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surgery among all patients. Middle-aged and older patients, however, had a more significant increase in systolic blood pressure than did younger patients.

Researchers also found that among younger patients, sympathetic nervous system activity increased when local anesthetic was administered but not during the surgery itself. Among middle-aged and older patients, researchers found a decrease in nervous system activity when the anesthetic was administered.

According to researchers, these findings suggest that the greater increase in blood pressure among older patients might be the result of something other than nervous system activation—for example, atherosclerosis. Atherosclerotic blood vessels are less elastic than are healthy vessels, and they may not be able to dilate sufficiently during periods of stress when the heart pumps greater volumes of blood. When this happens, blood pressure rises.

OMISSIONS

In December JADA, the article “Inhibiting Interspecies Coaggregation of Plaque Bacteria With a Cranberry Juice Constituent” by Ervin I. Weiss and colleagues should have contained the following statement:

“The study received partial financial support from Ocean Spray Cranberries Inc. However, the company had no role in development of the experimental design, analysis of the data or interpretation and presentation of the findings.”

Through a printing error, the photo of Dr. Maria Rosa Watson was omitted from her article, “Women’s Oral Health Awareness and Care-Seeking Characteristics: A Pilot Study,” in December JADA. JADA regrets the error.

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MEETINGS

Meeting dates are subject to change. Dentists interested in attending any of the listed meetings should contact the sponsoring organization for more information.

- The International Federation of Dental Education Associations will hold its meeting March 10-11 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. For more information, contact Dr. Richard W. Valachovic by e-mail at valachovicR@aads.jhu.edu, by phone at 1-202-667-9433 or by fax at 1-202-667-0642.

- Dental Med 99, the 13th International Dental Meeting and First Dental Multimedia Show of the Journées Dentaires Internationales de Nice–Côte d’Azur, will be held in Nice, France, March 11-13. For more information, contact Dr. Michel Burdin by phone at 1-011-33-4-93-13-03-21 or by fax at 1-011-33-4-93-13-47-02, or visit the Web site at “http://www.dentalmedia.com”.

- The 11th Annual Symposium on Treatment of Headaches and Facial Pain will be held on April 18 at the New York Marriott in New York. For more information, contact Dr. Alexander Mauskop by phone at 1-212-794-3550 or by fax at 1-212-794-0591.

- The Second National Conference on Over-the-Counter Dental Drugs and Products will be held April 23-26 at the Pan Pacific Hotel in San Francisco. To register by phone, call 1-415-929-6486 or 1-800-922-4UOP if in California. To register online, visit the Web site at “http://www.dental.uop.edu.”

- The 14th International Conference on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery will be held April 24-29 at the Washington Hilton and Towers in Washington, D.C. For details, phone 1-847-678-6200, fax 1-847-678-6286, e-mail inquiries@aaoms.org or visit the Web site at “http://www.aaoms.org.”

- The 50th annual meeting of the New Orleans Dental Association will be held Sept. 15-18 at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans. For more information, contact Normalee Ward by phone at 1-504-834-6449 or visit the Web site at “http://www.nodc.org”.

APPOINTMENTS/ELECTIONS/AWARDS

- Dr. Philip Person, Flowering, N.Y., was honored by the New York Academy of Sciences for 50 years of distinguished service to science, technology and society.

- Dr. Anthony H.L. Tijan, West Covina, Calif., received the 1998 Mitchinosuke Nakayama Memorial Award from the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

- Dr. Shig Ryan Kishi, Newport Beach, Calif., received the French Gold Medal from Le Conseil National de l’Ordre des Chirurgiens-dentistes.

- Dr. C. John Munce, Loma Linda, Calif., was awarded fellowship in the Academy of Dentistry International.

- Dr. Kathryn Atchison, Santa Monica, Calif., has been appointed associate dean for research at the UCLA School of