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Who We Are

It's not uncommon for families and friends of our newest fellows to ask: What is the International College of Dentists? Who belongs? What does it do? Even some of our dental colleagues articulate the same uncertainty about who we are. One explanation for this phenomenon may be that by nature ICD Fellows shy away from self-promotion and by extension, may be reluctant to publicize the ICD. Perhaps the ICDigest can facilitate overcoming this dilemma.

The core values that are the building blocks of our organization encourage collegial relationships among dentists around the world, while promoting the advancement of the art and science of dentistry and the improvement of oral health for mankind. The promulgation of these universal values, however, requires the understanding and support of dentists, their families and colleagues, not just ICD Fellows. By shedding light on the activities and contributions of the European section and its fellows, ICDigest hopes to illuminate the application of ICD values for others to see.

I can think of no more appropriate place to begin than with the inspiring remarks of President-at-Large Dr. Don Johnson to the European section. While the intended audience is the new fellowship class, the captivating message resonates far and wide with the values we hold dear in the College.

The ICDigest promotes dialogue on issues of importance to European dentistry. This year's cover story on dental education in Europe, by President Elect Dr. Antonio Tavares, is intended to generate discussion within the halls of our academic institutions and in the clinics of private practitioners. Coupled with this is the report on the Ivident program, an exciting innovation in long-distance learning that may provide an answer for communities with limited access to quality instruction and/or facilities.

Nowhere is the spirit of ICD more manifest than during the European section's annual meetings. An excellent example is the tribute to the 2007 Cardiff meeting, so magnificently organized by Past President Dr. Phillip Dowell. Equally promising is the exciting program planned this year by President Dr. Aris-Petros Tripodakis in Athens from June 12-14. We await this event with mounting anticipation. You'll enjoy reading Dr. Tripodakis's in-depth interview, followed by a lovely presentation on the meeting in Greece.

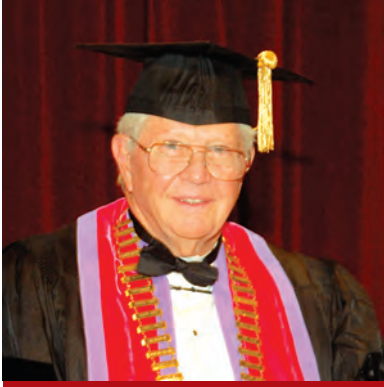
But don't stop there. There are must-read features including interesting news about outstanding ICD Fellows, new leadership positions, districts meetings, the Secretary General's yearly report on the state of the section and updates regarding the ongoing work of the Philip Dear Foundation that provides both manpower and financial support to deserving projects.

On the inside cover, the mission, motto and objectives of the College are enumerated. The European section holds firmly to these principles, not just as lofty words, but as behavioral guidelines incumbent on each fellow within his or her professional and community lives.

The ICDigest is opening a window through which the principles of the College, put into practice, can be viewed. If this creates a clearer picture of the ICD, then an important part of this journal's raison d'être will have been realized and readers will know... who we are!



Sheldon Dov Sydney
Editor, ICD European Section



UNIQUE in every sense of the word...

**Dr. Don Johnson, ICD President -at- Large, addresses
the European Section**

We are here today to conduct a very serious and solemn ceremony. We are here to honor certain individual fellows who have continued to serve this College, and our profession, above and beyond the call of duty. Upon those Fellows we will confer the degree of Master of the College.

We are also here to officially welcome into the International College of Dentists those individual dentists who have accepted our invitation to Fellowship. The opportunities and obligations of Fellowship will be explained as we proceed through this ceremony, and will reach completion by the placement of the Key to the College and the extension of the Hand of Fellowship. Be reminded, however, you should look upon this occasion as a beginning, not as an end.

As Jan and I have traveled the globe this year, we have had an opportunity to see a true cross section of the International College of Dentists, and to meet some very memorable people. From the dental student who was thirsting for knowledge and begging for advice on how to find success, to an individual who is a patent holder of one of the major bonding agents in use today, and another who is the developer of a device that is in daily use by dentists around the world. Now I have had the opportunity to spend a few days with the friendly faces of the European Section.

To date, we have been once around the world, twice in Asia, and for the second time now in Europe, not just seeing the sights, but seeing the ICD from the grassroots.

I have been listening to your deliberations, trying to understand your needs, and searching for the answer as to how this College can better serve the needs of our profession.

It is a pleasure to be in an area where English is both spoken and understood, although some of you may question whether my version of English is pure, or acquired.

You will get no debate on that issue from me because we both know that English did not originate on my side of the Pond. How it got converted into, or from, some of the words we have seen along the roadside here in Wales is another story.

Speaking of words, there is an English word that I find very interesting; it is spelled: U-N-I-Q-U-E.

Webster's descriptive meanings refer to, "One and Only", "Unusual", and "Having no equal." As you may have guessed, I am referring to the International College of Dentists, which I honestly believe is an organization that is UNIQUE in every sense of the word.

The ICD was born from an idea that originated during a dinner conversation in the early 1920's between two dentists, one American and one Japanese, Dr. Lewis Ottofy and Dr. Tsu-ru-kitchi Okumura. Each was dedicated to the advancement of the dental profession, each searching for a method of transmitting discoveries, techniques, and procedures to colleagues around the world, who in turn, could transmit this information to those responsible for dental education, in order to collectively develop better methods for the treatment of dental disorders. This organization, which began with two individuals, now, as Dr. Pre has stated in his opening remarks, numbers over 10,000 fellows in 90 countries, throughout the world.

But, with the advent of satellite broadcasting, the internet, and networks, is there still a need for the International College of Dentists? Is there still a need for gifted and knowledgeable individuals to guide our profession, and to make the critical decisions?

"With the advent of Global Positioning Systems, more sophisticated aircraft, and electronic autopilots, do you still feel the need for a human being sitting up front making the critical decisions about your safety, as the thunderstorms are circumnavigated, and the fog is penetrated on final descent?"

Before we answer that; may I ask?

With the advent of Global Positioning Systems, more sophisticated aircraft, and electronic autopilots, do you still feel the need for a human being sitting up front making the critical decisions about your safety, as the thunderstorms are circumnavigated, and the fog is penetrated on final descent?

Just as we feel a need to protect our safety in travel, there is a definite need to guide the direction of our profession as we continue to advance.

The International College of Dentists has accepted that challenge and that responsibility. However, the question was, is there still a need for the International College of Dentists?

Let us pause for a moment and put matters into the proper prospective.

In this day and time, there is great concern over the fact that we have neglected the planet upon which we live. Much is being done to rectify some of the wrongs. We realize that we had no hand in the creation of this magnificent universe, but we also realize that it is we who are now responsible for its care and well being.

The same is true for our profession. None of us in this room were here during the formative years of dentistry.

We inherited the product created by others. It was not as easy then, as it is now. It was not as rewarding then, as it is now.

The dental practices and institutions that support our lifestyles are the result of skilled and dedicated men and women who worked together to develop the profession we enjoy today. Do we not have a responsibility to protect that effort and to continue that progress?

I believe we do, that is the position of this College, and that

is the challenge associated with the honor of Fellowship.

Candidates; some of you may be under the misconception that you are "joining" the ICD. Nothing could be farther from the truth. You do not, and you cannot, "join" this organization. If a dentist has exhibited the qualifications for Fellowship, and if his or her peers have recognized those efforts to the extent that a Fellow of the College has sponsored that person for Fellowship, as is the case for each of you, then Fellowship is offered. Because you have satisfied the demanding qualifications for Fellowship, you are here to receive a well deserved honor. You are important to this College. You are important to Dentistry.

