March 21, the beginning of spring, brings an aroma of new life that calls for celebration. It is an opportune time for all of us to gather in beautiful New York and concurrently celebrate and enjoy exciting new subjects in the field of periodontics and implants. Dr. Mitchell J. Bloom has done a magnificent job in setting the theme for the upcoming NESP Spring meeting. The speakers and the subject matters are truly what is needed to "take it to the next level." Registration and exhibits, with coffee service, will be held between 7:45 and 8:30 A.M. Dr. Michael Pikos will be the first speaker at 8:30 A.M. He will present “Mandibular Block Autografts for Alveolar Ridge Augmentation: Myths and Reality.” Dr. Gianni Bruschi will follow at 9:30, discussing “Horizontal and Vertical Site Expansion for Prosthetically Driven Implant Insertion in Both Hard and Soft Tissue Aspects.” You can enjoy a coffee break and the exhibits from 10:30 to 11:00, immediately followed by Dr. William Lawson’s presentation on “Interfacing the Implant Surgeon With the Sinus Surgeon.” Lunch break will begin at noon. The afternoon session will start at 1:15 P.M. with a presentation by Dr. Dennis Tarnow: “Critical Factors in Implant Esthetics: Where We Are and Where We Are Going.” The lecture session will conclude at 3:15 P.M., with the exhibit hall open until 4:00 P.M. Non-members are welcome to attend the meeting by sending a check for $175 (payable to NESP) to: Dr. David Kratenstein, 630 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10111. Hotel reservations are available. Call (212) 704-8700 and ask for the Northeastern Society of Periodontists rate.

**DR. MICHAEL PIKOS** is a diplomate of the American Board of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, the American Board of Oral Implantology, the International Congress
President’s Remarks

Quite frankly, I never anticipated the feeling of pride and recognition that I would experience upon stepping up as incoming president of the NESP. Doing so is an honor, and is a milestone in my career that I will cherish. I am also cognizant of the responsibilities that come with this position, and I take pleasure in the opportunity to advance our society.

My immediate predecessor, Dr. Laureen Langer, demonstrated great leadership during her term. I salute her for her efforts. Some of the initiatives that she identified and acted upon will be perpetuated as I take over. Among them was expressing the need to partner with other specialties, to better understand their needs when treating patients, and, above all, to work in unison. The message that we hoped to project to our membership was not to feel threatened by other specialists who might seek training to provide services that should fall under our domain. Rather than take the defensive, we should rise up and address why our colleagues might prefer to place implants themselves, so that we can elevate our game and continue to deliver a superior service.

To that end, our last scientific meetings were decidedly interdisciplinary in scope. I hope you will agree that we were exposed to some exceptional presentations, and our society continues to assemble world-class speakers. It is my stated intention to continue along this pathway.

As a dual specialist myself, it has been my modus operandi to plan and treat in an interdisciplinary fashion. I am delighted to see that many treatment philosophies at the specialist level are evolving in this direction. I have charged my program chairman and friend, Dr. Mitchell Bloom, with the task of arranging and organizing a superlative slate of presenters to reflect and continue this trend. He has risen to this task and we can promise another year of must-see presentations.

The past year was also a term that included our meeting with the Northeastern Gnathological Society. The NESP works closely with our restorative colleagues of the NGS to present the joint meeting every other year. It always proves to be a well-attended, high-energy meeting, and is the chance to share a day with our referers and friends on the restorative side. This is a special relationship that we both have successfully nurtured.

I will attempt to expand upon a similar, mutually beneficial relationship by proposing a joint session with another academy. I share an involvement with The Northeastern Society of Orthodontists, and I can tell you that the NESO is as progressive and vibrant a society as we are. Both organizations could benefit from exposing each other to our philosophies and needs. It will be gratifying for me to initiate and see this meeting come to fruition, hopefully in the near future.

Lastly, let me state that our society is healthy and functional. Our financial outlook has never been brighter, thanks to the constant attention and monitoring by our executive director, Dr. David Kratenstein, and our treasurer in 2002, Dr. Susan

Dr. Frank Celenza comes from a long line of distinguished dental practitioners. His father, Dr. Frank V. Celenza, is a world-renowned prosthodontist who made many inroads into international teaching and research while maintaining a large practice in Manhattan. Dr. Celenza’s brother, Vincent, now heads that practice. He is active in teaching, and presently serves as president of the Northeastern Gnathological Society.

