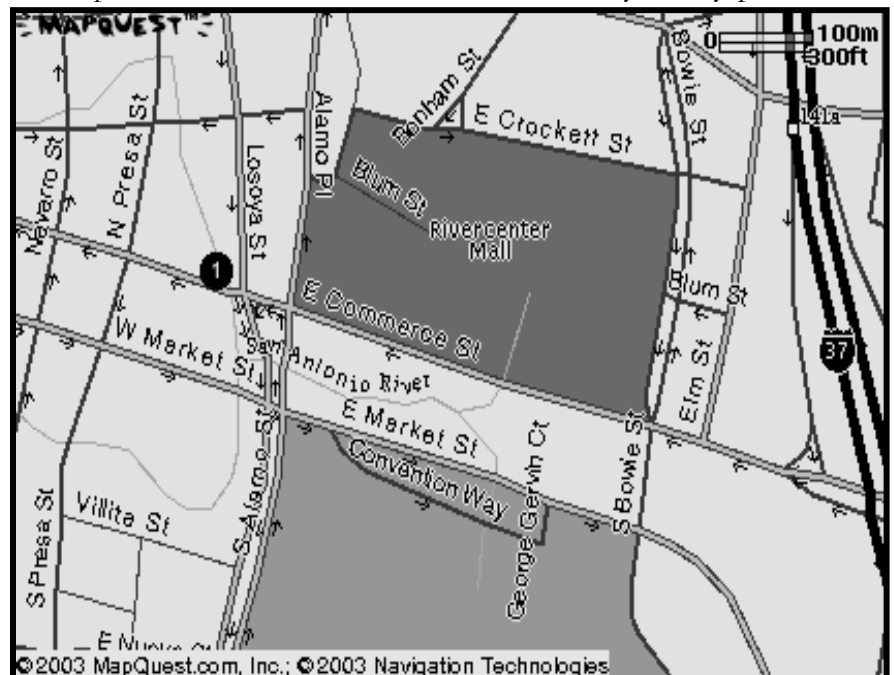

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY TMD AND OROFACIAL PAIN PROGRAMS

Two main topics for your consideration. The first is about our annual meeting. Please let us know if you're planning to attend. The second deals with the potential for a collaborative relationship with AUTOPP's European counterpart, the EACD.

1. Our annual meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 12th, at Rio-Rio Cantina on the Riverwalk. We will begin with a social hour at 5 pm, followed by dinner, the presentation from Dr. John Rugh, and our business meeting.

Rio-Rio is easily accessible from AADR convention hotels. You can get to Rio-Rio from the Riverwalk or from surface streets. The street address is 421 East Commerce. Here's a map to help you find your way. Rio-Rio is marked as number "1" on the map; the Riverwalk and the San Antonio River are the same in this part of town.



The menu at Rio-Rio should satisfy your taste and pocketbook. Vegetarian, fish, and meat dishes will be available, with a total charge of \$40 (US), including tax and tip, but excluding alcohol.

Please let us know if you plan to attend the meeting and how many people will be in your party. Please send me a message (glarosa@umkc.edu) letting us know your plans.

2. A more substantive issue for your consideration: With the help of Chuck Greene, I've been in contact with Michel Steenks of EACD, AUTOPP's European counterpart (thank you, Chuck). They're open to the possibility of collaborating with AUTOPP about shared meetings, exchanges of membership lists, and so forth.

It would probably be in our best interest to develop a collaborative relationship with EACD. A larger confederation of organizations interested in orofacial pain could foster greater collaboration among researchers and instructors, have a greater impact on research, and prepare stronger recommendations for orofacial pain/TMD curricula in dental schools. It would certainly be my personal

hope that AUTOPP would become the primary international group for researchers and educators in TMD and orofacial pain.

We can foster that goal in several ways. We could establish a membership category for "foreign" members, perhaps with a membership fee of \$0. We can exchange membership lists and cross-advertise our events to both sets of members.

We should also plan to hold AUTOPP meetings in conjunction with IADR meetings. In 2004 and 2005, this means IADR/AADR meetings in Oahu and Baltimore, Maryland, respectively. In 2006, AADR and IADR meetings will be held in separate

locations. For the 2006 IADR meeting, we might ask our international colleagues to take the lead in preparing a dinner and educational program for Brisbane, Australia, and we might also hold an additional meeting and dinner in conjunction with the AADR meeting.

Altering membership categories will require a change to our by-laws. Holding four meetings every three years does not require any action on by-laws.

What do you think about these possibilities? Let's hear your thoughts at our meeting on March 12th.

A final note: I'm still planning to pay dinner for the person who recruits the largest number of members for AUTOPP. Will that be you? And speaking of membership, have you paid your dues for 2003?

See you in San Antonio.



**Dr. John Rugh will give a presentation,
following the annual dinner:**

Science, Clinical Practice, & US Foreign Policy

Afterward, AUTOPP will hold its business meeting.