While we, the present Fellows of this College stand before you today, and will conduct this ceremony, you are the ones who will someday replace us and receive the torch of leadership. Some of you will even become responsible for this preeminent international dental organization and the safekeeping of the profession.

I thank you for your attention and I welcome you to the Fellowship.



Applause and Admiration Inductees demonstrate their appreciation at the close of Dr. Johnson's inspiring message.



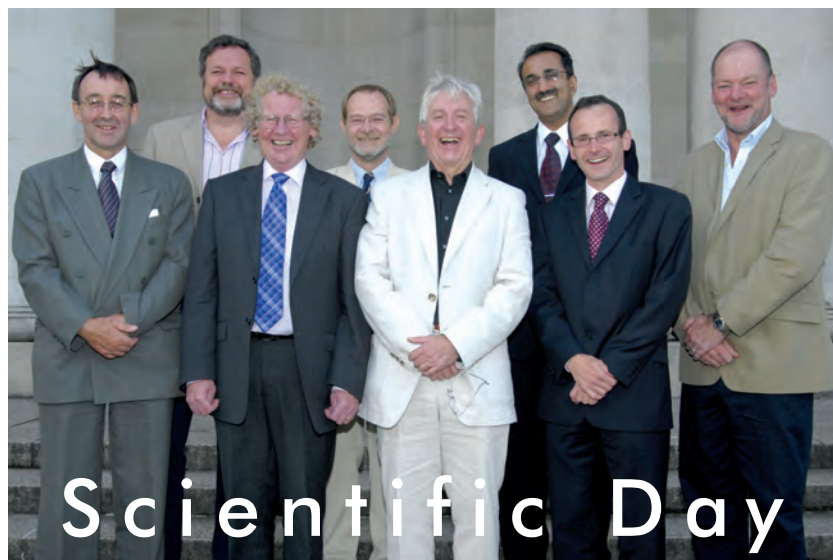
CARDIFF 2007

A look back at the
52nd Annual
Meeting held
in Cardiff,
Capital City of Wales.

Last year from June 28 through 30, 2007, over 230 fellows, their spouses, partners and friends attended an extraordinarily successful ICD 52nd Annual Meeting of the European Section, under the Presidency of **Dr. Phillip Dowell** in Cardiff.

From the beginning, Dr. Dowell and his organizing committee sent out the message *Croso i Cymru*, meaning welcome to Wales. As we discovered, it was not just a slogan, but a fitting backdrop to the professionalism and camaraderie that enveloped every aspect of this outstanding venue.

The meticulous preparation was clearly in evidence, and created a memorable three days of which our hosts Phillip and his ever gracious wife Sheila Dowell, can be proud.



Dr. Ian Needleman delivers his lecture

President Dowell and his Speakers Share a Jovial Moment (left to right) Professor Crispian Scully, Dr. Tony Hoskinson, Professor Martin Addy, Professor Piet Haers, Professor Phillip Dowel, Dr. Tidu Mankoo, Dr. Ian Needleman and Dr. Lloyd Searson (not present Dr. David Winkler).

THE ALL-DAY SCIENTIFIC program was powered by the theme 'Prospective Eclecticism'; a forward looking crystal-ball gazing view of what the future holds for clinicians and researchers. The challenge proclaimed by every speaker was to integrate their topic with the provocative title and each one did so in a unique and creative way that left all of the participants stimulated and intrigued with new knowledge, and an inspired view of our profession 10-20 years in the future.

The subjects, as wide and varied as dentistry itself, included; *Endodontics: Bright ideas for the future.*

Innovative technologies in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Implanting - The future.

How to read and write a research paper.

How to use research to change clinical practice.

Making progress with cancer.

Interdisciplinary integration: The future for esthetic and restorative success.

The Scientific Program Chairs were Dr. Paul Johnson for the morning session and Dr. Peter Floyd for the afternoon session.

Open Forum

CONTINUING WITH THE goal of providing opportunity for membership to address the College leadership, the Open Forum was held again, this time with the largest attendance on record.

Acting as Chair was **Dr. Sheldon Dov Sydney**, who, in his capacity as Editor, highlighted the Section's publications as well as plans to increase dialogue with Fellows through an enhanced use of e-mail and web-based technology. Secretary General **Dr. Frans Kroon** briefed the assembled on College activities since the last Annual Meeting and suggested turning to the website for additional information including minutes of Board of Regents meetings. **Dr. Rudy Landman**, outgoing Treasurer, presented his now thoroughly appreciated "weather report" of the financial status of the Section with a very positive forecast summarized by "bright skies with little rain in sight."

The last presentation was given by President Elect **Dr. Aris-Petros Tripodakis** on the 2008 Annual Meeting to be held in the idyllic setting of Athens, Greece (for details see page 20). After the last report, the floor was opened for questions and general discussion.



Dr. Sheldon Dov Sydney



Dr. Frans Kroon



Dr. Rudy Landman



Dr. Aris-Petros Tripodakis



Good Audience Attendees were attentive throughout the Scientific Day, and eagerly participated in the discussions.



Asked and Answered Regent for the Benelux, Dr. Walter van Driel, raised a question concerning the ICD and the future of E-learning. In response, the Chair called upon Dr. Patricia Reynolds of London's King's College to discuss the Ivident program which is being considered by the Board. (See story page 17).

Social Program



New Fellow John Walsh delivers a mighty swing at Celtic Manor.

THE PRE-CONGRESS GOLF tour continued to be a popular event. Over twenty participants enjoyed playing at the gorgeous Celtic Manor, venue for the Ryder Cup in 2010.

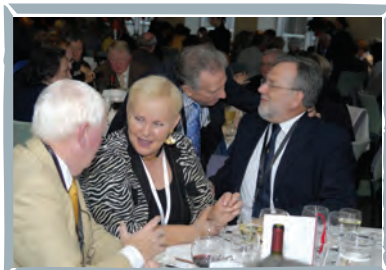
St. David's Hotel, overlooking Cardiff Bay, a new, exciting waterfront home to the Welsh Assembly, the Millennium Arts Centre and the Welsh National Opera Company was the scene for Thursday night's informal dinner. It was a picture-perfect setting with not a drop of rain to spoil the scenic view, and a delightful start to the Congress.

The Accompanying Persons' Tour visited St. Fagan's Natural History Museum, where the story of everyday life in Wales during the last 500 years is revealed. The Castles Tour continued the next day to both Caerphilly Castle one of the largest fortresses in Europe and Castell Coch, a late 19th C fairytale style castle, built on medieval remains.

Friday evening the entire company dined in the classic Marble Hall of the National Museum of Wales, while being entertained by the Cowbridge Male Voice Choir. Their hauntingly beautiful singing ranged from Welsh classics to Broadway hits.

Snapshots of Fellowship and Friendship

The social program provided many opportunities for renewing old friendships and making new acquaintances. Outstanding menus, unique settings, stimulating conversation and the ever-present ICD spirit of camaraderie created the distinctive ambiance that is the hallmark of the European Section's annual meetings.



Better Halves Usually behind the scenes; it was a special occasion when the wives of the current officers had some time together. One can only guess the topic of discussion, although surely it must have included the ICD! (left to right); Standing; Isabel Tavares, Ineke Kroon, Jane Tripodakis. Seated; Sheila Dowell, Rachel Sydney, Henny van Hoeve.



Leaders from across the Pond The European Section was honored to have in attendance ICD-at-Large Officers from the United States, President Don Johnson (left) and Editor Jack Hinterman.

Induction Ceremony & Gala Dinner



THE MUCH ANTICIPATED Induction Ceremony was held on Saturday afternoon under the able stewardship of Master of Ceremonies **Dr. Peter Pré**, in the Reardon Smith Theatre of the National Museum of Cardiff. A stimulating address (see page 5) delivered by World President **Don Johnson** preceded the induction of thirty-three new Fellows and the honoring of three Masters for their outstanding long-term service to the College.

