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Making Connections

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EUROPEAN SECTION HOLDS FIRST ANNUAL MEETING



Dr. Philip Dear, [an Australian of Irish and Scottish descent and a dental graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, USA] was unanimously elected President of the European Section of the International College of Dentists at its first annual meeting held in London on July 9th, 1956. Dr Dear is largely responsible for the reorganization of the European Section (plans for the organization of European Section were formulated in July 1955 in Amsterdam), and it

is under his leadership that the Section has grown to be a fully recognized unit of the College-at-large. Since this is the youngest section of the College to be organized, it was especially gratifying to have present active members from seven of the twelve countries represented on the European roster.

Immediately after his election, Dr Dear presided for the election of the following officers: President-Elect, Dr Charles Nord (Holland); Vice-President, Dr Francois Ackerman (Switzerland); Secretary, Dr Jacques Fouré (France), Treasurer, Dr Pierre Coustaing (France).

In this our Golden Jubilee Year, it seems fitting to highlight the first Newsletter of the European Section and to recall the names of some of our founding fathers. Note how pleased they were fifty years ago to have representatives from seven European countries at the Inaugural Meeting of the Section in 1956. One hundred and eighteen people from seventeen countries attended the 50th Anniversary Meeting in Stockholm in June 2005 and the current roster shows there are six hundred and twenty three Fellows from twenty-three European countries in the Section. Progress? Definitely!

In this issue of the Digest there are examples of Fellows from the European Section making connections from the northern

to the southern hemisphere and from western to Eastern Europe: *advancing the art and science of dentistry.....and encouraging an exchange of good will among members of the profession* as laid out in the Objectives of the ICD? Progress? Definitely!

Making Connections with our most outstanding founding father, the Board of Regents launched the Philip Dear Foundation in 2005 to support the expansion, development and cohesion of the European Section of ICD.¹

If our founding fathers could be with us in Genoa, would they say: Progress? Definitely! More to be done? Maybe.

**Cecil Linehan, Editor
ICD, European Section**

¹ Full History of Dr Philip Dear and the founding of European Section available at:
<http://www.icd-europe.com/history/html>.

INVITATION TO GENOA



It is a great pleasure for me to invite all Fellows and their Guests to celebrate the 51st Annual Meeting of the European Section of the International College of Dentists in Genoa in June 2006.

In 2004, Genoa was chosen as the European capital of culture. Once it was thought of as "the Superb" but now the only trace of the "Maritime Republic" is in history books. Nevertheless, the genuine Genoese is proud to acknowledge himself son of a land which during the centuries has produced culture, art and science, and not only for the Genoese people. Genoa has a beauty which can be "seen" in its monuments, churches and palaces as well as in the landscape. A beauty that you can "feel" in people's nature, in their feelings, in their way of being.

Scientific Programme

In the last few years, the aesthetic result of the final prosthetic restoration has become one of the most fascinating challenges in

dentistry. For this reason the theme for the Scientific Programme has been developed around the ways in which aesthetic demands and issues are being approached in everyday practice by well-known lecturers, researchers and clinicians.

Social Programme

The Social Programme will include a guided tour of the Gulf of Tigullio for accompanying guests with visits to the beautiful towns of Camogli, Portofino and Santa Margherita. The Induction Ceremony will take place on Saturday afternoon in the Auditorium of the Palazzo Rosso Museum, via Garibaldi. This will be followed by cocktails and a Gala Dinner at the Palazzo Ducale.

So come, visit this town, and learn how to love it. I look forward to meeting you in Genoa in June

Dr Giorgio Blasi
President
ICD, European Section



51st ANNUAL MEETING
European Section, International College of Dentists, GENOA June 8th – 10th 2006

Social Programme

Thursday 8th June

- 19.00 Welcome Cocktail
Kodak Technology and Innovation Centre,
Porto Antico
- 20.00 Leaving for the Palazzo Spinola
- 20.30-23.00 Welcome Dinner at private club "Circolo
Artistico Il Tunnel" (Jacket and Tie)

Friday 9th June

- 18.30 Leaving from hotels
- 19.30-23.00 Cocktails and Genoese Dinner with
entertainment at the Portofino Kulm in
Camogli (Informal Dress).

Saturday 10th June

- Morning free. Upon request, participants
can avail of a half day guided tour of
Genoa.
- 16.00 Induction Ceremony at the Auditorium of
Palazzo Rosso Museum, followed by a
short tour of the Museum.
- 19.30-24.00 Cocktails and Gala Dinner at the Palazzo
Ducale (Black Tie).

Regents' Programme

Wednesday June 7th

- 19.30 Coach leaves Jolly Hotel Marina for
Regents' Dinner at the
Bocadasse Restaurant
- 20.00

Thursday June 8th

- 12.30 Light lunch - Mediterraneo Room
Jolly Hotel Marina, followed by
- 14.00 -17.00 Board of Regents' Meeting

Accompanying Persons' Programme

Friday June 9th

- 10.00-16.00 Accompanying Guests' tour to Portofino
and the Gulf of Tigullio - (leaving from
the Jolly Hotel Marina).
- A boat trip or bus tour depending on
weather.
- Lunch and shopping in Portofino

Scientific Programme

Friday 9th June 08.45-16.45

Jolly Hotel Marina, Room Mediterraneo 'Multidisciplinary Approach to Aesthetic Dentistry'

- 08.45 Opening Address: Dr Giorgio Blasi
President of the European Section, ICD
- 09.00 Dr. Ivan Martin
Cells, Biomaterials and Bioreactors for
Bone Tissue Regeneration
- 09.40 Dr. Guido Goracci
New Trends in Adhesive Techniques for
Anterior Aesthetic Fillings
- 10.20 Dr Giano Ricci
Aesthetic Treatment in Advanced
Periodontal Cases: a Multidisciplinary
Approach
- 11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.30 Dr Massimo Simion
Implant Surgery: Site Development,
Function and Aesthetics
- 12.10 Dr Mario Rocuzzo
How to Achieve Aesthetics in the Single
Tooth Implant
- 12.50 Open Forum
Chair: Dr Cecil Linehan
Questions to Deputy Editor,
Dr. Sheldon Sydney, by May 31st 2006
Sydney@netvision.net.il
- 13.20 Lunch
- 14.20 Dr Jacopo Castelnovo
Gingival Levels Alteration: Framing
Restorative Success
- 15.00 Dr Dario Castellani & Dr Guido Cudia
Prosthetics and its Impacts on Facial
Aesthetics - Part I
- 15.30 Coffee Break
- 16.00 Dr Dario Castellani & Dr Guido Cudia
Prosthetics and its Impacts on Facial
Aesthetics - Part II
- 16.30 Closing Remarks
Dr Giorgio Blasi

Registration Desk: Congress Centre, Jolly Hotel Marina
Thursday June 8th 13.00-19.00 // Friday June 9th 8.00-18.00

Interview with President Giorgio Blasi

Editor: Many Congratulations, Dr. Blasi, on becoming President of the European Section of the ICD. Can you tell our readers what prompted you to become a Fellow of the ICD?

President: My mentor and teacher of dentistry, Dr. Silvano Carnelutti, had talked to me about the College and encouraged me to accept an invitation to become a Fellow of the ICD. I accepted with enthusiasm and was inducted into the College in Düsseldorf in 1982.

