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BALTIMORE –The American College of Prosthodontists presents the Educator of the Year Award to Dr. Mathew Kattadiyil during the ACP 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Session in Baltimore. This award recognizes individuals (ACP members) who have made substantial contributions to the welfare and advancement of the College or Prosthodontics; outstanding overall achievement to academic dentistry; and contributions to the sciences or health profession. The winner of this award, Dr. Kattadiyil is recognized for his exceptional skills as a dental educator.

Dr. Kattadiyil received his B.D.S. from the College of Dental Surgery, Kasturba Medical College (KMC), Manipal, India in 1989. He completed his Masters in Dental Science (MDS) in Prosthodontics from the College

of Dental Surgery, KMC, Manipal in 1992. He began full-time teaching in the Department of Prosthodontics at the College of Dental Surgery, KMC, Manipal, India in 1992. In 1997, he received the professional certificate in Prosthodontics from the School of Dentistry and in 1999 earned his Master of Science (MS) degree from Loma Linda University. Dr. Kattadiyil is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and a Fellow of the American College of Prosthodontists. He is currently the Director of the Advanced Specialty Education Program in Prosthodontics at Loma Linda University, where he has been a full-time faculty member since 1999 and limits his practice to prosthodontics.

Dr. Kattadiyil will receive his award at this year's 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Session being held in Baltimore on Oct. 31-Nov. 3. More than 1,000 dental professionals are expected to attend, which includes prosthodontists, dental technicians, and other dental industry authorities and guests. Annual Session topics include: new developments in CAD/CAM technology and high-strength ceramics; creating affordable dental health opportunities; understanding the shift toward precision medicine in dentistry; the use of digital imaging; sleep apnea management; the role of clinical psychology in prosthodontic practice; recreating nature: the harmony of function and esthetics with digital technology; and a proactive team approach to avoid pitfalls with the cost-effective All-on-4 Concept.

Prosthodontists are specialized dentists with advanced training in oral health issues, who are committed to improving patient results. From implants, crowns, veneers and tooth whitening, to full-mouth reconstruction, prosthodontists are specialists in digital dentistry and CAD/CAM solutions.

The ACP is the only prosthodontic specialty organization whose membership is based solely on education credentials. ACP members must be in or have completed an ADA-accredited advanced education program in prosthodontics.

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