THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Brian H. Clarkson, Ph.D., professor of dentistry, School of Dentistry, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2014.

Professor Clarkson received his B.Ch.D. (1966) and L.D.S. (1966) degrees from the University of Leeds, his M.S. degree from the University of Rochester (1969), and his Ph.D. degree from the University of London (1976). He served on the faculty of the University of Iowa (1976-86) and the University of Connecticut (1986-92). Professor Clarkson joined the University of Michigan faculty as a professor in 1992, served as chair of the Department of Cariology, Restorative Sciences, and Endodontics from 1992-2005, and was appointed the Clifford T. Nelson Professorship from 1992-2011.

A superb teacher, research scientist, and clinician, Professor Clarkson studied the synthesis of fluorapatite crystals, the synthesis of fluorapatite coatings for implants, the use of nanopolymers (dendrimers) for control of wound implants, and growing the crown of a tooth. He has a notable history of successfully securing research funding, an extensive list of publications in the leading journals, and was a frequent invited speaker at national and international symposia. He co-edited, with Sahar Taha, the authoritative Clinicians’ Guide to the Diagnosis and Management of Tooth Sensitivity in 2014. Professor Clarkson was active in numerous professional associations including the American Association of Dental Schools, the American Society of Dentistry for Children, the European Organization for Caries Research, the International Association for Dental Research/American Association for Dental Research, and the International Association of Dentistry for Children. He was a gifted teacher and dedicated mentor to his countless students, many of whom have gone on to notable academic, clinical, and research careers.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Brian H. Clarkson professor emeritus of dentistry.

Requested by:

Sally J. Churchill, J.D.
Vice President and Secretary of the University

Adopted by the Regents
February 19, 2015

February 2015