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Dr. Thomas D. Taylor Honored with Distinguished Lecturer Award by the American College of Prosthodontists



CHICAGO- Thomas D. Taylor, DDS, MSD, FACP, has earned the Distinguished Lecturer Award for outstanding contributions through original research, literature, teaching, or clinical applications from the American College of Prosthodontists. Dr. Taylor was honored at the Annual Awards & President's Dinner during the 46th Annual Session of the American College of Prosthodontists held in San Diego from October 5-8, 2016.

Dr. Taylor is a professor and Head of the Department of Reconstructive Sciences and chairman of the Division of Prosthodontics at the University Of Connecticut, School of Dental Medicine. He is involved in both clinical and laboratory research and has published extensively in prosthodontic literature including the *Journal of Prosthodontics*. He is a past editor of the *International Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Implants*, and has contributed to over 20 books.

He is a Fellow and Past President of the American College of Prosthodontists. He is also past president of the International College of Prosthodontists, the International Team for Implantology (ITI), the Academy of Prosthodontics, and the Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics. Currently, Dr. Taylor serves as Executive Director of the American Board of Prosthodontics, which rigorously examines Prosthodontists that are seeking to become board certified.

Previously, Dr. Taylor has been awarded the American College of Prosthodontists' President's Award (2003), the Dan Gordon Award for Lifetime Achievement (2007), Educator of the Year Award (2010), and the ACP Education Foundation Founders Award (2015).

"I have been extremely fortunate in my career to have been involved with so many great leaders in dentistry and prosthodontics. As I look back over that career I feel that our specialty and the College have achieved remarkable success in fulfilling our responsibilities to the profession and the public. We can all be very proud of those accomplishments. I am deeply honored to be named the ACP distinguished lecturer for 2016," said Dr. Taylor.

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.

Prosthodontists are specialized dentists with advanced training in oral health issues, who are committed to improving patient outcomes. From implants, crowns, veneers, and tooth whitening, to full-mouth reconstruction, prosthodontists specialize in <u>digital dentistry</u>, <u>cosmetic dentistry</u>, and <u>sleep apnea</u> 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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About the ACP

The American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) is the official sponsoring organization for the specialty of prosthodontics, which is one of only 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. For more consumer information visit <u>GoToAPro.org</u>, professionals can visit <u>Prosthodontics.org</u>.