In addition, the mantle of the office of the Presidency was transferred from **Dr. Phillip Dowell** to **Dr. Aris-Petros Tripodakis**. With the lingering light of this summer's day still peaking

through the landscaped gardens and tree-lined avenues, the assembly walked over to the impressive Cardiff City Hall to celebrate the momentous events of the day with an elegant Black Tie Dinner, accompanied by the mellow sounds of the local string ensemble.

As addresses, phone numbers and e-mails were exchanged between new and old friends, the spirit of ICD was never more apparent or more contagious. All who were in attendance will take with them an album of unforgettable memories of those enchanting days in the vibrant Wales capital of Cardiff.



Esteemed Guests The Gala Dinner was graced by the presence of the Right Honorable The Lord Mayor of the City and County of Cardiff, Councillor Gill Bird (center left) and her husband, Peter, the Lord Mayor's official consort (center right) flanked by President Dr. Phillip Dowell and Dr. Sheila Dowell.



New Fellows, Masters, and ICD leadership gather for the traditional group photograph

The ICD European Section Fellowship Class of 2007

“I offer you the right hand of Fellowship which is an ancient and honorable sign of friendship and extend to you the rights and privileges of this College ...”

President Phillip Dowell upon presentation of the Key and Certificate to each new Fellow.



In the presence of admiring colleagues, families and friends, thirty-three men and women, representing more countries than ever in the history of the Induction Ceremony, received one of dentistry's most esteemed honors, at Cardiff's historic Reardon Smith Theatre.

While acknowledged for past achievements, there was the clear recognition that within each new Fellow was the promise and expectation of significant continuing contributions to the future of our profession.

Fellowship Class 2007



Alkioni Andronikaki
Greece



Zvika Artzi
Israel



Nicloe Arweiler
Germany



Andas Brinkmanes
Latvia



Pasquale Lino Calvani
Italy



Patrick Anthony Connellan
Ireland



Patrick Crotty
Ireland



Hilde Decerck
Belgium



Pawel Dobosz
Poland



Jorge Pessoa Ferreira Da Costa
Portugal



Paul Gerloczy
Hungary



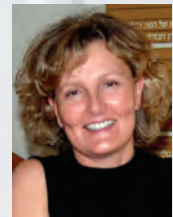
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Switzerland



Michael Hill
Wales



Michalis Ioannou
Cyprus



Avital Kozlovsky
Israel



Annelies Kraaijenhagen-Oostinga
Netherlands



Iain Manson
Wales



Alberto Merlini
Italy



Franz Meyer
Germany



Agnieszka Misiejuk
Poland



Robert Morris
USA



Mike Mulcahy
England



Hubert Newman
England



Karl Schwaninger
Austria



Honorata Shaw
Poland



Spyros Sivestros
Greece



Mladen Slaj
Croatia



Peter Solar
Austria



Timothy J. Sunnucks
England



Richard Tucker
England



Piret Vali
Estonia



Berry P.M. Verlinden
Netherlands



John Senan Walsh
Ireland

Dental Education in Europe From Barber Dentists to the Bologna Process

Dr. Antonio Tavares



In the Middle Ages the Church and its monks were the most important agents of medical education. Only monks read Latin, the language of most medical texts which were preserved in monasteries.

Change came in the XIII Century when the first European medicine faculties started teaching physiology, pathology, hygiene, anatomy, therapeutics and Hippocratic aphorisms. Excluded from the curriculum was surgery, which was considered degrading. Consequently, doctors were prohibited from performing surgery, including dentistry which was allocated to barbers trained by a Master.

This article will look at the subsequent periods in the history and development of dental education in Europe through the experiences of representative countries with a view to the future status of cooperation among European nations towards the training of the next generation of dentists.

Experiences in Dental Education of Selected European Countries

France

The edict of 1699 signed by Louis XIV is responsible for the title of “Expert in Teeth”, dental education and governmental recognition of the dental profession. Dentistry was restricted to the Parisian environs and to those who had satisfied examination by three masters of surgery of the College of Surgeons of Paris and granted with the title of 'expert'. Dentistry status was enhanced with the publication of Pierre Fauchard's 'Le Chirurgien Dentiste' in 1728, a valued compendium of the existing knowledge of dentistry. A century and a half later, the first dental schools were

established (1880s); first, L'Ecole Dentaire de Paris; followed by L'Ecole Dentaire de France. Both were private Parisian schools, unrecognized by the universities, each with the same entry and curriculum standard and each granting its own diploma title 'Chirurgien Dentiste'. In 1909, the first institute within a university medical faculty, Stomatology Institute du Passage Dauphine in Paris, was established to train stomatologists. Today, France has a student intake of 800 in 16 Dental Faculties and a 5 year dental curriculum. In 2006, orthodontics was the only recognized dental specialty.

Germany

The early practice of dentistry in Germany was limited by the edicts of 1685 and 1725. From 1852 only physicians were admitted to the dental examination and those approved were able to use the title “Zahnarzt”. The Zahnärzte were active, publishing the first German dental journal (1846) and founding the Society of Dentists in Berlin (1847). In 1855 Eduard Albrecht, a physician and son of a Zahnarzt, opened the first government recognized dental school. Student attendance was compulsory. After Albrecht's death (1890), his clinic was absorbed into the Berlin University Medical Faculty at the University Dental Institute, and a dental school was established at the University of Leipzig and in Breslau.

There are 32 dental schools in the German Republic within the medicine faculties with the exception of the separate dental faculties in Mainz and Berlin. The 5 year course curriculum is legislated. The final examination leading to the degree of Zahnarzt, is held in the students' own university and with the university staff as examiners.

Specialist training in Germany is controlled by each Lander which confers the responsibility on the relevant chamber of dentists (Zahnärztekammer) which is also responsible for registration. Oral surgery and orthodontics are the recognized dental specialties. Unofficially, public dental health exists as a specialty.

The Netherlands

In 1877, a dental institute was established in Utrecht. There, Dr. Dentz was appointed to supervise a 4 year course. In 1947 dentistry became associated with the universities and dentistry became a sub faculty, alongside medicine, with a 6 year course: 2 years basic science, 3 years for a doctoral degree and one for the degree in dental surgery. Additional dental schools were opened in Gronigen (1947), Nymegen (1962) and in Amsterdam (1968).

Training for the two specialties recognized, orthodontics and oral surgery, are four years full-time. The training is under university regulation and registration is with a Specialist Registration Board.

Belgium

The barber surgeons were legitimized in Belgium in 1705 and, since 1818, dentists' activities have been under the medical profession's control. From 1889 all had to possess a medical qualification. The special license in dental science became compulsory in 1929, thus creating the Belgian Stomatologist.

There are six medical faculties in Belgium, each offering similar dental courses, which, since 1971, have been 5 years divided into 2 years conferring the title 'Candidat en dentaire' and three years of specialized dental study conferring the title "Licence en science dentaire". Adequate clinical training facilities present some difficulties. In Lauvain, for example, of the 100 final year students, 60 receive their clinical training in the dental school, 20 in other dental clinics and 20 with local practitioners.

The medically qualified stomatologist, orthodontist and maxillofacial surgeon are accepted as medical specialists.

Denmark

In 1909, a four year dental undergraduate course was founded in Denmark. The first dental school was opened in Copenhagen (1941). The second school was opened in Aarhus in 1959. These schools are not a part of the university. They receive a direct grant from the Ministry of Education and appointments of professors are made by the King.

