EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TRACKS
TRANSITION PLANNING

The ICD Executive Committee met in Baltimore, Maryland, on February 9th 2008 under the direction of President Norinaga Moriyama. In addition to managing the ongoing business affairs of The College, the Committee participated in a briefing regarding the strategic planning process. All important questions regarding future College governance, management, budget, staffing needs and job descriptions, even office location, are now before The College.

Strategic Planning Chairman Steve Tonelli described the scope of the plans and the approach being used to bring together a consensus of thought from Councilmen located around the world. Using telephone conferencing and other means of electronic information exchange, good progress is being made by the committee to bring about a successful transition of College business affairs. Much remains to be done. The College has only about a year and a half to prepare for re-established offices and operations.
GOOD NEWS FROM KENYA CLINIC AFTER CIVIL DISTURBANCES

Editor's Note: The Kikuyu Hospital Dental Clinic in Kenya is supported by the USA Section of ICD and a coalition of church and professional organizations. After recent reports of widespread civil unrest and violence in that country, we checked to see how the dental clinic was doing. On March 19th 2008, Clinic Director Dr. Nelson Malenya sent this good news

The security situation in Kenya is back to normal if not better as the difficult period has ushered us into a new height of democracy. Several laws have been passed to ensure elections are run well and institutions to facilitate good governance have been put into place. Kenya continues to set the pace for other African countries.

The dental clinic has been busier than usual as the word about us is spreading. We continue to treat the underprivileged and one of the highlights is our free dental visits to children’s’ homes. This community programme has attracted dentists and students to come and experience community service. Last year, we hosted one dentist from USA, another from Germany and students from the Universities of Manchester and Liverpool.

Now that the clinic is established, we are focusing on the following:

1. Partnering with a university/universities to develop training programmes to equip dentists in Kenya and East Africa in new techniques and facilitate research.
2. Building capacity to specialise in paediatric dentistry and orthodontics - these fields in dentistry in Kenya and indeed Africa are underdeveloped.
3. Expanding our supporter base for increased financial sustainability and introducing services to raise income to assist our Patient Subsidy Fund - the fund that provides resources to cater for the very needy patients.

This June we hope to receive four more dental units which will then give us eight fully functional dental operatories. Currently we see an average of forty patients a day and to date we have treated three thousand patients. These were handled by two dentists, two hygienists, two dental assistants, one dental lab. technician and one receptionist.

Our need for volunteers especially experienced general dentists and Specialists is increasing by the day. We invite all who are willing to join us in the noble cause of giving a smile to children and the underprivileged.

Thank you for the follow up of our project and the thought of including it in your publication. We are really grateful to have ICD support our operations.

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Kikuyu Hospital Dental Clinic in Kenya, Africa.

Clinic Director, Dr. Nelson Malenya, with a happy patient.
ROLE OF ICD FOUNDATIONS GROWING

ICD charitable fundraising and the humanitarian programmes they support are increasing through the use of foundations created by some Sections expressly for that purpose. The Canadian Section reports that participation in their William James Spence Foundation has increased greatly since they gave Fellows the option to contribute directly on their dues statement. The European Section reports that their Phillip Dear Foundation is now able to help expand The College into the Eastern European Countries. The USA Section Foundation recently received a generous donation from a Fellow and his spouse who announced it as a memorial contribution, perhaps a new trend in gifting to College humanitarian causes.

With so much necessary work to be done, The College applauds all those who do the difficult work of fundraising, and we thank ICD Fellows who contribute so generously, thus enabling the charitable work of The College to go on.

J. V. Hinterman, ICD Editor

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME MANUAL ANNOUNCED

Academic Enrichment Today….Global leadership Tomorrow

Since 1990, ICD’s USA Section has provided opportunities for dental students for professional and cultural enrichment through the sharing of knowledge and experiences with students of other countries. The goal has been to provide future leadership in the global community, and to contribute to the oral health of the world at large. A dozen different dental schools have participated, with an equal number of foreign schools and students participating.

The USA Section has provided financial support for the students, as well as total organizational services. Now, a manual has been produced by the Committee on International Student Exchange. This will be a valuable resource touching all aspects of procedure and fundraising. It is available to assist others throughout The College who would initiate international dental student exchange programmes.

J. V. Hinterman, ICD Editor

FROM SECTION IX: THE PHILIPPINES

Humanitarian Project Delivers Smiles

ICD “restored” the smile of ten Mabuhay Ladies of GK-Jaime Cardinal Sin Village in Sta. Ana Manila by providing them with dentures. Fellow Ramon Hebron headed the team together with the Philippine Marine Corps Dental Detachment.
Dr. Aris-Petros Tripodakis, President of the European Section of ICD, attended the ICD USA Section and ADA meetings in San Francisco, October 2007, to promote the Section’s 53rd Annual Meeting in Athens, June 2008.

Continuing its tradition of delivering programmes of educational excellence, there will be a full scientific day entitled “The Dental Discipline in Europe in the Dawn of the Third Millennium”. With speakers from Greece, Germany, Ireland, Switzerland, the UK, the USA and Switzerland, this will be stimulating both intellectually and philosophically, while also conveying cutting edge information comprehensively related to Dentistry as a professional health discipline.

The Social Programme on the other hand will develop unforgettable memories of living tradition and natural beauty – dine by the Acropolis, watch the sun go down on Cape Sounion, and stay if you can for the optional one day cruise of the Saronic Islands on Sunday June 15th.

For more information on the Athens meeting, Registration and Booking Forms, see http://www.icd-europe.com/president.html

American Dental Association President, Dr. Mark J. Feldman (right), is invited to attend the 53rd Annual Meeting of the European Section ICD in Athens, Greece, by European Section President, Dr. Aris-Petros Tripodakis.

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