U.S. patents related to bone regeneration and has several patents pending. He has lectured nationally and internationally on the topic of implant site development and guided tissue regeneration.

Dr. Bartee is a Fellow of the American College of Dentists and has received the Literary Award from the American and International College of Dentists. He serves on the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Oral Implantology*. He has been nominated by his local dental society for the Texas Dentist of the Year award and has twice served as Guest Editor for the *Texas Dental Journal* special issue on implantology.

*Diplomates can also nominate candidates*  
 Diplomates of the ABOI/ID can also nominate individuals for the Board's open 2006 seat, providing that at least five Diplomates endorse the nomination. To be eligible for nomination, Diplomates must be in good standing with the ABOI/ID, be a Fellow or Associate Fellow of the AAID, and *not* also be an officer or member of the Board of any other oral-implant organization or of any other dental or medical specialty board. Consistent with the *Bylaws*, all nominations must be received in ABOI/ID office by 5:00 p.m. Central Time, Friday, September 2, 2005. The election will take place on Tuesday, November 1, 2005 by mail ballot.

Members of the Board of Directors who will be continuing their service in 2006 include: Robert J. Buhite, Sr., DDS (2006), Jerry L. Soderstrom, DDS (2007), Jack A. Hahn, DDS (2008), Charles M. Weiss, DDS (2009), James L. Rutkowski, DMD, (2010), and A. Burton Melton, DDS (2011). The officers for 2006 can be seen on page five.

### Recognition of Last Year's Diplomates

The ABOI/ID honored each of its 28 new Diplomates at a special ceremony held in November 2004 during the President's Celebration and Dinner (AAID annual meeting, New York). Dr.



**Drs. Stobaugh and DuCoin honor Dr. Shirin Rawji, new Diplomate from Orlando, Florida**

R. Kent Stobaugh, 2004 president of the ABOI/ID, along with Dr. Francis J. DuCoin, 2004 President of the AAID, congratulated each of the 28 new Diplomates who were announced by Ms. Jennifer Holloway, Emcee.

### Practice Analysis

Several years ago, the American Board of Oral Implantology/Implant Dentistry (ABOI/ID) undertook a program to enhance the validity and reliability of its certification examination. Since

this time, the examination process has been running smoothly. Recognizing, however, that validating an examination was an ongoing process, the Board has chosen to re-validate the written examination. This process, which will take two years to complete, will use a practice analysis as its basis. The validation process is comprised of three parts:

- ! An identification and listing of patient-care activities in which Diplomates are engaged—i.e., identifying those activities that are deemed by Diplomates to be necessary for the safe and effective care of the public. This process is being conducted by focus groups composed of Diplomates who derive from all regions of the United States and Canada, embrace all demographic aspects of implant dentistry, and represent each gender and racial/ethnic group.
- ! A verification of this patient-care listing through a mail survey of all Diplomates.
- ! The development of a set of test specifications (a test blueprint) that is based upon the results of the survey and that serves as an infrastructure for the written certification examination.

In February 2005, the Board invited all registered Diplomates to apply for serving on a focus group. It received over sixty applications and selected representative samples of Diplomates for each of the five focus groups. The Board has now conducted each of its five focus groups and is in the process of consolidating the results. Soon, it will be completing a pilot test of its survey instrument. Once the results of the pilot are in, the Board will finalize the details of the survey and send it to all Diplomates. The survey will elicit information on how often Diplomate perform certain patient-care activities listed therein and on how critical the activities are for the safe and effective care of the dental-implant patient. The Board asks that each Diplomate participate in the final survey.

#### **New Format for the Oral (Part II) Examination**

The ABOI/ID Board of Directors is pleased to announce that it is upgrading its oral examination format (now known as Part II of the certification examination).

Beginning with the 2006 examination year, dentists will no longer be required to submit their ten cases just before their oral examination. Instead, they will submit them as part of their *application* for Part II. Only those applicants whose applications and cases meet the Board's standards will be accepted and allowed to progress on to the *oral* examination, which now consists of case rotations.

Furthermore, candidates will no longer be required to bring their own four cases to the examination session for discussion and review. Instead, they will be required to visit each of five standardized case stations, each of which will be timed. At any one station, candidates will review a particular patient's medical history, dental chart, computer-printed plastic models, radiographs, and CT scans, etc. For each of the five cases, the evaluators will then ask candidates standardized questions in predetermined categories. By the end of the examination session, each candidate will have been rated on each of the same five cases as other candidates by ten examiners.

The Board has delegated the responsibility of creating and selecting the cases to be used each year to its Part II test construction committee. This committee will work in much the same way that the written test construction (Part I) committee has, for the past number of years.

Those dentists interested in seeing a sample standardized case will have the opportunity of doing so during the AAID's Mock Board and Review Session, which will be held during the AAID's annual meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona. (See page 5.)

