

ASPOA IOA Professional Services Award

For the First time tonight the renamed IOA Professional services Award now called The IOA Dr Harikesh Buch Professional Service Award will be made.

This most deserving Awardee has a passion for helping others be it ostomy patients, their families or fellow medical professionals.

I have selected a few of the awardees achievements.

He has represented his country on ISO when discussing stoma care, continence irrigation and skin protection products.

He was actively involved with WCET when their conference was in his country as a member of the organising committee and Chaired the Congress.

His presence at many IOA and Asian conferences are noted where his focus has been on ostomy patient support.

In Asia, he has been a founder of ASSR and organised and hosted the 1st ASSR Conference and has continued this support.

In his own country his achievements in support of his fellow medical professionals are too many to list. He has published books on Stoma rehabilitation, opened stoma clinics, organised medical advice for all stoma associations in his country. Recently he published at his own expense a manual for ostomy caregivers

Our Awardee is a colorectal surgeon graduating as a doctor in 1966 and becoming a Professor at his university

As I said at the beginning this Awardee has given much voluntary time throughout his career to make ostomy patients lives better.

It is with much pleasure I ask Emeritus Professor Katsuhisa Shindo to come forward to accept the IOA Harikesh Buch Professional Services award.