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**ABOI/ID President**



*James L. Rutkowski, D.M.D., PhD*

Dear Colleague,

It has been a great year. The ABOI/ID has made great strides in distinguishing itself as the premier certifying body in implantology. This was quite evident when in April of 2009; the ABOI/ID and AAID won a long legal battle which has been taking place in Florida. We could not have accomplished this without the legal advice and counsel of Frank Recker.

The ABOI/ID also has a new website, be sure to take a look by going to [www.aboi.org](http://www.aboi.org) the look is clean and easy to navigate. The website has an announcement page which will be used to communicate with Diplomates on current events or pertinent information, so be sure to check the website periodically for updated information.

I am also very happy to announce that the ABOI/ID has come to an agreement with OMNI Hotels of Chicago to offer a special rate to ABOI/ID Diplomates of \$199.00 per night. When you call to make a reservation, say that you are part of the ABOI to get the discount. You are eligible to use this rate anytime you come to Chicago either on business or pleasure.

I hope that you are planning to attend the AAID Annual Meeting in New Orleans. As ABOI/ID President, I would like to invite you to attend the ABOI Annual Breakfast, which will take place on Friday November 13, 2009. During the breakfast new Diplomates will be formally recognized and receive their ABOI/ID Diplomat medallion.

This is a ticketed event, so be sure to purchase your tickets through the AAID when you register for the annual meeting.

Also, don't forget to stop by the ABOI booth. If you plan on bringing a colleague, stop by to discuss the possibility of them becoming a Diplomat of the ABOI/ID.

Last but not least, we had one of our very own pass away too soon recently. I would like to give my condolences to Shirley Soderstrom on the passing of Jerry. He will be missed by many, but never forgotten.

Sincerely,

James L. Rutkowski, D.M.D., PhD

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### **ABOI/ID 2009 Diplomates**

Our new Diplomates have worked hard to achieve this milestone in their professional lives. No other organization in implant dentistry has such comprehensive requirements and testing to become a Diplomate. The new Diplomates listed below, certainly should be proud of themselves for striving and accomplishing this goal:

Alexandre Aalam, DDS  
*Los Angeles, California- Periodontist*

Shabrez Ahmed, DDS  
*McLean, Virginia- General Practitioner*

Ramsey A. Amin, DDS  
*Burbank, California-General Practitioner*

Saad Bassas, DDS  
*Sartell, Minnesota- General Practitioner*

Joseph David Bedich, DDS  
*Cortland, Ohio- General Practitioner*

Ralph T. Costagliola, DDS  
*Staten Island, New York  
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon*

Mehrdad Fay, DDS  
*Redlands, California- General Practitioner*

Chanda Kale, BDS, MDS  
*Jamaica Estates, New York- General Practitioner*

Firas F. Katabi, DDS  
*Chicago, Illinois  
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon*

Winnie S. Lee, DDS  
*Sunnyvale, California- General Practitioner*

Gary Lynn Newell, DDS  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia- General Practitioner*

Richard W. Panek, DDS  
*Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon*

Oender Solakoglu, DDS  
*St. Paul, Minnesota- Periodontist*

Anthony Wong, DMD  
*Delta, British Columbia, Canada  
General Practitioner*

### **Nomination of ABOI/ID New Board Member for 2010**

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, 2009, Louis Rigali, DDS will vacate his seat. Dr. Rigali's departure makes a new position available on the 2010 ABOI/ID Board.

As it is empowered to do by the *ABOI/ID By-laws*, the 2009 Board of Directors has nominated Emile Martin, DDS of Syracuse, New York for the open 2010 position.



**Emile Martin, DDS**

Dr. Martin graduated from Temple University Dental School in 1974. He also attended a three (3) year implant continuing education program at the University of Pennsylvania which he completed in 1989.

Dr. Martin holds many professional honors which include the following, he is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral Implantology/Implant Dentistry, holds a Mastership with the Academy of General Dentistry, is a Fellow and Past President of the American Academy of Implant Dentistry, Past Chairman of the American Academy of Implant Dentistry Research Foundation, as well as holds a Mastership from the Academy of Laser Dentistry.

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### Nomination of ABOI/ID New Board Member for 2010 (cont.)

In addition to maintaining a busy private practice, Dr. Martin speaks at dental specialty meetings on various topics.

Please congratulate Dr. Martin on his nomination to the ABOI/ID Board.

### Diplomates can also Nominate Candidates to the Board

Diplomates of the ABOI/ID can nominate individuals for the Board's open 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, Thursday, September 3, 2009.
- The election will take place on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 by mail ballot if an additional candidate is nominated.
- If no other candidate is nominated, the ABOI/ID Board will vote on the candidate Thursday, November 5, 2009.

If you have any questions regarding the voting and nomination process, please contact the ABOI/ID Headquarters

### Continuing ABOI/ID Board Members

Members of the Board of Directors who will be continuing their service in 2010 include:

- Barry K. Bartee, DDS, MD  
President (2012)
- James L. Rutkowski, DMD  
Past President in (2010)
- Walter C. Chitwood, Jr., DDS  
Vice-President (2011)
- H. Dexter Barber, DDS  
Secretary (2013)

Directors:

Craig D. Cooper, DDS (2015)  
Natalie Y. Wong, DDS (2014)

### ABOI/ID Activities at the AAID Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA

The annual meeting of the American Academy of Implant Dentistry (AAID) will be held in New Orleans, LA at the Hilton New Orleans, Riverside.

The AAID has arranged for a special discounted rate of: \$215 USD Single; \$235 USD Double (plus tax) be sure to mention the American Academy of Implant Dentistry for the special group rate.

### Fifteenth Annual ABOI/ID Breakfast

The ABOI/ID will hold its Fifteenth Annual breakfast for Diplomates on Friday, November 13, 2009 from 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. During this event, **President James L. Rutkowski, DMD, PhD** will present the ABOI/ID's new Diplomates with their medals, as well as recognize the ABOI/ID's past presidents and currently serving committee members.

The ticket price for the breakfast is **\$55.00** and must be purchased in advance through the AAID. (Tickets are required for this event)

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### **Calendar of Important Events**

#### **Thursday, September 3, 2009**

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

#### **Wednesday, October 15, 2009**

Applications are due for Parts I and II of the ABOI/ID 2010 certification examination. Diplomates should encourage their colleagues to apply. To find out more information, go to the new ABOI/ID website: [www.aboi.org](http://www.aboi.org)

#### **November 10-November 15, 2009**

AAID's annual meeting in New Orleans, LA (Pre-register at [www.aaid.com](http://www.aaid.com))

#### **Friday, November 13, 2009**

ABOI/ID Fifteenth Annual Breakfast

#### **Saturday, November 14, 2009**

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

#### **April 16-18, 2010**

2010 ABOI/ID certification examinations



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