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Alpha Omega Welcomes UCLA's New Dental School Dean

Dr. Paul Krebsbach

presents

"Tuning Biomaterial Properties to Enhance Pluripotent Stem Cell Self Renewal"

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

ABOUT THE TOPIC

Current practices to maintain induced pluripotent stem cells (iPS) and human embryonic stem cells (hES) in an undifferentiated state typically require the support of mouse embryonic feeder cells (MEFs) or an undefined extracellular matrix such as Matrigel™. These culture conditions that depend on animal contaminants, severely limit our ability to interpret mechanistic studies designed to resolve how human pluripotent stem cells interact with their extracellular environment to: 1) remain in a unique undifferentiated state and 2) make fate-changing lineage decisions. Likewise, the xenogeneic components of MEFs and Matrigel™ will ultimately hinder our ability to use these stem cells to treat debilitating human diseases. We have overcome these obstacles by developing a synthetic matrix system that supports iPS (and hES) cell expansion and self-renewal within completely defined culture conditions that are free from xenogeneic contamination. The establishment of this synthetic matrix now allows us to probe the molecular basis of pluripotent stem cell self-renewal and differentiation, and will pave the way for clinical applications.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Dr. Paul Krebsbach, one of the nation's leading researchers in tissue engineering and stem cell biology and a respected academic leader, was appointed dean of the UCLA School of Dentistry on June 30, 2016. He also holds a professor appointment in the school's Section of Periodontics. Krebsbach has been a member of the faculty at the University of Michigan since 1996. He is the Roy H. Roberts Professor of Dentistry and a professor of biomedical engineering, and he has served as chair of the department of biologic and materials sciences and division of prosthodontics since 2005. Prior to that, he was a senior staff fellow for three years at the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, one of the National Institutes of Health. Paul brings to UCLA a national reputation as an exceptional leader as well as a deep understanding of the unique mission of public research universities. The recipient of the International Association for Dental Research's 2010 Distinguished Scientist Award for Basic Research in Biological Mineralization, Krebsbach is the author of more than 180 articles and chapters, and he holds two patents. His research focuses on the cell and molecular biology of mineralized tissues and self-renewal of adult and pluripotent stem cells. He has been the principal investigator of research funded by nearly \$19.5 million in grants. For 10 years, Krebsbach served on the editorial boards of the International Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and the Journal of Bone and Mineral Research. He currently is on the editorial boards of Bone Research, the Journal of Healthcare Leadership and the International Journal of Oral Science. Krebsbach earned a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of St. Thomas, a D.D.S. from the University of Minnesota, and a doctorate in biomedical sciences and certificate in periodontology from the University of Connecticut Health Center. He is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering, and was awarded the William J. Gies Award by the International Association for Dental Research/American Association for Dental Research and an Independent Scientist Award by the NIH and NIDCR. Earlier this year, he completed a one-year term as president of the AADR, and he is a member of the American Dental Association, the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research and the IADR.

DATE:

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018

LOCATION:

Sinai Temple

10400 Wilshire Blvd.

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TIME:

Cocktails	6:15 p.m.
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Speaker	7:30 p.m.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WELCOME – DR KREBSBACH – UCLA NEW DEAN



It is with great pride that we welcome the new dean of UCLA Dental School, Dr. Paul Krebsbach to our Alpha Omega Los Angeles area community. He has graciously accepted our invitation to be our guest speaker. In the less than one year since he took over he has changed the internal aura of the school, it is much more family, reflecting Dr Krebsbach's "Hamish" attitude. He is friendly with students in the hallways, elevator,

holds periodic meetings with them, is genuinely interested in them. Wow, what a wonderful positive change.

We are now into a new year with all the hopes and expectations it brings. Like our Jewish New Year, the secular New Year season also draws us to reflections and to those things we would like to accomplish. Same for Alpha Omega. Promoting professionalism, education, and zadakah remain continuing goals. As life changes so must we constantly re-evaluate how we accomplish these goals.

One recent accomplishment is Alpha Omega-Henry Schein Cares Holocaust Survivors Oral Health Program. It provides pro-bono dental care to the most economically vulnerable Holocaust survivors in nine North American metropolitan areas both Jewish and non-Jewish.

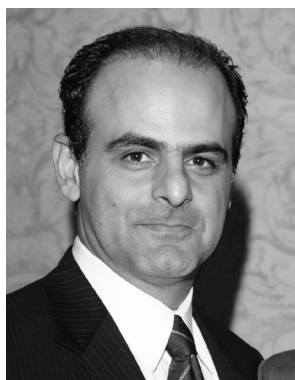
Alpha Omega remains committed to providing educational opportunities for our members and always invites the dental community to share in our efforts and benefits. Opportunities are all around and as individuals we select those that will fit our personal goals. Your board of directors' attempts to select and procure topics and speakers that will benefit your dental skills and knowledge when planning the dinner/speaker meetings. The Nate Styrk Seminar is also committed to providing the best for our members and the community. Even on a national level Alpha Omega provides state of the art "Web Casts" to promote continuing dental education.

It is up to each and every one of us to do our share. It has been said there are givers and takers within all groups. It is the givers that keep the group going, evolving, and vibrant for the benefit of us all. Alpha Omega needs you.

