



PIETER BROUWER AWARD OF MERIT GUIDELINES FOR AWARD

BACKGROUND

The highest honour of the International Federation of Denturists (IFD) is the Award of Merit. This is presented to individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary and exemplary service to the profession of Denturism on an international level. Up to 2011, it has been presented to:

Pieter Brouwer, The Netherlands
Michael Vakalis, Canada
Chris Allen, United Kingdom
Austin Carbone, United States
Paul Levasseur, United States

Pieter Brouwer was a pioneer of the IFD, and Apt of the Brotherhood of Sterkenburgers until his death in 2005. As a tribute to Pieter, the IFD re-named the Award of Merit the Pieter Brouwer Award of Merit.

CANDIDATE CRITERIA

- A Denturist/Clinical Dental Technician/Denturist Educator/or other supporter of the profession who has demonstrated extraordinary and exemplary service to the profession of Denturism on an international level.
- A member of the Brotherhood of Sterkenburgers.

METHOD OF NOMINATION

- A written nomination from a member of the Executive or Board of Directors of the IFD to be submitted to the Chief Executive a minimum of 3 months prior to an annual IFD meeting. Nomination to include:
 - Name and contact information of nominee
 - Years of service to the profession
 - An outline of the extraordinary and exemplary service to the profession and/or a description of a special project or initiative that has been undertaken by the nominee that has enhanced the profession of Denturism on an international level.
 - Any other information that will provide clarification of the nominee's extraordinary support and/or service that has resulted in the nomination.
 - The name and contact information of the nominator.
- A letter of attestation from an officer of the nominee's country/state.
- A letter of attestation from a current member of the Brotherhood of Sterkenburgers.

- The Chief Executive will forward the nomination to the Executive of the IFD.
- The Executive, through the Chief Executive, may contact the nominator for additional information.
- It will be the decision of the Executive to accept or decline a nomination.
- The Chief Executive will inform the nominator of the results of the Committee decision.
- If the application is declined, another application may be submitted the following year.
- Each year, the committee will award no more than one Pieter Brouwer Award of Merit but may choose to not present an award in any year. The distinction of this ultimate recognition by the IFD must be maintained.
- It is up to the discretion of the Executive alter the terms of nomination in extraordinary circumstances.

PRESENTATION OF THE AWARD

- It is preferred that the candidate's name remain confidential until the time of presentation of the award. The candidate may be informed prior to induction at the discretion of the Executive and/or the Chief Executive.
- The induction will occur during a special event scheduled at the time of the annual meeting of the IFD, or any other time and place determined by the Executive as being preferable for presentation of the award.
- The presentation will be made by the President of the IFD or designate.
- The award winner will receive a Pieter Brouwer Award of Merit plaque and lapel pin.