International College of Dentists

“Recognizing Service and the Opportunity to Serve”

USA Section

Honoring our colleagues...

...Commitment to our profession
Who We Are...

The International College of Dentists is the pre-eminent honorary organization of the world’s outstanding dentists who have, by their actions, demonstrated an abiding interest and concern for their profession.

One of the most significant events in a person’s career is that of being recognized as a Fellow of an organization of professional distinction.

In the dental profession, such acceptance signifies that one has brought honor to the profession through devoted service and high ethical behavior, and that in return, one is bestowed the highest honor of that profession through acceptance as a Fellow in the International College of Dentists.

The idea for the College was created in 1920 by Dr. Louis Ottofy with the help of Dr. Tsurukichi Okumura of Japan and incorporated in 1928. Its purpose was to promote cordial relations within the profession and help disseminate scientific information.

The College was formed to advance the science and art of dentistry for the health and welfare of the public, to bring together the world’s outstanding members of the dental profession for the exchange of dental knowledge, and to encourage the growth of the profession worldwide.

ICD Mission

The International College of Dentists is a leading honorary dental organization dedicated to the recognition of outstanding professional achievement, meritorious service, and the continued progress of the profession of dentistry for the benefit of all humankind.
...and What We Believe

commitment

The International College of Dentists has several important objectives. These include:

• To advance the art and science of dentistry for the health and welfare of the public internationally.

• To encourage postgraduate study and research in the field of dental science and cognate subjects.

• To endeavor to bring together outstanding members of the dental profession of the world for the purpose of fostering the growth and diffusion of dental knowledge and to encourage an exchange of goodwill among members of the profession.

• To cultivate and foster cordial relations among those engaged in the profession of dentistry and other health professions.

• To cooperate with dentists and various organizations for the prevention and control of oral disorders.

• To preserve and elevate the dignity of the profession by enjoining all members to maintain the highest ethical standards and professional conduct.

• To perpetuate the history of dentistry.

• To recognize conspicuous service to the profession and provide a method of granting Fellowship in the College.

• To encourage and support projects of a humanitarian nature.
November, 1920—Tokyo, Japan
The idea for International College of Dentists was conceived at a farewell party for Louis Ottofy, D.D.S., M.D., LLD. He was returning to the United States after practicing dentistry 23 years in the Philippines and Japan. Dr. Tsurukichi Okumura of Japan was in attendance and urged Dr. Ottofy to form an international organization to study the progress of the dental profession and distribute the information to all countries around the world.

1926—Philadelphia, USA
At the 6th International Dental Congress, Dr. Ottofy’s Japanese friends reminded him of the promise made several years earlier in Japan. Plans were disclosed for an organization to be composed of leading international dentists. Its purpose would be to promote cordial relations within the profession and help disseminate scientific information.

December 31, 1927—Chicago, USA
New Year’s Eve, the International College of Dentists was officially born.

1928—Chicago, USA
250 Fellows located in 162 different countries, states and provinces accepted Fellowship in the College. The first Fellows were those with international reputations who were active in the Federation Dentaire Internationale.
Fellowship in the ICD

The International College of Dentists has an extensive process of screening candidates for acceptance to Fellowship. Following are the selection credentials for potential Fellows:

• Must have been active for at least five years in clinical practice, in teaching, in research or in government service.

• Must be a member in good standing of his or her national dental organization, if such exists.

• Must be at least thirty years of age and a graduate of a dental school recognized by the College.

• Must be recognized as an active contributor to the dental profession and community and be held in high esteem by both for integrity and character.

• Must be acceptable to the Board of Regents or governing body of the Section or Region in which he/she resides.

Candidate qualifications are evaluated by as many as 25 Fellows during the screening process, which ensures the highest quality membership in the ICD.

The limited membership of the College is by design, paradoxically contrasting its worldwide involvement.

The College membership totals over 10,000, and with 6,000 members in the USA Section and about 4,000 members in other sections around the world.