Ed: Has the ICD fulfilled your expectations?

P: Yes, in many various ways. First, I have been able to meet colleagues from all parts of the world and discuss with them methodology, innovations and research, thereby keeping myself informed in all fields of dentistry and able to pass this knowledge on to others. Second, through the ICD, I have made many new friends and I should like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their help and support.

Ed: What interested you in dentistry initially? And then later in your career, who influenced you to choose periodontology?

P: When I was a child, my grandfather who was a paediatrician, suggested I might become a dentist. I took up his suggestion and as I studied to become a Doctor, I realized how right he had been and how interesting dentistry was. Initially I was drawn towards Oral Surgery and the then new field of Maxillo-Facial surgery. During the fourth year of my degree course in Medicine in the Department of Maxillo-Facial surgery at the University of Genoa, I became interested in Periodontology. There I met Professor Silvano Carnelutti, and he made me understand that other specializations in Dentistry were as important as Maxillo-Facial surgery, and just as interesting. He invited me to enrol on a course of Periodontology in Torino which was being run then by two very well known professors, Professor Walter Cohen and Professor Morton Amsterdam. This course opened a whole new world to me, so I took the decision to specialize in Periodontology.

Ed: Did you study abroad?

P: Yes, after completing my medical degree and specialist studies in Periodontology I decided to study and research abroad. I was a visiting summer scholar in the Departments of Periodontology at both the University of Washington, Seattle and

later in the School of Dental Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. At the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, I was visiting Professor in the Department of Operative Dentistry. I also participated as a speaker on the programme of Continuing Education of the FDI and the Chinese Stomatology Association (CSA).

Ed: What is the current state of dentistry in Italy? Is there a national dental health service, or do the majority of patients go to private fee-paying dentists?

P: 94-96% of dental care in Italy is provided by private practitioners.

Ed: Are there special arrangements for the underprivileged and special needs patients?

P: National dental health services are mainly devoted to special care patients in hospitals, but from a cultural point of view, the increase in numbers of special needs patients is inducing private practitioners to consider these treatments.

Ed: Is there significant interest in dental public health and prevention?

P: Interest in dental public health and preventive treatment is increasing gradually with the interest in third party payment, as this is tax deductible. The government has studied how appropriate some types of pathologies might be for treatment.

Third party payment will be approved by the government only if it is in line with appropriate treatment (the evidence based approach), as it is not in the general interest to increase useless payment and treatment.

Ed: Can you suggest one thing the European Section might do to make the high standards of dental education in Western Europe available to the emerging countries of the Eastern Europe?

P: The European Section might consider offering dental programmes free of charge to emerging countries' dental schools. Italy, through our Vice-Regent Corrado Paganelli in particular, is supporting the Addis Ababa dental school in Ethiopia with materials, instruments, text books and lecturing opportunities.

Interview with President Giorgio Blasi

Ed: Your home town, Genova, looks magnificent in the brochures for your Meeting in June 2006. Can you tell us what you enjoy most about living here?

P: There are many aspects of living in Genoa which I enjoy. Genoa always has been and always will be a gateway to Europe and as one of the oldest Mediterranean ports, it has been influenced by cultures and customs from all the countries in Europe and those surrounding the Mediterranean and beyond. For me, Genoa has everything to offer: theatres and cinemas, the beautiful "Carlo Felice" opera house, art galleries and museums plus one of Europe's largest aquariums which draws thousands of visitors each year. There are also good facilities for all types of sport, including golf, football, rugby, and all types of water sports. Of course I mustn't forget to mention the restaurants, hotels and shopping facilities to suit everyone's pocket. I could say much more about Genoa but I will leave you to see for yourselves when you visit us!

Ed: Are both you and your wife, Maria, from Genova?

P: No, both Maria and I come from Savona, a smaller city about thirty miles to the west of Genoa. It is also a historic city and sea port, with some very beautiful beaches and surrounding hilly countryside, ideal for taking long interesting walks.

Ed: When you have finished a busy day in the dental school, how do relax?

P: After a long hard day I try to relax at home by listening to music and reading. I often go to concerts and to the opera. At weekends, I enjoy cross country skiing in winter and sailing or going to the beach with the family in summer.

Ed: Has any of your family studied dentistry?

P: Yes, my youngest son Enrico is following in my footsteps and after graduating from the University of Brescia is now doing a post-graduate course in Periodontology and Implant Prosthetics in the USA. My eldest son, Carlo, is married and has two sons. He is a medical doctor, specialising in Legal Medicine and has a practice in Savona. My other son, Andrea, is a lawyer, working in Genoa, dealing with international and business law. He is getting married in September this year.

Ed: Thank you so much Dr Blasi, not just for a very interesting interview, but for all you have done to make the 51st Annual Meeting such an exciting prospect in the history of the European Section. I am sure all the Fellows of the European Section wish you and your organising Committee the very best of luck for what promises to be a great occasion.



Hugging the cliffs, the Bocadasse Restaurant, the spectacular venue for the President's Dinner with Regents and Officers on June 7th 2006

50th Anniversary Meeting

President Anders Ericson, former Regent for Scandinavia, ran a most successful 50th Anniversary Meeting of the European Section of the International College of Dentists in Stockholm from June 16th – 19th 2005, the first time the annual meeting has been held in Sweden. Over 180 Fellows, their spouses, partners and guests from seventeen European Countries, attended this very special meeting.

In the Moderna Museet, the newly renovated museum of modern art, three eminent Fellows of the European Section, Dr Robert Baldensperger of France, Dr Andreas Tsoutsos of Greece and Dr Joseph Lemasney of Ireland, were awarded with the Degree of Masters of the International College of Dentists (MICD), while twenty-five new Fellows from ten European countries, Austria, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, The Netherlands, Slovenia, Switzerland and the UK, were inducted (Page 7).

The European Section was honoured by the presence at its 50th Anniversary Meeting from the College-at-Large of World President, Dr Lon Carroll and his wife, Linda, Vice-President Don Johnson and his wife, Jan; from Central Office, Dr Bob Brady, Secretary-General of the College, and his wife, Janet; and from USA Section 1, Dr Leon Aronson, and his wife, Barbara, Editor, Dr. Richard Galeone and his wife, Carolyn.

The Scientific Programme

Dental research and clinical dentistry have long had a high standing in Scandinavia. Professor Per-Ingvar Branemark is perhaps the most well-known contributor to the dental profession worldwide due to his pioneering research into the field of osseointegration, setting the standards for modern implant dentistry. It was right and fitting that the Scientific Programme was dedicated to a state-of-the-art seminar with renowned Swedish speakers giving both surgical and prosthetic aspects of treatment and results, as follows:

- **Dr Hans Nilson, Associate Professor, Prosthetic Dentistry, University of Umeå:**
Current Trends and Future Development in Implant Prosthetics
- **Professor Stefan Lundgren, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, University of Umeå:**
Reformation and Reconstruction of Bone in Oral and Maxillo-facial Implant Surgery.
- **Dr Ulf Lunden, Private Practice, Solna:**
The Cresco Ti Precision System: Presentation of a Technique for Fabrication of Abutment-Free, Passively Fitting Superstructures
- **Professor Christer Dahlin, NÄL Medical Centre Hospital, Trollhättan:**
Guided Bone Regeneration in Implant Dentistry – Current Trends
- **Dr Sven Scholander, Prosthetic Specialist, Kristianstad:**
Different Aspects of Some Treatment Concepts in Prosthetic Dentistry



President Anders Ericson and his partner, Monica Giselsson, in the Volvo Showrooms as they welcome guests to the Opening Ceremony of the 50th Anniversary Meeting of the European Section of ICD June 2005

The Social Programme

Volvo Cars sponsored the official opening of the Meeting on Thursday evening with a get-together party in the Volvo Show Rooms in downtown Stockholm. While Fellows attended the Scientific Programme, accompanying persons were taken on a cruise of the Stockholm archipelago. Friday came to a great close with dinner and dancing to Fifties style music in the famous Nalen Restaurant.

