ICD progresses despite global economic turmoil

The New Year 2009 finds the International College of Dentists pressing on with its important work against a backdrop of turmoil in the world’s financial markets.

During recent meetings of the International Council in San Antonio, Texas, USA, an aggressive agenda was adopted for what promises be a period of transition and progress for The College. However, this work will be made more difficult than ever as Council members from around the world reported that the global economic crisis is having an impact on dentistry.

As he assumed the Presidency of the ICD for the year 2009, Dr. Richard A. Shick (USA), stated that “collegiality promotes progress”. President Shick has since launched several initiatives to maximize the effect of the decisions made. The Council directed that an independent Central Office for the College At Large with its own staff be established. This will be located near the USA Section Central Office, and will be staffed by a Central Office Administrator and a Secretary-General. Intense efforts by several committees will be needed to put this together by the end of 2009.

J. V. Hinterman
ICD Editor

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ICD-Europe Hoists the FLAG for Flexible Learning (FL)

At its winter Board meeting in December 2008, the Board of the European Section appointed a Flexible Learning Advisory Group (FLAG) to further the development of e-learning in all its forms as well as exploring the full potential of the IVIDENT programme. Meeting through a Bulletin Board attached to the icd-europe website, FLAG members have established that there are health education programmes on CD-ROMs ready to be made available to volunteers in developing countries, and a highly sophisticated e-based implantology course being developed. Further themes to be explored will include blended e-learning for minor oral surgery procedures and prosthodontics.

FLAG is planning a video-conference by the end of March and will continue working online to formulate proposals on Flexible Learning initiatives to bring to the Annual Meeting in Lisbon, Spain in June 2009.

FLAG Members:
Stephen Byfield (England); Phillip Dowell (England); Frans Kroon (The Netherlands); Cecil Linehan (Ireland), Chair; Isobel Madden (Scotland); Peter Owen (South Africa); Pat Reynolds (London); Dov Sheldon (Israel); Walter van Driel (The Netherlands); Richard Vaughan (England).
ICD CHINA: Region 22

History......Present......Prospects for the Future

Envoys from ICD Region 22 China travelled to San Antonio, Texas, USA in October 2008 and delivered an impressive PowerPoint presentation to the International Council regarding the history of The College in China and ICD China’s plans for the future. Beautiful photographs of their China homeland were also shown.

The China Region is currently part of Region 22 with Hong Kong and Macau. It has seen much progress recently under the direction of Regent, Dr. Xuedong Zhou and Secretary-General, Dr. Qianming Chen.

China has been a member of ICD since 1928, but contact was lost between 1947 and 1977. From 17 Fellows in 1977, the China Region now has 140 Fellows and is working to become an autonomous Section of The College (See “The College Column - College Basics” below on right). The China Region also wishes to host a meeting of The International Council, and have the Deans of all 84 Dental Schools in China become ICD Fellows.

The ICD China is housed at the West China College of Stomatology, Sichuan University, Chengdu, Sichuan, where Dr. Zhou serves as Dean. When the Wenchuan earthquake struck the Sichuan Province in May 2008, ICD Fellows of the China Region took part of the relief efforts at the earthquake site.

The College Column - College Basics

ICD Constitution:

Article I: Organization & Structure

The International College of Dentists shall be organized geographically into Sections, Regions, Districts, and Constituents.

Autonomous Sections may be organized into Districts and Constituents. There are currently 12 autonomous Sections of ICD: See www.icd.org/sections.htm

The International Section may be organized into Regions and is administered through the International Council or the Executive Committee of the College. There are currently 14 Regions of ICD: See www.icd.org/sections.htm#Regions

Petition to become Autonomous

Fellows in a Region or Regions of the International Section who are located in the same area may directly petition the International Council to be chartered as an Autonomous Section of the College, or the International Council may, at its own discretion, grant a charter for a new Autonomous Section. The submitting Region must approve a petition before it is presented to the International Council.

The following guidelines must be followed.

a. The Petition must be signed by a minimum of forty (40) Fellows.

b. The Petition must include a copy of the proposed new Section’s Bylaws.

c. The Petition must include a slate of officers and committee members.

d. The petition must include a proposed dues structure, which includes the dues to the College and a proposed yearly budget.

Let us hope that in 2009, China will become the 13th autonomous Section of the International College of Dentists.

C. F. Linehan, ICD e-Newsletter Editor
The ICD Philippine Section continues to put into practice the objectives of The International College of Dentists with an ambitious schedule of meetings, projects, and individual effort by Fellows. These activities were graphically described during the Council Session in San Antonio, Texas, USA in October 2008 by their representative, Dr. Primo Gonzales, ICD World President in 1986.

The Philippine Section’s Quarterly Meetings are occasions for both educational and social enjoyment. Lectures cover topics as varied as alternative medicine and the economic status of the country. Young dentists with leadership potential have been invited to these meetings. On the social side, a costume party to foster camaraderie is planned. All these gatherings, scientific, educational and social lead to more active bonding between Fellows.

Several ongoing ICD projects are achieving success.

