

LIFETIME RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDED



Professor David Watts, Professor of Biomaterials Science at The University of Manchester School of Dentistry, has been awarded the Alexander von Humboldt Research Award.

The lifetime research achievement award will involve Professor Watts spending a period of up to one year co-operating on a long-term research project with specialist colleagues at German research institutions, including the Universities of Jena and Munich. As an award winner he will also meet the President of Germany.

The award is granted annually to academics whose research achievements involve fundamental discoveries, new theories or insights which have had a significant impact on their own discipline, and who are expected to continue producing cutting-edge achievements in future.

Professor Watts, Head of the Adhesive Biomaterials & Biomechanics Research Group at the Dental School said, 'I am thrilled to have been nominated for this award and it is testament to the dental school that staff are encouraged to aim for, and can achieve, excellence in clinical care, research and education'.

INSPIRING TEACHERS TO BE NOMINATED

The search for this year's most inspiring teachers in the UK's dental schools and foundation schemes has begun, as the Dental Defence Union (DDU) opens nominations for its eighth annual Educational Awards.

For the first time, fellow teachers, as well as students and recent graduates, can nominate a teacher who has made the most positive educational impact on them, their school, or their foundation scheme. The deadline for entries is Tuesday 31 August 2010.

Rupert Hoppenbrouwers, Head of the DDU said, 'We started these awards for teachers of undergraduate dentists in 2003 and their popularity has enabled us to expand the event to include teachers of dental care professionals and vocational trainers. Until now, student dentists and DCPs have enthusiastically nominated the teachers who have made a positive impression on them during their dental education. This year we are also inviting teachers themselves to get involved and nominate a colleague they believe

has made a real difference to their faculty or deanery, their students and colleagues. We hope they will take up the challenge!'

This year there are two award categories, Dentist Teacher of the Year (dental schools and foundation schemes) and Dental Care Professional (DCP) Teacher of the Year. The three finalists chosen from the nominations in each category will compete for the title at an awards ceremony in central London on Wednesday 17 November. Each finalist will be awarded £250 and the overall winners in each category will receive £1,000 towards the cost of educational materials for their schools or VT schemes.

Nominations will be considered across a number of criteria, including enthusiasm for their subject, student mentoring and the ability to motivate others. Nomination forms can be downloaded or completed online at the DDU website (www.the-ddu.com/dduawards), or obtained from a DDU dental liaison manager.

AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATOR

Professor Crispian Scully CBE has been awarded the Dental Gold Medal by the University of Granada, Spain, in the category 'most distinguished international clinical investigator'.

Professor Scully attended a ceremony at the University of Granada where he was presented with the award (pictured below) by the Rector of the University of Granada.

