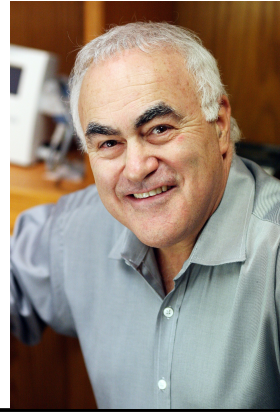


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KELOWNA — Dr. Bernie Legatto is being honoured by the British Columbia Dental Association with the Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Legatto, a specialist in prosthodontics, is being recognized for his role as a pioneer and educator of implantology and dedication to community service.

“I am honoured to accept this award,” said Dr. Legatto. “It is especially meaningfully for me because it represents recognition from my peers and my ongoing commitment to our community.”

For over 30 years, Dr Legatto has shared his enthusiasm and expertise for implantology. He has lectured world-wide and mentored colleagues through the Crown and Bridge and Implantology Seminar in Kelowna.

Dr. Legatto, a prosthodontist, started his full-time specialty practice in Kelowna’s Orchard Plaza in 1980. Prosthodontists are dental specialists with expertise in the replacement of missing teeth, restorative and cosmetic dental procedures. This includes crowns, bridges, complete and partial dentures, veneers and bonding.

Dr. Legatto’s contributions extend beyond academic and professional education. In the 1980s, he hosted “Smile if You Can”, an Okanagan based cable television program that promoted the importance of oral health.

During his recent tenure as President of the Association of Prosthodontics of Canada, Dr. Legatto lobbied to boost public awareness about the specialized role of prosthodontics.

Dr. Legatto, a fellow of the International College of Dentists, has lectured around the world to other dentists on the subjects of crown and bridge and dental implants.