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*Innovative Bone Relocation and Remodeling Modalities*

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What would be the single periodontally-related wish a periodontist would ask of a genie? The most likely answer would probably be the power to ask the bone cells where to go and how to form or resorb. Although our knowledge to control bone cells has not reached the ease of a genie's wish, many strides have been made in recent years that have brought us significantly closer to such a dream. Short of wizardry, our November meeting will mainly focus on this subject. Dr. Mitchell J. Bloom, NESP program chairman, has put together a well-organized and thoughtful series of presentations that reflects on his excellence and interest in this area. Five speakers will release from the bottle a wealth of information on how to move and manipulate bone to achieve optimal clinical and aesthetic results. The day will start with registration, exhibits and coffee between 7:45–8:30 A.M. Dr. Eugene Roberts will be the first speaker at 8:30, discussing *Tissue Engineering with Implant-anchored Orthodontics*. At 9:30, Dr. Stuart Froum will present *Ridge Augmentation*

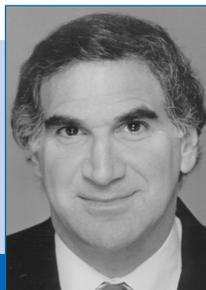
*for Optimal Functional & Aesthetic Outcomes*, followed by Dr. Albino Triaca at 11:00 who will present *Osteodis-traction—New Perspectives In Maxillofacial Surgery*. Lunch will be served from 12:00–1:15 P.M. After lunch, Dr. Thomas Wilcko will discuss *Rapid Orthodontics with Simultaneous Osseous Augmentation and Gingival Root Coverage*. Dr. David Cochran will be the final speaker at 2:15 presenting *Tissue Regeneration Around Implants and Teeth—What's Next?* Non-members are welcome to attend the meeting by sending a check for \$175 (payable to NESP) to: Dr. David Kratenstein, 630 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10020. Hotel reservations are available. Call (212) 704-8700 and ask for Northeastern Society of Periodontists rate.

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W. Eugene Roberts



Stuart Froum



Albino Triaca



Thomas Wilcko



David Cochran

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*Attendance at the meeting is open to all dues paying members. Guests have to pay the required fee as stated in the program. No refunds are allowed. There is no cancellation policy for dues paying members. Attendees will receive 7 credit hours for the Fall 2003 Meeting lectures.*

## Message from the President

### Change is the Only Constant

What a fascinating and rapidly changing time we live in! How different is our world than what we knew only five or ten years ago? Many years ago, as a graduate student, I was taught that the only constant in nature is change. Such prophetic words those turned out to be. Business consultants tell us that "every ten years, everything changes." A humorous piece came to my attention the other day, remarking on our changed world: "The best golf player in the country is black, and the best rapper is white!"

More appropriate to our pursuits, though, is how has periodontics changed? How many of us are still practicing as we did in 1993? Think of what you were doing in your practice ten or so years ago. What were the perio meetings like? What was being talked about? Things like root coverage, guided tissue regeneration, even resective surgeries come to my mind as topics of interest to us at that time. And I remember that there was a growing interest in an area called osseointegration. Interest there certainly gained momentum, and now our periodontal meetings are dominated by implant-related issues. In ten years, *everything* has changed.

Our last scientific meeting for the NESP is still fresh in my mind. Our program director, Dr. Mitchell Bloom, orchestrated a slate of authoritative speakers from various disciplines, all in some way implant related. The meeting drew very favorable responses from the membership, and the lecture hall remained at capacity until the very close of the day. Yet, there was not one mention of a curette or root surface, and there was little to do with inflammatory periodontal disease. Still, periodontists from all over the Northeastern region showed their support. Clearly, we have changed our methods of practicing, and in fundamental ways. In fact, we had to.

