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**Dean Adam Stabholz Awarded the 2012 Outstanding Achievement Award by
Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity**

Congratulations to our beloved frater, Dean Adam Stabholz, who was honored as the Alpha Omega Achievement award winner for 2012.

Born in 1948 in Poland, Adam was 2 years old when his parents made Aliyah to Israel. Adam had a great role model in his father who was also a leader. As a physician in the Ghetto in Warsaw, he established a medical school in the Ghetto, so that the population there could receive medical care. His mother was a nurse. Both his parents eventually escaped from the Ghetto after which his father became a physician with the Partisans. Later, he joined the Russian Army and was involved in the liberation of Warsaw. After the war, he received an award from the Russian army for his contributions in providing medical care to the people in Warsaw.

Brought up in Netanya, at 18, he joined the army and became an Air Force officer in an Anti-Aircraft unit, finishing his compulsory military service as a Major. Then, it was on to dental school at Hadassah – Hebrew University where, after 6 years, in 1974 at age 27, he finished dental school with Honors, Cum Laude. He married his girlfriend for life, Ayala Shotland in 1975. During this time, the dean of the dental school at the University of Pennsylvania, D. Walter Cohen, initiated an agreement with Hebrew University to train specialists who would, upon their return after training, teach at the school. In 1976, Adam was chosen. Off he went to the United States for his endodontic training, with a full scholarship. At the same time, Ayala was doing her junior year at the University of Pennsylvania.

Upon his completion of his specialty training, Adam returned to Hebrew University and started teaching at the school. In his new position, he was instrumental in organizing and chairing committees for several international congresses held in Israel, including: the First International Endodontics Conference (1981); the Second World Dental Conference (1988); the International I.B. Bender Conference of Endodontics (1996), the Fourth Endodontic World Congress of IFEA (1998) and the 50th Anniversary Celebrations and Scientific Congress of the School of Dental Medicine in Jerusalem (2003). His prominence in the endodontic community resulted in him becoming President of the International Federation

of Endodontic Associations (IFEA), an umbrella organization of endodontic societies of 28 countries.

After a few years, Adam was given the honor of being the first chairman of the endodontic department at the school, being awarded the position of full professor in 1996. He continues in that position to this day. Adam became the Dean of the dental school in 1993 and has already served in this position for 13 years. He holds the record of being the longest serving dean at the Hebrew University.

In 1997, with the signing of the Oslo accords, a peace campaign was started under the auspices of the D. Walter Cohen Middle East Center of Dental Education. Under scholarships provided by the Israeli Foreign Ministry, dentists from Turkey, Cyprus, Jordan and the Palestinian authority were invited to participate in Continuing Education courses at the school.

In 2005, Al-Quds University opened a new dental school. The two presidents of the two universities became very friendly after the Al-Quds president spoke out against the English labor union's boycott of Israeli academic institutions. As a result, it was decided that the first collaboration between the two schools would be to form a relationship between the two dental schools. Prof. Stabholz passionately accepted this challenge. The Middle East Symposium fostered relationships between Israeli's and Palestinians. Students from both schools, both undergraduate and graduate, met and shared their interest in dentistry. In addition, Palestinians graduate students come to Hebrew University for their full specialty program. Dean Stabholz has visited and lectured several times at Al-Quds University.

A few years ago, Dean Stabholz was asked to speak about this collaboration at the FDI meeting in Stockholm, Sweden. This ongoing Israeli/Palestinian relationship became the seed for establishing the Alliance for Oral Health Across Borders.

Prof. Stabholz has held several important positions in the Alpha Omega Fraternity. In 1984, he was elected President of the Jerusalem Chapter. In 1989, he was the Marshal of the International Alpha Omega Convention in Jerusalem and in the following 13 years he served Alpha Omega as a Regent, as an International Trustee and as an International Director.

Prof. Stabholz was awarded honorary degrees from the University of Bucharest and the University of Buenos Aires and the Certificate of Merit of the Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity. He received from the Israel Dental Association the "Yakir Harash" award - the highest award for outstanding contribution to the dental profession in Israel and was elected as the Chairman of the Scientific Council of the Israel Dental Association.

Adam has published extensively in the dental literature; he is the author of several chapters in endodontic textbooks and has lectured at many international dental meetings. His current research is focused on the application of lasers in dentistry.

He is married to Ayala, a Clinical Associate Professor in Periodontics and they have three children: Karin (33), Yariv (29) and Yoav (23) one grandson, Iddo (6 years old) and one granddaughter Maayan (3 year old).