



The Newsletter of the Pierre Fauchard Academy

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Welcome to the Pierre Fauchard Academy's Inaugural Electronic Newsletter! Its purpose is to keep our Fellows up to date with the many activities of the Academy. We want to convey the grandeur of the Academy to which you belong. It is one of several member benefits that the Officers and Trustees of the PFA are dedicated to providing our Fellows. Of course, the greatest benefits of belonging to the PFA are intangible. These include fellowship with some of most distinguished dentists from throughout the world, and the everlasting memories formed at Academy events.

However, we want to make Fellowship even more valuable by providing tangible benefits, such as this Newsletter, a more user friendly webpage, and providing the training and tools necessary to make our Section Chairs more effective. Perhaps the greatest tangible member benefit offered by the PFA is the free online continuing education that can be accessed via our website. Most of these free courses will count as hours towards renewing your dental licenses. Our Continuing Education Committee is diligently working to provide you with the best continuing education possible. I would personally like to recommend that each of you enroll in our online course "Leadership in Turbulent Times".

In closing, as International President, I would personally like to challenge every PFA Fellow reading this, to nominate at least ONE worthy candidate for Fellowship within the next year! We have a distinguished Academy of which we can be extremely proud. We also have many qualified dental colleagues who are worthy of Fellowship in the PFA, but who for whatever reason have not been invited to join our Academy. We must change this!

Therefore, to make it easier for our Fellows to attain this challenge, our Board of Trustees and Officers have streamlined the Candidate Nomination Process. A Fellow needs only log onto our website at fauchard.org, and fill out and submit a Candidate Nomination Form. This form basically consists of the candidate's contact information.

PFA Headquarters will take it from there. Our Executive Director will then send the candidate a packet with a letter congratulating the candidate on nomination, the Fellowship Application, a request for a CV, and information on the PFA and the Induction



process. Once the candidate has filled out the required information and returned it to our International Headquarters, the Executive Director will submit the candidate's information to the appropriate Section Chair for review. Simple and painless! We believe that increased ease of nominations will lead to increased nominations, without decreasing the quality of the nominees.

I hope to see many of you at our Gala in Orlando!

Sincerely yours in Fellowship,

Hal E. Hale, D.D.S.

Pierre Fauchard Academy International President, 2022- 2023

From the International Executive Director



Welcome to the semi-annual newsletter of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. I hope that you take a few minutes to review the newsletter and the activities of your international honor dental organization. We have had a very busy start to 2023 with induction meetings around the world. We are grateful to have the opportunity to honor so many leaders in the dental profession.

In this issue, we will spotlight several topics:

1. The announcement of the PFA International Gala – to be held October 7, 2023, in Orlando, FL (USA). We expect approximately 300 guests to join us at this annual meeting and celebration of the PFA.
2. The launch of our new website – still located at www.fauchard.org This effort has taken significant time to implement and will incorporate our new Association Management Software which should simplify your search for information.
3. The PFA events which will take place at the FDI Meeting in Sydney, Australia this fall. Our PFA Australasia Region has been working hard to make this a wonderful event.
4. The growing list of online Continuing Education courses designed to enhance your leadership skills. This member benefit is free to all Fellows. Member benefits include online CE courses, a subscription to Dental Abstracts / Dental World, and grants and scholarship support from the Oral Health Foundation of the PFA.
5. Honoring one outstanding chapter each issue. This issue honors the revitalized Texas PFA Section.
6. Honoring an outstanding PFA Fellow from around the world. In this issue, we honor Dr. Theogoraj Samraj from India. Dr. Samraj, recently retired, was the founder of the India Section of the PFA in 1986. Please take a moment to read about this incredible leader.

I look forward to hearing from you. Please catch up on the activities of the PFA and submit your own updates and ideas for a future edition of this newsletter. Submit names of



outstanding Fellows to be honored and PFA Section activities to highlight. Take a moment to honor your colleagues by inviting them to become a Fellow in the PFA. And most of all, thank you to the 4400 active Fellows and 2300 Life Fellows of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. You are the international leaders of the dental profession and I respect your commitment to your patients and your community. Thank you for your service to the profession.

