

Dear Colleagues,

Over the years and long before I joined the Executive I have been most impressed by the passion for our specialty and the dedication of those involved with the Academy. We owe a debt of gratitude to those men and women that have selflessly given to our profession and established the Academy as the National voice of Periodontists. The current Executive continues to make indispensable contribution to the vitality of the CAP and it is truly an honour and privilege to work with this wonderful group of dedicated professionals. I would be remiss not to mention the work of Ms. Claire D'Amour, of our representatives and of our committees. They are key enablers to the ongoing success of the Academy.

Since our last Annual General Meeting (AGM) your Executive has kept active. In addition to its regular teleconferences, liaison work, ongoing communication and networking activities the Executive met in Toronto to conduct strategic planning work to develop a plan that will provide clear strategic direction towards ensuring future success of the Academy. The Executive contemporized the Academy's mission statement, developed a vision for the organization's future and are determining the necessary priorities, procedures, and strategies to achieve that vision. This ongoing work will enable the CAP to look into the future in an orderly and systematic way and help assure the CAP remains relevant and responsive to the ever changing landscape of our specialty. The Executive will be delighted to present some of its work at the 2017 AGM.

Our website remains central to our communication and promotional strategy and is our main platform to reach out to the public and our profession. Consequently, your Executive has directed the upgrade of our four year old website structure in order to be more visually appealing, better inform the public and showcase periodontists' expertise both on desktop and mobile devices. The Academy also continues to foster strong ties with its component societies and the many stakeholders of the dental profession further establishing the CAP as the National voice of Periodontists.

The Academy is vibrant and is evolving to better *“support success of its members, promote excellence in the practice of periodontics and in partnership advance the periodontal health of the public as an integral part of optimal oral and general health”*. I thank those who are currently serving on the Executive for making this great journey possible.

Respectfully,

Dr. Jean-Pierre Picard
President