Obituary

AAPD Honorary Member – Dr. Jens Ove Andreasen

Jens Ove Andreasen, the father of Dental Traumatology and AAPD Honorary Member, passed away on Sept. 26 2020.

Andreasen graduated from the Royal Dental College, Copenhagen, in 1959. He did his postgraduate training in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University Hospital in Copenhagen where he has been serving all his life. Already as a young surgeon, early in his career, he became interested in helping all victims of dental trauma, which he met daily in his profession. He realized there was not much knowledge in this field at that time.

For this reason, he started research and was a leader in the world started registering all trauma cases in a careful and systematic way already in the 1960s. He also took initiative to in-vivo experimental studies reproducing treatment scenarios of various dental traumas affecting both permanent and primary teeth, resulting in pioneering scientific articles, which have become classic and is the foundation of today’s knowledge in dental traumatology. He also took initiative to the foundation of the International Association of Dental Traumatology in 1989 and was its first president. This organization has since then arranged 21 World congresses on Dental Traumatology worldwide. He also realized the importance of a reaching out in science and was one of the initiative takers to start a scientific journal in dental traumatology 1989 and the scientific journal Dental Traumatology is today the main journal in this field.

In 2008, he founded the interactive internet based Dental Trauma Guide, which today is a non-profit evidence-based platform available to all dentists worldwide. It contains information from his experiments and a trauma database from clinical long-term studies of all types of traumatic dental injuries carried out at the trauma centre in Copenhagen. With the help of this database the clinicians all over the world can get immediate assistance with diagnosis, treatment, follow up and prognosis of their trauma cases. He also took initiative to the Copenhagen symposium which gathers colleagues interested in traumatology and related fields from all over the world in Copenhagen every year.

Jens Andreasen has authored 400 publications and 12 textbooks, covering not only dental traumatology, but also autotransplantation, tooth eruption and tooth impaction. His Textbook and Color Atlas of Dental Traumatology, also called “the trauma bible” is the gold standard worldwide and is now in its 5th edition. Andreasen has received four honorary doctorate degrees and has lectured in 49 countries. His lectures always attracted and inspired people.

Few researchers and teachers in Dentistry have reached out the way Jens Andreasen has done with his impact worldwide. We, who had the privilege working close together with him, were always impressed with his high energy and visions, always inspiring us all in a positive way and conveying empathy for patients, colleagues, friends and staff of all categories. He was unique.

He was a true professional, leading colleagues worldwide, but also a devoted family man and our thoughts are with his wife Anna-Lena and his family. He will be missed by many colleagues and friends worldwide, and his legacy will live on forever.

The legacy of Jens Ove Andreasen, the Dental Trauma Guide, will continue to be the world leading tool in the field of evidence based dental traumatology, providing easy-to-follow animated treatment procedure. The Copenhagen Symposium and the Copenhagen Webinars, also founded by Jens Ove Andreasen, will continue as well.

Inspiring Young Pediatric Dentists

AAPD received this article written by 11th grader Fadie Arabo from Troy, Mich. Arabo hopes to become a pediatric dentist!

Why Pediatric Dentistry Is Such A Rewarding Specialty

by Fadie Arabo

Can you think of a better job than helping children maintain their oral health? I can’t and if you can’t either; you may want to consider going into the field of pediatric dentistry. Pediatric dentistry is one of the most rewarding careers one can have and I’m here to tell you why.

1. Pediatric dentistry teaches kids to maintain their oral health and sets a good example for the future.

Let’s all be honest with one another; we see those vaping products on every street corner. It’s a sad reality, but as a pediatric dentist, you can help with this epidemic. By teaching children how to stay away from harmful chemicals at a young age, children are more likely to follow these warnings and in the end, stay away from these dangerous products. By teaching kids young, we can help children recognize dangers and better help them maintain a healthy lifestyle.
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Longtime Dean of Pacific’s Dentistry School Passes Away

During his long career, including 28 years as dean, Dr. Arthur A. Dugoni helped University of the Pacific’s school of dentistry become one of the best in the nation.

Dugoni passed away on Sept. 30, 2020, at his home in Palo Alto. He was 95. He is remembered as an energetic educator and fundraiser, whose motto was “at Pacific we grow people, and along the way they become doctors.”

The San Francisco-based school was named the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry in his honor in August 2004, while he was still dean. He became the first and only person in the United States or Canada to have a dental school named in their honor while holding the position of dean.

Dugoni served as dean of the dental school from 1978 to 2006. His prior roles at the school included serving as assistant professor of operative dentistry; assistant professor of pediatric dentistry; assistant professor of orthodontics; chairman of the department of orthodontics; associate professor of orthodontics; and professor of orthodontics.

In addition to leading the dental school for 28 years, Dugoni served as president of the California Dental Association, the American Dental Association, the American Dental Education Association and the American Board of Orthodontics. He presented 1,000 lectures, papers, clinics and essays during his career, and published more than 175 articles.

“Dentistry and dental education are stronger today because of Dugoni and his passion for people and the profession," said Dr. Nader A. Nadreshahi, dean of the Dugoni School of Dentistry. “The Dugoni School family honors his legacy and how he touched our lives by building on our defining characteristic of humanistic education and commitment to excellence. Thank you to an incredible mentor and role model.”

During his tenure as dean, the school saw advances in digital dentistry, creation of a state-of-the-art simulation lab, the launch of the International Dental Studies program and expansion of clinical services.

He also had a passion for philanthropy and supporting students and others in the community. Under his leadership, in 1996 the school completed the largest dental school capital fundraising campaign at the time in the U.S ($65.7 million).

He received University of the Pacific’s Order of Pacific, the school’s highest honor, for 55 years of service in 2006. At the World Dental Parliament meeting of the FDI World Dental Federation in Barcelona, Spain, in 1998, Dugoni was elected to the List of Honour, the highest award the FDI can bestow on a member.

Dugoni was born in San Francisco on June 29, 1925, and began his dental education at the University of Missouri-Kansas City before earning his D.D.S. degree in 1948 from the College of Physicians & Surgeons in San Francisco (the forerunner of the school that would ultimately bear his name). He practiced as a pediatric dentist in South San Francisco for 14 years before deciding go back to school to earn his orthodontics degree in 1963 from the University of Washington in Seattle.

Dugoni had seven children and 15 grandchildren. The family requested memorial gifts be made to The Art Dugoni Scholar Fund, an endowment that will support a Dugoni dental student selected on need, merit and leadership potential. Please call the dental school’s Office of Development at (415) 929-6406, or go online to www.dentalgifts.org to make a donation online.

2. **Pediatric dentistry has one of the most welcoming environments for children.**
   You have probably been to a dentist in your life. When you walk in, can you recall what you see? I recall dark walls, magazines, and a sign-in sheet. With pediatric dentistry, you can transform the office into a sort of “Playground”, where children feel happy to go to their appointments. By showcasing a positive environment, children can have fun and worry less about the procedures and such.

3. **Pediatric dentistry offers a one to one bond with children.**
   Pediatric dentists go through extra schooling to study children’s behavior and psychology. This extra schooling is evident in the bond we see between pediatric dentists and children. Pediatric dentists get to understand each child’s situation and see them progress at uniquely different times.

From infancy to adulthood, pediatric dentistry is one of the most rewarding specialties and you may just want to consider it if you plan on going to dental school.