If you ask an Alpha Omegan about the benefits derived from being a member, the answer is clear. The more you give the more you get. Those that have been and/or are involved will emphatically respond in proportion to what they have given to our group. Just ask and you will be placed on the email notification list of the board meetings. Please accept my personal invitation to attend our board of directors meetings to get a sense of involvement and see how you are needed and valued.

Fraternally,
Phil Trask

REGENT'S REPORT



Dear Fraters,
It is with great pleasure and a distinct honor that I assumed the position of Regent, once more.

My dear friend Ron Saidara did an amazing job for the past three years serving as our Regent.

Under Ron's leadership and with his hard work, our organization was able to accomplish a great deal. We were able to sustain and enhance the most important aspects of our organization which are philanthropy, and Alpha Omega student chapters. Ron, Alpha Omega is grateful to have you as a local leader.

The Manusov/Styrt Seminar will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at the Olympic Collection Conference

Center. I am excited to report that we have two amazing speakers speaking on two great topics. World-renowned Cliff Ruddle will be speaking on Endodontics and Jack Haley of My Social Practice will be speaking on enhancement of your dental practice via social media. Both speakers are fantastic in their field and we are fortunate to have them for our annual all day seminar. Please save the date.

As regent, I look forward to a close working relationship with Ron Saidara, Bob Simon, Marc Gross, and all the other dedicated members on the Regency Board.

Fraternally,
Eddie Harouni.



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IN MEMORIAM

Our dear frater Alfred Rubel passed away on December 24, 2017 at the age of 92. He is survived by daughter Debra (Norm) Rosenberg; and 2 grandchildren.

Al remained faithful to Alpha Omega throughout his dental career and during his retirement.

The attached photo was taken in the fall of 1960 during the initiation of the AO Tau Chapter, Class of 1964. Taken in front of the AO house on 34th street - 1/2 block from USC Dental school.



*Top row: Al Rubel and Sumner Saul;
bottom row : Max Cutler and Leon Unterman*

2017 AO International Convention's Award Ceremony

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MARC GROSS	CERTIFICATE OF MERIT FROM INTERNATIONAL AO
DANIEL ADELPOUR	ASSUMED THE POSITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL USC STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE 2018
JUDI NAZIRI	USC OUTSTANDING STUDENT CHAPTER PRESIDENT FROM INTERNATIONAL AO. COMPLETED TERM AS THE 2017 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

2019 AO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AWARDED TO THE LA AREA

2017 Ft. Lauderdale Convention Report

by Bob Simon

This year's convention was again a departure from the traditional timing and structure. The international board met on Thursday, December 28. Convention registration was the same afternoon. Both business meetings were held the next day, immediately preceding the memorial service and Shabbat dinner. Installation and awards were formally presented at the New Years Eve celebration. Dr. Steve Marsh of Cleveland, OH was installed as International president and Dr. Steve Spitz of Boston was installed as President-elect.

The current treasurer Alan Moltz of Chicago has struggled to return the fraternity to a path of fiscal sustainability. Since the dues have not changed in ten years he proposed a dues increase for active alumni members of \$18 per year. After much discussion the international board voted to defeat the proposed dues increase. At the second business meeting which followed a lunch break following the morning session a dues increase of \$5 per year for the next two years was approved by the assembled delegates.

Our executive director Heidi Weber has thoroughly investigated the city of New Orleans which has been ratified as the 2018 venue for the international convention. Beyond that the international board recommended Los Angeles as the venue for the December, 2020 convention. Heidi has also managed the roll out of the new website ao.org as a major step to improve communications for our global audience.

The next European Regency meeting is being planned for June 27-30 in Porto, Portugal.

New student chapters were announced for new dental schools at Touro (New York) and Western (Pomona, CA). Student awards were initiated at this convention recognized on Saturday morning December 30.

Meritorious service award was conferred on Michael Stern of Washington, DC. The recipient of the Achievement Medal was announced to be Dr. Robert Langer of MIT. It will be awarded in 2018 at an event in Boston so that his family, friends and colleagues can conveniently attend.



12-26-2018 to 1-1-2019

Dear AO Members and Friends,
New Orleans is my favorite city and I'm excited that the 2018 AO Convention will be in The Big Easy this December. Our fun and fraternal convention promises to have something for everyone - from the best restaurants to local culture and shopping, and that wonderful Southern hospitality.

Our host hotel is the Renaissance Arts Warehouse District Hotel and it's located in a growing neighborhood with some of the top restaurants and museums. The hotel is situated between two popular areas: the famous French Quarter and the Uptown/

Garden Districts. Both areas are accessible by walking, taxi or Uber/Lyft, and sometimes a streetcar.

Our convention schedule is packed with plenty of time to socialize with friends and family plus participate in our event dinners and business meetings. Each month, I will bring you information about planning your trip to New Orleans and some of my personal recommendations.

Registration opens on February 1st but hotel reservations are being accepted now:

<http://bit.ly/RenaissanceNewOrleans>

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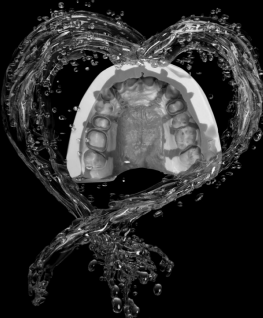
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