



PRESS RELEASE

2008 PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AND YOUNG PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS

The President of Professions Australia, Mr Frank Payne announced today that the 2008 Professional of the Year has been awarded to **Dr Terry Yuen**. Dr Yuen was nominated by his professional association, the Australian Dental Association Inc.

The Professional of the Year Award recognises noteworthy achievement by professionals who are individual members of Professions Australia member associations. The recipient must demonstrate outstanding service of benefit to the community and consistent with the highest standards of professionalism.

Professions Australia has acknowledged Dr Yuen's outstanding effort over many years of voluntary and professional services. Not only has Dr Yuen contributed to the development of dental professionals for over 30 years, he has also provided sterling service to the public sector in delivery of dental care, and has also been a significant publisher of dental educational materials.

Since 1993 Dr Yuen has been the Senior Dental Consultant to the Australian Cranio-facial Unit in the Women and Children's Hospital and the Plastic and Reconstructive surgery Department in Royal Adelaide Hospital. Dr Yuen has been a volunteer dentist with the Royal Flying Doctor Service in South Australia, and more recently, has done considerable volunteer work in East Timor, establishing a mobile dental clinic in Dili and launching the Lions East Timor Dental Project.

Dr Yuen has provided outstanding service to the dental profession as an academic and as a dentist both in Australia and overseas.

Mr Payne also announced that the 2008 Young Professional of the Year has been awarded to **Dr Catherine McMahon**, Head of the School of Audiology at Macquarie University.

Dr McMahon, who was nominated by her professional association, the Audiological Society of Australia, was chosen as this year's award recipient from a particularly strong field, Mr Payne said.

Dr McMahon demonstrates significant commitment to promoting development of the profession of audiology, she has initiated the redesign of the Masters of Clinical Audiology Program at Macquarie University to increase the clinical competence of graduating audiologists; her research has been internationally recognised in the field

of auditory neuropathy and she has worked with her counterparts to develop the profession in countries such as Indonesia, Manila, Beijing and Surabaya.

Catherine is currently the Vice President of Audiology Australia and has contributed to numerous international audiology conferences, she is soon to take up a research fellowship in auditory neurotherapy in the United Kingdom.

Dr Catherine McMahon represents the epitome of professionalism and commitment to the highest standards of ethical behaviour. She has been successful in her career due to her energy and enthusiasm for improved hearing healthcare and a commitment to access and equity for all sectors of the community to 'best practice' hearing healthcare.

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