

2014 PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

It is my honor to be elected as an ICD International President. I worked harder for our College growth and development than ever before, but after the 2012 San Francisco meeting, I got very sick due to diabetic complications. It has been difficult for me to travel long distance, but I will still do my best for our College development.

My slogan as a president is "Let us get along with the disabled people."

I established SCF (Smile Charity Foundation) as a co-founder in Seoul, Korea. I think we need to be concerned about the disabled people because we are the same precious human beings. I would like to spread this thought and spirit around the world.

Our organization just started the Global Visionary Fund (GVF) program, which meets one of our most significant ICD missions. For our College to continue growing, we need the passion to grow like our Past President Dr. Manfred Seidemann has. I admire our immediate Past President Dr. Leon Aronson's leadership and our Secretary General Dr. John Hinterman's continuous devotion for our College. Also we are lucky to have the excellent Editor Dr. Dov. Sydney.

I think our College communication is very important. I appreciate President Elect Dr. Joseph Kenneally, Dr. Rajesh Chandna and Dr. Bettie McKaig. We lost our excellent leader Dr. Charley Siroky, but we will always remember his passionate support and generous character in our hearts. He organized the ICD Project 55, the humanitarian projects around the world.

Another ICD important object is to advance the art and science of dentistry, so that we can improve the level of dentistry by seminars. For the young new inductees, I suggest that each Section or Region can make a phone hotline to support them.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yang', with a large, sweeping flourish above the name.

Dr. Woong Yang
ICD 2014 International President