

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2007 MEETING

16:00 picked up at the Hotel by Dr. Wang Yanmin, Fellow Chen Qianming's assistant.

16:30 The meeting took place at a conference room at the West China College of Stomatology. It was attended by:

Fellow Zhou Xuetong, Regent
Fellow Chen Qianming, Secretary General
Fellow Manfred Seidemann
(Councilman Yeo Jin Fei had to returned at 16:00 to Singapore)

- **Fellow Qianming Chen described pre-2004 situation.** It is the period before Fellow Lon Carroll's visitation to China. At that time the China Division's Central Office was located with the Chinese Stomatological Association, Beijing. Accurate membership and treasury records for that period are not available.

Secretary General Chen explained the Post-2004 Situation. This Period started with Fellow Zhou Xuetong's election as China Division's Regent. It began shortly before Fellow Carroll's visitation. To facilitate rebuilding and oversight of the Division, the Central Office was moved to Chengdu.

Secretary General Chen requested that financial issues "before 2004" be stricken. Any owned dues by this Division since Fellow Lon Carroll's visitation, excluding some dues from eligible Life Members, will be paid to the ICD Central Office.

I agreed to relay this official request to President Donald Johnson.

The China Division would like to receive International Council Meeting information from the Central Office. Fellow Zhou and Fellow Chen realize that Fellow Yeo Jin Fei is their Councilman. Nevertheless, the China Division would like to send their observer to attend International Council Meetings. This would be helpful to gain experience for the near future, when the Division will become an Autonomous ICD Section.

- **Life Membership.** Fellow Chen asked for an explanation of Life Membership. He stated that the Division has prominent and valuable older Fellows. I explained that the Bylaws' definition (Section 4, B, 1 and 2 – on page 13) must be abided.
- **Roster.** The China Division will remove from its Roster all individuals who have not paid-up their Capitation Fees since 2004.
- **Upgrade to Section Level.** They mentioned their appreciation for Fellow Lon Carroll's recommendation that they become an autonomous Section. This is the China Division's firm intention. I reminded Fellows Zhou and Chen that the *modus operandi* is clearly indicated in the Bylaws' Article I, Section 3, C (page 11). They were aware of this through Bob Brady's letter.

It was explained that as soon as they become a Section they would have a Councilman.

It was explained that a Section is divided in Districts [Constitution's Article VI, Section 3 (page 3); Bylaws Article I, Section 2, F (page 11)].

- To facilitate China's present administration I presented Fellows Zhou and Chen with a Roster broken down by cities. The China Division's Fellows were grouped according to their residence.
 - It was suggested that the country be divided in "sectors" ("sub divisions"). Fellow Zhou liked the practicality of the suggestion.
 - Fellow Zhou indicated that several geographical divisions; i. e., N., S., E., W. would be established immediately after the Central Office/International Council approves their petition to become an Autonomous Section.
 - Chinese Taipei Section. I explained that this corresponds to ICD's Section XII. It is a Section that was established years ago. The date (1994) is in the ICD History Book. There is no objection on condition that Section XII's name is "Chinese Taipei".
 - It was made very clear that the ICD is non-political. My speech also clearly indicated that.
 - Name of the "new" Section. Fellow Zhou indicated that name of the Section should be "China". While we were having the meeting the Legal Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China was consulted in this regard.
 - Fellow Chen asked for a model of a Section's and a District's Constitution and Bylaws. I agreed to send Section IV's and the Chilean District's respective Constitutions and Bylaws.
 - Executive Committee. Section IV was used as an example. It has the following officers: President, Vice President, President Elect, Past President, Secretary General, Assistant Secretary General, Treasurer, Editor, and Historian.
 - Past President. The concept was explained.
 - Committees. Their importance was stressed. The following were mentioned: Growth and Development, Public Relations, History, Scientific, Ethics, Editorial.
 - I offered my assistance with the endeavors to form a Section.
 - I indicated that, upon my return to Chile, I will relay to President Johnson the subjects discussed during this meeting as well as their contents. Also, all the information gathered during my visitation to the ICD China Division.
- **Fellow Zhou asked about the Number of Fellows.** She wanted to know if there is a limit or a percentage in relation to the number of dentists in a country. She mentioned the large number of dentists in China. She was reminded of the situation in the United States. Quality is the main objective. Qualified colleagues must be invited to ICD Fellowship.

- **Granting (Induction) Ceremony.** Fellow Zhou indicated that China would like to have one every year. She suggested one next year, coinciding with the Inauguration of the new Dental School building.
- **Fellowship Orientation Program.** It was thoroughly explained the necessity to have that Program the day before the Granting Ceremony. Old Fellows as well as friends and relatives should also attend it. I turned over to Fellow Zhou a CD copy of the program done by the USA Section. It was agreed that this would be done every year before the Granting (Induction) Ceremony. They requested assistance for next year's. I agreed that they would receive it.
- **Central Office.** Fellow Chen mentioned some of the correspondence that he had exchanged. I told him that I had also read copies of the correspondence he had exchanged with Fellow Carroll.
- **Fellow Chen also asked about the Central Office.** I explained that Fellow Robert Brady's contract would expire next year and that Fellow Brady will retire. For that reason President Johnson named a Search Committee. It is searching for a new Secretary General.
- **Central Office Acknowledgement and Receipts of Payments.** Fellow Chen explains that China has never received one. They are absolutely needed for their bookkeeping system based on the China Accounting laws.

