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Delta Dental Vice President Honored by Dental Academy

Stevens Point, Wis., July 13, 2016 - Delta Dental of Wisconsin's Vice President and Chief Science Officer, Dr. Fred Eichmiller, has received the annual "Distinguished Member Award" from the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators (AAGFO).

A member of the organization for 30 years, Dr. Eichmiller was honored at a recent meeting of the professional organization for his outstanding service. The academy promotes the use of gold as a dental filling material and advances continuing education in dentistry.

Gold is the oldest filling material that is used in restorative dentistry. Although less commonly used today, the gold foil technique requires great skill on the part of the dentist and more time than other restorations. But, when done by a dentist with expertise in the technique, a gold filling can last for a lifetime.

Dr. Eichmiller has been a member of the AAGFO since early in his career. His long affiliation with the group included a term as president. He is a past president of the Academy of Operative Dentistry, the Navy Dental Restorative Seminar and the American Association of Dental Research, Washington Section.

Dr. Eichmiller, who joined Delta Dental of Wisconsin in 2006, has authored or co-authored nearly 100 scientific publications, has spoken on dentistry topics throughout the U.S. and abroad, and holds more than a dozen patents for dental-related devices, materials, and methods. He has also served in adjunct faculty positions across the U.S.

In bestowing the Distinguished Member Award, the academy also recognized Dr. Eichmiller's community service. He has served on the board of the United Way of Portage County and the board of St. Michael's Hospital, Ministry Health Care of Stevens Point, where he and his family live.

"Dr. Eichmiller's important contributions to the profession of dentistry, and to Delta Dental of Wisconsin, should be celebrated. This honor from the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators is a wonderful recognition of his outstanding lifetime of service," said Dennis Peterson, Delta Dental of Wisconsin president and CEO.

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About Delta Dental of Wisconsin

Delta Dental of Wisconsin is the state's No. 1 dental plan, providing dental insurance to 1.8 million subscribers and their dependents. Delta Dental has made dental benefits easy – through exceptional service, quick and accurate claims payments, providing the most in-network dentists, and by making coverage affordable for companies and their employees. For more than 50 years, the company has been fulfilling its' mission of helping improve oral health and wellness by extending access to care, advancing science, and supporting an effective oral-health workforce.

Delta Dental of Wisconsin (DDWI) is headquartered in Stevens Point, with sales offices in Milwaukee and Madison. As part of the nationwide Delta Dental Plans Association, DDWI joins 38 other Delta Dental plans to serve more than one third of the estimated 191 million Americans with dental insurance.