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1994 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 18, 1994

Cabot Lodge Millsaps — Jackson, Mississippi — Board Room

Meeting was called to order at 1:20 p.m. by President Ralph Lambert. Members present were: Drs. Lambert, Eichmiller, Birkitt, Evans, Cochran, Ramage, Roberts, Bridgeman, and Ron Harris.

The agenda for the meeting and interim financial report were distributed to all present. Minutes of the February Board meeting were approved as published in the Gold Leaf and distributed. The financial situation was described as fairly good, but it appeared as though this meeting would cost the Academy some money due to the low number of registrants. The largest cost over normal expenses is for payment to speakers, which was anticipated to be covered by registration fees. The Secretary-Treasurer stated that membership was down again, as those who had been delinquent after several notices, were being dropped, as well as some who voluntarily withdrew membership.

Treasurer's Report:

An interim report was distributed to all present which consisted of the following:

Assets — October 15, 1994		
CD	\$15,000.00	
CD	25,000.00	
Checking	20,615.38	\$60,615.38
Receipts — 1994	\$25,616.05	
Expenditures — 1994	21,236.38	
Net gain/loss		\$4,379.67
Assets — January 1, 1994		
CDs	15,000.00	
Money Market	25,676.50	
Checking	16,286.99	
Receipts not deposited	1,180.00	\$58,143.49
Differences in Assets during 1994	+6,851.56 (bills not yet fully paid for meeting)	
Dues + Journal Subscriptions	27,080.00	
Journal Subscriptions Paid	13,495.00	
Dues Received — 1994	13,585.00	
Total members 314		
Dues paying members — 225 (net down 15 due to transfers to Life and dropouts)		

Secretary-Treasurer noted that audits may not have been performed recently, at least not since taking over the office, and this should be done on some type of regular basis. The Board agreed and this will be taken care of. If prohibitive, perhaps this could be accomplished by an Audit Committee, appointed by the President in the future.

Financial report was accepted as presented.

Notice was sent to the ADA Journal regarding our meeting, but it may not have appeared in print.

Thank you note from one of the Student Achievement awardees was read.

Letter was received from Dr. Charles Jarvis after inquiring about the possibility of using him as a banquet speaker. It was noted that he might be a bit expensive for our tastes.

A letter was received from Dr. Goel, a member from India, which suggested that some instruments or supplies might be useful in her practice/teaching position. Dr. Evans may be going to India in December and could carry some things with him.

Vic Williams had to cancel at the last minute and sent his regards. A brief discussion ensued about the publication being done by some Italian practitioners. It is a very nice piece of work, but most agreed that the Academy could not afford to fund this.

Journal Report:

Neither the Editor or Managing Editor were present, but Dr. Cochran, as Associate Editor was present. A report from the Editor had been faxed by Dr. McCoy and copies were distributed to those present. Things are apparently in good order, with most of the original staff still in place in Washington. Publication takes place in Indianapolis, and this will be overseen by Dr. Cochran. No major changes are foreseeable or apparently necessary, and Dr. Max Anderson has done a lot of work to prepare the issues for the remainder of the year.

Annual Meeting Report:

Cost of registration was purposely kept low, hoping to cover all expenses, or possibly fund some of the meeting out of general expenses, as an incentive for members to attend. Motion was made and passed to fund the member presenters a token amount for part of their expenses. The program for this meeting is all in order, including the social events and tours. The banquet setting should be well received by all. Reception is being funded by the exhibitors. They should be thanked for their support. Support from the dental school has been exceptional, and the clinical setup really lends itself to our purposes.

Future Meetings:

1995 — November 1-4. Meetings at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina and the clinical

session to be held at the dental clinic at the Parris Island Marine Base. The format will include several additional lectures on various topics from outside, as well as, member speakers. There will be ample time to enjoy leisure activities, such as golf, tennis, etc. Barry Evans presented a tentative schedule of events, with several speakers already committed. Accommodations will be at the Cottages Conference Center at Shipyard Plantation and this will include a Saturday stayover.

A table will be set up at the Operative Academy meeting to help publicize our efforts, with slides of clinical operations from this meeting, as well as slides from some of our members. It was suggested that an insert publicizing the meeting with the new format be forwarded to the editor of the Condenser, and also publish a notice in the journal.

