



# CDT Competition: Larsen-Chu Award for Excellence in Dental Technology

Chapel Hill, NC January 30, 2014

Dear Colleagues:

In memory of Arne Larsen, CDT, Dr. Stephen J. Chu generously offered to support further development of dental technology through the Society for Color and Appearance in Dentistry (SCAD) by donating \$1,000 per year to establish an award for dental technology. SCAD decided to match this amount for a total of \$2,000, and established the Larsen-Chu Award for Excellence in Dental Technology (Larsen-Chu Award). The purpose of the award is to acknowledge and promote young dental technicians who have less than 10 years in practice. In addition, Vita Zahnfabrik will provide a free three-day trip to Bad Säckingen, Germany for hands-on training for three awardees.

**Application Process:** Applicants are required to submit an application following the instructions provided at the SCAD website ([www.scadent.org](http://www.scadent.org)). Applications will be judged by the members of the Larsen-Chu Award Committee (Aki Yoshida, RDT - Chair, Hiro Tokutomi, RDT - Member, and Thomas Sing, MDT – Member), based on overall esthetics, color and appearance, and detail reproduction.

1. Applicants will duplicate one natural tooth based on pictures posted on SCAD web site ([link to tooth](#)). It can be done on a die or fabricated solid (root is optional). Applicants are allowed to use any material and technique they want.
2. Applicants will submit the application form and send up to four JPG images of their work via email (up to 4 MB total) to master technician Mr. Aki Yoshida, Chair of the Larsen-Chu Award Committee.
3. The Larsen-Chu Award Committee will review the submissions and send acceptance/rejection notice to all applicants.
4. Authors of accepted submissions must preregister and attend the annual meeting in order to be eligible for awards. The Larsen-Chu Award competitors will receive a discounted registration rate
5. Authors of accepted submissions must display their work at the exhibit table and present the case/answer questions at SCAD annual meeting, where the winners will be selected.

**Award:** The 2014 Larsen-Chu Award recipient will receive a \$2,000 stipend, SCAD certificate signed by the Dr. Swift, Dr. Chu, and Mr. Yoshida, and complimentary registration for SCAD 2015, while the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners will receive SCAD certificates. The winners will be presented at the SCAD President's Dinner during the annual meeting. In addition, Vita Zahnfabrik, general sponsor of SCAD meetings, will organize a three-day complimentary visit and hands-on training at Bad Säckingen, Germany for all three winners. This also includes airfare (coach), hotel and meals.

**Eligibility:** Dental technicians with less than 10 years in practice are eligible for the Award. Only one award will be given annually, and only one 1<sup>st</sup> place award per recipient can be received (previous recipients are not eligible).

**Awardees' Obligation:** Proper acknowledgment of the support provided from the Society for Color and Appearance in Dentistry must be cited in subsequent presentations and publication/s.

**Review Guidelines:** Each work will be reviewed by members of the Larsen-Chu Award Committee, and will be judged and scored based on the following criteria:

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| 1. Overall esthetics              | 25 points        |
| 2. Color reproduction             | 25 points        |
| 3. Other attributes of appearance | 25 points        |
| 4. Detail reproduction            | <u>25 points</u> |

**Total Possible Score:**

**100 points**

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

**Edward J Swift, Jr., DMD, MS**

President, Society for Color and Appearance in Dentistry

