Program Speaker - Dr. Brien R. Lang

Title
The Academy of Prosthodontics: 100 years of Fellowship and Scholarship

Abstract
This presentation will outline the founding of the Academy as the first national prosthodontic organization, the development of prosthodontics as a specialty, leadership development and the two main foci of the Academy, fellowship and scholarship.

The development of three Dental Apps over three time periods will be described:

Major advances will be described including the establishment of the American Board of Prosthodontics (ABP), JPD, the Glossary of Prosthodontic Terms, CODA-approved Prosthodontic Advanced Education Programs, evidence-based dentistry (EBD), outreach, along with the key attributes of scholarship, fellowship, mentorship, leadership, service and research. In the process, those individuals who advanced the Academy and the specialty Prosthodontics through “leadership and change” will be highlighted.

Learning Objectives
1. Learn of the mission and goals of the first prosthodontic organization.
2. Recognize the development of attributes of fellowship and scholarship of Academy membership.
3. Become aware of the three Dental Apps describing the development of the Academy of Prosthodontics
Biography
BRIEN R. LANG, DDS
Dr. Brien R. Lang earned a dental degree from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry in 1956 and a MS in Removable Prosthodontics in 1961. He retired from Michigan as Professor Emeritus after serving as the Chair of the Complete Denture Department, Director of the Graduate Program in Denture Prosthodontics, Chair of the Department of Prosthodontics and the Director of the Nobel BioCare - University of Michigan “Center for Excellence.” Dr. Lang is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics (ABP) and Past President of the ABP. As President of the Academy of Prosthodontics he presided over the 75th Annual Meeting. He was appointed as Vice Chair, and ultimately Chair, of the Editorial Council for The Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry. Dr. Lang has published 80 peer-reviewed articles and was awarded more than 3M to fund his research. He participated in the first AP Outreach Program as one of eight Academy Fellows.