1996 — The University of Texas at San Antonio has offered to host our clinical session.

1997 — Nashville, Tennessee was suggested using facilities at Meharry University. It was also suggested that the Academy president for that year might have a preference to be closer to his home location. This will be looked into.

Committee Reports:

Literature and Research — Fred Eichmiller said that he will have copies of the latest update of the Gold Foil bibliography. A paper is ready for publication using platinized foil for Class VI cuspid guidance. Work continues on the powdered silver material being developed as a possible substitute for mercury-containing materials. It is condensed and cold welded much like powdered gold. Fred plans to conduct a table clinic in this area at the Operative meeting. The committee is also trying to revive rubber dam usage in various ways.

Inter-Academy Liaison — Ralph Lambert has been in touch with Warren Johnson, President of the Operative Academy.

Public Relations — Rick Nash had sent a letter outlining some plans of his committee, with plans to concentrate on working with study clubs and other organized dental groups. The committee plans to get together at this meeting if possible.

Education and Study Clubs — Warren Johnson was not present for the meeting, but submitted his report shortly afterward. It involves a questionnaire, in conjunction with the Operative Academy, being sent to dental schools, to find out what restorative materials/techniques are being taught. Also, a list is being compiled of direct gold courses being offered, to avoid getting into competition for participants. He suggests appointing members from Europe and Asia to the committee. Another plan is to offer courses to the dental schools that might be interested in acting as hosts. This will be done by survey, a copy of which was included with this report.

Necrology — Bill Roberts stated that there have been five known passings during the year: G. Keith Brumwell, Peter J. Cavallo, Louis B. Schoel, Robert M. Wild and W.E.L. Williamson.

Outstanding Clinician — The committee has selected Fred Eichmiller. Woody Rupp will make the presentation at the banquet as Fred has to be in New Orleans Thursday.

Distinguished Member — Don Benson and his committee have selected Harold Schnepfer and Bob Kinzer will make the presentation at the banquet.

Constitution and ByLaws — Jerry Heston and his committee have made a number of suggested changes, but there is still work to be done before presenting a new document to the membership. It was agreed that a proposal be ready by the board meeting in February. The new president will appoint an appropriate committee to try to finalize things.

Membership — It was agreed previously that there is probably not a great need for a membership committee to act on applicants that are unknown to them. The Secretary distributed a list of changes in membership which occurred during the year, including new applicants, which was passed by the Board to be voted upon Wednesday morning.

Unfinished Business:

Student Achievement Awards — The list of schools responding to the offer of our award seems to decline each year. It was suggested that the offer be expanded to include excellence in intra-coronal castings, as well as direct golds. A motion was made to this effect and passed.

New Business:

Continuing Education — Contract with AGD for acceptance expires in December, so new application had to be filed, to include course evaluation forms, which have been made-up and can be used at this meeting. Course record forms will be available at this meeting to maintain record for either AGD and/or state board satisfaction.

Keyring favors were bought which corroded badly and will be returned to manufacturer.

Bill Roberts indicated that the long lost President's gavel has been found and will appear at this meeting, thanks to Dick Tucker. It was suggested that the Secretary keep it in his possession and carry it to meetings to avoid misplacing it.

Secretary asked permission to include a late fee in membership dues statements. It was agreed upon.

The meeting was adjourned at about 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald K. Harris, D.D.S., M.S.D.
Secretary-Treasurer

A.A.G.F.O. Committee Appointments for 1994-1995

Program: Dr. Barry Evans Dr. Ted Ramage	Chmn. Vice-Chmn.	Inter-Academy Liaison: Dr. Glenn Birkitt Dr. Ralph Lambert Dr. Ronald Harris (Sec.-Treas.)	Chmn.	Outstanding Clinician Award: Dr. Michael Cochran Dr. Warren Johnson Dr. Fred Eichmiller	Chmn.
Literature and Research: Dr. Fred Eichmiller Dr. Richard McCoy Dr. Max Anderson Dr. Tim Carlson Dr. Melvin Lund	Chmn.	Public Relations: Dr. Ron Zokol Dr. Christianne Guba Dr. David Bridgeman Dr. Susan Moore	Chmn.	Distinguished Member: Dr. Nelson Rupp Dr. Lloyd Baum Dr. Harold Schnepfer	Chmn.
Constitution and Bylaws: Dr. Melvin Lund Dr. Mike Cochran Dr. Tim Carlson Dr. Ron Harris	Chmn.	Education and Study Clubs: Dr. Warren Johnson Dr. Barry Evans Dr. Ted Ramage Dr. James Gourley Dr. William Morris	Chmn.	Ad hoc Committee for International Meetings: Dr. Alan Osborn Dr. Jim Vernetti Dr. Harold Schnepfer Dr. Halla Sigurjons Dr. Yoshiroh Katoh	Chmn.
Nominating Dr. Jerry Heston Dr. Richard Hoard Dr. Ralph Lambert	Chmn.	Necrology: Dr. William Roberts Dr. Nelson Rupp Dr. Richard V. Tucker	Chmn.		

