

Two Philadelphia prosthodontists receive prestigious AO Certificate in Implant Dentistry

Two prosthodontists from Philadelphia, PA became the latest recipients of the Academy's prestigious Certificate in Implant Dentistry during the Opening Symposium of its 34th Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. They were Harry Randel, DMD, and Leslie Stone Hirsh, DDS.

The AO Certificate in Implant Dentistry represents the highest standards of excellence in implant dentistry, and distinguishes practitioners' continuing education efforts and knowledge to patients and colleagues around the globe.

Dr. Randel, a prosthodontist in private practice dedicated to advanced restorative dentistry stated, "The Academy of Osseointegration is the premier dental implant organization in the United States. The qualifications for the certificate program are rigorous, which make it a privilege to have been accepted. This credential recognizes to the AO membership and to the dental community the achievement of a high level of proficiency in implant dentistry. I am honored to have been granted this prestigious certificate as I always strive, both personally and professionally, to provide to my patients the highest level of quality care."

"I am deeply honored to receive the Academy of Osseointegration's Certificate in Implant Dentistry, which represents the outstanding collaborative and interdisciplinary care we can offer patients and dedication to the highest standards of excellence in Implant Dentistry," said Dr. Stone Hirsh, a clinical associate professor of Restorative Dentistry at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, and in private practice of restorative, implant and esthetic dentistry.

To achieve the Certificate, applicants are evaluated on three criteria: continuing education and core knowledge, clinical skills, and commitment to AO. As part of the application process, Drs. Stone Hirsh and Randel submitted four case presentations covering the following categories: single tooth, fixed partial denture (fixed bridge), full arch fixed reconstruction, and over denture, as well as immediate loading. They have also met the requirement of membership in AO for three consecutive years and attended at least two Annual Meetings during that time.

Since 2016, AO members from around the globe have been invited to achieve the Certificate as a key way to demonstrate their education

and experience and affirm the excellence of their core knowledge and clinical skills in the field of implant dentistry.

Dr. **Amerian D. Sones**, AO treasurer and board liaison to the Fellowship and Certificate in Implant Dentistry Committee said, "The certificate is attainable by all. Considering the accolades one will receive from the community, peers and patients, why wouldn't you apply? Make 2019 your year to submit the requirements for the AO Certificate in Implant Dentistry!"



Drs. Randel (left) and Stone Hirsh