A message from ICD President
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THE ICD IS ON THE MOVE

The International College of Dentists is on the move literally, figuratively and physically. Let me explain.

In October of 2007 at the Annual Meeting of the International College of Dentists in Mexico City, Mexico, a motion was made to “establish an independent Central Office at the earliest feasible time.” There had been much discussion on this subject prior to this meeting, at the meeting and before the motion was made. The College opened its independent office for operation on January 4th, 2010.

There were some that did not feel this was necessary. There was a certain “comfort level” being in the same office with the USA Section for so many years. However, it had become obvious that with the growth of the Sections, with new Sections coming on board and with the expansion of communications and projects all over the world, the position of USA Registrar, College Secretary-General and Section XX Registrar was too much for one person.

Search committees were formed to find a Secretary-General and an office location. It was felt that an office near the USA Section office would be most desirable and a Secretary-General who lived in the area would also be a good decision. An office was chosen one mile away from the USA Section Office and Terry Hoffeld was hired for our Secretary General. Unfortunately, things did not work out with Doctor Hoffeld and another search for a Secretary General began.
Some very positive things came into play at that point. The Globe Editor, Jack Hinterman announced that he was a candidate and those familiar with Jack and his knowledge and ability did not hesitate to engage him for the position. Dov Sydney, the Editor of the European Journal, volunteered to be the Editor of the Globe. I believe it is evident based on their past and present performance that these were excellent choices.

Secretary-General Hinterman lives in Flint, Michigan and it soon became evident that the College Office should be near him so it was relocated to Flint, Michigan following the expiration of the lease on the office in Rockville, Maryland. This emphasizes the point that the College office can be located anywhere in the world and this may be the case in future years.

The College at Large is very much on the move with the addition of China and Myanmar as new Sections and with the increased activity in Section XX including Malaysia, Viet Nam, Mongolia, Africa and Kazakhstan.

Yes, the College at Large is on the move in many areas and this is just the beginning of a new vitality that will result in many future successes in many areas in the years to come. I urge you to read all of our communications and that will reinforce this message that I am sending you.

I believe that we will all agree that having an independent College Office and Secretary-General was indeed the right decision.

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