

American Academy of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology

The American Academy of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology has a membership of 616, of which 352 have achieved the status of "Fellow".

The annual meeting this year will be held in Kansas City, MO on May 4-9, 2007. Speakers include Russell Smith, AFIP Oral Pathology, Susan Hadley, Michael Siegel, Lester Thompson, Henry Gremillion, Susan Zunt, Edward Stelow and David Wong.

The Continued Competency Assurance Program will be held as usual. This program involves individual review of 20 packaged cases with appropriate histories and supporting materials to go with the slides. Upon completion, the registrant returns the participation document to the registration desk and receives the diagnoses, discussion and references for the cases.

The Academy will host a joint meeting with the International Association of Oral Pathologists in June, 2008 in San Francisco.

A major area of emphasis by the executive council this year has been the highlighting of oral /systemic disease relationships to both the dental and medical communities. A particular area of emphasis has been that of highlighting the problems with performing surgical procedures in the mouth on those patients who have been taking bisphosphonates. A review paper concerning the problems, written by three fellows of the Academy, was published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* in May, 2006. Another active area for Academy members this year has been the education of healthcare professionals concerning the new oral cancer screening/early detection techniques.