The greetings and best wishes of the Fellows of the International College of Dentists worldwide are extended to ICD Region 20 Bangladesh on the occasion of the launch of its electronic newsletter and Facebook page. These will provide the world a window through which to follow the progress of ICD’s newest Region. We are thankful for the leadership of Dr. Md. Jahangir Kabir, a long time ICD Fellow who has agreed to guide a new beginning for ICD in Bangladesh by serving as its first Regent.

The early plans announced by Regent Kabir are very impressive. An annual ICD event is projected to occur in December in collaboration with other national and international dental meetings. Pioneer Dental College in Dhaka has offered to house the office of ICD Region 20 Bangladesh. Regent Kabir is in the process of establishing business and financial systems to manage the Regional.

The interests of ICD Bangladesh will be represented to the International Council by Dato Dr. Kim Chuan How (Malaysia), Counsellor for Asia. Recently at an International ICD Initiation Ceremony held in Kuala Lumpur, Dr. Mostque Hassan Sattar (Bangladesh) was inducted as a new Fellow. It is now time for new Fellows and old to renew their participation in ICD and nominate qualified dentists for the historic first class of new Fellows in Bangladesh.

There is much excitement in the worldwide ICD family over this new beginning of ICD in Bangladesh. We wish you well and offer our assistance as you build ICD Region 20 Bangladesh into a strong association of dentists who are known for their leadership and contributions to the profession of dentistry and the public.

Congratulations and best wishes for every success in the years ahead.

John V. Hinterman, DDS, FICD

I am pleased and honored to begin my term as regent Bangladesh Region. It is especially gratifying to be working with an extraordinary Executive Committee that has enormous energy and passion for advancing Dental Profession Nationally and worldwide on behalf of ICD. As you will see in this newsletter and subsequent ones, the Executive Committee has been active in many ways, but most notably by launching what is likely the most ambitious and comprehensive dissemination initiative our field has seen. I encourage you to visit our website www.icdbangladesh.org to explore the range and quality of the activities available so far (with more to come) and to share this information on the leading evidence-based Dental health practices for children and families with parents, students, colleagues, and community providers. I am committed to upgrade Dental education, research, training and other dental related information through our electronic newsletter & keep the dental surgeons up to date with latest emerging technologies through seminars and guided training programs.

I strongly believe to keep international standard of ICD Bangladesh newsletter and everyone will find this newsletter a valuable media to share clinical techniques and academic knowledge on dental education and research.

I thank all the members of ICD, both home and abroad for their sincere cooperation on fulfillment of the responsibility entrusted upon me to launch electronic newsletter of ICD Bangladesh.

Finally may I wish you all, wherever you are a happy and prosperous new journey in field of dentistry with the ICD Bangladesh newsletter.

Regent Dr. Md. Jahangir Kabir
Addressing a gathering of Dental Surgeons

Dr. Md. Jahangir Kabir, Regent International College of Dentists. Bangladesh Region is addressing a gathering of Dental Surgeons & briefing them about the aims & objects of International College of Dentists.

a place for high-quality Dental education and training, enabling Dental Professionals to act efficiently and effectively in a broad range of professional functions and activities

a place to which access is possible primarily on the basis of intellectual merit and of the ability to participate actively in its programs.

a place of learning founded on quality and knowledge which inculcates in its Fellows the practice of lifelong learning

a community fully engaged in the creation and dissemination of knowledge, in the advancement of science, and participation in the development of Dental innovations.

ICD Bangladesh help for the distressed people
Bangladesh with a Population of 160 millions has only Govt. Dental College at Dhaka and two other Dental Units (not full fledged) are attached to Chittagong & Rajshahi Medical College. These dental institutions together can only admit 200 undergraduate students per year & so far only 6000 qualified dental surgeons have been working throughout the country. There is a great need of more dental institutions to produce qualified dental & oral surgeons. 70-80% of our population is suffering from various dental & oral diseases such as dental caries, periodontitis, fracture, oral cyst, tumors, ulcers, salivary glands diseases & many other oro-facial problems. To treat these diseases we need more qualified & efficient dental & oral surgeons. It is mentioned rightfully that the mouth is the gateway for many diseases.