The 50th Anniversary Meeting closed with a magnificent Induction Ceremony and Gala Dinner on Saturday Evening in the Moderna Museet, the museum of modern art, still bathed in sunlight at midnight.

The European Section Welcomes new Fellows



A happy group of Officers and Regents following the Induction of 25 new Fellows and three Masters in Stockholm, June 2005. *Second Row (seated): From right: Dr Cecil Linehan, Editor, European Section, Dr Lon D Carroll USA, President of the College-at-Large, President-Elect, European Section Dr Giorgio Blasi of Italy, and Dr Anders Ericson of Sweden, President of the European Section for its 50th Anniversary Meeting.*

Second Name	First Name	Country	Department
Buns	Dr. Christian-Eiben	Germany	Periodontology/Implantology
Christopoulos	Dr. Panagiotis	Greece	Maxillo-Facial Surgery
Cicala	Dr. Natalia	Italy	Oral Surgery/Implantology
Constantinidis	Dr. Antonios	Greece	Periodontology
Del Buono	Dr. Vincenzo	Italy	Private Practice
Donker	Dr. Henk	The Netherlands	Periodontology/Training Hygienists
Duriaux	Dr. Jean-Denys	Switzerland	Implantology/ Oral Surgery
Francan	Dr. Thomas	Austria	Orthodontics/Prosthodontics
Healy	Dr. Audoen	UK	General Dental Surgery/Implantology
Lack	Dr. Jonathan	UK	Periodontology
Leclercq	Dr. Eric	France	Prosthodontics
Marion	Dr. Ljubo	Slovenia	Prosthodontics
Olsburgh	Dr. Steven	Switzerland	Ortho-paedodontics
Patel	Dr. Shashi	UK	General Dental Practice
Patelli	Dr. Piero	Italy	Endodontics
Pepelassi	Dr. Eudoxie	Greece	Periodontology
Pilloni	Dr. Andrea	Italy	Private Practice
Senior	Dr. Winston B.	UK	Orthodontics
Shulman	Dr. Marc	France	Periodontology
Stylvig	Dr. Per	Denmark	Private Practice/TMJ Treatment
Wengel	Dr. Britta	Germany	Periodontology
Westwood	Dr. Barry John	UK	General Practice
Wetselaar	Dr. Peter	The Netherlands	Private Practice/Gnathology
Wetselaar-Glas	Dr. Miranda	The Netherlands	Private Practice/Gnathology
Wright	Dr. Mark Stuart	UK	Prosthetics/Materials

THE MASTERS' CITATIONS

Dr Peter Pré: Dr Baldensperger has been extremely active in Dental Education, in all forms of organized Dentistry, and in non dental organizations. His life as a dentist started in the best possible way when he graduated from the École Dentaire de Paris with the highest honour - first in his class. And all followed in the same manner. He was Chef de Clinique at the École Dentaire de Paris, he is an expert to the Court in Paris, he has been General Secretary of many Dental Societies and President of the French Society for the Advancement of Sciences. He is on the Board and Vice President of the most esteemed Académie National de Chirurgie Dentaire, he is consultant for the FDI and a Member of many French and International Dental Societies. He was Regent for France for 10 years. Above all, Robert Baldensperger is a wonderful human being whose great qualities are concealed by his modesty.

Dr. Frank Shields: Dr Joseph Lemasney's achievements in Irish and European dentistry are legendary, and include: President, Irish Society of Dentistry for Children, 1974-75; Medical Fellow, Council of Europe 1974; Consultant to the Commission on Oral Health, Research and Epidemiology of the FDI, 1975-1980; President, Royal Irish Academy, Section of Odontology, 1978-1980; Chairman, Society of Chief and Principal Dental Surgeons [of Ireland], 1981-1983; Editor, Journal of the Irish Dental Association, 1986-1991; President, Irish Division, International Association of Dental Research, 1989-1990; President, Irish Dental Association 1993; Regent, Irish District, International College of Dentists, 1996-2003; President, EU Dental Liaison Committee, 1999; President, Dental Council of Ireland, 2000-2003; President, European Section ICD, 2002-2003. *The Irish would sum up Joe's achievements by saying, that so far, he's been involved in everything dentally but the "Crib at Christmas".*

Dr Aris-Petros Tripodakis: When Andreas Tsoutsos became a Fellow of the ICD about 30 years ago, there were only 2 other Fellows in Greece, Dr. Papasotiriou and Dr Kalliris inducted through the District of Germany. It was only after Andreas became Regent for Greece and Cyprus in 1984 that the ICD was given the opportunity to be widely introduced into in our region and to form the concrete District it is to-day. For almost 20 years he cultivated the principles and ideas of the College in acknowledging Excellence in Dentistry, by inviting to Induction, the academically competent and professionally outstanding dentists of our area. In 1992, he became President of the European Section of ICD and organized a most successful annual meeting in Athens in 1993. During the years 1998-99, he served as a member of the International Council. As a still active Fellow of our District, participating in all events, regional and annual, his advice and support are highly appreciated by all.



From left: Dr Baldensperger of France, Dr Joseph Lemasney of Ireland and Dr. Andreas Tsoutsos of Greece.

OPEN FORUM

At the end of the Scientific Meeting the Open Forum was chaired by the Editor Dr Cecil Linehan. Topics raised included

- **The Philip Dear Foundation:** Dr David Glynn, MICD, officially launched the Philip Dear Foundation, a charitable fund for educational purposes which the European Section has established to celebrate its 50th anniversary and to commemorate Philip Dear who was the Founding Father of the European Section. (See History of the European Section available at: <http://www.icd-europe.com/history.html>)
- **Dr Phillip Dowell** asked what arrangements were being made to mark the **Golden Jubilee of the European Section in Genoa in 2006.**
- **Dr. Sheldon Sydney** asked for the **setting up of specialist interest groups** within the European Section, with Fellows communicating by e-mail.
- **Dr Peter Brandstatter** commented on the over-concentration on Implantology in the Scientific Programme for the last 3-4 years, with over 50% on Implantology again in Genoa. He feels that such concentration on specialist clinical topics are of interest to only a finite number of Fellows. He asked if a Scientific Advisory Panel, as previously suggested in the Report of the Working Group on Planning and Development, might ensure that the scientific content of future Meetings is more broadly based.
- **Dr Walter van Driel** demonstrated the **long-distance learning project** he has established through the University of Amsterdam. He has prepared the long-distance learning pages for his specialty, endodontics. The University of Amsterdam is offering the mainframes free to the Fellows of the ICD: are there Fellows who will prepare programmes in Periodontics, Orthodontics, Preventative Dentistry, Prosthodontics, Oral Surgery and Paedodontics?

