

2018 MIDYEAR CANADIAN TRUSTEE REPORT

The midyear board of trustees meeting of the Pierre Fauchard academy took place in Anaheim California May 18-20, 2018 in conjunction with the California Dental Association meeting.

The Academy has over 10,000 fellows from 86 different countries. It is divided into 11 regions with a total of 120 different sections. Canada itself is one region and is divided into five sections. The Atlantic provinces (Alf Dean), Quebec (Sam Sgro), Ontario (Drew Smith & Lisa Bentley), Western provinces (Mitch Taillon) and BC (David Zaparinuk).

This is truly an international organization with fellows from every part of the globe. The Pierre Fauchard Academy is an international honor dental organization dedicated to the advancement of the dental profession. Fellowship in the Academy is by invitation only. Membership is intended both as an accolade for past accomplishments and to encourage further achievement. Criteria for fellowship include: service to the dental profession, contributions to dental literature and research and community outreach and service. Each fellow, at induction, pledges to conform their professional and personal practices to the high moral and ethical standards which the Academy exemplifies.

The mission of the Academy is to recognize and grow leaders in the dental profession, their communities and society.

PFA was founded in 1936 by Dr. Elmer S best, a Minneapolis dentist. His passionate concern for raising professional standards guided the academy's early days, attracting outstanding researchers and teachers to its ranks and lending to its current central role in advancing dentistry.

The founders of PFA were dedicated to improving the practice of dentistry. They were concerned with the prevalence of proprietary publications and the potentially damaging influence of commercialization in the dental writing of the day. It was the founder's intention that the conferring of fellowship upon a candidate be a distinct honor, reserved for individuals demonstrating the highest standards of professionalism ethics and scholarship. Additionally, they aimed to make available publications that disseminate the latest developments in the field, encouraging dentists to make contributions to the professional literature and share their knowledge with fellow practitioners.

In founding the Academy, Dr. Best and his colleagues chose to honor the memory of Pierre Fauchard. This Parisien has been justly regarded as the father of modern dentistry. In 1728 he published the two volumes "Le Chirurgien Dentiste qui Traite des Dents"- widely accepted as the first dental textbook. Due to excellent leadership and financial management the Academy has gone from a precarious situation to one of strength where the last international dues increase was in 2015 and there has not been an increase in 2016, 2017, 2018 and now, I am happy to say, into 2019. Bravo!

The awards committee has selected and the board of trustees has approved the 2019 recipient for the Elmer S. Best Memorial award. This award, named in memory of the founder of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, was established by the Board of Trustees in 1962. It is awarded when the occasion is deemed proper by the Board and to no more than one recipient in any year. The recipient is a member of the dental profession who has made distinguished contributions of international significance to the art and science of dentistry. I am very proud to say that the recipient will be a Canadian. As of yet I am not allowed to disclose who that individual is, however I will let you all know within the next few weeks. In 2016 our very own Dr. John O'Keefe received this honor. Past Canadian recipients were; Burton Conrod 2012, George Zarb 2005, Michael Cripton 2001, Nicholas A. Mancini 1994, Ronald E. Jordan 1987, William G. McIntoch 1980, Donald W. Gullet 1970, C.H.M. Williams 1965. The award should be handed out at the 2019 awards luncheon of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, held during the annual American Dental Association convention, in San Francisco, September 4-8, 2019. All fellows are invited to this luncheon September 7, 2019 as well as the preceding evening's cocktail reception. Also, all are invited to the president's installation dinner on Sunday night September 8, 2019.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other fellows from all over the world. The camaraderie is fantastic and a great time is always had by all. This upcoming October, in Hawaii, also in conjunction with the ADA annual convention, PFA will be having its President's reception Friday evening October 19, 2018, its international Awards and Induction ceremony luncheon October 20, 2018 and the Presidents dinner October 21, 2018. Please plan on joining us.

The Oral Health Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Academy is celebrating its 23rd year of existence. Since its inception, the foundation has worked to advance its purpose by providing funding for needed oral health services through its grants program which offers financial support for charitable dentistry projects. Also, it offers scholarships to deserving third-year dental students in the US and from around the world. Since 1995, the foundation has supported 542 grants and over \$4,000,000 towards helping hundreds and thousands of people worldwide. Typically, they receive between 60 to 75 applications per year. For further information on the criteria and how to apply please go to their website at www.foundationpfa.org.

The foundation has been instrumental in offering student scholarships on an annual basis to all dental schools in the United States, Canada, Australia and to select dental schools worldwide. They have provided over \$2,000,000 in scholarships to date.

As a reminder, plan to join us this coming August 24, 2018 at our annual Canadian PFA Awards and Induction ceremony to be held in Charlottetown, PEI, in conjunction with the Canadian Dental Association annual meeting. In addition to inducting our new fellows from all over Canada, we shall be honoring Dr. Deborah Stymiest with the Distinguished Service Citation and Don Pamerter as an Honorary Fellow. Also, PFA Canada shall donate to the "Dr. Gerry Barrett Legacy Fund of the PEI Dental Association". Invitations will be going out to all Canadian fellows by early June. Looking forward to seeing you there.

For lots of information on your academy, consult www.fauchard.org.

Yours in fellowship
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