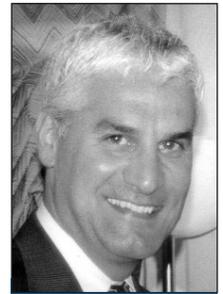
Implant therapy simply offers a better alternative for our patients. Those who resisted were either left behind or are playing catch up. Not only did we, as periodon-

tists, transform our ways, but we partnered our referring colleagues as they too learned to adapt to and implement this new technology. At the recent joint meeting in Boston between the AO, AAOMS, and AAP, I witnessed a very emotional and gratifying moment when the father of osseointegration himself, Prof. P.I. Branemark, received a standing ovation from the over 4,000 dentists present whose lives he had changed. They were only a small representation of all the patients whose lives he had also touched. P.I. then elaborated upon his philosophy of treating people and then welcoming them into his "family of patients."

And yet with change, some pain and some issues must be expected. The specialty of periodontics at times is a threatened one. Many of us observed an overlap and redistribution of services with general practitioners a few years ago, and have always walked a delicate line in sharing our maintenance responsibilities. With regard to implants, we have shared and interacted with the oral surgeons, and at times have faced controversy in that relationship. Now, there seems to be another challenge that we must address.

Recently, the American College of Prosthodontics passed doctrines that require prosthodontists to be trained in the surgical techniques of implant placement in their graduate programs. What is our position on this? Are we to feel threatened, or should we embrace it as an opportunity? Is there an underlying trend that we should be seeing? How would you react if a referring prosthodontist were to ask you to assist and teach him in placing an implant? Would you support that request? And if you don't support it, won't that practitioner find the training needed anyway?

The NESP board has been seeking a position on this new direction, having gone so far as to look into our constitution and our mission statement for direction. We were reminded that our main function is to act as a scientific and educational society, not a political one.



Frank Celenza

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### Note Date Change

NESP Spring Meeting: April 2, 2004

*Joint Meeting with the  
Northeastern Gnathologic Society*

### New Members

The NESP welcomes  
the following new members:

Dr. Jon B. Suzuki  
Dr. Mark Stein

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

mineralized tissue morphology, quantitative cell kinetics, and histomorphometry of bone. After serving in the Navy he started his training in orthodontics at the University of Connecticut and later became a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics. His latest degree is an honorary doctorate of medicine awarded by the University of Lille, in France. Dr. Roberts has been actively involved in research throughout his career, integrating his unique insight into bone physiology as it relates to orthodontic topics. In addition to numerous past academic and professional titles, he has been a professor and chairman of the Department of Orthodontics at the Indiana University School of Dentistry since 1988, was named Head of the Orthodontics Division of the Department of Oral Facial Development in 1997, and was awarded the endowed Jarabak Chair in 2000. He holds adjunctive appointments with the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Purdue University and with the Department of Implantology and Maxillofacial Reconstructive Surgery of the University of Lille. Included among his awards are the Isaiah Lew Memorial Research Award from the American Academy of Implant Dentistry and the Jarabak Award from the American Association of Orthodontists.

Dr. Roberts will present *Tissue Engineering with Implant-anchored Orthodontics*. This presentation begins by addressing the fact that neglect of the partially edentulous dentition usually results in severe malocclusions that are complicated by atrophic edentulous areas, decreased vertical dimension of occlusion, and extruded/tipped teeth. Optimal management of the residual dentition often requires multidisciplinary treatment, including implant-anchored orthodontics. Periodontally healthy teeth can be moved into natural atrophic defects and sites where bone augmentation surgery has failed. Orthodontics induces both new bone and attached gingiva. It is wise to consider orthodontics as part of the treatment plan for managing partially edentulous patients presenting with facial and dental deficits.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVE:**

- The attendee will be able to describe and apply clinically the principle of using dental implants in an interdisciplinary fashion with orthodontic therapy.
- The attendee will be able to describe and create treatment plans for cases where healthy natural teeth can be orthodontically moved into sites where ridge volume has been compromised/diminished.
- The attendee will understand the indications and contraindications for the use of dental implants relating to orthodontics.

- The attendee will understand the bone physiology and basic science behind orthodontic therapy and osseointegration of endosseous dental implants.