## International Credentialing

During its 2005 annual meeting, the Board of Directors elected to explore the possibility of forming a new and separate international division of the ABOI/ID. Under this division, it might examine dentists who had not graduated from undergraduate dental programs accredited by the ADA's Commission on Dental Accreditation and who did not hold a US or Canadian license to practice dentistry. Under such a plan, international candidates who had met certain eligibility requirements and who had passed both parts of the examination might then be awarded a special credential--an award different in name from the ABOI/ID's *Diplomate* credential. Currently, the credentialing committee is developing a proposal for such an international credentialing program. The Board will consider the proposal after which time it is finalized.

## ABOI/ID Activities at the AAID Annual Meeting



**Saguaro Cactus  
Phoenix, Arizona**

will be offered by the ABOI/ID and AAID.

The AAID will present a mock board review and examination. This luncheon session, which will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2005 from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m., will provide an overview of the ABOI/ID certification examination process and will offer participants the opportunity of taking a mock Part I examination of approximately 20 questions and of viewing a sample Part II standardized case. The correct responses

to the Part I questions will be provided and no test scores will be calculated. During registration for the meeting, interested individuals can purchase tickets for \$80.00. (The ticket price includes the cost of the lunch.)

During the table clinic session, new Diplomates will display the ten cases that they presented during their own oral/case examinations and discuss the various aspects of them. Attendees will find this to be a valuable resource as they prepare to apply for the 2006 Part II examination. The session will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2005 from 9:30–10:30 a.m. There is *no* admission fee.

The ABOI/ID will hold its eleventh annual breakfast for Diplomates and other interested dentists on Friday, October 21, 2005, from 7:00–8:00 a.m. During this event, President Buhite will recognize the ABOI/ID's new Diplomates, as well as the ABOI/ID's past presidents and currently serving committee members. He will, in addition, present plaques to the immediate past president and to the officers of the Board of Directors. Current Diplomates who ordered ABOI/ID medallions and who desired to receive them during the breakfast will be presented with their medallions. Finally, Dr. Buhite will provide information to attendees on the activities of the ABOI/ID. The price of the tickets for the breakfast is \$55.00 and, as before, the tickets can also be purchased during registration.

Potential applicants for the ABOI/ID examination can also take part in the "lunch-and-learn" program entitled *On Becoming a Diplomate*. During this luncheon, which will be held on Friday, October 21, 2005 from 12:00–1:30 p.m., two current members of the Board of Directors who are also examiners will present an informal seminar on preparing for and participating in the certification examination. During registration, tickets can be purchased for \$80.00.

Diplomates are encouraged to attend these special ABOI/ID events during the AAID annual meeting and to invite their colleagues who are yet to be Diplomates to attend as well.

## ABOI/ID Logo

The Board of Directors announces that it is no longer extending the use of its registered trademark, or logo, to Diplomates. It asks that Diplomates who have been incorporating the Board's trademark on their stationery and other materials to discontinue doing so as they place future orders of such materials.

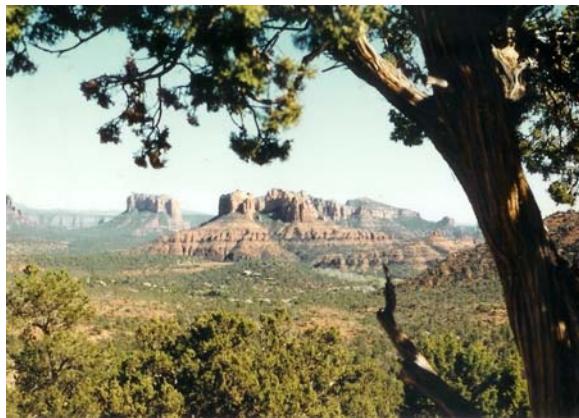
## Calendar of Important Events

### September 2, 2005

Diplomates' nominations for the ABOI/ID Board of Directors are due by 5:00 p.m. Central Time

### October 15, 2005

Applications are due for Parts I and II of the ABOI/ID 2006 certification examination. Diplomates should encourage their colleagues to apply. They can access everything they need to know about the process by logging on to [www.aboi.org](http://www.aboi.org) and downloading the 2006 *Handbook*, the requirements, the study guide, and the Part I and Part II applications.



**Countryside in Arizona near Sedona**

### October 19-23, 2005

AAID's annual meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona (Pre-register at [www.aaid-implant.org](http://www.aaid-implant.org))

### October 19, 2005

AAID mock board review and presentation

### October 20, 2005

ABOI/ID table clinic

### October 21, 2005

ABOI/ID eleventh annual breakfast  
*On Becoming a Diplomate* lunch-and-learn

### October 22, 2005

AAID president's celebration during which new Diplomates will be honored

### March 24-27, 2006

2006 certification examination  
Board of Directors' annual meeting

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