The two schools co-operate on some joint clinics and lectures. Currently the student intake is 200 annually. Oral surgery training is 5 years (2 years in hospital, 2 years in the Royal College of Dentistry and one year in a hospital oral surgery department). Orthodontics training is 3 and 1/2 years, mostly in the Royal College of Dentistry and in the clinics.

Italy

Those wishing to practise dentistry required a medical qualification, prior to 1980. With Italy's entry into the EEC, a degree in 'Dentistry and Dental Prosthesis' was introduced by the faculties of medicine and surgery in 31 universities. The total first year intake was 900 in 2004. The five year course consists of 2 years basic subjects and 3 years dentistry with selection for entry dependent upon high school results and a multiple choice questionnaire (MCQ) examination.

Greece

Dental schools in Greece follow the guidelines of the Ministry of Education. There are two public schools: Athens (established 1921) and Thessaloniki (established 1950's). The course consists of 3 years of medical and 2 years of dental studies. Admission for both schools often exceeds 300 students, depending on Ministry instructions. Oral surgery and orthodontics are recognized specialties.

Portugal

Since 1911, those wishing to enter dentistry required a medical qualification. The first dental school emerged in 1976 at Oporto. Today Portugal has 3 public and 4 private dental schools. The annual intake is 600 students. The five year course (Bologna format) consists of 3 years basic subjects (Title-Licenciati in Health Sciences) and 2 years dentistry (Title-Master integrated-degree in dentistry), with selection for entry dependent upon high school results and a multiple choice questionnaire (MCQ) examination. Only one speciality, orthodontics, is recognized.

Spain

Stomatology in Spain is taught as a medical specialty and is regulated by the Medical Specialties Act which has 10 Stomatology schools. The course lasts 2 years with 2000 hours of instruction, occupying 30 hours per week between October and June.

Each school has 3 departments; pathology and prosthetics; medical and stomatology; orthodontics and preventive odontology. The students, who are medical graduates, are accepted as a result of MCQ tests, with 1 in 7 at present being selected.

Dental Specialist Education

Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain have few or no dental specialties. While in Iceland, Poland, Slovenia, Sweden and United Kingdom specialties are well represented. Some countries such as Estonia and Malta have many "specialists" but they are not formally recognized.

In most countries, training takes 3 - 5 years. According to the directives, applicants must have an EC approved primary dental qualification (degree). Specialty training is a minimum three years full time (or part-time equivalent) at country-specific approved institutions. Studies show wide variations in both the curricula and patterns of specialist training in orthodontics across Europe. There was also a perception of wide variations in other curricula and criteria for specialist training which led the European Federation of Periodontology to initiate a quality assurance system for postgraduate programs in periodontology in participating dental schools.

Bologna Process

In 1999, the Ministers of Education of 29 countries in the EU signed the Bologna Declaration, formally known as the European Higher Education Area. The ultimate aim of this agreement is to establish a European Higher Education Area by 2010 in which staff and students can move with ease and have mutual recognition of their qualifications. One of the objectives is that all programs become comparable in curricula and teaching.

The Bologna Process is the most important educational change in Europe in the last 50 years and the focus from universities, learned societies and thematic networks has shifted to this process with the aim of developing and achieving wide European convergence in Higher Education. With this objective, the Association for Dental Education in Europe (ADEE), together with the DentEd thematic network, obtained further funding from the European Commission for a third Network Project, DentEd 11I (2004-2007) to develop a curricular model in dentistry which is fully compliant with the principles of the Declaration of

Bologna. ADEE is a standing organization since 1975 that now represents some 150 schools out of about 200 schools in Europe.

The first step in the Bologna process is to implement the profile for the future European dentist, agreed by the General Assembly of ADEE:

The new graduating European dentist should:

1. Have had a broad academic and dental education and be able to function in all areas of clinical dentistry;
2. Be trained sufficiently in dental science;
3. Be able to work together with other dental and health care professionals in the health care system; should have good communicative skills;
4. Be prepared for life-long learning and continuing professional development;
5. Be able to practice evidence-based comprehensive dentistry based on a problem solving approach, using basic theoretical and practical skills.

Conclusions

It is essential that universities evaluate critically their approaches to teaching and learning. To achieve transparency at a European level an agreed terminology must be developed. Universities must not only transfer consolidated or developing knowledge but also a variety of 'general' abilities. This requires that they must explicitly develop a novel mix of approaches to teaching and learning in order to encourage - or allow to develop - valuable qualities, such as capacity for analysis and synthesis, independence of judgment, curiosity, teamwork, and ability to communicate. Changing teaching and learning approaches and objectives implies corresponding changes in assessment methods and criteria for evaluating performance. These should consider not only knowledge and contents but also general skills and competences.

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Ivident - The International Virtual Dental School Sharing the Vision of a Connected Campus with the ICD

IVIDENT IS A £2.3 MILLION three year educational research project jointly funded by England's Higher Education Funding Council and the Health Department.

It aims to create a virtual dental school, providing dental education through a flexible online environment that is globally accessible. It is led by King's College London Dental Institute Deputy Director for Education FICD Dr. Patricia A Reynolds. Three UK dental schools are founding partners: University of Bristol Dental School, Queen's University of Belfast School of Dentistry and The Eastman Dental Institute, together with the University of Portsmouth.

The International Virtual Medical School provides learning resources. Ivident aims to become a self sustainable, non-profit making enterprise. Ivident bridges the gap between dental skills development and the availability of expert teachers in smaller specialties by providing a holistic learning capability with universal integration - The Flexible Learning Platform (FLP), according to Dr. Reynolds. Technically this innovative solution constitutes a "Service-Orientated Architecture" (SOA), a sort of

electronic super-glue. SOA is now available and new connected campuses are springing up. Dr. Reynolds considers ICD's intellectual resources first rate and would like the European section to participate. "By providing learning objects, a pool of some open source material can be distributed through a portal controlled by ICD, but Ivident supported. Strict quality assurance and tracking will apply so that all Ivident compliant learning objects are truly appropriate and their use measured".

Throughout the three year project (2007-2010) partner contribution is limited to their time and expertise. As Ivident will become a non profit making enterprise, further funding will be needed to reach developing countries. Already two FICD's, who are also dental school deans, have welcomed this initiative: Italy Regent Professor Corrado Paganelli, and Dr. Reinhard Hickel from Munich.

"We do not have all the answers", says Dr. Reynolds "But we do have a global problem providing high quality education and continuing education to the profession. As a very important institution in dentistry, ICD involvement can be a key factor in Ivident's development".



By virtue of its core values and mission... the ICD is truly making a difference in our profession.

Dr. Aris-Petros Tripodakis

Dr. Aris-Petros Tripodakis, ICD European President gives a frank and revealing interview with ICDigest Editor about himself, family, education and the ICD.

Editor: When did you become interested in a dental career?

Both my brothers and my father were architects and I didn't want to compete with them. Indirectly, my interests focused on medicine. The admission system in the Hellenic universities and the relevant exams brought me into dentistry. From my family, I had a design background and I enjoyed working with my hands, so Prosthodontics seemed like a logical choice for further education. After I had finished a prolonged military service, I was accepted in the post graduate Prosthodontics program at Tufts University, with a year's postponement. I completed the prosthetic program with a Master's Degree and returned to Athens. I began a practice, and later worked in the University.

What did you do with your year off?

My wife and I went to Africa for ten months where we became aware of the needs of completely different cultures. For the first time, we were exposed to the joys of teaching and I understood the importance of good dental care in truly impoverished nations.

Do you find your approach to teaching different from when you attended school?

