

It's with honor and pleasure that I accept to be your President for 2023-2024 Canadian Academy of Periodontology (CAP).

CAP has a long history of being the voice of periodontists across Canada. The CAP Executive and the Board of Directors continue to work together to ensure periodontists are regarded as the central interface, collaborating with allied partners to link oral health with general health.

**There is strength in numbers.** The more periodontists who join the CAP the stronger our voices will be. To that end, over the years, your CAP executives have been hard at work to create value by introducing several new initiatives.

In 2020 CAP introduced webinars that were presented all year round to our members, their staff, and their referring doctors. As well as helping to foster a sense of community, we hope this initiative will go a long way in elevating CAP's profile in our profession. Please visit the Webinar Recordings page on the Members' side of the CAP website to listen to available recordings.

In 2021 we initiated a Fellowship-Mentorship Program allowing opportunities for networking between colleagues across Canada and information sharing regarding the business of periodontology. One of the central goals of this program is to help mentor and transition periodontal residents to private practice.

In the spirit of strengthening ties with our international colleagues, in 2023 we started a "speaker sharing" initiative with the Indian Society of Periodontology (ISP). The ISP was established in 1975 and has approximately 8,000 Members. Their annual conferences are usually attended by over 2,000 delegates and will be held December 1-3, 2023. We envision this initiative will place CAP on the global stage.

The CAP executives continue to explore additional ideas to provide service to our members. We are currently working on our latest initiative "CAP Hygienist Recognition Award" that is awarded to hygienists who complete a series of CAP-approved training modules.

I am excited to work alongside my wonderful colleagues Dr. Trudy Nwachukwu, President-Elect; Dr. Marla MacAulay, Treasurer; Dr. Jonathan Bouwer, Secretary-Editor; Dr. Disha Nagpal, Member-at-Large; and Dr. Aditya Patel, Immediate Past-President. They bring energy and enthusiasm to their roles and together we will continue to ensure that CAP is the voice of all periodontists across Canada!

**Come join us!** In 2024, CAP's Annual Meeting will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba June 7-8.

I look forward to hosting you there!