**STUART FROUM, D.D.S.**, a past recipient of this organization's Hirschfeld Award, received his dental degree from the New York University College of Dentistry and his certificate in periodontics from the Manhattan Veterans Association Hospital. His involvement with teaching and research has spanned his professional career. In addition to running a successful private practice, Dr. Froum has authored numerous classic and contemporary landmark papers in the periodontal and implant literature and was most recently co-author of one that received the Clinical Research Award from the American Academy of Periodontology in 2002. Dr. Froum will present *Ridge Augmentation for Optimal Functional & Aesthetic Outcomes*. His presentation will be an overview of the technique of distraction osteogenesis for dental implant site development. Based on his clinical experience with this treatment modality, he will discuss indications, complications, and factors essential for success. He will also compare and contrast distraction osteogenesis to more traditional methods of horizontal and vertical alveolar ridge augmentation for implant site development: namely, guided bone regeneration and monocortical block grafts.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVE:**

- The attendee will understand the indications and limitations of distraction osteogenesis for implant site development.
- The attendee will learn the step-by-step technique of distraction osteogenesis, including the factors essential for success and potential complications.
- The attendee will be able to compare clinically the results of distraction osteogenesis, guided bone regeneration and block grafts in specific alveolar ridge defects/deficiencies.

**ALBINO TRIACA, M.D., D.D.S.**, is head of the Center For Maxillofacial Surgery at the Pyramide Clinic in Zurich Switzerland. He lectures internationally and is considered an authority and innovator in the techniques and uses of distraction osteogenesis in orthognathic applications. His work in the field has showcased the usefulness and wide range of applications of this technology in correcting limited dento-alveolar as well as complex maxillofacial deficiencies, often employing distraction devices that are of his own design.

Dr. Triaca will present *Osteodistraction—New Perspectives In Maxillofacial Surgery*. He will discuss the indications, case planning, armamentarium, and his techniques for distraction osteogenesis. He will illustrate this treatment modality's implementation and use in correct-

ing for various hard and soft tissue deficits including, but not limited to, pre-prosthetic site development and correction of concave facial profiles. He will also discuss the benefits—as well as the limitations and pitfalls—he has encountered in the use of distraction osteogenesis.

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#### LEARNING OBJECTIVE:

- The attendee will become familiar with unique applications of distraction osteogenesis used to treat orthognathic/maxillofacial anatomic anomalies.
- The attendee will be able to describe the technique, along with its indications for use, in treating the frontal segment of both the maxillary and mandibular arches in correcting for concave facial profiles.
- The attendee will learn how this technology can be applied for other uses, including distraction osteogenesis to move ankylosed teeth and augmentation of alveolar bony deficiencies.
- The attendee will be able to describe this treatment modality and identify potential candidates clinically, based on the information presented.

**THOMAS WILCKO, D.M.D.**, received his dental degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine and a certificate in periodontics from the Harvard University School of Dental Medicine. He has been in private practice in Erie, Pennsylvania for the past 25 years. Dr. Wilcko has been involved with a wide range of research topics throughout his career including acyl free radical stability, calculus formation, porcelain shrinkage, arachidonic acid and ultrasound. Dr. Wilcko and his brother, Dr. William Wilcko, an orthodontist, have developed their own unique approach to tooth movement called Accelerated Osteogenic Orthodontics®. The Wilckos run a popular course, now offered by providers on five continents, that teaches this technique to others.

Dr. Wilcko will present *Rapid Orthodontics with Simultaneous Osseous Augmentation and Gingival Root Coverage*. His presentation will describe the technique, rationale, and benefits behind this concept of Accelerated Osteogenic Orthodontics as it compares to conventional orthodontic therapy. It is said that using this approach can achieve the results seen with conventional orthodontic therapy but at a rate 3 to 4 times faster, all while decreasing the risk of root resorption and increasing stability in patients of all ages. The presentation will also show how this technique lends itself to simultaneous alveolar reshaping and obtaining gingival root coverage. The talk will include a general overview of the bone physiology that permits the rapid tooth movement, the type of results that can be achieved, and the contribution of the periodontist in the delivery of this treatment.

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#### LEARNING OBJECTIVE:

- The attendee will be able to describe the clinical aspects of the Accelerated Osteogenic Orthodontics® procedure.
- The attendee will understand the indications, advantages and limitations of this treatment modality versus conventional orthodontic therapy.
- The attendee will understand the bone physiology and basic science of this procedure.
- The attendee will understand his/her interdisciplinary role in the delivery of this treatment modality as it relates to patient care.

