

**Presentation of Honorary Membership
2nd Meeting of the American Dental Association
House of Delegates
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REMARKS - ADA PRESIDENT, DR. CHARLES NORMAN

This year, the American Dental Association Board has voted to present honorary memberships to four individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the oral health of the public and advancement of the art and science of dentistry.

Their hard work, dedication and innovations have advanced our profession immensely, and it's an honor to help acknowledge their achievements.

The first of our recipients is **Dr. Orlando Monteiro da Silva**, President of the Portuguese Dental Association.

Dr. da Silva graduated in Dental Medicine at Portugal's University of Porto in 1987, the year he first started his own private practice.

Since then, he has dedicated many years of his life to advancing organized dentistry and oral health in his home country of Portugal, in Europe and globally.

He has been President of the Portuguese Dental Association since 2001, where he's established a distinguished record working to achieve better conditions within the dental profession and for the patients it serves.

Dr. da Silva also carried out one term as President of the Council of European Dentists, in Brussels, between 2006 and 2009.

Then, in 2009, he reached a highlight of his career when he was elected President-elect of the FDI. During his presidency, which ran from 2011 to 2013,

he provided smart and effective leadership that helped FDI address the financial challenges it faced.

As FDI President, he worked collaboratively with the ADA as we jointly sought to ensure the World Health Organization, United Nations and others to promote oral health as a global health priority.

And as Dr. Feinberg mentioned in her letter of support for Dr. da Silva's honorary membership, he is truly a "renaissance man."

He speaks five languages - English, German, Spanish, French and Portuguese, which has enabled him to become a worldwide advocate and speaker on issues involving our profession and oral health.

Delegates, please join me in welcoming honorary member, Dr. Orlando Monteiro da Silva.

(Dr. da Silva comes forward. Shake his hand. Certificate and pin are presented. Dr. da Silva may say a few words.)