Dr. Celenza is unique in his qualifications in that he is a dual-certified specialist, active in both the practice and teaching of periodontics and orthodontics. Dr. Celenza maintains an active practice on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan, and is an associate clinical professor at New York University College of Dentistry. He enjoys a dual appointment at that school, in postgraduate orthodontics and the Arthur Ashman Implant Fellowship. Dr. Celenza is recognized internationally for his work in the use of implants in conjunction with orthodontics. He has published extensively and has appeared in many dental congresses both domestically and internationally.

Dr. Celenza currently lives in New Jersey with his wife Michele, a businesswoman, and their three children, Nicholas, 9; Olivia, 6; and Alexander, 2. Dr. Celenza is passionate about his personal interests as well. He is an accomplished sports car driver, a two-time competitor in the Michelin One Lap of America, and is a member and instructor for various car clubs. He also enjoys road and mountain biking and, when weather permits, commutes by bicycle from his home to his office.
New Math: Two Equals One

Sometimes it seems that dental insurance companies do whatever they please with few or no repercussions. A major insurance company with a high percentage of participating periodontists has instituted restrictive periodontal treatment guidelines that are only beneficial to the company. If you thought expiration dates on beer cans were strange, think again. Now, a variety of time provisions on periodontal treatment could literally cripple delivery of proper care to our patients. Such issues have the potential to set trends and adversely affect the long-term future of our profession regardless of whether one participates with any insurance company. Here are some examples:

1. Complicated guidelines and various time restrictions on periodontal treatment have resulted in an extensive administrative burden in many practices and have compromised patients' periodontal health and treatment. Examples: No periodontal surgery within 90 days of scaling and root planing; no hygiene visit within 30 days of surgery; no gingival graft or re-entry surgery within 3 years of osseous surgery. You miss it by one day and the insurance company has the right to deny payment and, worse yet, inform the patients that they are also not financially responsible.

2. Extractions and gingival grafts are considered part of osseous surgery and are not covered if done during such procedure.

3. Additional adjacent gingival grafts are not covered and are combined as a single site. Based on this new math, one and two have no difference. This type of math is also occasionally applied to multiple osseous grafts.

4. The change of treatment coding by the insurance company has been unfathomable. That is, the treating doctor submits the most accurate code that describes the procedure and the insurance company changes it at its own discretion. Why is this possible, or legal?

5. Guidelines and limitations for use of local chemotherapeutic agents have been inconsistent. Compensation has been low, and at times sites and teeth have been combined to reduce coverage. New math kicks in again. Examples: More than two teeth are considered a quadrant; adjacent sites in adjacent teeth are combined as one site.

A proactive approach may help us avoid the problems that physicians have been experiencing in recent years.

President’s Remarks (CONTINUED)

Karabin. At the organizational level, Dr. Barry Wagenberg, as secretary last year, did a phenomenal job behind the scenes to produce working manuals for every position of our hierarchy. Dr. Mehdi Saber has taken over the editorial position of the Bulletin, and is producing an exemplary publication. We also have effective committees in place that drive our organization. Among them are the Exhibits Committee, which manages an essential source of income to us and is chaired by Drs. Brian Chadroff and Mark Snyder; our Nominating Committee, which oversees the installation of our officers and leaders; and the Board of Directors, which ensures that our future and mission are properly directed.

We are a growing and influential organization, and I invite you to come along for the ride.

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New Members

The NESP welcomes the following new members:
Dr. Steven Bizzell
Dr. Eileen Schein
of Oral Implantologists and the American Society of Osseointegration. He is an adjunct professor of surgery in the Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Miami School of Medicine, Ohio State University College of Dentistry, Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine, and is a courtesy clinical associate professor in the Department of Periodontology at the University of Florida College of Dentistry. Dr. Pikos has extensive experience in the realm of dental implant surgery, having placed over 7,000 implants since 1983, and is an innovator in the arena of bone grafting and implant site development. He teaches and lectures both nationally and internationally, and maintains a private practice in Palm Harbor, Florida, limited exclusively to implant surgery.