Message from the President

Changes appear to be taking place no matter where we look, change is the way of life it would seem. Our Academy is in a period of changes. Changes that came about by a survey made last year.

This year at our annual meeting at the University of Mississippi Dental School in Jackson, Mississippi we witnessed just such a change in format and content of our lecture program. Earlier in our operating session we witnessed again not only the time honored placement of direct gold but also the placement and preparation of gold casting. Interest shown by the attending members was both enthusiastic and positive.

As we look again and plan for our up-coming meeting in 1995, we will be changing the meeting dates. We are moving away from the days when we met prior to the American Dental Association meeting. Next year we will be meeting in early November, hopefully allowing more of our members freedom to attend. We were disappointed with the low attendance observed in Jackson. The Board would urge our

members to look carefully at these dates and to make a special effort to attend at Hilton Head for an exciting program.

The Board of Directors would hope that these changes would in part be effective in stimulating interest in the success of our Academy. Our goal, as always, should be to promote excellence in dentistry and to offer our patients the excellence of direct gold fillings.

I feel that the future of our Academy depends in part on our spreading the word and offering to our young colleagues encouragement in this discipline.

The fact that there appears to be an increased interest for direct gold procedure in Europe and other countries should encourage us to continue our efforts here in our Academy.

Glenn H. Birkitt, DDD

President, American Academy of Gold Foil Operators

From the Desk of the Secretary:

Need Help from the Membership



Dr. Ron Harris

What a shame! So much effort went into planning the meeting in Jackson, and it was a pretty good one. The clinical session was one of the best — from the operations to the physical layout and the enthusiasm of the faculty and staff at Mississippi. They even asked if we could do a return visit sometime. Does that sound familiar? Not! Those who attended Dr. Roberts' presentation on Osteoporosis left with a lot of good information and very positive comments. Not only did he elaborate on causes and effects of osteoporosis, but had a wealth of information on other areas of the health scheme and dietary tidbits. The audience did not even include all of those who attended the meeting. In the afternoon session, the clinical presentations of Bob Murray and Tim Carlson were really great, but the audience had dwindled down to a handful of about 20. This does not impress those who spent so much time and effort in preparing a presentation. It was disappointing for them, at the very least. Admittedly, there were conflicts involving the ADA and associated meetings, and, hopefully next year's meeting will avoid a lot of that, as well as including a Saturday night stayover.

So...let's move on to a brighter note. Next year's meeting will be November 1-4, at Hilton Head Island, SC, with the clinical portion at the Marine Corps Base at Parris Island. This will occur about a month after the ADA meeting and the format will be different. The program will include a meaningful array of speakers from within and outside our membership, and is intended to be a solid continuing education experience in restorative dentistry. Barry Evans is arranging several half days of a meaningful essay program that should rival other national meetings. There will be ample time for play, with golf, tennis, fishing, beach activities, shopping, and whatever. The accommodations are different — they are condos of two and three bedrooms, so members might want to make arrangements to share villas in advance. There will be enough publicity sent out in advance, but it wouldn't hurt to begin planning.

One other note — the Academy plans to have a table set up at the Operative meeting in Chicago in February. I would like to have a few outstanding clinical slides from members to show others what we can do with both direct gold and inlays/onlays. If you can spare one or two, you could either mail them to me or hand carry them to Chicago. Credit will be given to the operators during the presentation. We want to spread the word to those unfamiliar with our organization, and think this might be one way to do it. Please lend a hand!

Let's stay in touch!

Banquet Gathering



President Dr. Ralph Lambert introduces the head table.