Secretary General Chen was assured by me that the Central Office will send him all the Acknowledgements and Receipts for each payment China has effected since 2004.

Dr. Waymin Wang, Fellow Chen's assistant, will send me, via e-mail, a copy with the respective Rosters of all the payments effected to the Central Office during Fellow Zhou's Regency (Presidency). Fellow Chen explained that the receipts must be itemized.
- **Continuing Education.** Fellows Zhou and Chen asked if the Central Office could send Lecturers to China. I explained that it was a matter of finances. They should start now with local Lecturers. I explained the South American successful Continuing Education Program. Particularly Chile's in which very low admission fees are charged. The latter assures a good audience. Chile, at the beginning, did not charge registration fees. The courses were sold but, but the lecture halls were not filled. Now very low admission fees are charged and the result is a full lecture for the courses hall and money to pay all expenses. With the old way the District had to rely on the good will of commercial houses.
- **"Outstanding Leaders in Dentistry"**. I presented Fellow Zhou a DVD with Fellow Gordon Christensen's Interview and a listing of available Interviews. She and Fellow Chen recognized many of the names.

- **Capitation Fees.** Fellow Chen asked if the Central ICD could leave a percentage of the US\$ 30 Capitation Fee in China. This would help pay part of the expenses. I explained that this is not done that way. I indicated that Districts and Regions charge an additional amount to their Fellows to pay their respective operating expenses.
- **Permanent location of ICD China Division.** I suggested that the China Division's (eventually, Section's) Central Office should have a stable and permanent location. Thus the Section would also have a permanent address. Fellow Chen agreed to this recommendation. Fellow Chen stated that Chengdu would be the logical location.
- **International Council Meeting Venue.** China would like to host, in Chengdu, an ICD International Council Meeting. I explained that this could be done once the China Division becomes an ICD Section. I indicated that the locations are selected several years in advance. I will send to Fellows Zhou and Chen the official list of the next International Council Meetings. I said that, as far as I remember, 2007 will be Mexico; 2008 – San Antonio, Texas, U.S.A.; 2009 – Japan; 2010 – New York; 2011 - I believe, India. I did not recall any further. I personally believe that Chengdu offers all the conditions to host an International Council Meeting. This includes very attractive sites for tourism.
- **Make-up of the Future China Section Central Office:** Secretary General, Treasurer, and Editor.
- **Granting (Induction) Ceremonies.** Foreign (Non-Chinese) speeches should be translated and projected on a screen. The audience could read it while the Non-Chinese Language Speaker delivers the speech.
- Fellows Zhou and Chen asked for **ideas for work ICD China Division could perform.** The following are some of the suggestions I offered:
 - University Activities
 - White Coat Ceremony. It would take place at the beginning of the Fourth Academic (Clinical) Year. Its significance and impact were explained.
 - "ICD Best Comrade Award". The Graduating Class elects its Best Comrade. The China ICD will award, during the Graduation Ceremony, a Diploma and a book with the History of the College.
 - The ICD Most Striving Student Award.
 - An ICD scholarship for an excellent student in financial need. It could pay, for instance, one half or one third of the tuition fee. Would be awarded in a private and discreet ceremony.
 - Dental instruments for needy students. Could be raised among Fellows and dental supply houses.
 - The ICD Distinguished Teacher Award. Presented in an open ceremony.
 - ICD Best Research Project Award. An article based on its results could be published in an ICD publication

- Dental Museum.
- Publications
 - Newsletter. Could be bi-monthly. A pre-determined Fellow would be responsible for gathering news items, preparing and dispatching the newsletter.
 - Magazine. Would be financed exclusively through advertising.
 - China Division Webpage.
- Fellow Academicians Exchanges. Could be intra-Division or Section. Could be among Sections.

It was mentioned that India is prepared to carry out Fellow-Academician Exchanges. I will send information.
- District Activities
 - Monthly meetings. They would be with dinner. A guest speaker would talk on non-dental related subjects.
 - A yearly Fellowship trip. The District's Fellows with spouses would rent a bus and travel to a certain location. All would lodge in the same hotel. All would have the meals together at the same restaurant. Thus Fellows and spouses would become acquainted. It will build fellowship. The bus would be paid by the District. Fellows would pay hotel and food. Special rates would be secured.
- Leadership
- Ethics
- Standard of Dental Care
- Partnership with medical projects
- Virtual (webpage) Dental Museum
- Donation of (a) dental journal(s) to dental school libraries
- Donation of books to dental school libraries
- Social projects for needy children
- Social projects for elderly, needy people. I offered to send a project that was written up for older, needy people.

Fellows Zhou and Chen liked the suggestions.

Fellow Chen Qianming,
Secretary General
I.C.D. China Division

RATIONALE FOR PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES: All Fellows must participate in the Districts' activities. Fellows must never feel nor think they are mere "dues payers".

The best way to get people (dentists and lay public) to know about the ICD is through Continuing Education Courses and publications.

This document was reviewed by Fellow Chen Qianming, Secretary General, China Division.

