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UNIVERSITY TMD AND OROFACIAL PAIN PROGRAMS**

**AUTOOPP Newsletter**

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**AUTOOPP MEETING, Baltimore 2005**

The 2005 meeting of AUTOOPP will take place on **Wednesday, March 9, 2005**  
**at 6:00 P.M. at Babalu Grill, 32 Market St. –**

From: Baltimore Convention Center 1 W Pratt St Baltimore, MD 21201 US

To: 32 Market Pl Baltimore, MD 21202-4008 US

1. Start out going EAST on W PRATT ST toward S CHARLES ST. (0.45 miles)
2. Turn LEFT onto MARKET PL. (0.13 miles)

Drs. Glenn Clark and Jeff Shaefer will be our guest speakers. I have asked them both to give an overview of their programs, looking at logistics, educational criteria, and teaching models for orofacial pain training within the realities of current financing and resident recruitment. Dr. Clark's program at USC combines Oral Medicine and Orofacial Pain training. Dr. Shaefer's program at Harvard offers clinical training in a hospital setting. Both of these models bring up exciting possibilities which may strengthen orofacial pain training and aid in recruitment. Additional opportunities for programs could be realized by either partnering with accredited programs or obtaining accreditation for programs through the Commission on Dental Accreditation, opening the possibility of obtaining GME support for training.

I am sure this meeting will prove to be both enlightening and entertaining. Babalu Grill offers Cuban dishes, and Dr. Yoly Gonzalez assisted me in selecting an authentic limited menu we can choose from. The estimate for the meal, including gratuity (20%) and tax (5%) is \$50 per person. The meal includes a choice of two appetizers (Tostones Rellenos Enchilados or Cigarillos De Pollo), salad, a choice of three entrees (Ropa Vieja Bayamesa, Filete de Salmon al la Plancha, or Pollo Adobado A Las Brasas), dessert

(Arroz Con Leche), and Cuban coffee. Dean Stohler's Executive Assistant, Ms. Billie Garner-Brown, says the place is great and it was named one of the top 50 Latin restaurants in the United States by Hispanic Magazine.

**NOTE: Please e-mail Heidi Crow at [hccrow@buffalo.edu](mailto:hccrow@buffalo.edu) or Ales Obrez at [aobrez@uic.edu](mailto:aobrez@uic.edu) on or before March 4, 2005 if you will be attending so that the restaurant can be given as accurate a number as possible (they will charge us for "no shows", and won't guarantee the ability to accommodate more than the guaranteed number). If you will be bringing a guest, please indicate how many of you in total will be there.**

### Membership

**2005 AUTOPP dues can be paid at the Baltimore meeting, or if not attending please pay your dues of \$15US/year by mailing your check (made out to "AUTOPP") to:**

**Octavia Plesh  
UCSF, School of Dentistry  
Department of Preventive and Restorative Dental Sciences  
707 Parnassus Ave,  
San Francisco, Ca. 94143-0858**

**Although Octavia will not be able to attend the meeting this year, Heidi Crow and Yoly Gonzalez will be there to accept your check and mark your name as "paid" for our Treasurer.**

### A Message from the President

As some of you know, I changed institutions and job responsibilities this year, leaving Indiana University after 8.5 years to return to University at Buffalo. At Buffalo, we have developed an alternative clinical track in the graduate program in TMD and Orofacial Pain for residents enrolled in the General Practice Residency Program. While the traditional 2-year program leading to a Master of Science degree remains available, this alternative track combines clinical training within an accredited two-year GPR program. An optional third year to allow focus in research may lead to a Master of Science degree.

It has become increasingly important in New York to complete an accredited training program, as legislation will take effect in 2007 requiring completion of an accredited program of at least one year duration for initial dental licensure. While this is currently a regional issue, there may be additional states which look toward similar requirements in the future. I am very interested in moving the profession forward to new models that have a means to thrive in the competitive environment of postdoctoral training programs. With this intent, I am looking forward to Drs. Clark and Shaefer's presentations and a lively discussion from members as to which directions we may seek to take our training programs in the future.

Looking forward to seeing you in Baltimore!  
Heidi Crow