

## President's Award: Teresa A. Dolan, DDS, MPH

Presented by Dushanka V. Kleinman, DDS, MScD

The President's Award is presented at the discretion of the president to an individual for significant contributions to the welfare of the association. This year it is my distinct honor to present AAPHD's President's Award to Dr. Teresa A. Dolan, DDS, MPH. Dr. Dolan's efforts over the past several years have provided the association and dental public health with an interactive forum and strong foundation for the growth and development of the nation's dental public health residency programs at a critical time in history. She is professor and associate dean for academic affairs at the University of Florida College of Dentistry, and is a member of the AAPHD Executive Council.

Probably unknowing how much time and energy the responsibility would be, Dr. Dolan graciously accepted the challenge and exquisitely served as the primary chair of the first national dental public health program residency directors' workshop held in 1998. The dimensions of the breadth of her dedication shone through when she also accepted the same role for the second workshop held this past June after she truly knew what was involved. She was aptly supported by Dr. Joe Doherty as the chair for the meeting arrangements for both workshops.

These workshops were designed to prepare the dental public health workforce to effectively meet the dental public health needs of a rapidly evolving health system and the Healthy People 2000 oral health objectives. For the first workshop Terri secured the services of a consultant to help guide participants in their translation of competencies into learning activities and materials and discuss how to approach competency-based resident



*Teresa Dolan receiving the President's Award from Dushanka Kleinman.*

evaluation. Numerous recommendations were made and acted upon in the intervening year. The success of the initial workshop contributed to our good fortune in securing the funding for a second workshop.

For the second workshop Terri focused upon future directions for dental public health and residency education and innovative educational approaches. This workshop entailed active sessions on "problem-based learning," the development of approaches to meet the new competencies and standards, and the initial development of essential materials such as a draft background reading list and case studies. She also secured consultants and guest speakers, and prepared the proceedings.

Once again, Terri's efforts resulted in the genesis of another—the third—workshop to be held in 2000 and the launching of the first workshop for dental public health residents. Terri's work for AAPHD went beyond the workshop. This year Terri presented at the annual meeting of the American Association of Dental Schools on behalf of the association and at a meeting of dental specialties focused upon retention and recruitment of specialists in dental education.

Terri, I want you to know how appreciative we all are of your dedication and commitment to AAPHD and your efforts in addressing the goals of the association. We indeed are fortunate that you are granting us the benefit of your time, expertise, and creativity.