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A Tribute to Teacher of Teachers—Professor EGR Solomon

16th September 2017 was a very sad day for the entire Prosthodontic community when we lost Prof EGR Solomon an eminent prosthodontist, excellent teacher, a great academician and a role model for Prosthodontist in India and across the globe.

Professor EGR Solomon had completed his MDS degree in Prosthodontics from Government Dental College, Bombay (Mumbai) in 1962. Dr Solomon was the founder member of Indian Prosthodontic Society (IPS) and also regarded as “Father of Gnathology” in India. On 3rd January 1974, Dr Solomon under the chairmanship of Dr FD Mirza organized the first annual conference of The Indian Prosthodontic Society (IPS) at Madras (Chennai). In recognition of his contribution in the dental prosthetic discipline and for his international collaboration and advancement in scientific information The American Prosthodontic Society presented an honorary citation to him at the 1977 second International Prosthodontics Congress in Las Vegas, Nevada.

In 1970, Dr Solomon introduced polysulfide and silicone impression techniques for complete and fixed partial dentures in India. An innovation to the dental profession was introduced in 1974 at the Federation Dentaire Internationale (FDI) World Dental Congress at London, when he coined the term “single stage border molding”. In 1979, Dr Solomon started postgraduate course at Tamil Nadu Govt Dental College. He was guest speaker at the 81st annual Academy of Prosthodontics meeting in Calgary, Canada, in 1999. In Dec 1999, Dr. Solomon was the chairman of 27th IPS conference held at Chennai.

I request IPS office bearers and senior members of prosthodontic society to propose and amend “Prof. EGR Solomon’s Best Paper Award on Gnathology” to be given every year in postgraduate conventions, so that our budding prosthodontist should be aware about his contribution in Gnathology and take his research to further heights and that will be a true “Tibute to a Legend” we can give to such a extraordinary teacher of teachers.

May his soul rest in peace.



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