

## 2000 Special Merit Award for Outstanding Achievement in Community Dentistry—International: John J. Clarkson, BDS, MA, PhD

**Presented by B. Alex White, DDS, DrPH**

Two years ago, the American Association of Public Health Dentistry instituted a new award to recognize the contributions of our international colleagues in improving the public's oral health. This year, the AAPHD is pleased to recognize Dr. John J. Clarkson by presenting him with the Special Merit Award for Outstanding Achievement in Community Dentistry—International.

Professor John Clarkson is dean of the Dental School and Hospital, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, and professor and consultant in Public Dental Health and Community Services. He was previously chair of the Department of Public and Child Dental Health, which includes public health, orthodontics, pediatrics, and integrated patient care. He was recently elected vice president of the International Association for Dental Research.

Dr. Clarkson served as executive director of the IADR/AADR from 1990 to 1998, where he managed the association's fiscal, administrative, publishing, and conference activities and was responsible for promoting the in-

terests of dental research in the United States and worldwide.

Professor Clarkson was born in Mullingar, Ireland, and attended secondary school at Oatlands College, Mount Merrion, County Dublin, graduating in 1958. After obtaining his bachelor of dental surgery degree from University College, Dublin in 1964, he worked in general dental practice in Ireland and England for five years. He returned to Ireland to join the Public Health Service in Dublin, where he obtained a senior appointment. Professor Clarkson joined the Department of Health in 1980, where he reached the rank of deputy chief dental officer. He obtained his doctoral degree in 1987 from University College, Cork, for his research on "Enamel defects in fluoridated and nonfluoridated areas in Ireland" and for his research on indices of enamel defects.

Professor Clarkson has held appointments as associate clinical professor in the University of Maryland at Baltimore, as a consultant with the World Health Organization's Collaborating Centre in University College, Cork, and as a consultant and member

of the Commission of the Fédération Dentaire Internationale (FDI). He served as member-at-large of the IADR board of directors and was elected to the executive committee of the Association for Dental Education in Europe in 1999.

Professor Clarkson is a member and has served as an officer of several international, dental, scientific, and professional organizations and is a referee for a number of international journals. He is a Fellow of Trinity College, the International College of Dentists, the American College of Dentists, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and Academy of Dentistry International.

I've highlighted only a few of the many achievements that Dr. Clarkson has made during his distinguished career. For these reasons and many more, we are pleased to recognize his work and thank him for his efforts. On behalf of the American Association of Public Health Dentistry, I am privileged to present the 2000 Special Merit Award for Outstanding Achievement in Community Dentistry—International to Dr. John Clarkson.

## Remarks on Receiving the Special Merit Award for Outstanding Achievement in Community Dentistry—International

**John J. Clarkson, BDS, MA, PhD**

**Delivered by Robert J. (Skip) Collins, DMD, MPH**

Please accept my sincere apologies for not attending the awards presentation today. I have been elected dean of the Dental School and Hospital, Trinity College, Dublin, and have a

number of major commitments in the university this particular week and because of this could not travel to Chicago.

I am deeply honored to receive the

Special Merit Award for Outstanding Achievement in Community Dentistry—International. Recognition by your peers, especially in your own specialty, is really an uplifting experi-