- A one day Student Leadership Programme for graduating dental student is held.
- A Faculty Development Seminar to standardize teaching will be added this year.
- The partnership of the Philippine ICD Section with Gawad Kalinga (GK), a non government organization (NGO), aims to build a community among the underprivileged citizens of the country to allow them to be self sufficient. The ICD - G-K Partnership focuses especially on Community Based Oral Health Care Programmes.
- A Dental Clinic has been planned but is presently delayed due to insufficient finances.

Here is an opportunity for the ICD worldwide to extend help. The Philippine Section Fellows will be providing dental services in GK communities in partnership with the Philippine Dental Association.

Dr. Primo Gonzales and his brother Felipe have donated three hectares of land near their farm in Bataan where a Gawad Kalinga Community will be built. Some years ago, Primo donated land at another location so that a high school could be built to serve students who previously had to walk several miles to school.

2009 President of Section 9, Dr. Elizabeth Carrasco

At the Annual Convocation of Section 9 on January 31st, 2009, Dr. Elizabeth Carrasco will be installed as President.

As the Section will be working in partnership with the military this year, especially in the community service aspect of the Gawad Kalinga Programme, General Alexander B. Yano, Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, will grace the occasion as Guest Speaker. The GK Programme is going nationwide this year.

In April, Canada Section 2 inducted into Fellowship, Dr. Francois Alwyn de Wet, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Odontology at the University of Pretoria. Fellow de Wet was sponsored by Dr. Mike Suzuki, International Councilman and Past President of the Canadian Section.

In June, in Athens, Europe Section 5 inducted Dr. Peter Owen. Peter qualified from the Royal Dental Hospital in London. He is currently professor and head of the Department of Prosthodontics at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, an executive member of the Academy of Prosthodontists of South Africa and Treasurer of the International College of Prosthodontists.

Peter is committed to the development and application of innovative teaching and learning methods, and in particular the use of interactive computer-based learning. He believes that it is possible to unite communities and attain local and international consensus to alleviate the plight of the world’s under-classes. Peter is already a member of the new Flexible Learning Advisory Group (FLAG) set up in December 2008 by the European Regents (see page 1).

ICD now has three Fellows in South Africa (International Region 27) and we are truly delighted to welcome new Fellows de Wet and Owen. Yet when one sees that the WHO CAPP Index in 2006 registered a total of 4,449 dentists (www.whocollab.od.mah.se) In South Africa, it is clear we need to build a greater ICD presence there.
Advertisement for the position of Secretary-General – (Part-Time)

The International College of Dentists (ICD) is accepting applications for the part-time (2 days/week) position of Secretary-General (S/G) of the College.

The primary responsibility will be representing the College to the health professions in the world. The S/G will also have administrative oversight and final staff authority of the College Central Office located in Rockville, MD. The Secretary-General reports to the ICD International Council and its Executive Committee. The day to day management and operation of the Central Office will be the responsibility of a full time (5 days/week) Central Office Administrator.

The S/G position should be a good fit for a recently retired, or about to retire, senior Military Dental Officer, an Association Executive or an Academician familiar with administration.

A Briefing Package is available www.icd.org. Applications should be received by 31 January 2009 and should include a letter of interest, a current résumé and three references. The completed application should be sent electronically to:

E-mail: office@icd.org

Charles L. Siroky, DDS, Search Committee Chairman
ICD Central Office

Continued Education Meetings 2009

India, Sri Lanka & Nepal: Section 6
January 24th- 25th Yercaud, Salem District, Tamilnadu.
CDE Programme held with Salem Branch IDA.
Secretary-General: Dr. Rajesh Chanda: chandnadental@vsnl.net

USA: Section I
April 19th - 20th Baltimore, Maryland, USA.
Dr. Mike Kenney: Mike8176@aol.com

Australasia: Section 8
March 13th Perth. Induction and Dinner with ADA Biennial Congress.
Registrar: Dr. Jackie Robinson: jackie_robinson@iinet.net.au

Europe: Section 5
June 24th-26th Lisbon, Portugal. Details of Scientific and Social Programmes available at: www.icd-europe.org/private/bb/

Section Meetings 2009

Canada: Section 2
March 6th: Annual Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia, with the Canadian Dental Association & Pacific Dental Conference, March 5-7.
Registrar: Dr. Fil Cappa: icdcappa@srh.ca

The Beginning of the Long Farewell

A certain sadness will prevail throughout the College during the coming year as the planned retirement of Secretary-General Robert E. Brady occurs at the end of 2009. Dr. Brady has directed the affairs of the International College for 10 years from its top management position, while at the same time serving as Registrar of the USA Section.

Bob will direct his last meeting of The International Council in May 2009 (Japan), and his final USA Section Board of Regents Meeting and USA Convocation in October in Hawaii. This circumstance also presents some opportunities. There will be time to draw on Bob’s experience to arrange for a smooth transition. Those planning for the future of The College can draw on his expertise. And there will be opportunities to count the ways Bob has served the College well, and for ICD Fellows everywhere to bid Bob and Jan Brady all the best.

The familiar faces of well known and much loved Secretary General Dr. Robert E. Brady and his wife Janet

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