The Open Forum is timetabled for 30 minutes before lunch in Genoa, from 12.50 to 13.20, with the Editor, Cecil Linehan, in the Chair. All topics are up for discussion: European Section's finances, the new Philip Dear Foundation, Fellows' exchanges, Eastern Europe.

To try to ensure wide a range of topics as possible we are asking for some questions to be submitted before May 31st to Deputy Editor, Sheldon Sydney at: Sydney@netvision.net.il
Questions also taken from the floor

Switzerland and Slovenia meet in Sweden



From left: Swiss Fellows: Yves and Tatiana Chatillon, Phillipe and Fabienne Hediger, Steven Olsburgh, Christine Robin, Dr and Mrs Ljubo Marion from Slovenia and Christian Robin from Switzerland. Dr Marion, introduced by the Regent for Greece and Cyprus, Dr Aris-Petros Tripodakis, is the first FICD from Slovenia.

*52nd Annual Meeting of the
European Section of ICD • Cardiff, Wales, June 28-30th 2007*

It is said that 'to be born Welsh is to be born privileged, not with a silver spoon in your mouth, but with music in your blood and poetry in your soul'. We pride ourselves on our hospitality and it is on that note, says President-Elect, Dr Phillip Dowell, that I look forward with great anticipation to welcoming friends, colleagues and Fellows to Cardiff (the capital city of Wales) from June 28th - 30th 2007.

Over the past decade Cardiff has been completely rejuvenated, building on its history to become the dynamic capital of Wales. Delegates will be charmed by the combination of old and new that unite to create an exciting modern city.

Conference Hotel: Hilton Hotel. **Back-up:** Park Plaza.

Scientific Programme

Friday 29th

The scientific day will encompass a theme called 'prospective eclecticism' with world class speakers looking into the future of their specialties and 'crystal gazing'. Subjects will include endodontics, implantology, periodontology, research methods, oral medicine, surgery and oro-facial aesthetics

Social Programme

Wednesday 27th

An opportunity to play Golf at the famous Celtic Manor, venue for the Ryder cup in 2010.

Thursday 28th

An informal dinner in St David's Hotel, a 5-star venue overlooking Cardiff Bay, a new and exciting waterfront home to the Welsh Assembly building, the Millennium Arts Centre, and the Welsh National Opera Company.

Friday 29th

Accompanying Persons' Tour

The tour will encompass a visit to St Fagan's Natural History Museum in the lovely village of St Fagan's, 3 miles outside of Cardiff. The Museum tells the story of everyday life in Wales during the last 500 years, all based in the beautiful 104 acre grounds and gardens of St Fagan's Castle.

Friday Evening

A visit to the National Museum and Art gallery of Wales with private viewing over pre dinner drinks of the galleries' works of art by Monet, Renoir, Cézanne, Degas and van Gogh. Dinner in the Grand Hall, a classical marble Hall opened to the public in 1927.

Saturday 30th morning

An optional tour of Cardiff and its environs will be available

Saturday afternoon and evening:

Induction Ceremony in the Reardon Smith Theatre, followed by **Black Tie Dinner** at Cardiff City Hall which forms the centre piece of one of the World's finest civic centres featuring impressive buildings, landscape gardens and tree lined avenues.

53rd Annual Meeting, Athens, Greece, June 12th - 14th 2008

Conference Hotel: Grande Bretagne

June 12th: Via historic route to Monastiraki in the old part of the city, past the Acropolis. Dinner in the roof garden of the Brachera restaurant with live music

June 13th: Visit to the Temple of Poseidon in Cape Sounion during sunset; fish dinner by the seaside at Mythos restaurant in Kavouri.

June 14th : Induction Ceremony in old Parliament building; Gala Dinner in Grande Bretagne

Further detailed information for the 52nd Meeting in Cardiff, June 2007, will be added to the President's page during 2006.

Information for the 53rd Meeting in Athens in 2008 will be added to the Greece and Cyprus pages in time.

SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT 2005-2006

The full report of the very successful 50th Anniversary Meeting in Stockholm in June 2005 is given in full on pages 6 – 9 of this Digest. I am sure all European Fellows will join with me in both thanking and congratulating Immediate Past President Anders Ericson on running such a special Meeting.

The Philip Dear Foundation

To mark the 50th Anniversary of the European Section, the Board of Regents has established the Philip Dear Foundation the purpose of which is: *"To support the expansion, development and cohesion of the European Section of the ICD."* Dr David Glynn officially launched the Fund at the Gala Dinner in Stockholm. The fund shall receive its income from a donation of €5,000 annually from the Treasurer of the European Section, Fellows' contributions from the General Funds as a percentage of the annual dues, and donations and bequests. As we move into the second 50 years of our Section it is to be hoped that the growth of this Fund will enable European Fellows to share their considerable collective pool of expertise with their less fortunate colleagues in Eastern Europe through Exchange Programmes, providing visiting lectures and possibly by establishing bursaries for Post-Graduate students.



Dr Bob Brady, Secretary-General of the College-at-Large (left) with Dr Frans Kroon, Secretary-General of the European Section, Stockholm, June 2005

2005: Districts and Numbers of Fellows:

The total number of Fellows in the European Section is now 623. There are thirteen Districts and the numbers of Fellows in each are as follows:

Austria :	29
Belgium-Holland-Luxembourg	49
England-Scotland-Wales	66
France	79
Germany	70
Greece-Cyprus	31
Ireland	48
Israel-Malta	14
Italy	63
Portugal	36
Denmark-Finland-Norway-Sweden	36
Spain	51
Switzerland	48
Russia/USA	3

European Section Participates in First International Conference on Children's Dental Health in Odessa, Ukraine – October 28th-29th 2005

In co-working with Dr. Linehan and Dr. Tripodakis, lecturers for the Odessa International Meeting of USA-Fellow Dr. Becker, now living and working in the Ukraine, were organised by financially supporting the travelling of Dr. van Hoeve (Fellow, Benelux-NL) and Dr. Fakitsas (Candidate-Fellow, Greece) through European Section Funds. (Full Report on pages 16 and 17)

International Council Meeting, Taipei, 8th–10th September 2005

On behalf of the Board of Regents I attended the International Council meeting of the College-at-Large held in Taipei, Taiwan, 8th-10th of September 2005 together with the two new representatives of our section, Dr. Joe Lemasney (Ireland) and Dr. Peter Kotschy (Austria).

The meeting was well managed by World President, Dr. Lon Carroll, who then passed the gavel to Dr. Chan Chao-Chang of Taipei, who became President of the College-at-Large when he took over on 1st of January 2006. Dr Chao-Chang was in charge of the very well organised meeting of the International Council in conjunction with the meeting of the Taiwanese Section of the ICD and the Annual Meeting of the Taiwanese Dental Association. We were met with great hospitality and the meeting ran very smoothly.

