



## International Association of Dental Traumatology

### **The Jens O Andreasen Lifetime Achievement Award in Dental Traumatology is awarded to Geoffrey Heithersay.**



The Jens O Andreasen Lifetime Achievement Award in Dental Traumatology is the most prestigious award offered by IADT and is bestowed on distinguished IADT members who, during their lifetime, have made exceptional contributions in dental traumatology in the fields of research, traumatology education, and organizational leadership individuals who have demonstrated leadership

There are several unique features of Prof. Heithersay's career that set him above the rest of the profession. His dedication to teaching and education of dentists and specialists has been exemplary. One of the most remarkable aspects of Prof. Heithersay's achievements as a teacher and researcher is that he has achieved so much whilst only a part-time academic staff member of the University of Adelaide. His long-term commitment to the University commenced in 1962 and continues to the present time. His university work has always been done voluntarily without remuneration. Another major feature of Prof. Heithersay's work has been his long-term follow-ups of numerous trauma patients which have provided much data to emphasize the potential life-long consequences of dental trauma.

Prof. Heithersay has done significant research in various aspects of dental traumatology, resorption and endodontics which have resulted in over 71 journal articles and 7 textbook chapters. His involvement in research still continues today and demonstrates his dedication to the profession and his desire to develop treatment strategies that are backed by scientific research. He was one of the earliest advocates of "evidence-based" practice.