

Obituary for Prof. Antonio Felino

Farewell to a good friend

It is with great sadness that the BDIZ EDI has learned that Prof. Antonio Felino, Faculty Professor from Porto, Portugal, and member of the European Consensus Conference (EuCC) and the European Committee of the BDIZ EDI since 2005, has passed away at the age of 70.

For many years, Prof. Felino has been an active member of the European Committee of BDIZ EDI (European Association of Dental Implantologists). Some milestones of his impressive career: He was President of the Scientific Committee of the APMD and the OMD from 1998 until 2009. Designated in 1999, he served as President of the College of Oral Surgery and since 2017 of the Constitutive Committees of the Oral Surgery Specialty of OMD. The ceremony to celebrate 20 years of the Ordem dos Médicos Dentistas (OMD) in the Parliament of Lisbon in 2018 was led by the chair of the General Assembly of the OMD, João Caramês, and included speeches by the current Minister of Health, Marta Temido, and two former portfolio owners, Maria de Belém Roseira and António Correia de Campos. Marta Temido stressed the importance of oral health and promised to continue the work that has been developed to integrate dental medicine into the National Health Service.

The Minister also made a point of leaving a few words of appreciation for the exemplary role of the OMD and its staff, always dedicated to patient service and oral health. At the end of the ceremony, the Gold Medal of the OMD was awarded to Prof. António Felino, distinguishing his paths, exceptional in the relevance of decades to the service of the profession.

The OMD Gold Medal can only be attributed to individuals who, whether or not they are dentists, have contributed in a relevant and unequivocal manner to the development of dental medicine in Portugal,

whether at a technical and scientific level or for the benefit of Public Health.

He has been a friend of the BDIZ EDI and a regular participant in the European Consensus Conference since 2006. In the European Committee of the BDIZ EDI, he brought the situation of implant dentists in Portugal to the attention of the international committee. In 2011, he hosted the 5th European Symposium of the BDIZ EDI in Lisbon with the title: Clinical Challenges in Oral Implantologies. Thanks to the commitment of Prof. Felino and his team, the congress was a great success for both the SPCO and the BDIZ EDI.

Our thoughts are with his family. We will honor his memory and will never forget his humor, his kindness and his expertise as a colleague.

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on behalf of the BDIZ EDI Board

