



Samir E. Bishara, BDS, DDS, MS  
1935-2010

### **2012 Jaraback Award Honors Dr. Samir Bishara**

The 2012 Jaraback Award has been announced in recognition of the many contributions as an orthodontic educator to Dr. Samir Bshara. NESO, SAO and MSO all supported the nomination. Dr. Bishara was honored and deeply touched by the recognition when he learned of his nomination shortly before his passing. In 2009, he was honored for 40 years of service to the College of Dentistry at The University of Iowa.

Dr. Samir E. Bishara died Oct. 8, 2010 at age 74. At the time of his death, he was a professor of orthodontics at the University of Iowa, College of Dentistry. Born in Cairo, Egypt, Oct. 31, 1935, Dr. Bishara received his BDS degree and diploma in orthodontics from Alexandria University. After practicing dentistry for 11 years in Egypt, he completed a fellowship in pediatric dentistry at the Guggenheim Clinic in New York, and then he obtained his DDS and MS in orthodontics from the University of Iowa. He was a diplomate of The American Board of Orthodontics (ABO). In 1968, he joined the faculty of the College of Dentistry, University of Iowa, where he served as a professor since 1976. He also became visiting professor at the University of Manitoba and Alexandria University. For his professional career of more than 45 years, he earned an international reputation for his excellence in the specialty. He participated in numerous continuing-education activities not only in North America but also all over the world. His favorite topics included impacted canines, Class III malocclusion, rapid maxillary expansion, serial extractions, oral habits, tooth ankylosis, transposition of teeth and tooth autotransplantation. Some of Dr. Bishara's most proud accomplishments include the Guggenheim Fellowship, the presidency of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics (CDABO), the CDABO Founder's Award, the Helen and B.F. Dewel Award for the best clinical article to appear in the American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics in 1995, and, most recently, the Michael J. Brody Award for Faculty Excellence in Service to the University of Iowa and the state of Iowa. In addition, he was awarded an honorary doctorate degree from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in Greece and was due to receive it Oct. 18.

Dr. Bishara received the WFO's most prestigious recognition when he was unanimously elected as an honorary fellow of the WFO in recognition for his services and contributions to the science and profession of orthodontics worldwide. He was awarded the Honors of the British Orthodontic Conference in 2001, and was a life member of the Iowa Dental Association, the American Dental Association and the American Association of Orthodontists. He received honorary memberships from the Arab, Colombian, Egyptian, Greek and Serbian orthodontic societies; the Guadalajara College of Dentists; and the Mexican Board of Orthodontics.

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A true university teacher in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, Dr. Bishara taught generations of undergraduate and graduate students at the University of Iowa and supervised numerous master's and PhD theses, including several international studies. He served on the editorial boards of *The Angle Orthodontist*, *Seminars in Orthodontics*, the *World Journal of Orthodontics*, the *Egyptian Orthodontic Journal*, the *Hellenic Orthodontic Review*, the *Journal of Marmara University*, the *Orthodontic Journal of Serbia* and the *Journal of the Bulgarian Orthodontic Society*. He was a reviewer for many scientific publications, including the *American Journal of Dentistry*, the *American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics*, the *American Journal of Physical Anthropology*, *The Angle Orthodontist*, the *Cleft Palate and Craniofacial Journal*, the *European Journal of Oral Sciences*, the *Journal of Dental Research*, the *Journal of the Academy of General Dentistry*, the *Journal of the American Academy of Pedodontics*, the *Odontology Journal of the Nippon Dental University*, and *Special Care in Dentistry*.

A prolific researcher and writer, Dr. Bishara published more than 200 scientific articles and abstracts in scientific journals, including the highest number of articles published by anyone in the *American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics*. Since one of his main research interests was growth and development, he was the co-founder of the biennial *International Symposium on Dentofacial Function and Development*, which will complete its 13th term in 2010. In addition, he was editor of two textbooks and contributed chapters to many others. His *Textbook of Orthodontics* was published in English, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish.

Dr. Bishara's active, extensive and long relationship with many orthodontic organizations and colleagues throughout the world inspired in him the vision for the creation of a world network of orthodontic societies. His many personal contacts in different countries helped in the successful accomplishment of this goal. His charisma to understand other cultures and his cosmopolitan background, as well as his sincere, polite and friendly character, were very much appreciated by many colleagues all over the world. As a genuine university teacher, he always encouraged students and young orthodontists everywhere, and was never too busy to talk with them at any time. He devoted a significant amount of his time to guide and support the academic and professional careers of his pupils. One of his greatest joys was in seeing the progress and success of others with whom he had worked.

Dr. Bishara was a loving and devoted son, husband, father, brother and grandfather. His wife, Annie, and the rest of his family will dearly miss him. His many friends from our scientific and professional community will always remember him as a leader, a mentor and a friend who made great contributions and had a lifelong dedication to orthodontics.