Message from World President Dr. Don Johnson

It gives me the greatest pleasure to be the first President of the International College-at-Large sending greetings to ICD Fellows all over the world through our first electronic newsletter - The College Today. This is something we in the International Council have known the College needs, but we had to wait for the right people to come along at the right time. And now it looks as though that is just what has happened!

With International Editor Dr. Jack Hinterman leading the team, Dr. Bob Brady and Kathleen Bula from Central Office giving vital information, and Dr. Cecil Linehan of Ireland, immediate Past Editor of the European Section, acting as Newsletter Editor, I believe that The College Today will become an essential new means of building ever greater links between our Fellows, Sections and countries. This electronic newsletter is our 21st Century way of furthering the vision of Drs. Okumura and Ottofy who saw the need to establish contacts amongst dentists worldwide, both for fellowship and to exchange information on the latest and the most beneficial treatments possible for our patients.

The College Today is your newsletter. Be proud of it, read it and respond to it— it deserves your support.

Donald E Johnson
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2007 ICD President

The College Grows Closer - Presidential and Officers’ Visits

The far reaching family of the International College of Dentists grew closer together in 2007 as a result of a visitation schedule by ICD leaders of remarkable magnitude. Eleven out of twelve ICD Sections were either visited or contacted during the past year. These visits were structured for International officers to participate in local College business affairs as well as their ceremonial traditions, and were appreciated by the host Sections. By July 2007, President Johnson had met with Fellows from over 33 different countries in ten Section Meetings; Secretary General Brady visited Canada in May; while in September, President Elect Moryama visited Region 34 Myanmar, and Councilman Manfred Seidemann represented The College in Region 22, China.

Ever wondered what the life of the World President of the ICD is like? Just look at the first eight months in the life of President Don Johnson since he became President of the College-at-Large in January 2007.
Europe Proposes IVIDENT

‘The International Virtual Dental School’

Fellow Patricia Reynolds, Europe, Section V, Director of Flexible Learning, King’s College London Dental Institute

IVIDENT is a £2.3 million, three year educational research project that aims to create a virtual dental school providing dental education through a flexible online environment, accessible anywhere in the world. The project began in April 2007 and is jointly funded by the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) and the Department of Health, Westminster. It is led by King’s College London Dental Institute with four academic partners as listed below. Ultimately, IVIDENT aims to become a self sustainable, non-profit making enterprise.

IVIDENT is QUALITY ASSURED: it will incorporate the widest range of the best teachers from all dental disciplines with robust quality assurance at all levels.

INTEGRATED: it will create a learning-extended and flexible online environment that connects people and integrates the best contemporary online educational tools and systems.

GLOBAL: it will work towards converging standards in dental education without boundaries or borders, to serve the whole international dental community.

SECURE: it aims to assure the most equitable and safe online learning experience enabling confidence for contributors and clients in flexible learning.

Dr. Reynolds was appointed Professor of Dental Education at King’s College London Dental Institute in September 2007. She is addressing the FDI on IVIDENT in Dubai on October 25th 2007. She is also writing on IVIDENT in the 2008 issue of the ICDigest, the annual journal of the European Section.

Academic Partners: University of Portsmouth, England; University of Bristol Dental School, England; Queen’s University of Belfast School of Dentistry, Northern Ireland; Eastman Dental Institute, London.

Affiliated Organisations: International Virtual Medical School (IVIMEDS).

Expressions of Interest: Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh; Faculty of General Dental Practice (UK), Royal College of Surgeons of England; and Major Publishing Houses.

More information at: http://www.ivident.info

CANADA SALUTES BRADY AND LANCTIS

by Fellow Garry Lunn, International Councillor, Canada, Section II

The 58th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Section, held in the picturesque Rocky Mountain setting of Jasper, Alberta, was highlighted by two memorable events. In addition to 38 New Fellows being inducted into the ICD, the Canadian Section conferred Honorary Fellowship on Bob Brady, our Secretary General, and Master Fellowship on Life Fellow Vic Lanctis, Past Canadian Section President (1999-2000) and Past International President (2002).

Since his appointment as Secretary General in 1999, Honorary Fellow Brady has attended every Canadian Section annual meeting but one, whether it was in Halifax or Vancouver, Toronto or Montreal, St. John’s Newfoundland or Jasper, Alberta. His presence at our Board of Regents meetings is always helpful and appreciated. Bob, and his wife Janet, are great ambassadors for the International College.

Master Fellow Lanctis has been an important member of the Canadian Section since his induction in 1989, and his contribution to the International College is a matter of record.

IVIDENT AND ICD

IVIDENT could provide opportunities for the ICD to:-

✓ share the expertise of Fellows worldwide in a unique learning environment;
✓ co-ordinate an effective and customised delivery of high quality flexible learning (the European Section will be looking at this aspect of IVIDENT over the next year to assess its potential for increasing ICD commitment to the emerging countries of the Eastern block);
✓ support a repository of quality assured courses for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and other course activities provided by other partners, thus increasing available learning objects for all.