The main items for discussion still are:

- concerns about communication,
- the need to promote and improve same
- necessity to develop professional and humanitarian projects

The Globe

Most of you should have received the Globe 2005, covering the year 2004. The former Editor has resigned, and the International Council nominated as new Editor, Dr. John Winterman. The next issue of the Globe is due in April 2006.

International Dues

Dues to Central Office have not been raised since 1985. As expected, they have now been raised by 15 US Dollar to 30 US Dollar (€24.72) per year per active member.

Report on behalf of the European Section to the International Council

On behalf the European Section of the Representatives, I reported the following items:

1. the intention of spreading the European Section into/over the Eastern part of Europe
2. the intention to promote this initially mainly by educational programmes or support
3. the raising of a fund to support these activities, this fund to be named The Philip Dear Foundation, after one of the founders of the European Section
4. the installation of a Distant Learning Programme via the Website
5. the improvement of communication by promoting the use of e-mail information through the Web.
6. the promotion of local country or district activities
7. the successful Stockholm meeting in June

2005 and the appreciation for being visited there by the President, Vice President and Secretary General of the International Council and the Induction of our three New Masters: Dr Baldensperger (France), Lemasney (Ireland) and Tsoutsos (Greece).

8. Finally, an invitation to all to attend the next Annual Meeting to be held in Genoa (Italy) from 8th to 10th of June 2006 under the presidency of Dr. Giorgio Blasi.

IMPROVING COMMUNICATIONS:

- a) **Developing the ICD European Section Web-Site**

As the web-site is now over five years old, the Board gave approval at its Winter meeting in London, December 2005, for a significant amount of work to be undertaken to re-design and update it, thus allowing easier navigation around the site. This will also give an opportunity to place a link to the European Section's Long-Distance Learning Project currently being developed by Dr Walter van Driel of the Netherlands.

- b) **E-Newsletters**

The Mailing List system has now been activated and our Editor, Dr Cecil Linehan, with her Deputy, Dr Sheldon Sydney, sent out the first e-newsletter in November 2005, and a second in March 2006. The net result has been a greatly augmented level of communication with the Editor, increased visits to the web-site, and more importantly, a jump from only 160 Fellows on active e-mail in 2005 to almost 300 in 2006.

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The European Section's web-site address is <http://www.icd-europe.com>



Germany

District Meeting in Karlsruhe

The German fellows had an excellent meeting in Karlsruhe at the dental School of their ICD Fellow, Prof. Heners. Dr. Thomas Mayer lectured about the newest developments in endodontics and, in addition, he also gave an excellent hands on course. Dr. Mayer is Germany's most famous endodontist, lecturing in all aspects of the specialty. He is a candidate for induction into the ICD in Genova in June 2006. On Friday evening, Fellows and spouses had a dinner at the Erbprinz Restaurant in Karlsruhe.

Combined National German Dental Meeting in Berlin, October 2005

During the year also, in the International Congress Centre in Berlin, the biggest German Dental meeting for decades took place from Oct. 25th to 30th 2005. All dental societies held their annual meeting at the same time and place.

The German Regent, Dr. Bockelbrink, had several interesting meetings with a number of outstanding dentists, some of whom he will be inviting to become fellows of ICD.

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German District Meeting 2005

From left: Dr Habersack, Dr Mayer, Dr. Wengel, former Regent Dr Heinz Lassig, Dr Wolfgang Bockelbrink, Regent for Germany, Dr Britta Wengel, Dr Schray and Dr. Schultz-Congerhens.

German Fellows at the Annual Meeting in Stockholm, June 2005



Standing (from left): Dr. Lars Pohle, Dr. Christian Buns, Dr. Hartmut Buns, Ilona Buns, German Regent, Dr. Wolfgang Bockelbrinck, former Regent, Dr. Heinz Lässig, Dr. Hartmut Wengel, Dr. Manfred Pohle, Dr. Jürgen Dapprich.

Sitting (from left): Helga Dapprich, Rosalie Lässig, Heidi Neumann, Dr. Britta Wengel-Buns, Minu Bockelbrinck, Gudrun Pohle, Margit Wengel.

Ireland

The Irish ICD delegation to the Annual Meeting in Stockholm was a little smaller than usual, but what it lacked in size, it certainly made up in other ways. Joe Lemasney and Frank Shields represented us at the very first ICD Golf Tournament, and with Frank playing golf for Ireland against the rest of Europe, we all relaxed secure in the knowledge that Ireland's prowess in sport of all kinds was once again secure. Darren Clarke is not the only man from Dungannon to hit a mighty golf-ball!!

Then Helen Tully not only stopped the whole street, she emptied about four more neighbouring pubs, not with her hand, but with the sound of her glorious voice as she sang haunting Irish tunes while we sat outside in the warm, bright, Swedish evenings. She really did stop the traffic!

At the Induction Ceremony we all felt mighty proud when Joe Lemasney was made a Master of the ICD. It is hard to believe that the man with all the incredible achievements in the world of Irish and European Dentistry (see page 8) is the same warm-hearted, fun-loving, friendly Joe we have all known as Regent of the Irish District of ICD for some seven years.

But, behind this great man there is indeed a great woman, Joe's wife, Ethna. An FICD and eminent Irish orthodontist, she recently completed an MA in the in the History of Art and Architecture. Ethna's thesis was entitled: *'The International Style house*

and its arrival in Limerick in the 1930s', and an article based on her thesis has recently been published in *Architecture Ireland*, the official Journal of the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland.¹

Yours truly chaired the Open Forum, which was very poorly attended coming as it did at the end of a long Scientific Day. However, the Forum is now officially timetabled for 40 minutes before lunch in Genoa, so here's hoping for more interest.

We had a great evening at the Irish ICD District dinner in Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club, Dublin, in November 2005 when forty-five Fellows and spouses gathered for food, wine and camaraderie. Frank gave all the news from Stockholm and the plans for Genoa in June 2006. We may have three Inductees: Barry McGonigle (who was at the dinner), Sean Malone and Frank Burke.

As Frank was unable to travel to London in December 2005, our Deputy Regent Tom Feeney represented us very well at the Board of Regents' Winter Board Meeting. Joan joined us later for a very enjoyable Dinner in the Royal Thames Yacht Club.

Genoa is next on the ICD calendar – quite a few are travelling - and plans are already in hand for the next Irish District dinner to be held in November 2006.

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Proud Irish Fellows following the Induction Ceremony in Stockholm

Front row: (from left) Ethna Lemasney, Helen Tully, Claudete Graham, Cecil Linehan, Mary Shields.

Back row: (from left) Irish Regent, Frank Shields, Donal Tully, the new Master, Joe Lemasney, Richard Graham, Audoen Healy (made an FICD through the English District but as a Dublin graduate we welcomed him anyway!), and Deputy Regent, Tom Feeney.