Everyone knows that all over the world and even in our neighboring countries, private dental colleges are very successful and contributing to a great extent in the process of national development. Although our benevolent Government having best intention to improve & expand the facilities of dental & medical education in the country but at present unable to do so due to various resources constrains. Therefore, the Government is encouraging & inviting dental & medical institutions from the non-Govt. sectors. Pioneer Dental College is the first non-Govt. Dental College has obtained permission from the Govt. of Bangladesh & affiliated with Dhaka University. Beside the college is qualified by BM & DC in 1996. Ministry of Health, Govt. of Bangladesh has already approved twelve Non. Govt. Dental College.

The development in the non-Govt. sector has created healthy competition in raising standard of education and research in the respective fields. This will also expedite the goal of W.H.O. Health for all.

A group of promising persons joined hands to form Private Dental Colleges. The founder members of these institute were keen to promote and develop Dental education, research and service, started to work since-1990.

The opportunity given for establishing the Non Govt. Dental College has strengthened Bangladesh Government in the steady development of Dental Health sector of our country. It could be noted that a good number of private medical Colleges have already been established & running efficient to present MBBS doctors to the country.

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**Nepal earthquake:**

**ICT Bangladesh help for for the distressed people**

Dr. Md. Jahangir Kabir, Regent International College of Dentists, Bangladesh handed over packets of Dry Food, clothes and Medicines to Nepalese students in Bangladesh for the distressed people of Nepal.
Regarding Fellowship in the International College of Dentists

Some of the history of The International College of Dentists (ICD):

> From two dentists who founded the ICD in 1928, Dr. Ottoy (USA) and Dr. Okumura (Japan), the College has grown and now holds 11,000 Fellows in 100 countries. The ICD is the world's oldest and largest Honorary Dental Association.

> From our Council Office located in the USA, an International Council of Fellows from around the world governs the business and projects of ICD chapters in 14 larger Sections and 12 additional smaller Regions, located worldwide.

> ICD Regions are led by an ICD Regent, a local ICD Fellow who is chosen to guide the growth of the ICD in your nation. The interests of ICD Regions are represented to the International Council by a Councillor that is assigned to them.

The purpose of the ICD is fourfold: 1) The ICD recognizes meritorious services by dentists to their communities and the dental profession by conferring ICD Fellowship upon them. 2) The ICD supports the dental profession through initiatives in dental education. 3) The ICD promotes fraternity throughout the dental profession and international goodwill among dentists everywhere. 4) The ICD supports or delivers humanitarian dental care programs in over 80 countries.

Here are some of the benefits of being a Fellow of the International College of Dentists (FICD):

> You may display the honorary initials F.I.C.D. with your professional correspondence which demonstrates your membership in the world's preeminent honorary dental organization.


> You will receive our impressive ICD Fellowship Certificate with its official golden seal for display. During the Initiation Ceremony, you will receive our symbol, a golden "Key" on a yellow and green distinctive ribbon to wear at official functions, as well as an ICD lapel pin. You may display the ICD logo or other distinctive symbols.

> There will be opportunities for you to serve the dental profession and mankind either by volunteerism or by financially supporting the programs of the ICD Global Visionary Fund.

It is important that all nominees understand the financial obligations of being an ICD Fellow:

> International Initiation Fee ($270 US) this fee pays for the gold ICD Key and ribbon, the Certificate of Fellowship and the lapel pin. The Initiation Fee must be paid immediately after being accepted for Fellowship by the Secretary General.

> Annual International Dues ($40 US) These dues pay for the worldwide operations of the College. To be considered for ICD Fellowship, you must send the following three items to the ICD: A Completed ICD Candidate Information Form, your Curriculum Vitae and your photograph.

> Local Initiation Fees and Annual ICD dues will be charged in the future to support local projects and events. Use of an ICD Robe and reception/celebration costs during a formal ICD Initiation Ceremony would add an additional amount.