Area dentist receives top international award

A Quinte-area dentist, Dr. William Thompson has been honored by his international colleagues with the highest award available through the World Dental Federation.

The award

was formally presented at the Federation's recent congress held at Vancouver, involving 14,000 participants from



more than 90 countries, and Dr. William rated as the Thompson largest convention ever held in Vancouver.

Thompson also becomes only the second Canadian named to the World Dental Federation's List of Honour. He had been 'nominated to the list after being elected a life member of the federation's General Assembly.

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"In the world of dentisty, it's about as high as you can get," commented Dr. Thompson. "I think it's great to be honored by your confreres from other countries as well as from your own country."

Thompson, William

Born at Campbellford, Dr. Thompson had a distinguished career with Canada's armed forces during the Second World War. He received his dental degree from the University of Toronto in 1949 and graduated as a captain in the Royal Canadian Dental Corps, later named Canadian Armed Forces Director General of Dental Services in 1976.

He retired from the military in 1982 and the same year became president of the Canadian Dental Association.

He became involved with the Federation Dentaire Internationale (World Dental Federation) in 1972 and held various offices over the past 22 years.

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