PRESS RELEASE

**The Curtain is going up on the ICD Centennial**

The International College of Dentists prepares to celebrate its

100-year anniversary

The College has begun the most ambitious and challenging project ever undertaken in its nearly one hundred years of existence. The amazing success story of the ICD that started

with two visionary leaders from the USA and Japan and became the premier

international honor society of dentists will be celebrated throughout the world in 2020.

lCD’s most experienced leaders have been named to the College Centennial Committee, which will organize all aspects of the centennial from events and PR to promotions and fundraising.

According to Centennial General Chair and ICD’s International Editor and Director of Communications Dr. Dov Sydney, “This will be a remarkable global effort on the part of both the leadership of the College and our Fellows who will work together for an amazing year of celebration, camaraderie and fellowship.”

**A Worldwide Celebration**

Under the theme “Celebrating the first 100 years”, every Section, District and Region will be planing events. Global Events Sub Committee Chair Dr. Garry Lunn noted, “each jurisdiction has been assigned at least one or more local Fellows to provide oversight and ensure events planning are proceeding according to plan. The global celebrations of our 100-year anniversary will be representative of the diversity of culture and unique national character of each of the ICD Sections and Regions.” All worldwide events will be

publicized on the College website, www.icd.org, which will have a designated area specifically for centennial updates, information and global photo gallery.

**..and the Grand Finale in Nagoya**

Nagoya, Japan’s 3rd largest city will be the venue for the 2020 International Council meeting and the concluding events of the centennial. In addition to conducting the business of College during two days of Council meetings, special events are planed to honor this the seminal moment for the College and a remarkable milestone in the history of Dentistry.

There will be a truly unique International Induction Ceremony with the inductees present from every ICD Section. A picture-perfect moment, when participants from around the world enter the assembly hall waving their country flags in an Olympic style event. Gala Sub Committee Chair Prof. Mauro Labanca announced, “We are planning a spectacular Centennial Gala Banquet following the ceremony, which will be a never-to-be-forgotten, grand conclusion to the centennial year. We invite all Fellows form around the world to celebrate this truly memorable and amazing cmoment in College history in Nagoya.”

***About the International College of Dentists***

The International College of Dentists, conceived in 1920 and with over 11,000 members, recognizes the world's leading dentists in 122 countries who have been granted the honor of FICD (Fellow of the International College of Dentists).

Fellowship in the College is by invitation only and is granted in recognition of an individual dentist’s “outstanding professional achievement, meritorious service and dedication to the continued progress of dentistry for the benefit of humankind".

Additional information on ICD governance and global humanitarian and other service projects may be viewed at [*www.icd.org*](http://click.icptrack.com/icp/rclick.php?d=3u8Ux1ZFUb1cikFNa6cUBNgsCCBK0KFb&w=3&destination=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.icd.org) or by contacting the Media Center at [*media@icd.org*](mailto:media@icd.org).

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