



Connect and Collaborate with the ACP Dental Technician Alliance

DENTAL TECHNICIAN ALLIANCE
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PROSTHODONTISTS

Pictured Above:

Dental Technicians and Prosthodontists attend "The Laboratory Connection: Techniques, Innovations, and Pearls from the Experts" at the 2015 ACP Annual Session in Orlando.

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Stephen Balshi addresses technicians and members of the ACP Board of Directors at the Dental Technician Alliance Breakfast held at the 2015 ACP Annual Session.

Prosthodontists are the driving force behind comprehensive care for patients seeking complex dental rehabilitations. As a member of the Dental Technician Alliance of the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP), I collaborate with these leaders in restorative dentistry in delivering that care.

Membership in the ACP Dental Technician Alliance gives us exposure to this prestigious specialty through access to networking opportunities, research and continuing education, much of which is focused on the technology that we use in our laboratories. The ACP is rare among dental specialties in that we, as technicians, are truly a part of the organization.

ACP Dental Technician Alliance members receive a listing in the printed membership directory and the ACP's online "Find a Dental Tech" search. ACP prosthodontists use this search to locate Dental Alliance Technician members by name or location. Those two features alone have brought my dental laboratory not only new business, but business we

technicians desire. Quality record taking leads to quality restorations.

I was fortunate to serve as the President of an ACP Section, the Pennsylvania Prosthodontic Association, where I worked with local prosthodontic leaders to plan our annual meeting. This included organizing the scientific program and acquiring corporate sponsorships. Previously, only prosthodontist members were permitted to serve as state section officers but the ACP voted to update their bylaws to give members of the Dental Technician Alliance the opportunity to lead as well. My experience as Section President provided great exposure to all the prosthodontists in the state.

When we convene for the Annual Session, Dental Technician Alliance members have access to some of the best educational sessions in dentistry, as well as the very latest advances in technology. There is also a breakout scientific session for laboratory technicians, often focused on the critical communication between technician and prosthodontist. The ACP Annual Session is the one meeting I am sure to attend every year as it is an opportunity to learn side-by-side with prosthodontic practitioners and educators. Should you attend the ACP Annual Session, don't miss the breakfast for dental technicians on Friday, October 7.

The 46th ACP Annual Session will be held in San Diego on Oct. 5-8. If you are interested in attending the meeting and learning more about the Dental Technician Alliance, you can contact the ACP membership department at (312) 573-8799 or visit Prosthodontics.org. **JDT**

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