



INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS

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President's Farewell Address

San Francisco was the site of the official ICD Centennial Kick-off in September with hundreds of Centennial Flags waving at the Section One Fellowship Convocation. Festivities continued as presidents of ICD, FDI, and ADA joined industry leaders at the banquet. Individual Section celebrations are scheduled around the Globe throughout the next year with the Grand Finale in Nagoya, Japan, in November 2020. Go to www.icd100.org to experience the inspiring Centennial trailer and soundtrack!



GLOBAL LEADERS (L to R): Mr. Torsten Oemus, CEO and President, Dental Tribune International; Mr. Steve Kess, Vice President of Global Professional Relations, Henry Schein, Inc.; Dr. Kathryn Kell, FDI President; Dr. Bettie McKaig, ICD International President; Dr. Jeff Cole, ADA President; Mr. David Kochman, Vice President of Corporate Affairs and Deputy Chief of Staff, Henry Schein, Inc.; and Dr. Dov Sydney, ICD International Editor and Centennial General Chair.

The International College of Dentists today is the culmination of almost 100 years of growth since our founders, who were true visionaries, realized the need for an international organization to establish a communication network of dentists to share professional and scientific information globally. Since those developmental conversations between American Dr. Louis Ottofy and Japanese Dr. Tsurukichi Okumura in 1920, ICD has evolved to have a greater focus on our Social Mission of Humanitarian Service and Education with the lofty goal of improving Oral Health Care around the globe.

The importance of global organizations that unite professionals becomes more relevant every day as news outlets blast the political discord around the world. ICD is the antithesis of this negative rhetoric as dentistry and humanitarianism stewardship create common denominators by which we are able to identify with each other individually.

Projects expanding this year include the interactive [Global Projects Map](#), which presents an impressive visual documentation of the extensive ICD Humanitarian Footprint by showcasing active ICD projects around the world in four categories: Humanitarian, Leadership, Education, and Public Health. Some welcome volunteers, which will be indicated within the details of that specific project. To include your project, click the Register Your ICD Project Today link on the ICD Projects page, which can be found by clicking Projects on the homepage of www.icd.org.

Antibiotic and antimicrobial resistance is becoming a more serious global health threat. The World Health Organization warns that the world is heading towards a post-antibiotic era in which common infections will once again kill. ICD is one of the vanguards of organizations disseminating information to Fellows and communities. Our Antibiotics Resistance Awareness video can now be accessed on the ICD Get Smart About Antibiotics [webpage](#), with a post-quiz for continuing education credit. This video is also available on the ICD YouTube Channel to assist you when presenting to community groups.

I am confident the many hours of Strategic Planning this year by your International Council and Executive Committee will position our organization to start the next 100 years from a position of strength with a blueprint for future success. I have been energized by these collaborative interactions yet meeting many of you in your home country or Section has been my greatest joy and privilege. While my favorite quote, "If service is beneath you, Leadership is beyond you", shadows my footsteps, I witnessed Fellows around the globe living the values of ICD every day.

Passing the gavel to Akira Senda from Japan creates an unintended symmetry between the genesis of ICD by two dentists from the USA and Japan respectively, with a USA 2019 International President opening the Centennial celebrations and Akira presiding at the Grand Finale. Of course, today ICD has almost 12,000 Fellows in 122 countries to share the ICD mission into the next 100 years.

Serving as your International President will always be one of my greatest professional honors. Hope to see you in Nagoya!



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