Feuerstein named Clinician of the Year

For Paul Feuerstein, DMD, a practicing general dentist and a prominent opinion leader in the dental industry, 2010 is off to a great start. In January, Feuerstein was presented the Clinician of the Year Award by the Massachusetts Dental Society (MDS). The award was presented to Feuerstein during a ceremony at the 73rd annual Yankee Dental Congress, which is the fifth largest dental meeting in the country and is sponsored by the Massachusetts Dental Society, in cooperation with the Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont dental associations.

The award also includes a $1,000 donation to the dental school of Feuerstein’s choice, which is the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, his alma mater. According to the Yankee Dental Congress: “Paul Feuerstein has been a fixture for more than half of Yankee’s history. At the forefront of technology, having installed one of dentistry’s first “in-office computers” as early as 1978, Feuerstein has honed his knowledge in his high-tech dental office and shared that knowledge with his colleagues at Yankee Dental Congress. Always willing to design a new course for the society, he has been instrumental in bringing others into the computer age, introducing them to such things as the Internet, digital radiology and other technologies. Feuerstein is also the high-tech writer for the Journal of the Massachusetts Dental Society. He is the consummate volunteer, always available to help with no expectation of anything in return.”

More recently, Feuerstein was appointed adjunct assistant professor at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in general dentistry. Located in downtown Boston, the school is dedicated to training doctors of dental medicine as expert clinicians.

In this role, Feuerstein will have the opportunity to introduce the latest technologies to the students, faculty and C.E. course attendees. “This has certainly been an exciting year so far,” Feuerstein said. “I’ve always felt fortunate for the opportunity to work in a profession that I truly love and where I can help so many people. The Clinician of the Year award from the Yankee Dental Congress and the academic appointment from Tufts University are definitely highpoints of my career.”

Feuerstein graduated from the New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry in 1972. He received his B.S. at SUNY Stony Brook in 1968. Today, Feuerstein serves as a consultant to the dental profession and is a lecturer to dental associations on technology related topics. He is technology editor of Dental Economics and a contributor to many journals in the United States and abroad. He has incorporated many of these products and ideas in his general practice in Massachusetts and frequently presents these products/ideas in his seminar series.