The new board left to right: Dr. Glenn Birkitt, Dr. Barry Evans, Dr. Ted Ramage, Dr. Fred Eichmiller, Dr. Craig Bridgeman, Dr. Tim Carlson.



President Glenn H. Birkitt addresses the banquet.



Incoming president Dr. Glenn Birkitt presents past-president's plaque to Dr. Ralph Lambert.



Dr. Ron Harris keeping a watchful eye.



Past president Dr. Bill Roberts and Mrs. Roberts — official photographer for the meeting.





Catfish Dinner & Entertainment



Tour guide at the Vicksburg Museum.



Country store at the museum.





Harrah's Casino in Vicksburg.



Jack Seymour & Craig Bridgeman losing at the casino. Tim Carlson & Ralph Lambert looking on.



Trying to pay for the Porsche.



New way to fund our meetings?

Clinic Session



Host school.



Dr. Ralph Werner helping Dr. Alfred Heston.



Margot & Warren Johnson Class III.



Doreen & Ted Ramage Class V.



Richard D. Tucker Class V.



Craig Bridgeman doing castings.



Dr. David Thorburn.



Dr. Chester Gibson.



Dr. Scott Barrett.



Dr. Daniel Saucy.



Dr. David Bridgeman Class V.



Dr. Paul Dawson admires Dr. Gibbons Class III.



Bob Murray looking at Jack Seymour's Class III.



Craig Spowart Class V.



Dr. Richard Brinker.



Dr. John Ray & Dr. Woody Rupp.



Dr. Glenn Birkitt talks to Dr. Michael Cochrane.



Dr. Paul Dawson.



Dr. Jim Gupthill.

Didactic Session



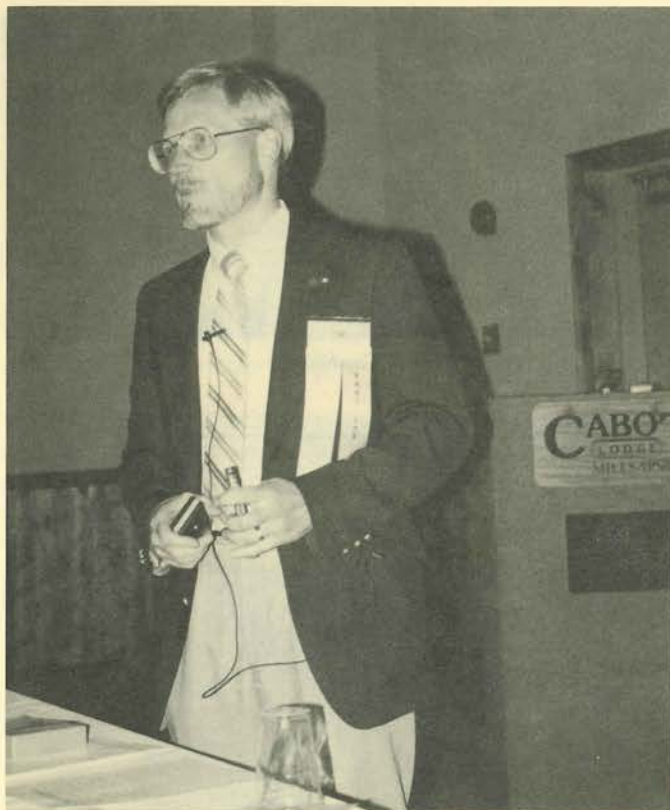
Dr. Eugene Roberts "Bones are our business".

Dr. W. Eugene Roberts, D.D.S., Ph.D., chairman of the Department of Orthodontics and Facial Development at Indiana University School of Dentistry presented an excellent half-day session on Osteoporosis. He covered a wealth of topics related to health including effects of excess or lack of calcium in the body. He put things in easily understood terms for both the professional and the layman, and was very well received.



Dr. Bob Murray.

Dr. Robert R. Murray, a respected member from Anacortes, Washington offered a well-prepared, humorous and informative presentation, which emphasized some of the shortcomings of resins, particularly when the clinical technique was lacking. He presented some beautiful clinical slides which demonstrated the benefits of direct gold materials.



Dr. Tim Carlson giving critique of the clinical session.

