

## A Mid-year Update from the President



**Dr. Kenneally (4<sup>th</sup> from left) stands with new Fellows and Dignitaries after the Section IX Philippines convocation ceremony, on Jan. 25, 2015.**

Dear Colleagues,

It is the midpoint of my year as President, and there is much activity in and around our prestigious College. So far, I have had the privilege of visiting with the Boards of 5 Sections: [Europe](#), [Australasia](#), [India](#), the [Philippines](#), and the [USA](#). In May and June I visited [Japan](#), [Korea](#), and [Taiwan](#), and I plan to travel to Newfoundland in August for the [Canada Section](#) meeting. President-Elect Dowell is traveled to the [China Section](#) Convocation in early May in my stead, due to a family commitment that did not allow me to attend. Secretary General Hinterman traveled to [Malaysia](#) for the excellent Section XX Asia Sector meeting that was planned and brought forth by Councilor K.C. How. I have been invited to the [Mexico Section](#) meeting as well, and I plan to attend, although my term as President will have ended several weeks earlier in Dublin.

## REGION REBIRTH

We are experiencing energetic rebirths of several Regions. New Regent Dr. Md. Jahangir Kabir has created a plan and a vision for the [Bangladesh Region](#), which includes a permanent office space at the Pioneer Dental College, and an electronic newsletter. The [Iran Region](#), under the leadership of President and Regent Hamid Adeli-Nadjafi, holds a large and successful annual meeting, which attracts both regional and international visitors. The Region has its sights set on attaining the status of an autonomous Section in due time, when it meets the criteria. [Region 24](#), Pakistan and Afghanistan, recently held a well-attended meeting in celebration of World Oral Health Day at the Punjab Medical College in Faisalabad. We have found a well-connected and well-respected Councilor for [Africa](#) in Pankaj Patel, who will take the reins from the late Gbemisola Agbelusi. These appointments will help us to maintain our momentum and growth in Africa. President-Elect Dowell has made promising contacts in South Africa and in Russia, which could bring our great College to prominence in those countries.



**(L to R) International Councilor Akira Senda and President Kennally socialize during Kennally's visit to Japan for the Section VII Convocation Ceremony, on May 23, 2015.**



**President Kennally addresses the new Fellows during the Section VI (India, Sri Lanka, Nepal) Convocation Ceremony in December of 2014.**

## GROWTH AND PROGRESS

The College needs to grow in order to continue to provide its services and to honor every deserving dentist with Fellowship. I ask each of you to convey that message to your Regents and officers, and to ask them to make plans for growth.

The work of the Ad Hoc Committees on Strategic Planning and Membership are continuing, with plans to have completed documents ready for review, editing, and adoption by the Council in Dublin in October.

The Executive Committee held a productive meeting in cold, snowy Boston, Massachusetts, USA in late January. Tufts University Dental School provided its Dean's Conference Room for the event. Despite a record-breaking snowfall this winter, all attendees were able to make their flight connections on time.

The Global Visionary Fund and the Diamond Sponsor Programs are still looking for major donors. Please keep them in mind as you travel and interact with members of the dental industry. We have recently been turned down by some prominent prospects, but we cannot allow that to discourage us in our efforts to obtain non-dues funding sources.

Our communications under Editor Dov Sydney, Facebook administrator Garry Lunn, and Office Manager Chelsea White are growing in popularity and effectiveness.

In summary, things are progressing well, but as always, there is work to be done. Thank you for all you do in support of our great College.

In Fellowship,

President Joe Kenneally



**President Kenneally (5<sup>th</sup> from left) and his wife Dr. Lisa Howard congregate with Section XI Korea leaders and guests in Seoul, Korea, during the Section XI convocation events during the last weekend of May.**