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Canadian Dental Hygienists Celebrate Excellence in Oral Health and Dental Hygiene

October 23, 2015 (Ottawa, ON) — The Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA) is proud to recognize 20 leaders in oral health for their outstanding contributions to the profession of dental hygiene, the national association, and to the overall health and well-being of the Canadian public.

Since 1975, CDHA's Dental Hygiene Recognition Program (DHRP) has honoured more than 140 dental hygienists for their excellence in scholarship, leadership, community involvement, and research. These award winners have set high goals and achieved much in their professional and personal lives. "CDHA received many outstanding applications for this year's program," notes Mandy Hayre, CDHA President. "We extend our congratulations to all of the award recipients."

This year's DHRP award winners are as follows: Monica Bacica and the Comox Valley Dental Hygiene Society; Cégep Garneau; Ava Chow; Jennifer Cicci; Kimberly Daley; Samantha Kimberley Dalpe; Karen Ergus; Ambreen Khan and Denise Laronde; Megan McConechy; Robert Schroth, Alexandria Wilson, Sarah Prowse, Jeanette Edwards, Janis Gojda, Janet Sarson, Lavonne Harms, Khalida Hai-Santiago, and Michael EK Moffatt; and Jacqueline VanMalsen. CDHA's recognition program is made possible by the generous support of industry sponsors TD Insurance Meloche Monnex, SUNSTAR G•U•M, DENTSPLY, and Crest Oral-B.

In addition to its Dental Hygiene Recognition Program, CDHA also offers three awards to members who have made a significant contribution to the advancement of the dental hygiene profession in Canada. The recipients of this year's CDHA board of directors' awards are Anne Bosy (Life Membership), Sharon Compton (Distinguished Service Award), and Dawn Mueller (Awards of Merit).

Serving the profession since 1963, CDHA is the collective national voice of more than 26,800 registered dental hygienists working in Canada, directly representing 17,000 individual members including dental hygienists and students. Dental hygiene is the sixth largest registered health profession in Canada with professionals working in a variety of settings, including independent practice, with people of all ages, addressing issues related to oral health. For more information on oral health, visit: www.dentalhygienecanada.ca.

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Award descriptions and brief biographies of the winners are available at www.cdha.ca/DHRP