

Meet 2017 Vice President Bettie McKaig



International Vice
President
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I enjoyed a busy general dentistry private practice for 34 years and am currently an Adjunct Associate Professor in the Operative Dentistry Department of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. I am passionate about our dental profession—I love the scientific detail, the engineering parameters, the artistic expression, and the collaboration with patients and colleagues. I have participated in many dental organizations on the state and national levels. Particularly, I am honored to be representing you as the International Vice President of the College. I balance these commitments with outdoor activities of hiking (summitted [Mt. Kilimanjaro](#) with my family in 2008), snow skiing, beach events and chasing young grandchildren.

An important lesson highlighted often during my involvement with ICD is that dentists worldwide share similar goals in patient-centric practices and in the academic realm. Regardless of geography, political, and socio-economic challenges, dental leaders consistently seek current education, communicate with their patients and students with compassion and integrity, and strive to deliver the highest quality of care. The ICD provides a global framework to promote these similarities, to share best practices information, and hopefully, to be ambassadors on a global scale.

My goals as International Vice President include learning more from the leaders of each ICD Section, promoting ICD collaboration for dental safety initiatives worldwide, and supporting the ICD map of missions, which has the potential to connect ICD Fellows with humanitarian efforts across the globe. Dr. Akira Senda and I are chairing a planning [committee](#) for the 100th Year ICD Anniversary, to be held in Japan in 2020. I look forward to serving on the Executive Committee under the leadership of our International President, Dr. Rajesh Chandna.

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