PFA Australasia hosts FDI Events in 2023

Region VIII is pleased to announce that we will be holding a National Induction breakfast ceremony in conjunction with the World Dental Congress that will be held in Sydney in September 2023. The ceremony will be on the morning of Sunday 24th September. Region VIII will take this opportunity to formally recognize the outstanding leadership of Past Presidents, Drs Rick Sawers, Mark Sinclair and Patrick Meaney. We will induct over 30 new Fellows, all of whom have contributed to the dental profession nationally and internationally.



With support from the Australian Dental Association, we will also be holding our Emerging Lecturer Competition on September 24th. This competition provides younger colleagues with a platform to

showcase their professional achievements and public speaking skills. Please come and listen to the keynote speakers of the future.

All Fellows are invited to the FDI #WorldDentalCongress 2023, making a triumphant return to an in-person event in Sydney, Australia from 24th and 27th September 2023. In addition to a world-class scientific program, an array of networking opportunities and 25,000m² of exhibition space, you can enjoy a holiday in Australia! For more information on #WDC23 and to register, visit world-dental-congress.org

Any Fellows wishing to attend the breakfast ceremony would be most welcome. Sydney is a beautiful, safe city and September is usually perfect weather. We hope to meet you here in Australia.



PFA Online Leadership CE Classes

Do You Desire to be a Better Leader in all Areas of Life?

By Dr Cheryl Billingsley, Chair of CE Committee and Vice-president of PFA

Have you ever desired more leadership skills? Did you know that the Pierre Fauchard Academy International offers several free CE courses that include "Leadership during Turbulent Times" and Clinical Skills".

The Leadership course offers modules in this program:

1. An Introduction to The Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership®
2. The Mistakes Leaders Make When It is Time to Make Things Happen
3. How to Keep Your Cool When Things Are Heating Up
4. Taking Risks and Failing Forward in Uncertain Times
5. The Secret of Innovation that You Already Know (but are not using yet!)
6. Unleashing Your Leadership Potential
7. Understanding Diversity; Inclusion to Lead More Effectively
8. Are You Hanging on to the Past? Key Strategies for Letting Go
9. Creative Problem Solving When You are Stuck in the Status Quo
10. How Visionary Leaders Lift the Fog; Create Clarity

The content presented throughout this course is based on an evidence-based framework of leadership and global research with over five million leaders. Our presenter, Deb Calvert, is a leadership speaker and consultant. who has been named one of “The 65 Most Influential Women in Business” by Treeline and presents to Fortune 500 companies. Our own PFA Trustee, Dr. Cheryl Billingsley, also provides content so you can immediately apply concepts and tools offered.

You will receive wonderful training in Leadership that will enable you to take this back to your office and apply immediately, especially helpful during these changing times in our world. In addition, you will receive a certificate for leadership that is frameable after completing the 10-part series.

Clinical Leadership

By Dr. Paul O'Dwyer BDS MSC,

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Clinical Leadership Presentation with Audio

Introduction – Evidence of Impact

Define Leadership and Clinical Leadership

Analyze the importance of Clinical Leadership in Healthcare

Describe the Clinical Leadership Competency Framework

Apply the CLCF to your own leadership now.



We are in the process of preparing "Leadership during Turbulent Times, Part 2". Deb Calvert, a fortune five hundred speaker, is a phenomenal speaker. The lecture series consists of 10-part, one CE per segment followed by a Fellow of PFA application to everyday dental practice with a course completion certification award at the end of completing all courses.

Grab this free CE while you can! Become a better leader in all areas of life.

