

The Dr Gerald Leatherman Award

Background

The late Dr Gerald Leatherman played a very important part in promoting the role of the dental hygienist. He was one of the pioneers of preventive dentistry in the United Kingdom and dedicated his professional life to raising the profile of dental hygienists and dental health promotion.

It was during his early professional years, working in the United States, that he first experienced the “new profession” of the dental hygienist and oral hygiene clinics. Being the great visionary that he was, Dr Leatherman could see the potential benefits of such a group of auxiliaries. He brought his ideas back to the UK and began the crusade with like minded colleagues which led to the recognition of the dental hygienist as an integral member of the dental team.

He was actively involved with the BDHA (now BSDHT) from its inception. Following his retirement from the office of President in 1957, he was appointed Honorary President until his death in 1991.

Dr Leatherman was highly respected by his colleagues and apart from BDHA (now BSDHT), his great interest was the Federation Dentaire Internationale (FDI). He provided leadership for the organisation for over 28 years and on his retirement was appointed Executive Director Emeritus.

The Dr Leatherman award was established to perpetuate and honour his name.

The British Society of Dental Hygiene and Therapy (formerly the British Dental Hygienists’ Association) regards the award as very prestigious so although nominations are invited annually an Award may not necessarily be made.

Criteria

- Nominations can only be submitted by full members of BSDHT.
- Consent of the candidate must be obtained.
- Candidates may not necessarily be a dental hygienist/ therapist but must have shown outstanding commitment and support to the dental hygiene/ therapy profession and furthered the aims of the profession or BSDHT. They do not necessarily have to have a high profile.
- Each nomination should be signed by the candidate and the two nominees, and made on the attached nomination form.
- The nomination form must be accompanied by a joint testimonial or two individual ones.
- Nominations will be considered by the Nominations Committee comprising of the President of BSDHT, Immediate Past President and one other, preferably known to Dr Leatherman. The recommendations of the Nominations Committee will be reported to the August Council Meeting for their decision.



- The candidate to whom the Award is made should be prepared to present a paper or a table demonstration at the following Annual General Assembly of Members.
- Nomination papers must be forwarded to **Ann Craddock, 19 Greyfriars Walk, Cirencester GL7 1UF. T: 01285 641469 / E: bdhaadmin@btinternet.com** to be received no later than 15 July 2011.

**The Dr Gerald Leatherman Award 2011
Nomination Form**

Name of Candidate _____

Proposed by:

Name _____ Signature _____

Address _____

Telephone No _____

Seconded by:

Name _____ Signature _____

Address _____

Telephone No _____

Signature of Candidate _____

The completed nomination form and testimonial should be sent to:

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Closing date: 15 July 2011