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Dr. Leon A. Assael Receives 2009 Osbon Award at AAOMS Annual Meeting



[**Rosemont, Ill**] Leon A. Assael, DMD, received the 2009 Donald B. Osbon Award for an Outstanding Educator, October 14, during the opening ceremony of the 91st Annual Meeting, Scientific Sessions and Exhibition of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

As he presented the award to Dr. Assael, AAOMS President Dr. R. Lynn White noted, "Leon Assael was born to be an oral and maxillofacial surgeon and an educator. Without question he exemplifies the high ideals of this award and the surgeon for which it is named."

Dr. Assael is professor and chair of oral and maxillofacial surgery, and medical director of hospital dentistry at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland, Oregon. Additionally, he is editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*. His academic career includes serving as dean of the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry from 1997-2003, on the faculty of the University of Connecticut from 1989-1997, and as department head in surgical sciences and associate chief of staff of the John Dempsey Hospital. From 1981-1989, he was residency program director in oral and maxillofacial surgery at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. He is also the past chair of the Council on Dental Education and Licensure of the American Dental Association.

Dr. Assael is a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and a fellow of the AAOMS. He received his dental degree from Harvard University and completed his residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at Vanderbilt University. He is also a prolific author, with textbooks and more than 100 peer-reviewed contributions to the scientific literature to his credit.

More than 5,000 registrants, including oral and maxillofacial surgeons from around the world, attended the AAOMS Annual Meeting where they conducted association business, discussed surgical procedures, earned continuing education credits and met with dental industry suppliers.

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