Dr. Pikos’ presentation will focus on autogenous introral mandibular block grafts for alveolar ridge augmentation. He will address the following issues: efficacy, resorption, donor site morbidity, receptor site dehiscence and treatment, and the effect of PRP as it relates to this treatment modality.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVE:**
- To discuss ridge augmentation with mandibular block grafts.

**DR. GIANNI BRUSCHI** received his dental degree from the University of Rome and pursued additional training in endodontics, prosthodontics and oral surgery. During the 1970s and 1980s, he was on faculty at Boston University’s Henry Goldman School of Dentistry, where he still returns as a guest lecturer. Dr. Bruschi maintains a busy full-time practice limited to implants, periodontology and endodontic surgery in Rome, Italy. He and his associate Agostino Scipioni lecture internationally and have authored a number of articles and a surgical atlas on the topic of horizontal and vertical bone expansion.

Dr. Bruschi will be discussing edentulous ridge expansion (E.R.E.) and localized management of the sinus floor (L.M.S.F.) as modalities of regenerative treatment. These techniques are used to facilitate implant placement by increasing the dimension of alveolar bone without using bone grafts or barrier membranes.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVE:**
- To discuss ridge expansion and sinus floor management for implant placement.

**DR. WILLIAM LAWSON** has degrees as both a physician and dentist, lending to his unique scope of practice. He is a professor of otolaryngology at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City, where he is Director of the Division of Facial Plastic & Sinus Surgery, and co-director of the Sinus Research Laboratory; a diplomate of the American Board of Otolaryngology, American Board of Cosmetic Surgery and the American Board of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery; and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, American Society of Head & Neck Surgery, American Society of Facial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery and the American Rhinologic Society. He is the author of over 200 scientific publications, as well as 5 textbooks and monographs.

Dr. Lawson’s presentation is timely with respect to contemporary periodontal and dental implant therapy. He will be discussing the pathophysiology of sinus disease, microbiology and pharmacology of sinusitis, diagnostic radiology of the maxillary sinus, repair of the Schneiderian membrane, biotolerance of the antrum, and complications of implant surgery.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVE:**
- To review physiologic, diagnostic and pathological aspects of maxillary sinus in implant dentistry.

**DR. DENNIS TARNOW** is professor and chairman of the Ashman Department of Implant Dentistry at the New York University College of Dentistry, with appointments to both the Department of Periodontics and Department of Prosthodontics. He completed specialty training in both periodontics and prosthodontics and is a diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology. He lectures extensively both nationally and internationally, has authored many often-cited articles on the subjects of periodontal-prosthodontics and implant dentistry, and maintains a private practice in New York City.

Dr. Tarnow’s presentation will include the findings of his most recent work on factors affecting the esthetic outcome of dental implant therapy with respect to the facial height of tissue in the esthetic zone and the maintenance, loss or regeneration of the interdental/interimplant papilla. He will then present a means by which the clinician can approach a case in order to maximize the esthetic outcomes in dental implant therapy.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVE:**
- To learn esthetic management of dental implants.
• Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
• Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.
• There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
• The average person’s left hand does 56 percent of the typing.
• “Stewardesses” is the longest word that is typed with only the left hand.
• There are more chickens than people in the world.
• Two-thirds of the world’s eggplant crop is grown in New Jersey.
• The longest, one-syllable word in the English language is “screeched.”
• On a Canadian $2 bill, the flag flying over the Parliament building is an American flag.
• “Dreamt” is the only English word that ends in the letters “mt.”
• No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple.
• Almonds are a member of the peach family.
• Winston Churchill was born in a ladies room during a dance.
• Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.
• There are only four words in the English language which end in “dous:” tremendous, horrendous, stupendous and hazardous.
• A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
• Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.
• In most ads, the time displayed on a watch is 10:10.
• The characters Bert and Ernie on Sesame Street were named after Bert the cop and Ernie the cab driver in Frank Capra’s “It’s a Wonderful Life.”
• The average person falls asleep in seven minutes.

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