

Dr. Rami El Assal Awarded Fellowship in Academy of Dentistry International

Washington, DC – Dr. Rami El Assal was awarded Fellowship in The Academy of Dentistry International during convocation ceremonies held at the Annual Meeting on November 4, 2015. Fellowship in the Academy is an honor bestowed upon dentists who have distinguished themselves in their profession and who were nominated for the award by an active Fellow of the Academy.

The Academy is an honorific organization founded to assist in providing continuing dental education to the dental profession in lesser-developed countries. In addition the Academy is involved in humanitarian projects around the world and through its Foundation provides grants and funds for education, patient care, professional improvement and other avenues which promote the advancement of the dental profession and human welfare.

The Academy inducted two Honorary Fellows and 23 new Fellows from the Brazil, Canada, Guatemala and the United States into its Honors Class at a Convocation Ceremony carried out during its meeting. Currently the Academy has members in 88 different countries around the world. This year new Fellows have been inducted in convocations held in Cologne, Germany; Brisbane, Australia; Santiago, Chile; Chia, Italy; Bangkok, Thailand; Tehran, Iran; and Quezon, Philippines.

The Academy of Dentistry International is an honor society for dentists dedicated to sharing knowledge through continuing education in order to elevate the standard of dental care, better serve the dental health needs and improve the quality of life throughout the world. By the support and sponsorship of special educational and service projects, the Academy directly contributes to the improvement of dental health and to the well being of people worldwide. The Academy is celebrating its 41st year of serving mankind around the world.

Dr. El Assal graduated from Ajman University of Science and Technology (AUST), School of Dentistry in 2007. AUST is the first private university and the first dental school in UAE. Following his clinical internship, he enrolled in an Advanced Program in General Dentistry for two years. Two of his three years in clinical training were affiliated by the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI). In September 2010, he was appointed as a Clinical Instructor at the Department of General Dentistry and Periodontology, School of Dentistry, AUST, where supervised over 100 pre-doctoral dental students. In April 2011, Dr. El Assal moved to Boston where he completed his postdoctoral research training and fellowship in medicine at Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH). Currently, He is a postdoctoral scholar at the Canary Center at Stanford for Cancer Early Detection, Department of Radiology, Stanford University School of Medicine. In addition to the Academy, Dr. El Assal is also a Fellow of International Academy of Dental-Facial Esthetics (USA) and International Academy of Oral Oncology (UK) as well as a member of the Academy of Dental Materials, Materials Research Society, American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Society for Cell Biology, and International Society for Stem Cell Research.

His research interests revolved around the applications of nanotechnology and bio-inspired materials in medicine, including regenerative, transfusion, and transplantation medicine. He has

published his research work in high impact peer-reviewed journals, including Advanced Materials (Impact Factor: 17.49). Dr. El Assal work has been highlighted in several news such as Reuters News, Yahoo-finance, BioSpace, EIN News, AZoNano, and Stem Cell Therapy. His research achievements have been recognized by the Center of Nanoscale Systems (CNS) at Harvard University.

Furthermore, Dr. El Assal has mentored dental, medical, graduate, undergraduate, and high school students during his clinical and research career. He also served as a volunteering mentor for BWH-Student Success Job Program (SSJP). The BWH-SSJP is an intensive year-round employment and mentoring program for students of Boston high schools. The aim of this program is to introduce high school students in the 10th -12th grades from the city's lowest income communities to careers in health, science, and medicine by offering paid internships in research laboratories. Moreover, he served as a mentor for Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, MA. Currently, he is also serving as a volunteering mentor for the Canary Center at Stanford Internship Program. Many of my high school and undergraduate students have been accepted into elite US and international universities (e.g., Harvard, Tufts, Northeastern, UMass, Michigan, and KU-Leuven) and have been awarded prestigious scholarships such as the Harvard Faculty Scholarship and the Gates Millennium Scholarship, which provides full tuition, room and board for students throughout college and into graduate school.

Dr. El Assal have had a multifaceted and challenging career in research and patient care. He is now aspiring to a career that will help fulfill his ambition of being an effective scientist, clinician, and leader. His ultimate goal, along with treating patients on an individual basis, is to be able to treat them on a larger scale through using the problem solving methodologies and the leadership skills that he have learned during his clinical and research experience. Currently, Dr. El Assal lives with wife in Palo Alto, California and in his spare time he enjoys helping people and serving the community.

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