The ICD is highly respected throughout the world. We are guardians of its dignity and welcome the challenge to live up to its standards in all that we do.
When you become a Fellow, you are a member of multi-layered organization. First, you are a Fellow in a worldwide organization of the International College of Dentists. Members are organized into twelve autonomous sections and an International Section composed of twelve regions.

The Sections and Regions of the International College of Dentists

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The International College is administrated by an International Council composed of 26 Councilmen, five College Officers and three Ex-officio Members, the Secretary General, the Deputy Secretary General, and the Editor. International Headquarters is located at:

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The USA Section, as the largest section, has ten international councilmen. There are three International Councilmen from Section V Europe, and two each from Section II Canada and Section VII Japan. All remaining sections are represented by a single International Councilman.

The International Council meets once yearly to conduct Council business, alternating between a site held in conjunction with the American Dental Association Annual Session and an international site, generally held in conjunction with the annual session of the Federation Dentaire Internationale or the annual session of the host section’s national organization.
The new Fellow is inducted at a convocation held annually in his or her home country. The USA Section holds their convocation during the Annual Session of the American Dental Association. Approximately 250 new Fellows are inducted yearly in the USA Section. They can, however, choose to be inducted at any other convocation held worldwide, with the approval of the USA Section.

The USA Section is subdivided into Districts. There are presently seventeen Districts in the US, corresponding to the seventeen Trustee Districts of the American Dental Association.
The USA Section’s Board of Regents is made up of 17 Regents and six Officers. The Registrar and Deputy Registrar are currently the same two individuals as the Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General of the International Council. The USA Section shares space with the International College of Dentists.

To help with the duties in each Regency, the Regent has a Vice Regent and a number of Deputy Regents, most commonly one per state, but often more in the more populous states.

They meet twice a year as a body, once just prior to the Annual Convocation held in the fall in conjunction with the ADA Annual Session, and again in the summer in conjunction with the USA Section Foundation sponsored Continuing Education Conference (CEC). The CEC is a free educational seminar for Fellows and is generally held in scenic or historical sites, giving Fellows and their families an opportunity for social activities as well as educational enrichment.

Every three years the USA Section has a leadership conference to strengthen the internal organization.

Past President Carl G. Lundgren, USA Section (left) has presented the gavel to President Robert L. Bartheld, USA Section (right)
local sections

How We Operate...Locally

Every Fellow in the USA Section is also a member of a constituent chapter—generally a single state. In many larger states, the state is subdivided into several smaller component chapters. Most state organizations have meetings, activities, and projects that are closely linked with that state’s Dental Association’s meeting functions.

The local section is headed by a Deputy Regent who is appointed by the District Regent. The Deputy Regent must possess many important qualities, including leadership, stature in the state and community, and an ability and willingness to work closely with colleagues, state officers and the Regent. Many think of the Deputy Regent as “The Key to the College”; he or she is considered the heartbeat of the ICD, providing the building blocks for the growth and advancement of the College.

The Deputy Regent is responsible for finding dependable, talented appointees to serve as the Editor and as members of the Screening Committee. He or she is also responsible for recruitment, local fellowship, and local projects that include scholarships for dental, dental hygiene, and dental assisting schools.

Dean Lonnie H. Norris, Tufts University School of Dental Medicine (right) presents the Outstanding Student Achievement Award to Dr. Alon Grosman (left)
Making a Difference

**usa section projects**

Our projects had their start in 1961 when the USA Section had accumulated sufficient reserve funds to enable us to embark on USA Section projects proposed by our Board of Regents. Proposed projects to benefit the Section’s membership, the College, the profession and the dental health of all people were studied to determine their purpose and financial feasibility.

**Dental Journalism Seminar**
The college jointly sponsors with the American Dental Association and the American Association of Dental Editors this seminar that provides an insight for participants in writing, editing, management, computer publishing and other phases of journalism. The Seminar is a motivating force for improved dental publications.

**Dental Journalism Awards**
Held annually, this program recognizes and awards outstanding dental journalism by editors in and out of the dental profession. In their 31st year, these awards encourage improvement in content, coverage, format and quality in dental journalism. The four categories include: Platinum Scroll, for showing the most improvement; Platinum Pen, for the most outstanding article or feature; Platinum Pencil, for the most creative and effective use of illustrations or other graphic arts; and Special Citation, for presenting an unusual treatment. The Platinum Publication award goes to the best overall dental publication.