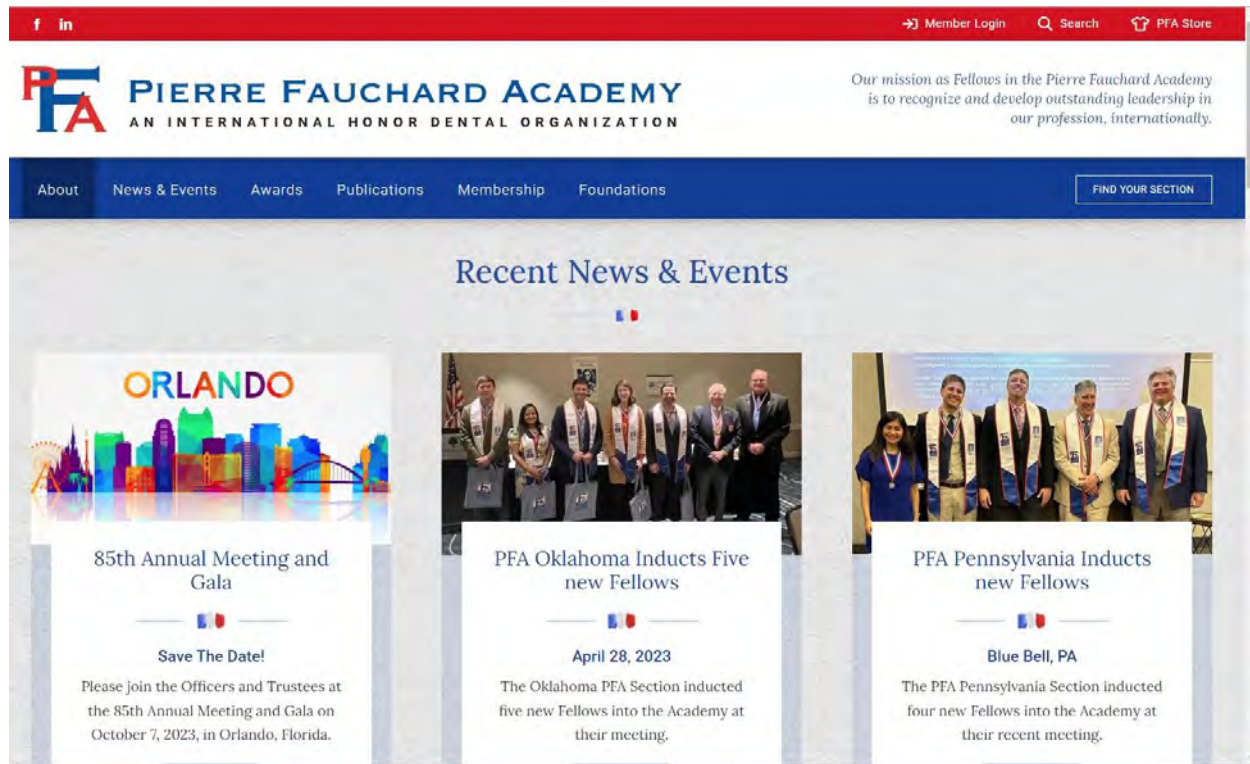
PFA Events in 2023

Jan 26 – 28	Alabama, Florida, Georgia (USA) Combined Meeting
January 27	Massachusetts (USA)
February 15	Myanmar – Meeting and Induction
February 23	Illinois (USA)
March 10	Arkansas (USA)
March 30	Utah (USA)
April 14	Kansas / Missouri (USA) Combined Meeting
April 14	Oregon (USA)
April 28	Oklahoma (USA)
April 28	Pennsylvania (USA)
April 29	Minnesota (USA)
May 5	Iowa (USA)
May 6	Texas (USA)
May 10	West Virginia (USA)
May 12	Tennessee (USA)
May 19	Indiana (USA)
May 19	North Carolina (USA)
May 20	Southern California (USA)
June 2	New York (USA)
June 8	Idaho (USA)
June 8 – 10	Hong Kong – Meeting and Induction
June 15	Washington (USA)
June 16	Calgary, Alberta Canada – Meeting and Induction
June 20	Bangkok, Thailand – Meeting and Induction
August 16	Kentucky (USA)
September 9	South Carolina (USA)
September 15	Dublin, Ireland – European Meeting and Induction
September 21	Virginia (USA)
September 22	Ohio (USA)
September 24	Australasia Region Meeting and Induction – during FDI
October 7	PFA Gala in Orlando, FL (USA)
November 4	Arizona (USA)
November 7	Wisconsin (USA)
November 10	Mexico



PFA New Website Launching Summer 2023

The New PFA website will be launching this summer. The website will have a cleaner look and make it easier to find the information you need. The Fellow login area will have a full directory of all PFA Fellows from around the world.



When you login to the website, you will be directed to our new Association Management Software system run by MemberClicks. This system will have the same look and feel as our public facing website but is more secure and conforms to the European GDPR privacy and security laws.