I think dental education deals with knowledge that is directly related to the patient as a human being. The dental instructor's teaching should not simply aim at the student's

competence on a technique. He gives from within, and develops a personal relationship with the student in order to comply and adhere his teaching to the philosophy of treatment. Then simple training is transformed into dental education. If the instructor is formal and distant, as he could have been in the sixties, the student either automatically develops an indifferent disposition, or else is put in the difficult position of needing to interact via a less formal approach.

What then is your idea of the ideal student-teacher relationship?

Honesty, motivation and a good rapport are the ingredients of a fruitful student-teacher relationship, not aiming at just a well-trained graduating dentist, but into an educated doctor.

Would you share with us some of the things you like to do in your spare time?

During the week, all of my time is involved in treating patients, supervising lab-work, teaching, lecturing, preparing courses or working for organizations such as the ICD. During the weekends, I enjoy swimming in the sea and skiing in the mountains. I have six children from the ages of 28 to 14 and one grandchild, and I like to spend weekends and holidays cherishing my family.

What is the importance of the ICD to dentistry?

The International College is a unique organization that by virtue of its core values and mission of "recognizing service and the opportunity to serve", is truly making a difference in our profession. The core of its existence is authentic and lies within the fundamental nuclear element of human creativity, and the pursuit of service and excellence. Sharing these ideals with other colleagues leads inevitably to fellowship.

The theme of the scientific program in Athens is *“The Dental Discipline in Europe in the Dawn of the New Millennium”*.

I will stimulate and coordinate speakers and moderators, so that the program will function as a scientific workshop worth publishing in the ICDigest.



Dr. Tripodakis enjoying precious time with family

What is the most rewarding aspect of your participation in the ICD?

The opportunity for fellowship; meeting and bonding with people worldwide who share common personal and professional values. During the annual meetings, fellowship is mainly established based on social, scientific and intellectual communication at the events, all within a friendly, relaxed and elegant atmosphere. The spouses' cohesive role is very important in creating and sustaining a feeling of family.

I know you have dental practices in both Italy and Athens. How do you manage practices in two countries?

I only have one main practice in Athens. The satellite practice, established in Rome in the early nineties, with the collaboration of two other American trained Greek specialists, was our response to the challenge that United Europe offered us. Today, after fifteen years of commuting, (always in combination with other travels) I have made Rome my home away from home. Two of my children studied in Italy, and my wife and I both speak Italian by now.

We love Italian food and music, we enjoy our Italian friends and colleagues, and I have lectured many times in Italian. As a matter of fact, although the winter Board of Regents meeting has always been organized either in Paris or London, this year we met in Rome!

Are there any special projects that you would like to concentrate on during your term as ICD President? I am excited about a proposal that was submitted two years ago in a Board of Regents meeting. It was suggested that the outcome of an ICD scientific program should not simply concentrate on continuing dental education information, but should be highly intellectual, embracing dentistry in a comprehensive way and stimulating all the participants to actively participate in prolific discussions. Short essays, discussions and conclusions will be published and become an important part of the ICDigest.

Do you see this goal coming to fruition in your term?

I was thrilled that this perspective was embraced by our Past President Phillip Dowell. He challenged the remarkable speakers in Cardiff with the general theme of “Prospective Eclecticism” and it resulted in an outstanding program. By the same token, President Elect Antonio Tavares chose “Standard of Care in Clinical Dentistry” as the 2009 meeting theme. It is also academic and comprehensive. As you see, the special project referred to in your question, has already started. The theme of the scientific program in Athens is “The Dental Discipline in Europe in the Dawn of the New Millennium”. I will stimulate and coordinate speakers and moderators so that the program will function as a scientific workshop worth publishing in the ICDigest.

The meeting in Athens sounds exciting from both the scientific point of view and the social program. Is there something about Greece that you think will be a surprise to the attendees?

Indeed there is; yet, it is to be witnessed and discovered, otherwise it wouldn't be a surprise!

ICD EUROGRAM

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ICD Eurogram Joins Section's Family of Publications

Three publications in the European Section are now part of an integrated communication system.

The ICD Eurogram is the newest publication of the European section. The ICD Eurogram is an e-mail based program that provides timely, brief items of interest and news alerts throughout the year to all European section's fellows with current email addresses. Preparation for the Eurogram began immediately after the Annual Cardiff meeting followed shortly by its debut publication in August 2007.

The ICD Eurogram serves as a convenient tool for disseminating important news updates, as well as time sensitive announcements from the leadership. Each brief news item listed is linked to the website or other source for more comprehensive information. The Eurogram is designed so you can navigate directly to areas on the website, bypassing the home page.

Introduction of the ICD Eurogram is part of a new organizational plan which integrates all of the publications of the section (which in addition to the ICD Eurogram includes the website: www.icd-europe.com and the annual journal, ICDigest) in order to better manage the influx, dissemination and distribution of news and information. All of the publications are now part of a coordinated system, so that information is available in the appropriate format based on content, relevancy, style and the need for rapid distribution.

As part of the organizational plan, each publication has been defined and its role within the family of communication vehicles established.

The ICDigest

The ICDigest represents a summary of the previous year's activities as well as feature articles and invited manuscripts on issues of importance to dentistry. Since the ICDigest is a print media, it is essential that the articles meet the test of relevancy and be of interest to the readers throughout the year of publication. Distribution is geared principally to fellows of the section in addition to other ICD and dental leaders worldwide.

The Website

The website (www.icd-europe.com) is a flexible medium

allowing for easy and rapid information updates and graphics regarding section resources, officers and governing information as well as the ability to easily adopt new subject areas. Additionally, districts have their own page and, under the direction of their regent, are able to display current information and news about the countries and fellows within their districts. The website is a dynamic medium and allows for change literally overnight. Unlike the ICD Eurogram or ICDigest, the website is available (except for the "members only" section) to anyone who clicks onto the site. It is therefore seen not only as a significant source of information for the membership, but also as a window to the public and our professional colleagues regarding activities of the section.

The ICD Eurogram

The ICD Eurogram is strictly a "members only" vehicle which provides a balance between the other two media. The information is time-sensitive and rapid. A significant characteristic of this medium is that it allows fellows to view highlights of a number of news items and information briefs without the necessity to read a large amount of material on any particular subject.

Contact the Editor

Innovation, appeal and relevancy are the hallmarks of the communication program now in place. Fellows are encouraged to send in comments and ideas to further improve communication and dissemination of information within our section and throughout the International College of Dentists to the editor@icd-europe.com.

Are you getting ALL the ICD News?

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European Section Supports for the Third Year International Meeting in Odessa

(Left to right) Dr. Liza Papagiannoulis, Dr. Jan Van Hoeve and the local interpreter

Once again, this year proved to be a very positive experience for everyone who attended the International Dental Congress, held in Odessa, Ukraine from October 3-5, 2007. The title of the congress was, "Modern Achievements of Periodontology, Implantology and Osteology".

The meetings took place in two different locations: the main auditorium of the Medical University and the auditorium and teaching surgery rooms at the Academy of Medical Sciences-Department of Stomatology-Dental Research Institute.

There were many students and practicing dentists in attendance from Belarus, Egypt, Syria, India, Lithuania, Russia, Iran and Ukraine. The speakers were from such places as Germany, The Czech Republic, Israel, United States, France, Italy and of course, the two speakers presented by the European Section of the ICD and the Philip Dear Foundation, our own **Prof. Jan Van Hoeve** from Holland and **Prof. Liza Papagiannoulis** of Greece. The event was hosted by local FICD and project founder **Dr. Paul Becker** and his wife, Tania.

Prof. Jan Van Hoeve spoke on two different days. On the first day, October 4th, Jan began by giving an introduction that stressed the importance of prevention and discussed the "natural history of periodontal disease". He followed this with an in-depth lecture on "Initial

Periodontal treatment / Hygienic phase therapy."