**DAVID L. COCHRAN, D.D.S., Ph.D.**, received his dental degree from the University of Virginia, a Ph.D. from the Medical College of Virginia, and a certificate in periodontology from the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. He is currently professor and chairman of the Department of Periodontology at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. Prior to his present appointment, Dr. Cochran was the director of postgraduate periodontics at the Medical College of Virginia. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology, a member of many professional organizations and holds fellowship in both the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists. Dr. Cochran is an active clinical and basic science researcher who has received funding from both the NIH-NIDR and private industry and has published numerous scientific articles and abstracts on periodontal biochemistry and implant topics.

Dr. Cochran will present *Tissue Regeneration Around Implants and Teeth—What's Next?* His presentation will focus on the evolution of current strategies to stimulate new tissue formation around endosseous implants and teeth. New strategies are being tried to modify titanium surfaces to enhance bone formation. Similarly, new approaches to periodontal tissue formation involve the use of innovative carriers and proteins. The objective of this talk is to provide the attendee with the latest strategies for tissue formation and an appreciation for the exciting clinical techniques that may lie just ahead.

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#### LEARNING OBJECTIVE:

- The attendee will become familiar with current strategies to stimulate new tissue formation around endosseous implants and teeth.
  - The attendee will become familiar with the latest research and development trends relating to new strategies for modifying titanium surfaces to enhance bone formation.
  - The attendee will become familiar with the latest research and development trends with respect to periodontal tissue formation involving the use of innovative carriers and proteins.
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## NESP Program for Dental Hygienists

This year, the Board of Directors of the NESP would like to announce an exciting new benefit to all of the current 2003 dues-paying members. Thanks to your ongoing support of the NESP and the continuing support of our exhibitors, NESP has organized a continuing education program dedicated to your hygienists. On Friday November 7, 2003, NESP will host a CE program for hygienists that will run concurrently with our regularly scheduled NESP meeting; both groups will come together for lunch. This program will be open to the first 150 offices that respond, and only one hygienist per member is permitted. Space is limited and is on a first come first served basis. For registration contact:

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The full day program for the hygienists will start at 9:00 A.M. with the following speakers:

**JOAN I. GLUCH, R.D.H., Ph.D.**, will present, *Clinician's Choice: New Oral Care Products*. Dr. Gluch will provide an update on current concepts in periodontics for dental hygienists and will review relevant topics in dental hygiene practice today. She will discuss the criteria for selecting and recommending oral health care products, with an emphasis on power toothbrushes and anti-plaque, anti-gingivitis mouth rinses and toothpastes. This lecture will also summarize the recent developments regarding periodontal instrumentation.



Joan I. Gluch

Dr. Gluch is Director of Community Health at the University of Pennsylvania, School of Dental Medicine. She is responsible for the leadership and management of the community outreach activities of the dental school, including the Minority Oral Health Initiative, the PENN Smiles dental van, and outreach programs with school children and medically complex individuals. Dr. Gluch is also responsible for the coordination and educational activities for the four academically-based service learning courses that are required for students in the School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Gluch is an international lec-

turer and an active contributor to the worldwide literature on health-related topics, including community health, health promotion, and dental hygiene.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVE:

- The participant will be able to describe the current concepts in selecting and recommending oral health care products.
- The participant will be able to demonstrate appropriate use and application of oral hygiene products and instruments.

**JOANN R. GURENLIAN, R.D.H., Ph.D.** will present, *New York's Epidemic—Diabetes Mellitus: Strategies for Providing Comprehensive Care*. This lecture will help the participants recognize the complexity of providing oral health care to medically compromised patients, especially those with diabetes mellitus (DM). The signs and symptoms of DM, differences between diabetes and pre-diabetes, risk factors and other systemic complications of DM will be discussed. Dr. Gurenlian will explain the significance of the A1c study in determining glycemic control, describe the oral manifestations of DM, and identify treatment options. Guidelines for providing oral health care for patients with DM when performing dental hygiene assessment and treatment will be discussed together with the importance of interdisciplinary referrals to manage and control DM.