Dr. Timothy J. Carlson, from Indiana, took on the job of taking slides at the clinic session, pre- and post-op, then getting them processed for presentation the next day. This allowed everyone present to be able to see the operations, whereas usually, operators are unable to observe the work of others. It was a feature that should be included in our future meetings.

1994 Distinguished Member Award

Harold E. Schnepfer, D.M.D., M.S.D.



Dr. Kinzer presents the 1994 Distinguished Member Award to Dr. Harold Schnepfer.

We are here this evening to honor a most unique individual who has distinguished himself in pursuit of excellence in dental education and the clinical practice of dentistry. He has impacted the lives of dental students and colleagues demonstrating that a high level of dentistry can be an achievable goal in the daily practice of dentistry. In particular he has, through the medium of direct gold, perfected his skills and advanced the use of direct gold to both predoctoral students and the postdoctoral community.

This unique person was uniquely born in Argentina, South America. He received his D.M.D. degree from the University of Oregon in 1946 and an M.S.D. degree in 1954 from the University of Washington.

His academic career began as a Clinical Assistant Instructor in 1949 at the University of Washington. In 1954 he was recruited as an Assis-

tant Professor at the then new Loma Linda University School of Dentistry. He has continued to teach in Restorative Dentistry to the present time, holding the rank of Professor for the past 23 years. Departmental leadership has been realized through his appointment as Section Chief of Operative Dentistry at Loma Linda through the past 7 years. Through most of his academic career he has maintained a private practice of dentistry in Rialto, California.

Through the years he has taught at both the preclinical and clinical levels in operative and fixed prosthodontics. One does not have to be around Dr. Schnepfer very long to discover that he is an avid promoter of direct gold as a restorative material. The student quickly recognizes his knowledge and skill in the placement of direct gold and the attention to detail.

The positive influence felt by predoctoral students has extended to his colleagues in both the academic and private practice communities through his mentorship of the Loma Linda Gold Foil Seminar for 35 years. It was in this study club environment that the Loma Linda lingual approach class III design, the Loma Linda modified class III design and Goldent direct gold were born. Throughout his career he has also mentored international study seminars of shorter duration.

Dr. Schnepfer has published in the Journal of Operative Dentistry and the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry primarily on the topic of direct gold, his significant recent contribution is the co-authoring of a teaching manual, "Direct Gold Restorations". The initial target audience of this manual was upper division predoctoral students, however, practicing clinicians in this country and abroad sought to obtain this valuable manual. The manual is now available in the German and Japanese languages, with a pending translation in Italian.

He is a life member of the American Dental Association, a member of the California Dental Association, Tri-County Dental Association, Fellow of the American College of Dentists, Fellow of the International College of Dentists, Fellow of the Academy of Dentistry International, a member of the American Academy of Crown and Bridge Prosthodontics, Pacific Coast Society of Prosthodontics, American Academy of General Dentistry, Omicron Kappa Upsilon, a Charter Member of the Academy of Operative Dentistry and a Charter Member

and Past President (1981–1982) of the Academy of Gold Foil Operators.

He and Clara have been married 48 years and have two married sons and four grandchildren. They enjoy being with family, be it in the mountains at Lake Arrowhead, at the beach at San Clemente or at their home in Redlands, California.

Because of your devotion to the Academy, your dedication to excel-

lence, your participation through presentations or clinical demonstrations and your participation in the organizational structure, your colleagues and members of the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators take great pride and pleasure in designating you, our friend, Harold Schnepfer, the Distinguished Member Award for 1994.

Dr. Schnepfer's Acceptance Speech



Dr. Harold Schnepfer and Mrs. Clara Schnepfer.

It is with honor that I accept this award. I feel I do not deserve this distinction but I will try to live up to the standard that this award stands for.

First and foremost I wish to honor my wife Clara for the loyal support she has given me for the past 49 years. I should be giving her this award, for yesterday was her birthday.

I have been very fortunate to have been living in the right place at the right time after graduation. I first associated myself with Dr. Harvey Walter in '46 in Everett, Washington. He was a member of the G.V. black study that was directed for Dr. W.I. Ferrier. Some of those original members were: Dr. George Ellsperman, Dr. Don Spratley, Dr. Ralph Plummer and of course Harvey Walter.

For several years I was invited to observe these men operate on a monthly basis; it was many years later that I had the privilege of doing some minor dental work on Dr. Ferrier after his retirement in Cathedral City, California.

