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Dr. Charles L. Cuttino receives AAOMS Distinguished Service Award



[Rosemont, Ill] Charles L. Cuttino, III, DDS, of Richmond, Virginia, received the 2009 Distinguished Service Award of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, 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.

The Distinguished Service Award recognizes those special and few individuals whose contributions to the specialty of oral and maxillofacial surgery are significant and lasting. Dr. Cuttino was recognized for his major contributions to the specialty in the area of coding and nomenclature.

Dr. Cuttino received his dental degree and completed his OMS residency at Virginia Commonwealth University, Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. He subsequently joined the VCU faculty in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, where he was professor from 1999 until 2008.

Now retired from private practice, Dr. Cuttino remains active in a number of dental and specialty organizations including the American Dental Association's CERP Committee, Virginia Dental Association's Missions of Mercy Projects, Southeastern Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery's Health Care and Legislative Committee (chairman), ADA/AAOMS Liaison Committee and serving as consultant to AAOMS' Committees on Coding and Nomenclature and Health Care and Advocacy. He is the AAOMS representative to the ADA SNODENT Group, which is integral to the ADA's development of a complete new code set for dentistry.

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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