Joann R. Gurenlian

Dr. Gurenlian has a Bachelor's degree in dental hygiene from Fairleigh Dickinson University, a Master's degree in dental hygiene from Columbia University, and a Doctoral degree specializing in educational leadership from the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Gurenlian has been active in dental hygiene for 26 years, served as a former chairperson of the Department of Dental Hygiene at Thomas Jefferson University, and is former president of the ADHA. Presently, she is an entrepreneur offering consulting and continuing education services to health care professionals. She has served as author of the periomedicine column for Access, and now authors *Dental Hygiene Diagnosis and Oral Medicine* for that publication. Dr. Gurenlian represents the ADHA as a director of the International Federation of Dental Hygiene and serves as vice chair of the Pharmacy, Podi-

atry, Optometry, and Dental Professionals Workgroup of the National Diabetes Education Program. She is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Irene Newman Award, ADHA/Warner Lambert Award for Excellence, and the ADHA Distinguished Service Award.

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVE:

- The participant will be able to describe the significance of diabetes mellitus, its signs and symptoms and its systemic interrelationship in treatment of periodontal patients.
- The participant will be able to demonstrate how to identify diabetic patients and plan treatment options with interdisciplinary coordination.

#### JEAN BYRNES-ZIEGLER, R.D.H.,

**M.S.** will present, *Should Ethics Be Part of Dental Hygiene?* Her presentation will focus on the impact of ethical dilemmas and the provision of dental hygiene care to the periodontally-involved patient. Participants will learn to identify and then explain the impact of the most frequently encountered ethical dilemmas of the dental hygienist.

This presentation will also identify ways that ethical dilemmas have influenced the provision of dental hygiene treatment, and will help to apply principals of ethical decision-making to the clinical practice of dental hygiene.

Ms. Byrnes-Ziegler is the dental hygiene program director at Harcum College. She received a Bachelor's degree in dental hygiene from the University of Rhode Island and a Master's in education from the University of Pennsylvania. Ms. Byrnes-Ziegler was instrumental in the



Jean Byrnes-Ziegler

collaboration between Harcum College and the University of Pennsylvania, School of Dental Medicine to design and implement an ongoing integrative clinical education model. This model integrates the clinical learning experiences of the dental hygiene students and dental students, emphasizing a comprehensive patient care philosophy. Ms. Byrnes-Ziegler teaches several dental hygiene courses including, Current Concepts in Dental Hygiene Care.

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVE:

- The participant will be able to describe ethical issues in provision of dental hygiene care.
- The participant will be able to demonstrate application of ethical decision making in clinical dental hygiene practice.

#### DEBORAH DOPSON-HARTLEY,

**R.D.H.**, will present, *T.E.A.M.-Hygiene: The Value of Dental Hygiene*. Her presentation will introduce new insight and philosophy for practicing hygienists to better understand the relationship of hygiene profitability, case representation and acceptance of ideal comprehensive restorative dentistry.

She will discuss how to set realistic hygiene goals for production, case presentation, case acceptance, and retention. Attendees will leave this presentation with proven successful techniques that can be immediately incorporated into a practice.

Ms. Dopson-Hartley received an Associate of Science Degree in dental hygiene from Pensacola Junior College in Pensacola, Florida and has been practicing dental hygiene for 28 years. She serves on the boards of various professional organizations and is currently on the executive editorial board and is a contributing editor for *Dentists Money Digest*. She has been published in *Dentistry Today*, *R.D.H.*, *The Profitable Dentist*, *The Farran Report*, *Dental Town*, and *Building The Power Practice*.



Deborah Dopson-Hartley

### COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY NEWS

#### 2003 Melvin L. Morris Awards

**D**r. Melvin L. Morris was a faculty member in the school of dental and oral surgery of Columbia University for more than 50 years. When he passed away in 1993 his friends, family and the foundations that supported his research established the Melvin L. Morris Periodontal Research Fund. The Fund presents two awards each year at the Postdoctoral Periodontics Program graduation dinner.