**Outstanding Leaders in Dentistry**
The ICD presents a VHS video taped series of Outstanding Leaders in Dentistry reviewing their accomplishments and presenting their views on the dental profession.

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Clinicians, practitioners, researchers and educators who have contributed significantly to the profession of dentistry are recognized in these videotapes. Important events in their lives provide human interest aspects with historical value. The videotapes include why they chose dentistry as a career, the factors that influenced the character and timing of their contributions, their views of dentistry’s past and future from their own historical perspective. The tapes are intended for use by professional associations, dental schools, libraries, and those who have a personal interest in the profession of dentistry. There are currently 59 tapes.

The Humanitarian Outreach Project
The USA Section of the ICD recently provided a $25,000 grant to help fund the original Humanitarian Outreach Project, the Vietnam Project. This humanitarian project is an international cooperative effort that will help Vietnamese dentists address their country’s dental needs through the establishment of a specialty training program in public health dentistry at Odonto-Stomotology in Ho Chi Minh City. The program was developed through Dentistry Overseas, which is sponsored by the ADA. Dentistry Overseas, which is a division of Health Volunteers Overseas, a private non-profit organization committed to improving health care in developing countries through training and education.

Other USA Section projects include the Visiting Scholar Room at the Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry in Baltimore, Maryland, the International Student Exchange, the International Clinicians Program, and the Senior Dental Student Award. More detailed information on these and other ICD projects can be found on our website at www.usa-icd.org.
How We Help

**USA Section Foundation**

The **ICD USA Section Foundation** was chartered on January 22, 1986, as a non-profit corporation. The Foundation thus opened an important avenue for ICD Fellows to make tax deductible gifts, donations, bequests and other such contributions to scientific and charitable causes selected and supported by the ICD USA Section. The Foundation significantly adds to the already great stature and work of the ICD.

The Foundation makes valuable grants to worthy ICD events and projects that have included the Child Abuse Prevention Project, Latvian Library Project, Mongolian Dental Health Project, Clinical Scholarship to Brazil, the Community Dental Health Project in Cameroon Africa, and the North-South Dental Health Initiative.

The Foundation reflects the innovative spirit of the College and the fellows that have endowed it. A Foundation has remarkable flexibility because it can respond to a need as it becomes manifest, it can strike out quickly in a new direction, and it can give to a single community or throughout the world based on the action of its Trustees.

Past Presidents
Emanuel W. Michaels, Richard A. Shick, and Charles M. Simons identify the USA Section as a significant contributor to the National Museum of Dentistry
Annual Free Continuing Education Conferences

There have been 21 well-attended free conferences held in various parts of the US staffed by current state-of-the-art speakers from regional dental schools. This was the first mission of the Foundation and recent conferences have been completely filled.

George D. Selfridge Fellowship Orientation Program

The fellowship Orientation Program is a multi-media presentation designed to educate new candidates for fellowship and their families and guests about the College—its history, identity, objectives, structure, projects, and other activities.

This program takes place the evening prior to the USA Section’s Convocation and their induction into the College. In a social setting following the formal programs, the Fellow-Elect have the opportunity to meet the Officers, Regents, and Councilmen of the Section and the Trustees of the Foundation, as well as interact with their new colleagues.

The program began in 2000, and has proved to be both very popular and very informative. Those who have participated have felt a deeper “sense of ownership” of the College.
How We Help

Other USA Section Foundation projects include Career Options in Dentistry, a partnership between the UNC School of Dentistry and the Foundation, assisting those seeking a career in dentistry, and providing the speakers for the ICD South American Continuing Education Update. Another project is the Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry Internship, an annual grant to support a dental intern to organize and catalog archival items at the museum. This is the same museum that houses the Visiting Scholar Room, a USA Section sponsored project.

Dr. Thomas E. Emmering at the podium during the Fellowship Orientation Program. Dr. Lloyd J. Phillips and Dr. Donald E. Johnson will also speak.
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