Welcome and Aloha to the AAPD 2018 in Honolulu, Hawaii

In Hawaii it is common to use the word Aloha in greetings, farewells and in expressions of love. Aloha is composed of two words in the Hawaiian language - Alo meaning sharing and Ha which means life energy or breath.

The AAPD 2018 will embrace our aloha and will “joyfully share life.” The host hotel, the Hilton Hawaiian Village, is located on Waikiki Beach, a mere ten minute walk from the Hawaii Convention Center where the meeting will take place. The welcome reception will be held on the grounds of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum. The museum was established in 1889 and preserves the natural and cultural history of Hawaii and the Pacific. Enjoy Hawaiian Fest, learn to make a flower lei, visit the Planetarium or enjoy the world’s largest collection of Polynesian cultural artifacts and natural history specimens.

Waikiki is bustling with activity with many restaurants including the new International Market Place as well as shopping at the Ala Moana Shopping Center. Visit the Arizona Memorial, Pearl Harbor, Battleship USS Missouri, as well as enjoy snorkeling at Hanauma Bay, hiking Diamond Head or just relaxing on the beach.

On behalf of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and the Local Arrangements Committee, we are honored to be your hosts for an exciting and educational 71st Annual Session. The Scientific Program Committee has worked diligently to develop a program that features many well-known and enthusiastic speakers. There will be a strong educational balance encompassing caries research, dental materials, pathology and orthodontics to practice management, staff enrichment and technology. We guarantee that there is something for everyone.

We wanted to thank John Rutkauskas and the AAPD staff of Tonya Almond, Kristi Casale, Colleen Bingle and Caroline Price for helping plan great venues throughout the city for all of the events. If you have never been to Hawaii, you and your family are in for a real adventure in paradise. Mark your calendars now and plan on joining us at the Annual Session in Honolulu, May 24 – 27, 2018.

Mahalo nui loa,

Lynn Fujimoto