

## ICD Leadership Update

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As we approach the middle of this unprecedented year, I would like to share with our worldwide members in over 100 countries important College updates, new initiatives and progress with ongoing projects that have been stewarded by your College's Executive Committee (EC) and International Council.

### **Historic 2020 Virtual Council Meeting Announced**

For the past few months, the EC has thoroughly discussed the situation and impact of COVID-19 on the 2020 International Council meeting, annual business decisions and leadership activities. Although the in-person Council meeting will not occur this year due to the pandemic, the EC and Council recognize the need for continued engagement on important College matters such as officer elections, approval of budgets and future planning. In conclusion, a first-ever virtual Council Meeting will be held this fall, with a limited agenda and electronic voting. The EC and College Office are working together to make this virtual meeting efficient and accessible to all International Council members. Councilors will also be given opportunities prior to the virtual meeting to review materials, ask questions and share news and updates from their respective ICD Sections.

### **International Council Meeting and Centennial Postponed to 2021**

In April, the Executive Committee made the difficult but necessary determination that, based on the uncertainty of these times and the high priority we place on the

health and safety of our Fellows and guests who would be attending, the College Centennial celebration events and International Council Meeting were postponed to September 20-22, 2021. This timely decision allowed College leadership to contract the same venues in Nagoya, Japan, as originally planned. This means you can look forward to attending all the exciting events on the new dates including the Symposium on Humanitarian Programs, the International Induction Ceremony and the fabulous Gala evening. More information and registration can be found on the [Centennial website](#).

## **College Programs and Initiatives Stay Connected**

Throughout the pandemic, College leadership and staff have maintained engagement and connectivity with Fellows through ongoing programs and committees via various electronic communications and social media. The College's newest digital platform, ICD Online, has produced [two webinars](#) focusing on the impact of COVID-19 on dentistry worldwide and are now planning ways to provide relevant content to Fellows through this new platform in the future. Read more.

The [ICD Get Smart About Antibiotics](#) Program continues to identify and share important resources online about the global issue of antibiotic and antimicrobial resistance, especially as it pertains to the current pandemic. Also sharing vital articles and reports related to oral health and COVID-19 is the ICD Dental Safety Program.

The ICD-WUDAA Scholarship Program successfully reviewed and selected [four deserving dental students](#) to each receive a \$2,500 scholarship towards their dental education. In May, The Globe, Part 2 was published digitally to all Fellows worldwide. Check out both editions of the 2020 Globe [here](#).

The College's [Interactive Projects Map](#) continues to grow with the collection of humanitarian, educational, leadership and public health projects performed by ICD Fellows and Sections worldwide. If you have been involved in a project and would like it to be featured on our map, submit it [here](#)!

If you have any questions, comments or concerns for me or any of the College leadership, please address your email to [office@icd.org](mailto:office@icd.org). I promise to read every letter. I will continue to update you on the leadership activities of your College. For now, I wish you and your families to be healthy and hopeful.