

Emeritus Professor Ernest Newbrun

The degree of Doctor of Dental Science (honoris causa) was conferred upon Emeritus Professor Ernest Newbrun at the ceremony held at 2.00pm on 18 December 1997.

Citation

Chancellor

I have the honour to present Emeritus Professor Ernest Newbrun for the conferring of the degree of Doctor of Dental Science (honoris causa).

In 1950 Ernest Newbrun enrolled in the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Sydney and graduated BDS, 1954. He undertook further studies in the United Kingdom and the United States, obtaining the degrees of Master of Science, Doctor of Medical Dentistry and Doctor of Philosophy in Biochemistry, as well as a Specialist qualification in Periodontology.

Professor Newbrun has had a long and extremely distinguished academic and research career. He has contributed many original articles to the dental literature and is extremely well known for the 29 books and book chapters which he has written.

His many honours have included the Award for Special Distinction in Dental Education from the Eastman Dental Centre, the Presidential Citation of the American Dental Association and the Research Award in Dental Caries from the International Association of Dental Research. He was awarded an honorary Doctorate in Odontology from the University of Lund in Sweden in 1988.

Professor Newbrun has been a tireless worker through his distinguished career and since 1970 has held appointments of Professor of Oral Biology, Professor of Biology and Professor of Biology and Periodontology at the University of California. His teaching and research has extended to visiting appointments at six other Universities in USA, Israel, Australia, Netherlands, Switzerland and Sweden. He has also served as president of the International Association for Dental Research.

The University of Sydney can be proud of this alumnus who has been on the editorial board of 8 international journals (referee for another 17) and a consultant to many research programs and committees at national and international level. His research contributions have been directed at the fundamental mechanisms of dental caries and periodontal disease, and this work has led to a revised approach throughout the world in the teaching and clinical management of these two major dental problems. His textbooks in these areas are essential reading for students and clinicians.

Professor Newbrun has presented innumerable papers at professional meetings and workshops and has indeed been a frequent presenter of Continuing Education courses to our Faculty during his regular visits to Sydney. He has also maintained close involvement with the Sydney University Graduates Union of North America in focusing the attention of the alumni back on our University.

Chancellor, I have great pleasure in presenting Emeritus Professor Ernest Newbrun for admission to the degree of Doctor of Dental Science (honoris causa).