This year both the Melvin L. Morris Award for Excellence in Postdoctoral Periodontics and the Melvin L. Morris Research Fellowship were awarded to: **Dr. Raphael Yitz Csillag.** ■

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVE:

- The participant will be able to describe the value of dental hygiene as a profit center.
- The participant will be able to demonstrate proven techniques that will assist with case presentation and acceptance.

*This special program for hygienists is being sponsored through an educational grant from the John O. Butler Company.* ■

## NEW YORK UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY NEWS

**The Advanced Education Program in Periodontics**

**T**he Advanced Education Program in Periodontics is pleased to report a stellar academic year for 2002-2003. The applicant pool for the 2003 first year class was large, and the scholastic profile of those accepted the highest in 12 years. The faculty are especially proud of the 2002 graduating class for their American Board of Periodontology Part I examination 100% pass rate. We anticipate similar outcomes when this class completes Part II for Diplomate status.

A Self Study document, in preparation for an official site visit by the Commission of Dental Accreditation, was an arduous critical assessment of our program. The document entailed 13 months of curricular evaluations, modifications, and editing by Robert Davidson, Chair of Periodontics. The Accreditation visitation is scheduled for November 3, and 4, 2003, and we are optimistic that our program design and implementation will receive commendations.

Of our faculty, Mitchell Bloom passed the second part of the ABP board examination and is now a Diplomate of Periodontology. Harold Sussman received an ADA Harris grant award to produce an oral hygiene program for special education children. His children's book and video tape was effective in teaching oral homecare to this special group for the first time. Brian Chadroff helped develop an implant study kit for the AAP as an outreach tool for referring dentists, Parviz Edalat and

Bob Schoor presented a table clinic with material on implant instruction for the predoctoral dental student. Mea Weinberg, Stu Froum, Dennis Tarnow, and Edwin Rosenberg, won the AAP's Clinical Research Award, 2002. Jeff Lemler, Les Batnick, Lou Rose and Barry Wagenberg contributed to the scientific program during the annual AAP meeting in San Francisco. We welcome Drs. Khalid Almas, Ron Lehane, and Joe Perlmutter as new faculty persons.

The Metropolitan Periodontal Forum was established during 2002 to provide collaboration with the residents and faculty of Columbia, NYU, SUNY Stony Brook, UMDNJ, and the New York V.A. The first symposium, in December, with Columbia as host, was successful in showcasing resident achievements from each program. NYU will host the second symposium scheduled for December 9, 2003.

The residents and faculty invite the members of the NESP to our Periodontics Day on April 30, 2004, with Drs. Marjorie Jeffcoat, Michael McGuire, Nicholas Elian, and Steven Offenbacher.

Lastly, we report that Dr. Gary Stein won the AAPF raffle and a new car in San Francisco.

Respectfully,  
Robert Schoor  
Program Director

**PERIODONTIC NEWS?**

*NESP Bulletin* encourages news from advanced education programs in periodontics throughout the northeastern region. News may include faculty and student activities or achievements, research projects, departmental changes or any other related activities.

The deadline for the next issue is January 30, 2004. You may send all correspondence in care of the Editor, Dr. Mehdi Saber. Please see the last page for contact information.

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## Message from the President (CONTINUED)

Yet, some of us still wonder if this is a political issue. Why do the prosthodontists feel the need to place their own implants? Are we failing to provide service and results that are up to their expectations? Is it an economically driven idea?

The NESP is a vibrant, current, and active society, and I am proud to take a role in assisting its leadership. But it is our membership that directs us. I am calling upon our members to ponder this issue, and to tell us what you think. There are many channels for doing so, one of which is our *Bulletin*. I would like to invite members to submit guest editorials on the subject in order to help us to formulate our direction and philosophy, design our meetings, and help us to become a stronger and more meaningful body. Make your opinion known—drop me an e-mail (fcelenza@ddspartners.com), write to the society, and poll your colleagues. I encourage and support debate on this or any topic.

Lastly, I look forward to seeing you on November 7 at the fall scientific meeting. We are busily assembling a meeting that will stimulate and educate us with new modalities and ideas.

In the meantime, look around and appreciate all that has changed. ■

### Mark Your Calendar

NESP Spring Meeting: April 2, 2004

NESP Fall Meeting: October 22, 2004

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