Dr. Bob Brady (right), Secretary-General of the ICD, with Fellow Mike Suzuki, President Canada, Section II, following his induction as an Honorary Fellow of the ICD
MEXICO CITY: COUNCIL PREPARATIONS

International Editor Dr. John V. Hinterman

The International Council of the International College of Dentists will convene in Mexico City, Mexico on November 1st 2007. Preparations by the ICD Central Office and meeting planners are well underway. Forty Council members from around the world will conduct College business and direct its policies for the coming year. They will also participate in the meetings and convocation ceremonies of ICD Section III, Mexico.

Reports and Actions: During the ICD meeting, Council members will review the progress and projects of The College worldwide. Action items will direct College resources, both human and financial. A Councilman representing each ICD Section, reports to the Council regarding issues of importance in their country. Also during the two day meeting, Council Committees focus on specific topics which include communications, finance, projects, awards, and growth and development.

Changing of the Guard: The International Council is expected to discuss future changes in The College’s Secretary – General post. ICD Secretary – General/Registrar Robert Brady will conclude his service to The College at the end of 2009. Committee workers have begun preliminary planning by assessing the future needs of The College regarding the duties of the next ICD executive, and by considering an orderly transition process. It should be noted that The College-At-Large shares this executive position, as well as its Central Office and Staff, with the ICD’s USA Section. In a similar manner, the USA Section has also begun preliminary planning regarding their next Registrar. It is expected that Council will discuss this shared arrangement of office and staff, and in fact, at recent meetings in San Francisco, the USA Section Board of Regents recommended that the Central Office and staff be separated from The College At Large as soon as feasible, pending consensus by The International Council.

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January: Video Greeting sent on DVD to the Philippine Islands, Section IX.
February: chaired Executive Committee Meeting in Chicago.
March: visited the Australasian and India-Sri Lanka Sections, met Boards of Directors and participated in Induction Ceremonies.
April: assisted with the reorganization of Region 21, Panama and presented the Master Award to Regent Emeritus Alfredo Berguido.
May: with his wife Jan, back in the Orient, spending a week each in Korea, Section XI, and Japan, Section VII, meeting representatives from Taiwan, President Suzuki from Canada and representatives from Myanmar, Dr Tun Tun Thwe and Dr Choo Sitt.
June: for the European Section V Meeting in Cardiff, Wales, UK;
July: USA Section Board of Regents’ Meeting, the USA Section Foundation and the Annual Continuing Education Conference.
Future visits planned:
September: American Dental Association & USA Section Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, USA
November: International Council Meeting, Mexico City and South America Section IV Meeting, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Tired just reading – I bet you are! But then, if you know our President, you’ll know what a committed ICD Fellow he is – quite simply: “He recognizes service and the opportunity to serve” - do you?

Dr. J. C. Chandna receiving the Ottofy-Okumura Award from World President Dr. Don Johnson, March 2007

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MIDDLE EAST SECTION X – PAST PRESIDENT CEDRIC P. HADDAD DESCRIBES
A VIGOROUS PUBLIC HEALTH CAMPAIGN

Even though the political and security situation in Lebanon has limited the Section’s activities considerably, and led to the postponing of the Section’s yearly meeting and induction ceremony from December 2006 in Beirut to April 2007 in Dubai, several Fellows have carried on with projects that are worth a special mention.

The Section’s District One Regent, fellow Mounir Doumit, has been heading an extensive public health campaign in which 450 dentists participated. This project is supported by the WHO, as well as by the Lebanese Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education, and is sponsored by the YMCA, Procter and Gamble as well as Colgate. In all, dentists checked the teeth of 173,000 students in 1200 public schools (nursery to middle school), gave oral health and diet instructions, and distributed toothbrushes and toothpaste. They also helped in training lay Oral Hygiene Instructors who will carry on with the programme. Starting next year, 30,000 students will also receive fluoride mouth-rinse.

Four Fellows from Section X, Philippe Aramouni, Nabil Barakat, Hani Ounsi and Ziad Salameh have been invited to lecture on different subjects at the FDI meeting in Dubai, October 24 to 27, 2007.

ICD FELLOW CAMPOS, RECENTLY INDUCTED IN PANAMA, writes......

“Many thanks for the offer to assist me so that my work here in Honduras will be fruitful and that I may learn more about the ICD. The honour that was bestowed upon me is the highest reward for the professional services I have rendered during my career.

Here in Honduras all the news services have published the news. One TV station interviewed me and three other channels commented on the award I received. The National Dental Association, through a letter from its President, also congratulated me.

The ICD is on the rise in Honduras. Now I will inform everybody of the address of the webpage. Thus they will learn about the College. I will keep in touch in order to project the image of the ICD here.”

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