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Local Surgeon Among 1,823 Initiated Into American College Of Surgeons

POMONA, CA: Dr. Jeffrey A. Elo, DDS, MS, FACS was among 1,823 Initiates from around the world who became Fellows of the American College of Surgeons (FACS) during the Convocation ceremony at the College's 2016 annual Clinical Congress in Washington, DC, last month.

Dr. Elo received a doctorate in dental surgery (DDS) from Indiana University School of Dentistry and a Master of Science (MS) from Loma Linda University Medical Center and is currently Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Western University of Health Sciences College of Dental Medicine located in Pomona, CA.

Dr. Elo attained board certification from the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. He has strong professional interests in maxillofacial pathology/reconstruction, facial trauma surgery, and dentoalveolar surgery; and holds leadership positions in many professional organizations, including currently serving as Vice President, Secretary, and Editor for the California Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, as well as a board examiner for the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

By meeting the College's stringent membership requirements, Fellows of the College have earned the distinguished right to use the designation of "FACS" (Fellow, American College of Surgeons) after their names. An applicant for Fellowship must be a graduate of an approved medical (dental) school; must have completed advanced training in one of the 14 surgical specialties recognized by the College; must possess certification by an American surgical specialty board or appropriate certification by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of

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Canada; and must have been in practice for at least one year at the time of his or her application. Before admission into Fellowship, the surgeon must further demonstrate ethical fitness and professional proficiency, and his or her acceptance as a Fellow of the College must be approved by three-fourths of its Board of Regents.

The Convocation ceremony was the highlight of the five-day Congress at which initiation into ACS Fellowship took place. The Congress also featured reports on research-in-progress, postgraduate courses, panel discussions, symposia, and scientific and industrial exhibits. Total estimated attendance at the Congress was 11,745, including 8,127 physicians. Allied health professionals and members of the scientific and consumer media also attended the meeting.

The American College of Surgeons is a scientific and educational organization of surgeons that was founded in 1913 to raise the standards of surgical practice and to improve the quality of care for the surgical patient. The College is dedicated to the ethical and competent practice of surgery. Its achievements have established it as an important advocate for all surgical patients. The College has more than 80,000 members and is the largest organization of surgeons in the world. For more information, visit: www.facs.org (.)