

Jerry J. Klein, RDT Receives **ADTO Fellowship Award**

In September, Jerry J. Klein, RDT, of JJK Dental Ceramic Studio received the ADTO Fellowship Award.

In 1968, Jerry moved from Czechoslovakia to Toronto, Canada to pursue a career as a dental technologist. In 1972, Jerry graduated from George Brown College's Dental Technology Program. For three years he worked at Singer Dental Laboratory, honing his skills. In 1975, he became a registered dental technologist and opened his own dental laboratory, JJK. Dental Ceramic Studio, specializing in cosmetic dentistry and implants.

Eager to contribute to his profession, Jerry created a course to teach crown and bridge in his lab and workshops throughout the province. Becoming a part-time professor at George Brown College in 1992, Jerry taught his crown and bridge course for five years, at both the undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Jerry is proud that this particular course is still being taught at George Brown today.

Jerry enjoys sharing his knowledge by providing in-lab training programs for organizations such as Futures, Jobs Ontario and Jewish Vocational Services as well as contributing articles to industry magazines. Jerry also shares his passion for implants by accepting invitations from major implant companies to speak at their seminars to dentists and RDTs alike.

In 1994, Jerry joined the board of directors of the Association of Dental Technologists of Ontario, and served on the board for 15 years. In 1996, he was elected as the Continuing Education Chair of the ADTO, and over the next 13 years, he organized a string of successful seminars for his colleagues, attracting the most sought-after speakers on the circuit. At the same time, Jerry established the Implant Study Club, bringing in speakers from every major implant company.

Once a year, Jerry hosted his *For Technicians by Technicians* seminar, reviewing current trends in dental technology and presenting new technology that would shape the future for all dental technologists.

Jerry always makes himself available to his profession and his community, providing guidance and support, not only as a technician, but on a personal level as well.

Jerry's interests outside cosmetic dentistry include tennis and golf, vacationing in Las Vegas, and making sure he spends time with family and friends. ●

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