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Dr. Urs Belser Becomes Lifetime Honorary Member of the American College of Prosthodontists and Earns Distinguished Lecturer Award



CHICAGO — Urs C. Belser, DMD, Prof. Dr. med. dent, became a lifetime honorary member of the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP). Dr. Belser was also bestowed the ACP distinguished lecturer award during the 44th Annual Session of the ACP held in New Orleans from Nov. 5-8, 2014.

"Dr. Belser is an extremely prolific author, presenter, researcher and educator. He has trained many of the finest Prosthodontists in the world, both directly and indirectly through his programs and publications. He is truly a giant in our field," ACP vice president Dr. Carl Driscoll said. Based in Geneva, Dr. Belser carries more than 40 years of experience in the dental and Prosthodontic specialty and has published more than 160 articles, 3 textbooks and 18 book chapters. He also is a professor and retired chairman of the Division of Fixed Prosthodontics

and Occlusion at the University of Geneva School of Dental Medicine, as well as a part-time guest professor at the University of Bern School of Dental Medicine.

"His achievements are unique, and his commitment and dedication to the profession is extraordinary," said Dr. Dean Morton, professor and chair of the Department of Oral Health and Rehabilitation at the University of Louisville School of Dentistry.

Each year, the ACP selects up to three individuals for honorary membership of the College. This membership is exclusively for individuals who do not qualify for any other membership category yet have made significant clinical or scientific contributions to the discipline and/or specialty of Prosthodontics or have provided substantial support for the educational or research programs of the College. Honorary members are nominated by three active members or Fellows. The honorary membership of the College is a lifetime status.

"I am so pleased to become an honorary member of the American College of Prosthodontists – the ACP," Dr. Belser said.

The distinguished lecturer award is presented to individuals (ACP members, non-ACP member dentists or non-dentists) who have made significant contributions to the welfare and advancement of the College or Prosthodontics; provided outstanding service to the College; and/or made significant contributions to the sciences or health professions. The winner of this award has presented high-quality original research representing a major contribution to Prosthodontics, or significant contributions to the literature, teaching or clinical applications.

"Dr. Belser is the perfect choice for this award as he is so respected in our field," ACP president Dr. John R. Agar adds.

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About the ACP

The American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) is the official sponsoring organization for the specialty of Prosthodontics, which is one of nine recognized specialties of the American Dental Association. Founded in 1970, ACP is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to enhancing patient care, advancing the art and science of Prosthodontics, promoting the specialty of Prosthodontics to the public and other dentists and healthcare professionals, ensuring the quality of Prosthodontic education and providing professional services to its membership. Visit <u>GoToAPro.org</u> for more





information. <u>National Prosthodontics Awareness Week (NPAW)</u> is April 12-18, 2015. NPAW promotes public awareness about the critical importance of a healthy mouth and why Prosthodontists bring patients optimal oral health.