Later in the spring of '49 there were 12 of us who took the first continuing education program at the University of Washington and it was on gold foil. After 2 weeks of this a study club was formed and was called the University Ferrier Gold Foil study club. Drs. Spratley and Plummer were our mentors.

Bruce Smith, Keith Brumwell, Hank Rosenburg, Olin Loomis are a few of the original members of the newly organized group. It was only within a few years or so that Bruce Smith plus our mentor Ralph Plummer organized the American Academy of Gold Foil operators with our first national meeting held in St. Louis in 1950. Bruce Smith became our president, and rightly so.

From this early organization I had the opportunity to get acquainted with great men of status throughout the U.S.A. Men like Les Meyer, Jim Verneti, Henry Merchant, Jose Medina, Ralph Boelsche, Charles Stebner and Rex Ingraham and many more.

I had the privilege of having Dr. Gerry Stibbs as my department chairman while on the staff at the University of Washington for 5 years prior to moving to Loma Linda to help start the school there in '54.

So you can see how these men have played a very important part and influence on my life. I just happened to be at the right place at the right time.

Again, I wish to thank all of you for this distinction and it will always be a cherished treasure to me along with having my wife Clara.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Clinician of the Year Award



Dr. Woody Rupp presents Clinician of the Year Award to Dr. Frederick Eichmiller.

The Clinician of the Year awardee is Dr. Frederick C. Eichmiller. Fred fulfills perfectly all the criteria Mr. Vic Williams spelled out when he donated the award to the Academy on behalf of the Ivoclar/Williams Company. Vic's goal was to annually recognize one of the Academy's younger members who is an outstanding individual and a rising professional star. Not only is Fred an outstanding operator and teacher of direct gold techniques, but he is also recognized for many contributions that improve the delivery of dental care.

Dr. Eichmiller was born in Minnesota in 1955. Before entering the University of Minnesota, he participated in a wide variety of activities. Among those was woodworking in which he developed a skill that included furniture making. Also he became an Eagle Scout and spent several summers guiding young scouts on extended canoe trips in northern Minnesota.

At the University of Minnesota, Fred earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering and his Doctor of Dental Surgery from the dental school. After graduation, he was in private practice in Olivia, Minnesota. At the same time he commuted sixty miles one-way, one day a week to teach clinical operative dentistry at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. In 1985 he was appointed Clinical Director in the Clinical Operative Department.

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Clinician of the Year Award – cont.



During this time, while in private practice and teaching one day a week, Fred was an active, operating member of the G.V. Black Gold Foil Study Club. Incidentally, the club was directed by our esteemed member Anthony (Tony) D. Romano.

In 1986, Dr. Eichmiller joined the Paffenbarger Research Center at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, formerly the National Bureau of Standards. In the eight years since, Fred has been awarded one patent and has published twenty-one journal articles along with lecturing extensively in the United States, Canada, and Europe; his lectures include three presentations at the annual meeting of the Academy of Operative Dentistry. In 1994 he was promoted to Director of the Paffenbarger Research Center, the top job.

Currently Fred is an active operating member in the Navy Restorative Seminar; three years ago he was their director. He also is an active member of the George M. Hollenback Gold Foil Seminar under the excellent direction of Dr. José Medina. In addition, Fred is a member of the Executive Council of our American Academy of Gold Foil Operators.

In addition to his many professional activities, he is an avid black powder hunter and continues his woodworking interest. Recently he built an addition to his house and made a dining room suite for his family. His wife Linda, is an outstanding contributing partner. During the past summer (1994), working part-time she used her business office management and computer skills to install and facilitate software that markedly increased the efficiency in handling the finances of several grants awarded to the Paffenbarger Research Center. Fred, Linda and their two young children, Megan and Graham, make a happy family unit.

Dr. Eichmiller is a fine role model for any who are interested in pursuing excellence in life as well as dentistry; he is a most deserving recipient of the Clinician of the Year Award. It is an honor and a special personal pleasure for me to make this presentation to Dr. Frederick C. Eichmiller.

1994 Student Achievement Award



Evelyn Chung with Dr. Richard Hoard.

At the UCLA School of Dentistry's Awards Luncheon Dr. Richard Hoard presented the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators Award for 1994 to Evelyn Chung.

