

Levin to receive 2013 Shepard Distinguished Service Award

The Midwestern Society of Orthodontists proudly announces that Dr. Keith Levin from Winnipeg, Manitoba, is the recipient of the 2013 Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award.

Dr. Levin was born on April 2, 1957 in Winnipeg, Canada. He graduated from Dental School at the University of Manitoba in 1980. During his undergraduate education, Dr. Levin received the Proctor & Gamble Scholarship and attended the University of North Carolina Research Conference, prompting an interest in original scientific research relating to dentistry. He maintained a full-time general dental practice in rural Manitoba for two years, then returned to Winnipeg for his orthodontic education. He completed his graduate orthodontic program at the University of Manitoba in 1985 with a certificate in orthodontics and a Masters in Science. His original research thesis studied the influence of ligation on friction, utilizing a 3-dimensional engineering analysis. Dr.



Levin takes great interest in manufacturers' claims relating to friction and bracket design!

Dr. Levin has maintained a full-time private practice since 1985 with the Winnipeg Orthodontic Group. He has been fortunate to work with a number of fine orthodontists during that time and continues to practice with his wife, Dr. Babette Cohen, and Dr. Susan Tsang. Dr. Levin is very proud of the fact that several of his staff members have supported him for 25-plus years.

Dr. Levin served as course coordinator for the first- and second-year undergraduate orthodontic program at the University of Manitoba from 1985-1987, at which point he began teaching in the graduate orthodontic department and continued teaching there until 2005.

A Fellow of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada (Canadian Equivalent of the ABO), Dr. Levin is past president of both the Winnipeg Dental Society and the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists. He acted as the Chairman of the Manitoba Dental Association Continuing Education Committee from 1991- 2011. Dr. Levin has served on the AAO Redistricting Committee on two occasions and as the MSO Delegation Chair. He was elected Speaker of the House of the AAO House of Delegates and served on the AAO Board of Trustees from 2010-2012. Dr. Levin also has supported AAOF since its inception.

Dr. Levin enjoys time spent with his wife, Babette, and their golden retrievers, Jack and Maddie. They are actively involved in showing golden retrievers, and Keith is well-suited to his role as the driver who carries Babette and the dogs to the shows. Keith has helped with the training for obedience and fieldwork for both dogs.

Interested in music production and reproduction as well as restoration of vintage speakers and sound equipment, Keith enjoys playing his vintage Hammond organ as well as keyboard and piano. He has been an active bass player throughout most of his life and continues playing a vintage Fender jazz bass. Much of his vintage equipment was not considered vintage at the time he first began using it – but, neither was he. Dr. Levin also has a keen interest in automobiles both old and new, which began at an early age. His other interests include martial arts, photography, fishing and yoga. Dr. Levin is the past president of Waterski Manitoba and enjoys waterskiing with Babette. When Dr. Levin is not working at his private practice, you can find him driving either to Lake of the Woods or Palm Springs, depending upon the season.

It has been Dr. Levin's honor to serve in a variety of capacities for organized dentistry and orthodontics. He especially values the friendships he has made during his time spent with the American Association of Orthodontists and the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists.

Congratulations, Keith, on receiving this well-deserved honor and for your service to dentistry and orthodontics.