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President Addresses Membership

Item 1: Business meeting. East Commerce, San Antonio. I'm pleased to announce that Dr. John Rugh of the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio will be the featured speaker at our business meeting. As you probably know, John has conducted research in bruxism and facial pain and has been active in AADR/IADR, including a term as president of AADR. John's topic for his presentation is an outgrowth of time he spent in Washington, DC trying to understand how scientific knowledge and practice can be disseminated more rapidly to the practicing community. As educators, we convey knowledge to students, and we hope that they will use empirically sound techniques throughout their professional careers in the care of their patients. One of the topics that John will address is how new scientific knowledge gets disseminated to people who long ago received their diplomas and left academic settings. I'm delighted that John has agreed to speak.

As a reminder, our business meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12th, beginning at 5pm. We will meet at a building adjacent to Rio Rio Cantina on the Riverwalk. Its address is 421

This location is within the center of the Riverwalk area and within easy walking distance of the convention hotel. Rio Rio serves Tex-Mex food and is a well-regarded Tex-Mex rest-aurant on the Riverwalk. The cost of the meal will probably be in the area of \$40. This will cover the rental charge for the room, and the availability of a bar. You will be responsible for your own bar tab. The invitation for a free meal, my treat, to the individual who encourages the largest number of new member applicants to AUTOPP still stands.

Item 2: Our meeting venue. Traditionally, AUTOPP meetings have been held in the overlap period between the ending of the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) and the start of the IADR/AADR meeting. Since our membership is comprised of educators and scientists, this strategy has worked well.

Next year, however, the ADEA meeting and the IADR meeting will be physically separated. ADEA will meet in Seattle, and IADR will meet in Oahu. If we hold to the educational component of our mission, we should

probably meet in Seattle. On the other hand, a considerable fraction of our membership is strongly involved and interested in research. According to that approach, we should meet in Oahu.

There are other strategies we could consider as well. We could meet every year in North America and add an additional meeting outside North America every other year in conjunction with IADR meetings. This would give us an opportunity to enhance our visibility with TMD and orofacial pain educators in Europe, Asia, and around the world.

I will place this item on our agenda for the business meeting in March, and we will need to come to a decision about the 2004 meeting. In the meantime, please give this issue some thought.

Item 3: Collaborations with TMD/orofacial pain educators worldwide. Through the efforts of Chuck Greene, I've been in contact with Jan de Boever, who is in charge of the education committee of the European Academy for Cranio-mandibular Disorders (EACD). The EACD is, in many ways, a European sister organization to AUTOPP. I have also been in touch with Sam Dworkin about developing relationships between AUTOPP and the consortium project directed by Sam. There are several strategies we can use to develop closer ties with colleagues not

yet affiliated with AUTOPP: We can share e-mail lists so that we can better communicate activities of AUTOPP with other organizations and groups and so they can, in turn, keep us better informed about their activities. We could consider developing new membership categories for AUTOPP. We could arrange for joint meetings outside North America. We could consider different organizational structures for groups interested in TMD and orofacial pain. I plan to give you a report on those efforts in March.

Item 4: Database of training programs. Some time ago, we agreed to develop a database of training program in TMD and orofacial pain. Difficulties shifting funds from one location to another delayed the project, but we're now underway. You should soon receive a request for information about your training program. Please take the time to fill it out and return the information to us. Our goal is to have as complete a list as possible and to make the data available on our website.

As they say in Texas, I'll see all y'all later. (For those who don't speak Texan, "all y'all" is the plural form of "y'all.")

Rugh: Science, Clinical Practice, & U.S. Foreign Policy

John D. Rugh, PhD, is Professor & Chair of the Orthodontics Department at The University of Texas at San Antonio, TX. His research has focused on psychological aspects of facial pain, bruxism, and the biobehavioral aspects of orthognathic surgery, and most recently, in oral function and aging. He has expertise in multicenter randomized clinical trials and science transfer. He founded (1977), and is currently serving as Director of The University of Texas Health Science Center's Facial Pain Clinic. He served as President of the Neuroscience Section of the International Association for Dental Research and of the Biofeedback Society of America. From 1982-86, he served as a member of the National Institute of Health's Oral Biology and Medicine Study Section. He served as President of the American Association for Dental Research (1994-95), and in 1995; he accepted a four-year term on the National Institute for Dental Research's Scientific Advisory Council. He is an Honorary Member of the American Dental Association, the American Academy of Orofacial Pain, and several other professional dental organizations. He was selected as the 1996-97 Harald Loe Scholar, and most recently; he was the recipient of the 2002 International Association for Dental Research's "Behavioral Sciences and Health Service Research Award."