The following day, Professor Van Hoeve gave a half day master's class entitled "Perio Prosthetics, Diagnosis and Treatment Planning". In conjunction with this, Jan discussed the possibilities, pitfalls and tricks in periodontology and illustrated these by his marvelous personal case presentations. Needless to say, he was very much appreciated for his vast knowledge and helpful suggestions on the topic of Periodontics.

Dr. Liza Papagiannoulis is the immediate past president of the International Association of Pediatric Dentistry. She is the founder and chair of the pediatric dentistry department at the Athens University and has published over eighty scientific papers in International and Greek journals and has made over 150 scientific presentations in Greek and international congresses. It was a delight to have Professor Papagiannoulis as a presenter. She spoke in three segments, covering the topics of early childhood caries, novel techniques in interproximal caries detection, temporary stabilization of the occlusion, and pulpotomies, comparing the use of various techniques.

As in all dental meetings, there was also a brilliant social affair; one evening all of the guests were treated to a wonderful floor show by various Ukrainian artists, and of course, an incredible assortment of food.



Fellow Celebrates with a Gift to the Foundation

Fellow **Dr. Jan Smeekens** from the Benelux Section celebrated, together with his lovely spouse Nan, the 40th anniversary of their marriage and the coincidence that Jan also graduated 40 years ago. They invited many friends and colleagues for a great party. On the invitation they sent out there was a note: "We don't want presents but a gift for the Philip Dear Foundation". The result was a gift for the Foundation in the amount of 1200 Euro. The section is indebted to the Smeekens for their kindness and generosity and hopes that this will be a good example for others to follow.

Increased ICD Presence in Eastern and Central European Countries

THERE HAS BEEN a notable increase in the number and activities of fellows in what have been called “non ICD” Central and Eastern European countries.

Seven deserving dentists from former Soviet Union countries were inducted at the annual meeting in Cardiff. In addition, Croatia, Estonia and Hungary, now have their first members in the European section. Ireland Regent, **Tom Fenney**, introduced **Dr. Piret Väli**, a General Practitioner, and Chief Dental Officer from Estonia, and the first fellow from her country. “Ireland is very proud to sponsor Piret, who has done great work for Estonian dentistry over the past ten years. I believe she will make an important resource for increasing the awareness of ICD and also find other worthy Estonian candidates”. Germany’s Regent **Walter Brocenbrick** brought three new fellows from Poland, distinguishing his district as the sponsor for the most number of inductees from a single non ICD country.



Expanding The European Section Estonia’s first Fellow, Dr. Piret Väli (far left) along with three new fellows from Poland, (left to right): Drs. Misiejuk, Shaw and Dobosz.

In recognition of the emerging activities in this part of Europe, The Board of Regents has begun to appoint Vice Regents to administer the fellows and promote local ICD activities in countries not formerly represented by a District. The current Vice Regents are **Dr. Egita Senekola** from Latvia (under the auspices of the Israel-Malta District) and **Dr. Ljubo Marion** from Slovenia (under the auspices of the Greece-Cyprus District).

Also active in the Eastern European arena is The Philip Dear Foundation, which has “the expansion” of the European Section as one of its constitutional goals. To date its most significant funding has been in the Ukraine, where a number of FICD’s have traveled to Odessa to give lectures and master classes. These congresses are attended by dentists from the Ukraine as well as participants from Belarus,

Russia, Libya, Lebanon, Iran, Egypt and Italy. The program is an outcome of the agreement signed between the representatives of the Ukraine’s Ministry of Health, the Academy of Medical Sciences, the Odessa Dental Institute



Committee Chair,
Dr. Joe Lemasney

and the European Section of the International College of Dentists. Former Regent of Ireland and European Section Past President **Joe Lemasney**, is heading the Eastern European Committee, which has been working diligently defining how the European Section is to move forward.

After a thorough report in last year’s ICDigest, Dr. Lemasney presented a discussion entitled, “Ways and Means of Extending the ICD into Central and Eastern Europe” to the Board. Following careful deliberation, the Board of Regents decided to continue with the current approach towards this part of Europe, which utilizes fellows with personal contacts to encourage potential fellowship candidates. The expressed hope is that enough individuals in a specific country, or group of countries, will be inducted, opening up the possibility of a new district.

European ICD President **Aris-Petros Tripodakis** is someone who has been using his contacts to make notable inroads attracting new members from Slovenia, Croatia, and Hungary. “Europe is changing”, observed Dr. Tripodakis. “The West is increasingly developing the profile of the *United States of Europe*, while the East involves itself with numerous and newly inducted countries in the EC that are barely represented within the ICD fellowship. With Ljubo Marion, our Vice Regent from Slovenia, we managed to work towards improving the situation in the Central European countries”.

“I am convinced that the time is right for creating a new independent region and I will do my best to fulfill this task. Moreover, I know that the new Regent for Greece and Cyprus, **Dr. Argirios Pissiotis**, has very good contacts in the dental communities of the Balkan countries of the EC such as, Bulgaria and Romania. I will encourage him to reach out to these countries”.

Israel-Malta Student Award Program Enters Its 5th Year

“IN OUR DISTRICT the International College of Dentists as an organization was either unknown or misunderstood. The Student Award, which recognizes exceptional graduating dental students, provided us with a vehicle to help colleagues develop a better appreciation for the humanitarian projects and core values of the International College of Dentists”, explained **Dr. Sheldon Dov Sydney**, European Section Editor and Regent for Israel-Malta.

The Student Award Program started four years ago. Dental school deans were approached with a background letter describing the ICD and the District’s intention to recognize the senior dental students, who made the most notable contributions to their communities, while at the same time, demonstrating exceptional academic achievement. In each school a committee was formed which included the Dean, fellows of the International College of Dentists and other faculty members. The committee deliberated and then selected the graduating dental student who best represented the core values of the College. In Israel, the award is underwritten by the GC Europe Dental company, which contributes \$500.00 to each award recipient.

The award program has also been adopted in Latvia. “My first project since becoming a Fellow and later as Vice

Regent was to establish the Student Award Program in Riga”, noted **Dr. Egita Senekola**. “It turns out that this was a very difficult process since we have many good candidates. In the end, we selected truly deserving individuals who represent the noble ideals and values of the College. The faculty has shown a great interest in choosing our award winner, and the process has done a lot to increase the awareness and appreciation for the ICD”.

Both in Israel and Latvia, the Student Award has become a prestigious honor. Students, administration and faculty are all involved in the process and anxiously anticipate the announcement of each year’s winner. While all the prize winners have outstanding scholastic achievements in common, the range of extracurricular activities is truly remarkable. One award recipient traveled through the city streets at night gathering young adults in need of food and shelter and taking them to appropriate facilities. Another organized a fund to raise money by selling plants for people who could not afford dental implants called “Plants for Implants”. Now as the names are called out at the schools’ awards ceremonies, the ICD motto of “recognizing service and the opportunity to serve” has real meaning.



Winning Smiles Student Award recipients from the Israel-Malta District and Latvia.

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Meet Dr. Antonio Tavares, President Elect of the European Section

Dr. Antonio Tavares, formerly regent for Portugal and European Section Vice President, is President Elect of the European Section, and will receive the mantle of the Presidency during the 2008 Annual Meeting Athens.

Antonio Emilio Peixoto de Vasconcelos Tavares was born in Lisbon in 1945. His father was a medical doctor and stomatologist, in addition to being an opera enthusiast and an expert piano and Portuguese guitar player. Antonio, an only child, shared his father's love of music and studied classical guitar. Antonio's mother was a full time housewife who earned three university degrees and taught at the University of Porto before she was married. Young Antonio played "doctor," giving injections to the pillows of the house with real needles and syringes. By the age of 23, he had married and finished his medical studies. He also began studying his specialty, stomatology.

