Oral and Dental Research Trust

The Crispian Scully Research Award for Research in Special Care Dentistry

Professor Crispian Scully  CBE, DSc, DChD, DMed (HC), Dhc (multi), MD, PhD, PhD (HC), FMedSci, MDS, MRCS, BSc, FDSRCS, FDSRCPS, FFDRCSI, FDSRCEd FRCPath, FHEA

This new award by the ODRT is in fond memory of one of our longstanding Trustee’s, Professor Crispian Scully. Professor Scully was Emeritus Professor of Oral Medicine at UCL and past Dean and Director of Research and Studies (1993-2008) of Eastman Dental Institute.

Crispian was a true giant in dentistry and prolific speaker and publisher. He published over 1000 MEDLINE papers, 400 research papers, 200 reviews, 150 chapters, 50 clinical papers, 34 authored and 11 edited books. H factor 56. Crispian Scully had been awarded the Colgate-Palmolive Prize of International Association for Dental Research, UCL Fellowship, University Doctorates (Athens, Granada, Helsinki, Pretoria), University Medals (Helsinki, Granada, Santiago de Compostela), Oral Medicine Societies Awards (Spanish, Romanian and Greek), UK Award for Most Outstanding Achievements in Dentistry, and Commander of British Empire (CBE). Prof Scully held senior positions in many specialty organisations across the world. He was awarded doctorates by many universities including establishments in Athens, Granada, Helsinki and Pretoria. He was awarded medals and awards from many European oral medicine societies and the UK Award for Most Outstanding Achievements in Dentistry.

Professor Scully held many senior positions including: UCL Emeritus Professor; King James IV Professor, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh; WHO Collaborating Centre for Oral Health-General Health Director; British Society for Oral Medicine President; Royal College of Surgeons Council Member; Oral Diseases, and Medicina Oral Editor; Journal of Investigative and Clinical Dentistry Associate Editor.

Crispian divided opinion; he loved to be controversial, but raised important and difficult issues, moving the agenda always forwards. He was inspirational, challenging, and incredibly industrious with a vitality that belied his 71 years, but he did not “bear fools lightly”. A razor sharp mind, clarity of thought and always innovating, he had a genuinely global impact throughout his long career.

The ODRT is delighted to be able to honour Crispian with this new award in a field of oral healthcare which Professor Scully helped advance in many, different ways and championed in his illustrious career.