¹ Ethna Lemasney, *'The International Style house, and its arrival in Limerick in the 1930's'*. In *'Architecture Ireland: The Journal of the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland, (Dublin: Ireland), Volume 214, February 2006, pages 78-79.*



Israel-Malta District Student Award 2005

The Israel-Malta district is pleased to announce the continuation of the ICD Israel - Malta District Student Award under the sponsorship of the GC Osada Company. The award which includes a beautifully inscribed certificate and \$500 prize is presented to each dental school's graduating student "whose outstanding academic achievement, service and humanitarian work best represent the core values of the College." The continued commitment of GC-Osada is much appreciated. Award ceremonies, attended by the dental schools' deans, faculty and invited guests, took place in June 2005 at both the Tel Aviv University and Hebrew University Schools of Dental Medicine. This year's winners are truly exceptional individuals and the district is proud to be able to recognize their contributions to our profession and their fellow human beings.

Dr Sydney appointed to Post in Riga

Dr Sheldon Sydney was recently appointed director of the Jewish Health Care International (JHI) programme in Riga, Latvia. The mission of JHI is to enhance healthcare services to Jewish communities in need throughout the world. Emphasis is on communities at risk in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. This non-profit organization sends teams of volunteer healthcare professionals to communities on a regular basis and provides professional supplies to enhance the quality of medical and dental services. Missions are multi-faceted and include patient consultation and educational seminars. Dr Sydney and Co-Director Dr Stuart Fischman FICD (New York, USA) are working to develop a Dental Centre of Excellence where a wide range of dental services will be provided to the community by the hospital dental department.

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2005 Award Ceremony

Tel Aviv University School of Dental Medicine

Award ceremony at Tel Aviv University School of Dental Medicine: From left to right: Mr. Eran Blumental – GC representative presents the certificate and \$500 prize to award winner Ms. Libi Shrem with Dr. Sheldon Dov Sydney, Regent for Israel and Malta and Deputy Editor, European Section, International College of Dentists



Dr Britta Wengel-Buns



Dr Christian Elben-Buns

Romance blossoms in the European Section

Very unusually, among our new Fellows this year we had two married couples

- from Germany: Dr Britta Wengel-Buns and Dr Christian-Eiben Buns, both of whom work are in Private Practice with special interests in the field of Periodontology. Dr and Mrs Buns got married just before the 50th Annual Meeting and went from Stockholm to Bali on honeymoon.....and



Dr Miranda Westelaar



Dr Peter Westelaar

- from The Netherlands: Dr Miranda Wetselaar-Glas and Dr Peter Wetselaar. They are also in Private Practice. Peter has a special interest in Gnathology and is currently working for his MSc. Miranda and Peter have two children.

THREE ICD FELLOWS WRITE ON THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE Odessa, Ukraine, October 2005

The first International conference in Odessa, Ukraine, organized and sponsored by the Ukraine Academy of Medical Sciences, the Ukraine Ministry of Health and the Odessa State Dental Research Institute, took place on October 28th and 29th, 2005, with Master Classes on October 30th. The conference was devoted to **The Vital Problems Of Children's Dentistry And Orthodontia.**¹

It was a great success among the 300 paediatric dentists and orthodontists from Albania, Moldova, Belarus, Russia and, of course, Ukraine. With great certainty, I can say that our two ICD contributors, Dr Jan van Hoeve of The Netherlands, and Dr Fakitsas of Greece (who will become an FICD in Genoa in June 2006), were the two best presenters. It is hard to hold the attention of the an audience when there are eighteen speakers in a day, with only one short break, but the audience in Ukraine was very attentive, and so appreciative of the presence of the FICDs among them.

Dr van Hoeve spoke on **Perio-Restorative Relations, Perio-Endo Problems, and Perio-Bone Regeneration**. His Master Class was entitled **Periodontology in General Dental Practice**. Dr Fakitsas spoke on the use of **Orthognathic Surgery in conjunction with Orthodontics** for a higher degree of acceptability and success.

This experience was a success due to the joint efforts of many individuals.

- The chief of paediatrics hosted our guests two nights for dinner.
- All in the European Section of the International College of Dentists helped in the recruitment of the guests and defraying of their transportation expenses in coming to Ukraine.
- Tania, my wife, and I helped with the translation, transportation, lodging and meals for our guests

It was truly a learning experience for everyone involved. From the organizers, right through to the participants and the audience, everyone learned something new. On Monday morning the director

of the Research Dental Institute expressed his appreciation of the ICD's participation in the implementation of new changes in paediatric dentistry. He looks forward to developing co-operation between the ICD and the Ukraine Academy of Medical Sciences.

I believe that this is a wonderful and cost effective method of "main streaming" the level of knowledge that is woefully behind in this part of the world. It is not the "total cure" but certainly a step in the right direction and I believe that it is totally in line with the philosophy of the ICD.

A special thanks to Dr. Aris-Petros, Regent for Greece and Cyprus, for convincing Dr Fakitsas to come. I am looking forward to seeing him in Italy as a new member.

Again, many, many thanks for all the efforts of those in the European Section! Each and everyone of you contributed towards making our first attempt in Mass Education to the East such a success

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The value of ICD Participation in the Odessa Meeting

Dr Jan van Hoeve writes:

This first International Conference was very successful, although the content of some the presentations was, in our view, a little bit out of date. Most of the presented research figures have been known in western dental literature for years.

The gap in knowledge and an appreciation of the possibilities which modern treatments afford, due to financial limitations and the language barrier, was obvious. The older generation speaks only Ukrainian or Russian, while the younger people speak English more and more.

¹ Sponsorship was provided by 3M, Espe, Septodont, Oral-B, Procter & Gamble and GACUnitec.

THREE ICD FELLOWS WRITE ON THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE Odessa, Ukraine, October 2005

The participants, especially those attending the Master Classes, were very enthusiastic. In conversations with them, we felt they need ongoing support, especially on a personal level, in continuing education and teaching students. They asked about possible student exchanges and internships.

The head of the Department of Children's Dentistry and the Director of the Dental Institute asked for articles for the Ukrainian dental journal. These have now been sent. We met the Director of the Research Institute, the Director of the Academy of Medical Sciences and members of the Ukrainian government.

In my opinion the ICD can support Ukrainian dentistry on a personal base by organising exchange programmes for teachers and dental students and by sending experienced dentists to contribute to conferences and give Master Classes.

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Dr van Hoeve will be visiting Managua, Nicaragua, in September 2006 to give a three-day course on clinical periodontology in general practice and a presentation on the same subject at the National Dental Congress in Managua. He is part of a group consisting of senior Dutch experts called "PUM", a voluntary assistance organisation supported by the Dutch government for developing countries.

Dr Joannis Fakitsas adds:

The ICD participation and input to the Ukrainian meeting was the most important part of this scientific event. I believe we exposed the audience to the right way of thinking in treatment planning and we shared our clinical experiences with them. Speaking on Orthognathic Surgery and its relationship to Orthodontics for the best results for the patient, I stressed the importance of patient to doctor as well as doctor to doctor communication. I also gave clinical guidelines for the pre-surgical preparation of the patient. The participants definitely valued our efforts.

We stayed with Paul and Tania Becker in their newly renovated apartment and felt really at home. Both of them are so warm-hearted and friendly, we felt we had known them for years.

I think that in supporting meetings like this one in Odessa, the ICD plays a very important role in the developing world. I firmly believe work such as this should continue.

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Relaxing After the Meeting in Odessa, October 2005

From left: Dr and Mrs Fakitsas (Greece), Dr Jan van Hoeve (The Netherlands) with Paul and Tania Becker in the apartment they provided for the ICD guest speakers in Odessa.

