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## **UCSF SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY PROFESSOR EMERITUS ERNEST NEWBRUN HONORED BY THE DENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION**

Ernest Newbrun, Professor Emeritus at the UCSF School of Dentistry, was honored for 20 years of service on the Board of Directors of the Dental Health Foundation (DHF), including 7 years (1985-1992) as Chairman, at the Board's recent annual retreat.

Newbrun was instrumental in establishing the DHF in 1985 with start-up funds from Scripps' Quest for Truth Foundation. According to their website, The Dental Health Foundation "works through community partnerships to promote oral health for all by providing leadership, advocacy, education, and public policy development; promoting community-based prevention strategies; encouraging the integration of oral health into total health; and improving access to and the quality of oral health services."

Dr. Newbrun recently retired as Principal Investigator and Director of the School of Dentistry's summer research training grant for D.D.S. students. This grant was the longest-running, continuously funded grant at the School of Dentistry (1980-2005). More than 200 students have received fellowships from this training program enabling them to conduct research under the guidance of a faculty mentor. Newbrun has long championed universal access to fluoridated water for all communities.

"After more than 40 years of working as an advocate of community public water fluoridation, it is very rewarding to see one's efforts finally succeed and have an impact in California which, for many years, trailed the rest of the country in implementing this proven public health measure," Newbrun said. "It is even more gratifying to have the Dental Health Foundation recognize and appreciate my role in this work. Undoubtedly the crowning achievement of the Dental Health Foundation, and other organizations involved, was the recent decision of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to fluoridate their water supplies, a decision that will ultimately affect more than 18 million consumers."

Newbrun has received numerous awards and honors, including honorary degrees from the University of Lund and the University of Sydney, a presidential citation from the American Dental Association, the Research Award in Dental Caries from the International Association for Dental Research, the Eastman Dental Center Alumni Award for Special Distinction in Dental Education and Distinguished Alumnus of the Year 2000 from the UCSF School of Dentistry. He also served as President of the International Association of Dental Research.

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