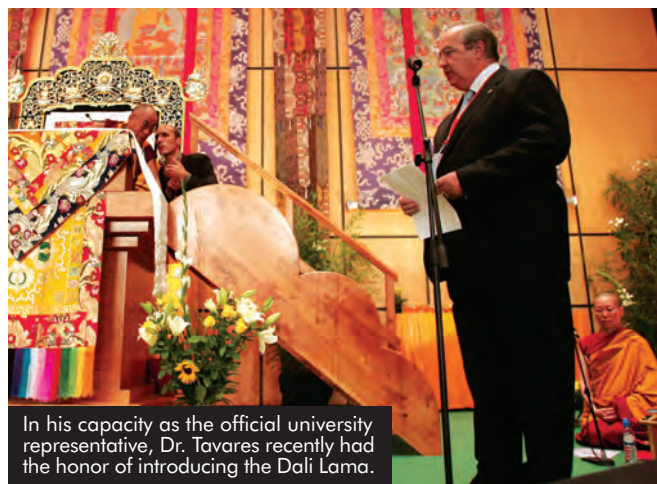
Dr. Tavares' academic career began at the Faculty of Dental Medicine of Lisbon. Later, he attended the Prosthodontics post-graduate program at the Stomatologist Institute at the Salpêtrière Hospital, in the Pierre and Marie Curie Faculty - Paris VI. He obtained his PhD degree in plastic and reconstructive surgery based on his experimental work at the Gulbenkian Institute of Science.

He is Full Professor of the Faculty of Dental Medicine in Lisbon and Faculty Dean. In 2005, Dr. Tavares was re-elected Vice Rector. He is responsible for the Departments of Culture and Sport, Foreign Relations, Publications and the academic associations of 8 faculties comprised of 22,000 students. In addition, Dr. Tavares has served as the Chief Dental Officer of the European Union for Portugal and President of the National Ethical and Professional Council of Dentistry. He is the founder of the Portuguese Association of Oral Implantology and Biomaterials, President of the Portuguese Society of Stomatology and Dental Medicine and The Association Stomatologique International.

Dr. Tavares has 3 daughters and 1 son from his first marriage. One of the girls works in the business arena and

a second is a professional performer, specializing in musical acting. The third is a financial instructor. His son is also a dentist, currently preparing to attend post-graduate studies in Wales, Cardiff University

Dr. Tavares and his lovely wife Isabel work together in his private clinic, where she manages the office and supports him in his professional and academic career. Their daughter, Nina, is 11-years-old.



In his capacity as the official university representative, Dr. Tavares recently had the honor of introducing the Dali Lama.

Dr. Tavares is a car enthusiast and was president of the Portuguese Federation of Motor Sport and Carting from 1997 until 2006. During this time, he was elected as a titular member of the World Council of the International Federation of Automobiles, the highest world authority in motor sport. As a world council member, he is the President of the Stewards Meeting, the main sporting authority in the Grand Prix Formula 1, where he had the opportunity to present the 2007 Champion Award to world renowned car driver, Michael Schumacher.

If the expression is true "if you want to be sure to get a job done, pick a busy person", then we have the perfect individual to become the next President of the ICD European section. It is clear the membership will benefit from Dr. Tavares' impressive organizational skills and leadership experience. He has the ideal background required to lead our section during the coming year, and we look forward to the promise of an outstanding Annual Meeting in Lisbon in 2009.

Dr. Frans Kroon Elected Vice President



Secretary General and International Councilman of the European Section, **Dr. Frans H.M. Kroon** of Bloemendaal, Netherlands, was elected Vice President. Dr. Kroon, the former Regent for the Benelux countries, was inducted into the European Section in 1998 in Bergen. He is currently Assistant

Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Head of the Clinical Department of Maxillofacial Surgery, the Academic Medical Center (AMC) and the Amsterdam Academic Center of Dentistry.

“Actually, I was rather surprised by the invitation to become President in 2010. I had promised both President Aris-Petros Tripodakis and President Elect Antonio Tamares to function as SG for two more years to support them. Nevertheless, it is a great honor and it gives me the opportunity to work a little longer for the ICD.

As a first goal of my tenure, I see reinforcing the existing Districts and gradually expanding into other countries. Just growing 'big' is not what we should strive for. In upholding numbers and quality in the existing Districts it is apparently difficult to grow fast; the past years the new vs. reduced membership ratio seems to be 1/1.”

Dr. Kroon and his wife, Ineke, look forward to hosting the 2010 Annual Meeting in Maastricht, Belgium, where Frans will become President of the Section. Commenting on his selection of Maastricht, Dr. Kroon said, “I have chosen Maastricht because it is an important town for the European Community with a splendid history in old and new Europe. Considering our view towards expansion in the eastern European region, it could very well serve as a bridge to East-Europe”.

Smooth Transition Anticipated for Editor



Dr. Sheldon Dov Sydney, Regent for Israel-Malta became the new Editor of the European Section with responsibility for communications, publications and the website. Sheldon, better known as “Dov,” has been the Deputy Editor since 2004.

He began preparing for his new position long before the change of office took place at the Cardiff meeting. “My predecessor, **Dr. Cecil Linehan**, and I have been

working together for the past few years and I believe this has made a seamless transition possible. She has been a wonderful teacher, colleague and friend”, Dr. Sydney noted.

Dr. Sydney, an Associate Professor in Periodontology at the University of Maryland in the United States, is Senior Doctor on the Postgraduate Faculty of Tel Aviv University in Israel. He plans to bring his experience in journalism and publishing to the role of Editor.

Treasury Maintains Tradition



As the last three treasurers have been Holland residents, keeping the office of Treasurer in the Netherlands seems to be a tradition.

The new Treasurer, **Dr. Jan van Hoeve**, succeeded **Dr. Rudy Landman**, Treasurer since 2001.

Jan has been active as Treasurer Elect since December 2006. “Rudy has left the financial status of our section

in excellent shape and my goal is to continue with the great job that he has done till now”, praised Dr. van Hoeve.

Dr. van Hoeve is a specialist in Periodontology with over 50 publications on clinical Periodontology and fixed prosthesis to his credit. As a volunteer, he can be found training dentists in Nicaragua and recently Ukraine, where he contributed on behalf of the Philip Dear Foundation with Masters Classes in Odessa.

Regents and Vice Regents Appointed

Dr. Gil Alves Alcoforado formerly Vice Regent of Portugal has a family history in the ICD. His father, the senior Dr. Alcoforado, served as President of the European Section and Regent for Portugal. The new Regent is Vice Dean of the Lisbon Dental School, Professor and Chair in the Departments of Periodontology and Oral Biology and Past President of the European Federation of Periodontology. In addition to his duties as Regent, Dr. Alcoforado is working closely with President Elect Tavares helping to ensure a successful 2009 Annual Meeting in Lisbon.

Dr. Walter van Driel, an Endodontist practicing in Sassenheim in the province of South Holland, was Vice Regent for the Benelux countries (Netherlands, Belgium, and Luxemburg). He is a lecturer within the

Department of Cariology, Endodontology and Pedodontlogy (CEP) of The Academic Center for Dentistry Amsterdam where he was responsible for the education of both the postgraduate as well as doctoral courses in Endodontics. Dr. van Driel held numerous posts in the Dutch Association of Endodontics, including President. Walter has a special interest in long-distance learning programs which most recently have involved the Ivident Program (see page 17 for full story).