*President-Elect of the European Section, Dr Phillip Dowell
makes new ICD Friends while leading a
Dental Study Tour to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands*

When I was asked a year in advance to lead a Dental Study Tour to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands in November 2005, it seemed too good an opportunity to turn down, and indeed, despite hours of lecture preparation and a pastoral role for my fellow colleagues and travellers, so it turned out to be.

The travel company (Master Travel) which specialises in study tours for the medical professions enquired whether I had any contacts in Ecuador, so I dutifully went on to the ICD website and found the name and email address of the Secretary-General for South America, Dr Manfred Seidemann.

Manfred was extremely helpful and gave me the contact details of the Ecuadorian Regent based in Quito, Dr Robert Chavez. We subsequently arranged to visit Dr. Chavez's clinic on the day of arrival in Quito which was scheduled for 2 pm. At least that was the theory! In practice the KLM flight from Amsterdam to Quito was seriously delayed and instead of arriving at 8 am with time for rest and relaxation before the 2 pm visit to the Dental clinic, it did not arrive in Quito until 4 pm – eight hours behind schedule.

I was certain that we had missed a great opportunity to meet up with Dr Chavez. However, I was immediately informed that even though it was a Sunday, he and his staff were still waiting for us at his clinic, and that we would go straight there before going to our hotel.

After 14 hours stuck in a metal tube at 35,000 ft, feeling tired and somewhat dishevelled, it is hard to put across the warmth and friendliness with which we were greeted at the Centre for Dental Specialities in Quito. The practice has eight or nine surgeries, all equipped to a very high standard, fully computerised with Dental Radiography, a dental laboratory and a designated surgical suite. We were all given name badges, escorted around the building, Dr Chavez's staff conversing with us with great ease, only using translation when necessary.

Dr Chavez then gave us a very enlightening lecture on Dentistry in Ecuador including training programmes, demographics, caries rates, prevention and the provision of both primary and secondary care. We were all given gifts and finished a splendid visit with drinks and canapés.

I cannot tell you how buoyed up everyone felt at the warmth of this, our first experience in Ecuador. And for me, it encapsulated the pride of being a Fellow of the International College of Dentists – for this college, our college is truly inspiring and certainly international.

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Dr Robert Chavez, Regent for Ecuador (left), greets Dr Phillip Dowell, Regent for England-Scotland-Wales and President-Elect of the European Section, at the Centre for Dental Specialities in Quito, Ecuador, November 2005

¹ Dr Dowell is hosting the 52nd Annual Meeting of the European Section in Wales in June 2007 – see page 10 for plans to date

AN IRISH UNIVERSITY IN BAHRAIN

For over a quarter of a century, the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) has been closely associated with Bahrain, where it has established surgical skills courses and examinations, oversees the General Practice Residency Programme, provides healthcare management courses and holds some of its Overseas Meetings. Following an invitation from the Government of Bahrain to open a university for the education and training of medical and other healthcare workers, a Memorandum of Agreement was signed between the Government and RCSI in October 2003. This led to the formation of the RCSI Medical University of Bahrain (RCSI-MUB)¹, a constituent university of RCSI, teaching the same undergraduate medical programme and holding examinations in common.



The temporary accommodation being utilised by RCSI-MUB.

The first students of RCSI-MUB started in October 2004 in temporary accommodation with excellent facilities in the Seef district of Manama, the capital of Bahrain. RCSI-MUB is also a centre for teaching MSc and Diploma courses in Healthcare Management.

A permanent campus will be located in the district of Busaiteen on the island of Muharraq, conveniently near Bahrain's international airport.

The foundation stone was laid in March 2006 by His Highness the Prime Minister, Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, and the Irish Deputy Prime Minister, Ms. Mary Harney.

Building work in progress on the new



RCSI-MUB campus, March 2006.

It is hoped that the first phase of the building will be ready for the start of the 2007/8 academic year. The site for the new campus is conveniently located immediately adjacent to the site of the King Hamad General Hospital which is scheduled to open in 2008. This will be the main teaching hospital for the RCSI-MUB medical school. Through the good offices of the Minister of Health, Her Excellency Dr. Nada Haffadh, the University has access to the health centres run by the Ministry. Colonel Shaikh Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa FRCSI, the Director of Royal Medical Services, has also agreed that RCSI-MUB students may use the facilities of the Bahrain Defence Force Hospital.

The RCSI-MUB undergraduate medical course consists of a foundation year followed by five further years delivered to the standards of the World Federation of Medical Education. It is semesterised and modularised and incorporates an early introduction to clinical medicine. It makes extensive use of information and communication technology. Each student on enrolment is given a laptop computer with wireless connection to the university intranet. All lectures are delivered using

¹The website address is <http://www.rcsi-mub.com>

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the latest multi-media technology, and files are available on the intranet before the lectures are given. Thus students are provided with a virtual learning environment where they can access a wide range of educational resources, case studies, discussion groups, study guides etc.

With the medical school under way, the University is moving towards opening other schools, of which four are under consideration. The first of these will almost certainly be a school of nursing. The other three are dentistry, pharmacy and physiotherapy.

The preliminary planning for the school of dentistry envisages a course of study equal in length to that of the medical programme with a common Foundation Year including human biology; general, medicinal and pharmaceutical chemistry; medical physics; first aid; medical informatics and, for those students who require it, English. A largely common Junior Cycle of eighteen months will follow, and direct entry to the Junior Cycle will be offered to applicants with appropriate entry qualifications. It will cover the basic sciences, taught with a heavy clinical emphasis and some additional material of dental relevance. During the eighteen months Intermediate Cycle, the medical and dental programmes will diverge. The Senior Cycle will occupy the final two years of the dental programme, and will be based very largely in the dental clinics.



An artist's impression of the new RCSI-MUB campus

totalling less than 700 sq. km. of low-lying desert with some small rocky outcrops. Its population is about 700,000 of which 34% are non-nationals. In religious affiliation, 81% of the total population are Muslim, and 9% are Christian. Bahrain enjoys a relatively liberal, tolerant and open society with a low crime rate. It occupies a strategic position as a centre for trade and communication in the Arabian Gulf, its origins stretching back into prehistory. With its former abundance of fresh water springs, it was fabled as a possible site for the Garden of Eden, and described as Paradise in the Babylonian Epic of Gilgamesh. There are thousands of ancient burial mounds on the largest island, the island of Bahrain. The oldest of these dates to around 3,000 B.C. when the archipelago was known as Dilmun and was a trading centre of major importance in the Bronze Age.



The 'Tree of Life' – flourishing in the middle of an arid desert with no obvious source of water: a symbol of Bahrain's commitment to excellence at all levels?

Modern Bahrain is proud of its heritage and confident of its future. Linked with RCSI-MUB and the King Hamad General Hospital will be **The Health Oasis**, a major venture aimed at the growing market in medical tourism. As well as a 5-star hotel and leisure facilities, it will include international state-of-the-art specialty clinics making Bahrain a leading destination for the provision not only of first-rate medical and dental education but also of world-class healthcare services.

