Message from the International President



Greetings from the PFA President…

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I send greetings to all Pierre Fauchard Academy Fellows worldwide in all regions and local sections. Thank you for your continued membership in this prestigious honor Academy. In 1936 Academy founder, Dr. Elmer Best's vision was having the most outstanding dentists as Fellows from every country in the world.

The Officers and Board of Trustees have entrusted me to lead the Academy as President. During my eight years as an Officer and Trustee, I witnessed the Board of Trustees showing due diligence in service to the Academy!

During this year, my presidential theme is: acknowledge Pierre Fauchard Academy model sections and the Chairpersons who lead them. Strong model sections with their associated activities are the grassroots that nourish a vibrant Academy; and, with active Chairperson involvement take those sections to the highest level.

As such, model sections show new and continued Academy growth by seeking and nominating qualified dentists for fellowship. They hold annual section meetings to conduct business and induct these new fellows.

Model sections apply and hopefully attain PFA Foundation Section service projects grants. These grants help the underserved populations within the section; and usually section fellows participate in these service projects.

Model sections Chairpersons share communication within the section (newsletters, email, etc.); as well as, correspondence outside to both Academy Executive Director Louder and Dental World Editor Dr. Fiona Collins. So many times these activities are posted on Fauchard.org and/or published in Dental World.

Model section Chairpersons attend the annual PFA meeting that is always concurrent with the American Dental Association Annual Sessions. Then attend the PFA Section Caucus meeting Chairs from all around the world. They bring forth new ideas and share their local section programs and successes. This helps all sections and thus our Academy reach higher.

Model section Chairpersons attend at the PFA Annual Awards Luncheon (our signature event) as it demonstrates commitment to the Academy's ideals and goals.

So now it is not too early to plan attendance for the PFA activities next year in San Antonio, Texas (tentative dates are October 7–9, 2014). This is an opportunity to meet the Academy's Officers, Trustees, Executive Director and Dental World Editor; as well as, the PFA Foundation's Officers, Trustees and Executive Director. The

Please remember all real PFA activities occur at the local section level and these strong model sections make us all proud to be Academy fellows!

Finally, I am excited to serve as your President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. Please contact me with any issues/concerns you may have for our Academy–I look forward to hearing from any Fellow.

Fraternally,

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