The login area will have specific information based on your role with the PFA. All Fellows will find the area for our online continuing education programs, the constitution and bylaws of the PFA, and our full directory. Section Chairs will have specific information regarding how to maintain their Section.

We look forward to your feedback as we continue to refine this website for your needs.

PFA Fellow Spotlight

In this inaugural issue of PFA Connect, we are delighted to feature Dr. T. Samraj, an esteemed Life Fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy (PFA).

Dr. T. Samraj was born on September 20, 1941, in Madras, and graduated as a general dentist from Madras Medical College Madras in 1963 where he earned his Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS). After spending a year as Senior Resident at the Christian Medical College (CMC) in Vellore, he graduated with a Master of Dental Surgery (MDS) in Orthodontics from the Government Dental College Bangalore. He then rejoined CMC, where he worked until 2001. During his tenure at CMC, he was Professor and head of the Dental Department for 25 years, Deputy Director of CMC for 8 years and Associate Director of CMC for 8 years. Dr. T. Samraj then spent 3 years as the Director of Ragas Dental College in Madras and a year as Principal of SGT Dental College in Gurgaon. Later, he became the Academic Co-ordinator /Director Academics in the Salem Campus of Penang International Dental College and served for 15 years.



Throughout his career, Dr. T. Samraj took a keen interest in organized dentistry. In the Indian Dental Association (IDA), he held the position of Central Council Member from 1969 onwards for a period of 35 years. He was also a Founder Secretary and President of the North Arcot Branch of the IDA; Tamil Nadu State Secretary and President; and, in the IDA National Office, he was Secretary of Council on Dental Health, Chairman of the Continuing Dental Education Wing of IDA, Editor of the Journal of the IDA, Vice President and the youngest President at 39 years of age. He also signed the First Register of the World Federation of Orthodontists for India as a Charter Member Nation in 1995 and was the National Secretary for the FDI (India) for 10 years between 1993 and 2002.

Additional positions in organized dentistry that Dr. T. Samraj held during his career include the following:

- Secretary and Treasurer of the Indian Orthodontic Society (1982 - 2002).
- President of the Indian Association of Forensic Odontology.
- President of the Indian Society for Dental Research.
- Founding President of Academy of Dental Education, which recognises academic achievements of dental students.
- President of the International College of Dentists – India, Sri Lanka, and Nepal Section.
- Member of the Dental Council of India.
- Acting President of the Tamil Nadu State Dental Council for a year and the first individual to be an elected Member of Tamil Nadu State Dental Council for 50 years.



In the academic field, his accomplishments have been many. Dr. T. Samraj initiated the Indian Board of Orthodontics in 1999 for the MDS graduates and was an examiner for Part I for first 2 years. This was the first speciality Fellowship Board Examination in India. He was also the Founder of the Indian Board of Forensic Odontology, the First Fellowship Programme in Forensic Odontology by the Society in India for general dentists (BDS graduates) and is still serving in this capacity. In addition, in 2010 he pioneered in India the virtual microscopic method of teaching, conducting practicals in oral histology and general histology for Penang International Dental College students in college term examinations and university examinations. In 2016, he then pioneered holding Part 1 and II BDS examinations using 'Exampad', a paperless digital examination method with individual calibration, biometric authentication, a live examination, and password-protected evaluation of the test answer sheets. Other achievements include being a senate member and examiner for BDS and PhD students at many colleges and universities in India. He also founded the Journal of Academy of Dental Education dedicated to BDS Students in India, with a condition that only a student can be the first author of articles. Dr. T. Samraj authored 37 articles in various dental disciplines and has given presentations at meetings of several organizations, including the FDI, APDC, International Academy of Periodontology, IADR and the IDA. His contributions to the IDA have included creating a Flannelgraph on Oral Health in India, which was distributed at no cost to all Branches of IDA; starting the First FDI-IDA CDE Program; and, developing a handbook for dental surgeons in India on the 1997 WHO theme titled 'Emerging Infectious Diseases – Global Alert and Global Response'. Additionally, in 1998 he established the First Dental Museum and Library by a professional Society in India.