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The Kingdom of Bahrain is a group of 33 islands



Manfred Seidemann, Secretary-General of the South American Section (Section IV) of the ICD, covering Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay

writes on an exchange programme his Section has established whereby younger FICD-academicians spend two weeks in the dental school of another District or Section (Country) willing to share skills/knowledge.

The International College of Dentists and Academia: A Worldwide Exchange Programme

Historical Notes

The South American Section of the International College of Dentists was created in Sao Paulo, Brazil in January 1981, when International President Joseph Tamari delivered the ICD Charter. Thereafter its various Districts were formed. Since its beginning South America's most outstanding dentists have been invited to join the ICD, and one of the principal endeavors has been to raise the standards of the dental profession through continuing education.

In 2000, during Section IV's yearly Regents' Meeting in Lima, Peru, the Chilean District presented an interesting ***Fellow-Academicians' Exchange Project***. The Project was approved at the 20th Regents' Meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina in 2001. Later that year, South American Regents signed a Fellow-Academicians' Exchange Protocol during the 21st Regents' Meeting in Santiago, Chile. Finally, in 2004, during the Annual International Council Meeting in Orlando, Florida, Section IV presented its ***Fellow-Academicians' Exchange Project*** and it was approved as an ICD Programme.

Modus Operandi

Districts affiliated to the ***ICD-Fellow-Academicians' Exchange Programme*** establish a written agreement with one or more Dental Schools in their respective locations. The Protocol should stipulate that the School will accept, in predetermined departments and for pre-established periods of time, ICD-Fellow-Academicians from various Districts. In turn, the Dental School in question may send the same number of academicians, for similar periods of time, to prearranged Departments of Dental Schools in other Districts. Solely Fellows of the ICD may participate in this Programme. For this purpose, every year, affiliated Districts should select Fellow-Academicians and identify participating Dental Schools and Departments. Registrars will coordinate the Programme in their respective Sections. The College-at-large, through its Central Office, will seek and generate contacts with Dental Schools and among the Sections.

Finance

- Sender Districts provide airfares and health insurance for Fellow-Academicians.
- Host Districts provide room and board, transportation to the Dental School and also make necessary arrangements to free guest Fellow-Academicians from tuition fees.
- Districts must ascertain that academicians will have sufficient funds to cover private expenses.
- ICD Districts affiliated to the Programme must indicate the Dental Schools and the Departments willing to participate in same.

Rationale

1. Our College has access to Dental Schools throughout the world
2. Many Fellows are active in Academia
3. All Academics must constantly update knowledge and skills
4. Many younger Fellows are academicians and may not be able to afford foreign academic training periods.
5. An academic-humanitarian project like the present one would further motivate ICD Fellows, Districts, and Sections.

The first three Objectives of the ICD are:

- 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.

The South American Section's Experience

- **Peru and Chile:** During 2003 and 2004 the Peruvian and Chilean Districts successfully carried out this novel Educational Exchange Programme. The Peruvian District secured for Chilean Fellow-Academicians a 2-week stay at the Department of Maxillofacial Surgery of the Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia School of Dentistry. In turn, the Chilean District made available for Peruvian Fellow-Academicians a 2-week stay at the Department of Prosthetic Dentistry of the Universidad de Chile School of Dentistry.
- **Uruguay and Chile:** During the year 2005 the Uruguayan and Chilean Districts exchanged Fellow-Academicians. A Chilean Fellow spent two weeks at the Maxillofacial Prosthetics Department of the Universidad de la República Oriental del Uruguay School of Dentistry. A Uruguayan Fellow stayed a fortnight at the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Traumatology of the Universidad de Chile School of Dentistry.

The financing of all these Exchanges was carried out under the conditions described in the paragraph entitled Finance above. The results show they have been very successful.

Significance

The International College of Dentists' nine Objectives emphasize the importance of life-long professional education in Dentistry. The **ICD Fellow-Academicians' Exchange Programme** complies with these Objectives. More importantly, it contributes to the fulfillment of the dream Drs. Louis Ottoffy and Tsurukich Okumura, the Founding Fathers of the College, had in 1920.

- The ICD-at-large would have responsibility to firmly spread and stimulate the **ICD Fellow-Academicians' Exchange Programme** among the Sections; the latter, amongst Districts and Regions. Thus, the impulse could rapidly reach our Global Membership.
- The Programme could be disseminated through www.icd.org, Section newsletters, the GLOBE, and word of mouth so that, in time, all Fellows will become fully aware of its existence
- The **ICD Fellow-Academicians' Exchange Programme** is a partnership between Dental Schools and the ICD. Its protagonists are Fellows active in the academic world. Its promoters are all the Fellows of our College.

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Obituary
Dr. Gerhard Rothbauer, Austria

It is with the deepest regret that the Austrian Section of the ICD has to accept the sad news of Dr. Rothbauer's passing away in November 2005. Dr. Gerhard Rothbauer was the first Austrian Regent of the ICD in Austria. He played an important role in establishing the Austrian Section in the years until 1986 when Dr. Peter Kotschy became Regent.

Dr. Rothbauer was known as an active member of the Austrian dental community and of numerous scientific dental societies.

For the Austrian Section of the ICD, his help and valuable advice was always available and will definitely not be forgotten.

Dr. Peter Brandstätter

Regent for Austria
December 2005

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Philip Dear	France	1955/56	Amsterdam/London
Ch.F.L.Nord	Holland	1957	To be established
Louis Fitting	Switzerland	1958	To be established
Jacques Fouré	France	1959/1960	To be established
Frans Ackermann	Switzerland	1961/1962	To be established
Robert Vielleville	France	1963/1964	To be established
Fritz Schön	Germany	1965/1966	To be established
Louis Baume	Switzerland	1967/1968	To be established
Frans Lankhof	Holland	1969/1970	To be established
C. deVere Green	England	1971/1972	To be established
Frederico Singer	Italy	1973/1974	To be established
Charles Vallotton	Switzerland	1975	To be established
Jose. M Losada	Spain	1976 /1977	Athens '76; Lausanne '77
Aré Edwards	France	1978/1979	Madrid '78; Paris '79
Walter Reif	England	1980/1981	London '80; Monte Carlo '81
Charles Przetak	Germany	1982/1983	Düsseldorf '82; Vienna '83
Umberto Bar	Italy	1984/1985	Florence '84; Lisbon '85
G. van der Harst	Holland	1986/1987	Amsterdam '86; Dublin '87
William Fitting	Switzerland	1988	Madeira
Michel Varin	France	1989	Deauville
John O. Forrest	England	1990	London
	Gulf War	1991	Meeting Cancelled
Gil Alcoforado	Portugal	1992	Villamoura
Andreas Tsoutsos	Greece	1993	Athens
Gerald Wootliff	England	1994	Jerusalem
B David Glynn	England	1995	York
Carlo Pejrone	Italy	1996	Baveno
Peter Kotschy	Austria	1997	Vienna
T. Wahr-Hansen	Norway	1998	Bergen
Jan Pameijer	Holland	1999	Amsterdam
Jaime Gil	Spain	2000	Bilbao
Heinz Lässig	Germany	2001	Munich
Nicole Vallotton	Switzerland	2002	Lausanne
Joseph Lemasney	Ireland	2003	Dublin
Peter Pré	France	2004	Monte Carlo
Anders Ericson	Sweden	2005	Stockholm

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