1994 AAGFO Membership Applications

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The Third International Gold Foil Conference

University of Zürich, Switzerland

The Third International Gold Foil Conference took place at the University of Zürich, Friday 7th & Saturday 8th, October 1994. Our Host and Sponsor for the meeting was Professor Peter Schärer, chairman of the Department of Restorative Dentistry, aided by Dr. Stefan Paul who has worked for the last three years in the University Dental Faculty in Zürich.

The castings and the foil were well received by those in attendance, being very different from the average conference that is presented anywhere in the world. The techniques themselves are not often demonstrated, and provoked a great deal of favourable comment.

It was nice to see so many of the European members in attendance. They are a well-knit, enthusiastic and coherent group.

William's Gold placed a table clinic at the entrance to the lecture hall so that people in attendance would be able to find the materials and supplies that they would need to place gold foil.

As the plans for the conference were maturing, I placed a phone call to Mr. Victor Williams in regards to having a pair of our beautiful lapel pins made into earrings as a gift for Dr. & Mrs. Schärer. A pair were mounted by a jeweller on our behalf, courtesy of Mr. Victor Williams, and presented at the post-conference banquet. These earrings are breathtakingly beautiful. They are encircled by an artistic golden ring with a small suspensory element.

Celebration Banquet Zürich



Left to right: Dr. Harold Schnepfer, Jim Gourley, Richard Hoard, Allan Osborn, Stefan Paul, Warren Johnson, Ralph Stenberg, Fred Hasegawa, Peter Schärer.



Dr. Schärer addresses the banquet.



Dr. Stefan Paul.



Dr. & Mrs. Schärer and Dr. & Mrs. Hasegawa.



Zürich Clinic



Our host in Zürich — Dr. Peter Schärer hard at work in his office.



The real power in Zürich.



Refreshments for the troops.



Dr. Warren Johnson ably assisted by Dr. Schärer's assistant & secretary Connie.



Dr. Ralph Stenberg with a Class III.



The editor with Dr. Giancarlo Gallo.



Recording for posterity.



Dr. Harold Schnepfer with a Class III foil.



Dr. & Mrs. Fred Hasegawa complete a Class V.



Some of our Italian members.



In the clinic.

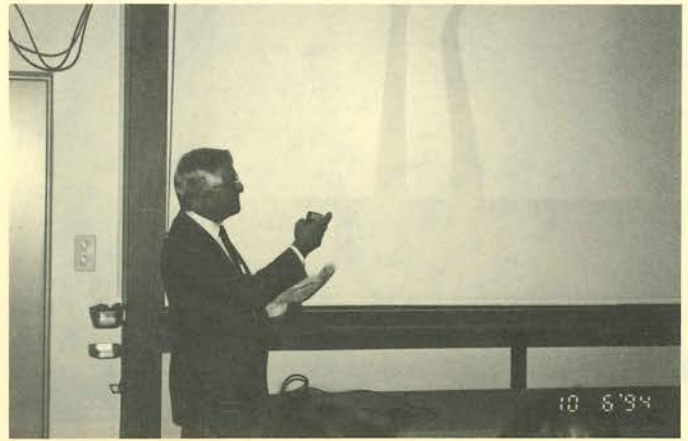
The Zürich Lecture Series





Dr. Harold Schnepfer.

Dr. Harold Schnepfer spoke to the 3/4 Crown which has been designed and used at Loma Linda. The design has many aesthetic qualities to recommend it, leaving, as it does, the normally visible areas untouched or well restricted.



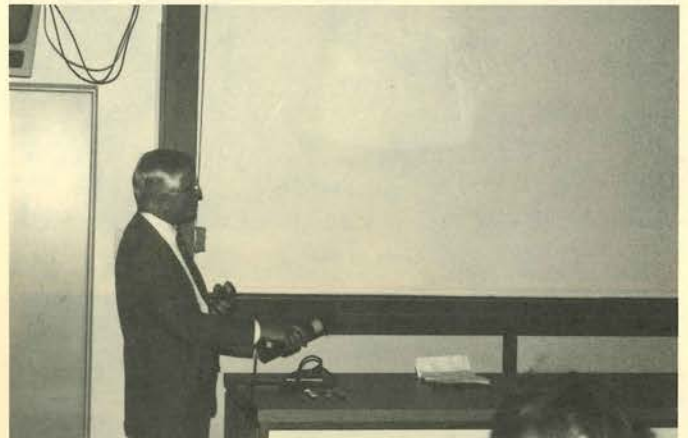
Dr. Allan Osborn.

