

2011-2012 CE Package Program Speaker Biographies

DR. GORDON J. CHRISTENSEN is Founder and Director of Practical Clinical Courses (PCC) in Utah, an international continuing education organization providing courses and videos for all dental professionals. Dr. Christensen has presented over 45,000 hours of continuing education throughout the world and has published many articles and books. Gordon and Dr. Rella Christensen are co-founders of the non-profit Gordon J. Christensen CLINICIANS REPORT (previously CRA) and since 1976 they have conducted research in all areas of dentistry and published the findings to the profession. Gordon's degrees include: DDS, University of Southern California; MSD, University of Washington; PhD, University of Denver; an Honorary Doctor of Science from Utah State University, and an honorary Doctor of Dental Education and Research from Utah Valley University. **Course Date – 9/14/11**

LORETTA LAROCHE is an international stress management and humor consultant whose wit, and irreverent humor, has, for over 30 years raised the humor potential in all of us. Loretta is founder and president of The Humor Potential, Inc, a company offering programs and products for life style management. Her special brand of optimistic psychology has an incontestable positive effect on the health of all that are exposed to her. Organizations worldwide use Loretta's prescription for laughter to manage stress in the workplace and improve morale. She has had seven one-woman television specials air on 80 PBS stations across the country. Her 7th special, Juicy Living Juicy Aging aired on PBS August of 2009. She has been nominated for local and prime time Emmy Awards, has appeared on CNN, ABC and NBC affiliates. She has authored 8 books, The Joy Journal, Happy Talk, Relax: You May Only Have a Few Minutes Left, Life is Not a Stress Rehearsal and, Life Is Short- Wear Your Party Pants, Squeeze the Day, Kick Up Heels Before You're Too Short to Wear Them and her newest book Lighten Up. **Course Date – 10/5/11**

DR. HAROLD L. CROSSLEY is Professor Emeritus at the University of Maryland Dental School. A native of Rhode Island, he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from the University of Rhode Island in 1964. Dr. Crossley has co-authored a number of articles and four books dealing with a variety of topics within the field of pharmacology. Other areas of expertise include the pharmacology of street drugs and chemical dependency. He serves on the Maryland State Dental Association's Well-Being Committee. He is an active member of Phi Kappa Phi, Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honorary Dental Society, the American College of Dentists, and International College of Dentists. He was the recipient of the 2008 Gordon Christensen Lecturer Recognition award presented by the Chicago Dental Society. He has been a consultant for the United States Drug Enforcement Administration and other law enforcement agencies since 1974. **Course Date – 11/9/11**

DR. ROBERT TREADO received his DMD from the University of Connecticut, completing his specialized Periodontal training from the University of Connecticut in 1980. Dr Treado became a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology in 1986. He was a clinical instructor at the University of Connecticut Dental School in the undergraduate and graduate Periodontal programs for 10 years before devoting all his time to his full time practice. He is in private practice in Bristol, Connecticut. **Course Date – 1/11/12**

DR. CARY A. SHAPOFF has been in the private practice of periodontics since 1977. He devotes his time to a full-time practice of periodontics and dental implant surgery in Fairfield, Connecticut. He graduated from Case Western Reserve University and Case Western Reserve School of Dentistry. He completed a surgical internship at Bethesda Naval Hospital from 1972-

73 and completed his residency in Periodontics at the University of Maryland. He also served in the U.S. Navy as the Dental officer on USS Coronado (LPD-11) from 1973-75. **Course Date – 1/11/12**

DR. RONALD DEL VECCHIO received his dental degree at NYU College of Dentistry. He attended Tufts University where he received his periodontal certificate, attained board certification in 1981 and has a specialty practice in periodontics and dental implants. He has served as president of his local society (TDA) and of his state periodontal society (CSP) and has been a long standing member of the ADA, CSDA, AAP and AO societies. He has lectured on periodontal treatment and AAO: accelerated osteogenic orthodontics locally and at the state CSDA meeting. One of the first dentists to receive training in the use of AAO, he has practiced it for the last 10 years with his orthodontic colleagues. **Course Date – 1/11/12**

DR. MICHAEL SONICK is a full time practicing periodontist and implant surgeon in Fairfield, Connecticut. He is on the Editorial Boards of the Compendium of Continuing Dental Education, Inside Dentistry, Dental XP, Journal of Cosmetic Dentistry and the Journal of Implant and Advanced Clinical Dentistry. He currently is a Guest Lecturer at New York University School of Dentistry in their international dental program and is founder and director of Sonick Seminars, an advanced training center for practicing dentists. He provides a series of live surgical courses with hands on components in his on site teaching center in Fairfield, Connecticut. Dr. Sonick is the founder and director of the Fairfield County Dental Club, an advanced continuing education organization that provides courses on the latest developments in dentistry to dentists, hygienists, and dental staffs. **Course Date – 1/11/12**

DR. GREGORY FOLSE is a true advocate for vulnerable patient populations around the world. He passionately treats, and helps others to treat, our county's most vulnerable populations – poor children and Aged, Blind, and Disabled adults. He maintains a mobile, geriatric dental practice in Lafayette, Louisiana, a comprehensive school-based dental practice throughout Louisiana, and lectures extensively. He graduated from LSU Dental School in 1989 and completed the Geriatric Dental Fellowship Program at Baylor in 1999. He is currently working with the American Dental Association (ADA), the U. S. House and Senate, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and Special Care Dentistry (SCD) to nationally improve the oral health of vulnerable populations. He is the original author of the Special Care Dentistry Act, a federal bill requiring oral health services for Aged, Blind, and Disabled Medicaid eligible adults. **Course Date – 2/8/12**

DR. GREG PSALTIS has been a pediatric dentist for 31 years in private practice in Olympia, Washington. He is well published and lectures frequently on various dental topics. His unique speaking style reflects his years of experience and his keen observations, thus making his programs both informative and entertaining. **Course Date – 3/14/12**

DR. DAN E FISCHER graduated OKU from Loma Linda University in 1974 and taught in its Restorative Department before establishing a private practice. As president and chief executive officer of Ultradent Products Inc, Dr. Fischer remains involved with the invention and innovation of many patented dental products. In 1994, Loma Linda University named Dr. Fischer its Alumnus of the Year, and in 1997, the state of Utah awarded him with the Governor's Medal for Science and Technology. Dr. Fischer lectures internationally on new concepts in dentistry, has published several articles in U.S. and European journals and currently serves as an adjunct professor at Loma Linda University and the University of Texas, San Antonio. **Course Date – 4/11/12**