



Who was Bernard Brucker?



Dr. Bernard S. Brucker, PhD, ABPP has been called a “legend” for all his professional and personal accomplishments. We list below only a brief account of his many contributions.

Dr. Bernard S. Brucker was an associate professor in the Departments of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation and Radiology at the University of Miami School of Medicine. He was a psychologist and a leader in the field of rehabilitation and was chief of the Division of Psychology and director of the Biofeedback Laboratory at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Medical Center. He was the past president of the Division of Rehabilitation Psychology of the American Psychological Association and had been the recent past chairman of the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Advisory Council for the State of Florida. Dr. Brucker was also the president of the American Board of Rehabilitation Psychology, member of the board, American Board of Professional Psychology, past vice president of the Florida Brain Injury Association and past board member of the Association of Applied Psychophysiology and Biofeedback.

Dr. Brucker received the Gil Moss Award from the National Spinal Cord Injury Association for outstanding scientific and clinical contribution to spinal cord injury, the Exceptional Achievement Award, from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, for microprocessor control of movement in paralyzed muscle, the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Dade County Chapter of the Florida Psychological Association, the Distinguished Service Award, Division of Rehabilitation, American Psychological Association and the Karl F. Heiser Presidential Award from the American Psychological Association.

Dr. Brucker was one of the founders, and the original co-director of the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis. He was world renowned for developing specific behavioral procedures for restoring function in people with physical disabilities and had numerous publications, chapters, and presentations at scientific meetings.

He served on the International Committee of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine where we benefited greatly from his expertise, humor and wit. ACRM is pleased to honor him each year at the International Networking Group’s Brucker International Luncheon in conjunction with the ACRM Annual Conference.