Dr. Allan Osborn discussed the effects of heat sterilisation upon instruments calling upon the excellent work of Dr. Greg Smith from Florida, and followed this with his own fresh study of the effects of different burs, instruments and discs upon the hard dental structures as seen through the S.E.M.



Dr. Warren Johnson.

Dr. Warren Johnson took us through the Tucker technique for the preparation of gold inlays, and then proceeded to a short description of the laboratory phases.



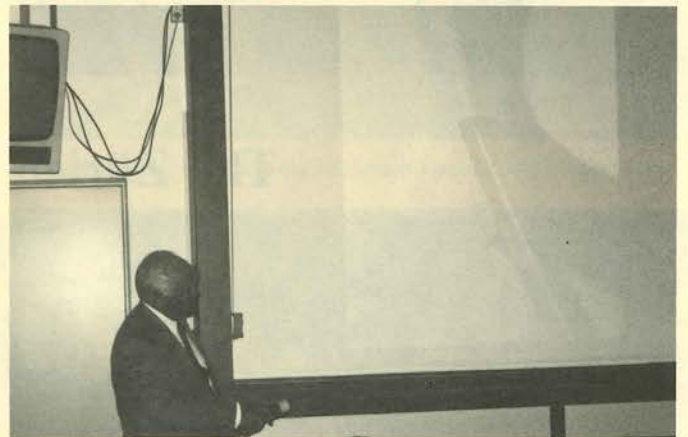
Dr. Allan Osborn.

Dr. Allan Osborn continued with a short lecture in which a different approach to the lingual class 3 was presented. It has been successful for more than 17 years, and appears impervious to occlusal pressures.



Dr. Jim Gourley.

Dr. James Gourley recommenced the lectures following a short break with a lucid and concise portrayal of the Ferrier approach to the class 5 gold foil using E.Z. gold with a standard foil surface layer.



Dr. Ralph Stenberg.

Dr. Ralph Stenberg continued the didactic session with a look at the parameters governing the positioning and the nature of labial margins on the cast gold onlay. The second half of his lecture was a critical look at some of the problems associated with the placement of gold foil on the distals of cuspids.



Dr. Richard Hoard.

Dr. Richard Hoard entertained the audience with his frank approach to the aesthetics of dental therapy. Hovering beneath a mushroom shaped cloud he treated the audience to slides which all too clearly demonstrated what Dr. Jack Preston described as "the truth of what is really out there". Following which a comparison with one of Dr. Dick Tucker's inlay as seen through the S.E.M. displayed for all, the potential that gold has over other materials in this regard.

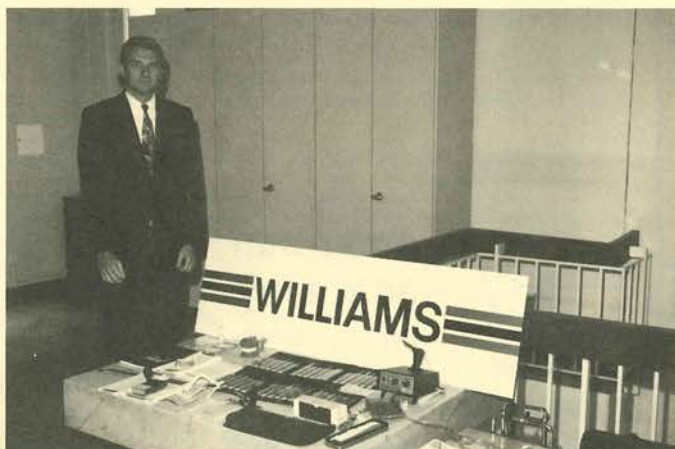


Dr. Lüthy.

Dr. Lüthy from the University of Zürich gave a most interesting lecture on the metallurgy of the casting alloys that we use. The use of small amounts of rare earth metals promoting the desirable small grain size that we require to obtain the strength and other required properties. The lattice work that is formed and the properties of alloys under quenched and hardened conditions were lucidly and succinctly presented.



Dr. Peter Schärer thanking the lecturers and participants.



Mr. Johan Holnquist — European representative for Williams.

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