



Southwest Society of
Periodontists

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President's Message

It is wonderful to be able to give you some updates about the recent and upcoming happenings within the Southwest Society of Periodontists. We have had a wonderful year of professional development and personal achievements. First, I would like to take a moment to thank Dr. Kristi Soileau for nominating me for membership in the American College of Dentists. The ACD was founded in 1922 and is made up of 7,000 Fellows who demonstrate dedication to the field of dentistry in all its facets. I am deeply humbled by this accolade and look forward to continuing to serve the profession of periodontics within this new organization. Thank you, Dr. Soileau.

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Clinical Case Spotlight - Dr. Lorenzana

Minimally Invasive Tuberosity
CTG for Phenotype Modification:
Rationale for Esthetics and Prevention
of Complications

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Do you have a case to be featured in an upcoming eProbe edition? Click the link to submit your case below.

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John F. Prichard Prize

The John F. Prichard Prize for Graduate Research was held on January 27, 2023 on the opening day of the 2023 SWSP Winter Meeting. The competition, in its 38th year, was another impressive display of the contributions being made by new periodontists to the coffers of peer reviewed literature in periodontology and dental implantology.

This year, 10 research abstracts were submitted from post-doctoral periodontics residents around our Southwest region. The abstracts were reviewed by our blinded judge panel represented by periodontists from academic and private practice settings. Upon review, six finalists were selected to represent clinical and basic science categories in the competition.

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Outstanding Scientific Publication Award

The SWSP Outstanding Scientific Publication Award was launched in 2022. This award is presented to the most outstanding scientific published article with direct clinical relevance in periodontics that presents new information which may be readily used by practitioners in the evaluation and/or management of patients with periodontal diseases. The article is selected from publications nominated by SWSP members which meet the award criteria.

This year, we received five high-quality articles. The nominated publications were graded by the members of the Scientific Affairs Committee based on predetermined objective criteria. The winning publication for 2022-23 was entitled “Use of the Deep Learning Approach to Measure Alveolar Bone Level.” The publication was from the Department of Periodontics and Dental Hygiene, UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry, with Dr. Chun-Teh Lee as the first author, Ms. Tanjida Kabir as the second author, and Dr. Shayan Shams as the corresponding author. The winners were announced at the 2023 Winter SWSP meeting.

To view the abstract, please visit:

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jcpe.13574>

To view the entire article, please visit:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC9026777/>

Excellent publications help clinicians understand the advance in periodontology. We hope to keep receiving outstanding nominations for this award in the coming years. We can continue recognizing the first-rate publications of talented clinicians and researchers in SWSP!

Winter Meeting Recap

Over 170 periodontists, dental professionals, residents and vendors attended the 2023 Winter Meeting, held January 27 - 29, 2023 in Irving, Texas. On Saturday of the meeting, Dr. Colin Richman discussed Why Don't Our Teeth Fit Our Jaws and What Can We Do About it. Our Sunday, Dr. Colin Richman, shared Incorporating SFOT into Daily Clinical Practice; Clinical and Administrative Perspectives. Thank you to our Official Meeting Sponsor, Looacid, for the generous support of this year's Winter Meeting.

Winter Meeting Minutes and Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee Report from the meeting is as follows:

Nominating Committee – Dr. Matt Steffer reported on the nominees for the Slate of Candidates for 2023-2024.

The Slate of Candidates is as follows:

President-Elect – Dr. Yong-Hee Chun

Secretary-Elect – Dr. Shelby Nelson

Treasurer-Elect – Dr. Nikola Angelov

Member at Large – Dr. Jeff Pope

Member at Large – Dr. John Wilson

During the Business Meeting the following motion was passed:

Dr. Matt Steffer moved approval of the Slate of Candidates as presented. Dr. Michael Mills seconded the motion. Motion passed.

If you have any questions concerning the Business Meeting Minutes, please contact the Society via email at info@swsp.org.

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Summer Meeting Preview



We look forward to having you join us at the Margaritaville Lake Resort on Lake Conroe in Montgomery, Texas for the 2023 Summer Meeting, to be held Friday, July 28 – Sunday, July 30. Register now for this unique educational and networking opportunity for periodontists and dental professionals in the Southwest region.

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Trustees Drs. Brad Crump and Kristi Solleau visit Grand Teton National Park during recent AAP Board retreat in Jackson, WY, Wyoming

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