The humanitarian and community activities conducted by Dr. T. Samraj are equally laudable. They include the following:

- Conducting 52 dental camps benefitting 38,477 people.
- Establishing the Free Dental Speciality Centre in Vellore in 1999, where oral examinations, extractions, prophylaxis, and temporary fillings were provided. Free screening for diabetes was also provided. Over a period of 20 years, 1,66,455 patients benefitted from this program.
- Providing oral health education lectures for 40,000 school children, and training 386 schoolteachers on oral health education.

Dr. T. Samraj has an illustrious history with the PFA, spanning more than 35 years. He was invited to start the India Section as part of the International Golden Jubilee Celebrations in 1986. He successfully achieved this with 16 Founder Fellows and became the Founding Chairman for 5 years, later serving as Secretary and Treasurer for 30 years. He has participated in several International PFA Board Meetings, organized the 25-year silver jubilee celebrations of the India Section in 2011, attended the 75-year celebrations of the international PFA in the same year. At the beginning of his tenure, the India Section's quarterly Journal of PFA was established and dedicated to India's 'father of dentistry', Dr. R. Ahamed. The India Section's Continuing Dental Education Program was first held in 1987 as a symposium on 'Fluorides and Dental Health - Facts and Fallacies' and the first Convocation was held in 1988 in New Delhi where 32 new Fellows were admitted, bringing the total number of Members to 48. In the subsequent years, CDE Programs and Convocations have been held regularly by the India Section. The India Section also introduced two orations annually, PFA conferences, and was the first professional



society in India to start a Mentorship Program. The India Section of the PFA received the Best Model Section Award from the International PFA for 2015.

Within the India Section, a strong focus has been placed on encouraging dental students. To achieve this, the following annual awards have been instituted over the years:

1. The PFA International Student Undergraduate Certificate of Merit, which is awarded to one dental intern.
2. The PFA International Senior Student Certificate, awarded to 15 dental interns (postgraduate students).
3. The PFA International Dental Student Scholarship Award, awarded to two third-year students.
4. The Best Out-Going B.D.S. student award, given to one intern from each of twelve dental colleges; and,
5. The PFA Mentorship Programme, which was inaugurated in 2021 and is awarded to four dental interns.

In recognition of his professional, academic, and administrative acumen, he was awarded Lifetime Achievement Awards by the Tamil Nadu Dr. MGR Medical University, Indian Orthodontic Society, Indian Dental Association, and, in July 2019 by the India Section of the PFA for his 32 years of service to PFA and 56 years in dental profession. In recognition of his services to the PFA, he also became the Emeritus Secretary of the PDA India Section in 2022, and a Life Fellow of PFA.

We wish Dr. T. Samraj a long and happy retirement.

PFA Section Spotlight



They say that everything is bigger in Texas. That has certainly been the case in the last seven months for the PFA Texas Section. From October 2022 to May 2023, the PFA Texas Section has inducted 84 new Fellows into the Academy! Dr. Rita Cammarata, this Section's newly appointed Section Chair, has assembled a team to reach out to all corners of the large state. Using her experience with the Texas Dental Association and the American Dental Association, Dr. Cammarata is reinvigorating a PFA Section located in a state with more than 15,000 registered dentists. With the assistance of her team, which includes Dr. Craig Armstrong, Dr. Jodi Danna, Dr. Cody Graves, Dr. Shailee Gupta and Dr. Kathy Nichols, Dr. Cammarata has created a program that is just beginning to reach out across the state to honor leaders of the dental profession. Congratulations to Dr. Cammarata and the PFA Texas Section!





PFA Gala 2023

The Officers and Trustees of the Pierre Fauchard Academy invite you to attend the 2023 PFA Gala on October 7, 2023, in Orlando, FL (USA). The event will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel 9801 International Dr, Orlando, FL 32819. We will begin at 6:00PM with cocktails and light appetizers; welcome our guests to the event; induct new Fellows into the PFA; enjoy a wonderful dinner; present our international awards; and end the evening with dancing.

More details and registration are available on the PFA website (www.fauchard.org)



If you have a potential PFA Fellow who you wish to have inducted at the PFA Gala, please complete this nomination form by August 1, 2023:

<https://fauchard.wufoo.com/forms/sponsors-nomination-form/>

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