There were four new Vice Regents named during this past year. They are, **Dr. Patrick Adriaens** for the Benelux Countries; **Dr. Jean Louis Portugal** for France; **Dr. Frank Shields**, Ireland and for Italy, **Dr. Mauro Labanca**.

Past Presidents of The ICD European Section

The International College of Dentists, and in particular the European Section, is rich in tradition. No better example is the respect and admiration we render our Past Presidents who unselfishly guide this Section during their terms of office culminating in the Annual Meeting usually held in their home country.

Philip Dear	France	1955-1956	Michel Varin	France	1989
Ch.F.L.Nord	Holland	1957	John O. Forrest	England	1990-1991
Louis Fitting	Switzerland	1958	Gil Alcoforado	Portugal	1992
Jacques Foure	France	1959-1960	Andreas Tsoutsos	Greece	1993
Frans Ackermann	Switzerland	1961-1962	Gerald Wootliff	England	1994
Robert Vielleville	France	1963-1964	B David Glynn	England	1995
Fritz Schon	Germany	1965-1966	Carlo Pejrone	Italy	1996
Louis Baume	Switzerland	1967-1968	Peter Kotschy	Austria	1997
Frans Lankhof	Holland	1969-1970	T. Wahr-Hansen	Norway	1998
C. deVere Green	England	1971-1972	Jan Pameijer	Holland	1999
Frederico Singer	Italy	1973-1974	Jaime Gil	Spain	2000
Charles Vallotton	Switzerland	1975	Heinz Lässig	Germany	2001
Jose. M Losada	Spain	1976 -1977	Nicole Vallotton	Switzerland	2002
Aré Edwards	France	1978-1979	Joseph Lemasney	Ireland	2003
Walter Reif	England	1980-1981	Peter Pré	France	2004
Charles Przetak	Germany	1982-1983	Anders Ericson	Sweden	2005
Umberto Bar	Italy	1984-1985	Giorgio Blasi	Italy	2006
G. van der Harst	Holland	1986-1987	Phillip Dowell	Wales	2007
William Fitting	Switzerland	1988			

Three European Section Fellows Achieve Master Status

Master Fellowship is awarded to Fellows of the ICD in recognition of their eminent contribution to Dentistry and extraordinarily conspicuous and outstanding service to the College.



Dame Margaret Seward

Presented by Dr. Phillip Dowell

Dame Margaret Seward owes much of her interest in Dentistry to her Father's Dental practice in their home in Enfield Middx. She graduated from the London Hospital Dental School in 1959

and then went into specialty training in oral surgery.

Dame Margaret has an illustrious record of leadership and accomplishment, most recently serving as the Chief Dental Officer, Department of Health for England where she was responsible for implementing the government's strategy to modernize NHS dentistry. She is widely published and is the recipient of numerous honors, including four honorary doctorate degrees and six honorary fellowships. In 1994, she was honored as a Commander of the British Empire,

and that was followed five years later with her designation of Dame Commander of the British Empire.

In 1976, Dame Margaret became the first woman to be elected to the General Dental Council, eventually becoming President in 1994. She also served as President of the British Dental Association, Editor of the BDJ and two terms as Editor of the ICDigest. She was Vice Dean for the Royal College of Surgeons of England and served on the Board of Faculty.

Dame Margaret is now almost retired and living on the south coast of England overlooking Poole Bay. As the song from South Pacific goes, 'There is nothing like a Dame' and in terms of British Dentistry there has never been a dame like Dame Margaret.



Dr. Peter Pré

Presented by Dr. Jean-Daniel Aye

The ICD recognizes not only the professional but also the significant human qualities of its members. Dr. Peter Pré one of our most brilliant Fellows has dedicated a great part of his life to the improvement of

dental artistry and the active promotion of this organization.

He began devoting himself to the College soon after his induction by becoming Regent for France. In 2004, he served as President of the European Section and presided over a wonderful meeting in Monaco. Dr. Pré was President of the American Dental Club of Paris and served for many years on the Executive Committee. He is a founding member of the Parisian Society of Periodontics and Implantology, where his objectives were to bring together practitioners of

various cultures, to encourage exchanges of ideas and techniques, and to enjoy the pleasure of meeting colleagues.

As Master of Ceremonies, he has safeguarded the tradition and nobility of our College. The whole of his responsibilities have been characterized by an inherent exceptional quality, endowing the fulfillment of his various tasks with a quality of perfection. In his friendship as well as in his professional ideals, he has remained truly faithful. While maintaining one of his hidden virtues, his modesty, his natural reserve and inner discretion is at the heart of his generosity and friendship.

Through this award we express our heartfelt thanks to Dr. Peter Pré for his immense contribution to improving the image and worthiness of our College.



Dr. Hienz Lässig

Presented by Dr. Wolfgang Brockerbridge

Dr. Heinz Lässig was born in Albernau in East Germany. After finishing grammar school in 1936 he fled communist Germany to West Germany.

At the Freiburg University he studied both medicine and dentistry, later serving as assistant of the dental clinic in Freiburg with a stay at Leeds hospital. In 1964 he and his wife, Rosi, moved to Rome, where he gave training courses for dentists, later returning to his private dental office in Munich. He maintained contacts with Italy and finished his final medical examinations at the Rome University. Heinz published several scientific papers and an excellent text entitled: "Dentistry in Art and Cultural History" published at Du Mont Company. He became a Fellow of the ICD in 1981.

After the breakdown of communism, Dr. Lässig began his mission to bring modern dentistry to the eastern European countries by presenting courses in St. Petersburg and inducting the first ICD Fellows from Russia. Dr. Lässig serves diligently on the "Eastern European Committee". His excellent report on "Changes in Health Insurance in Eastern European Countries" was published in the ICDigest.

Heinz Lässig was Regent of the German section from 1993 to 2004 and in 2000 he became President of the European Section. The Annual Meeting he organized in Munich was an unforgettable experience for all of us, who had the fortune to participate.

Heinz continues to serve the German district as Vice Regent. It seems appropriate to honour him with a deserved Masters Certificate, while he is still working hard for our organization.



ADA President Kathy Roth presents Stephen with the Association's Honorary Membership at the recent San Francisco convention.

American Dental Association Honors BDJ Editor-in-Chief Stephen Hancocks

The American Dental Association (ADA) has bestowed Honorary Membership on Dr. Stephen Hancocks, Editor-in-Chief of *The British Dental Journal* and Editor of the FDI's (World

Dental Federation) International Dental Journal.

The honor, awarded to only a handful of people worldwide in any given year, was presented to Stephen at the ADA's recent annual convention in San Francisco. ADA President Kathy Roth said that she was personally and professionally delighted that the nomination had come during her time as president and reflected Stephen's major contribution to writing, editing and publishing dentistry around the world. The American Dental Association established in 1859 is the world's oldest and largest dental organization

with over 155,000 members.

Well known for his after-dinner speaking, Stephen has 'followed the coffee' for many years. He has spoken at dinners for many BDA Branches and Sections, the Dental Defense Agency, the Faculty of GDPs (UK), the British Dental Hygienists' Association, the British Dental Nurses' Association and a variety of company and conference events. As a master of ceremonies, chairman and presenter, Stephen was the original host for the Dental Awards at the Dorchester Hotel, and the prestigious Private Practice Awards at the Café Royal. Having chaired various committees, debates and meetings, he has considerable experience in keeping proceedings flowing with a blend of wit and gravitas. Stephen responded to receiving the honor by thanking not only the ADA for its friendship and regard for this important recognition, but also the teams at the British Dental Association, *The British Dental Journal*, the World Dental Federation, and his partner without whom none of his achievements would have been possible.

Dr. Meropi Spyropoulos: Fellow of Note

A lifetime of involvement in dental care and care for humanity

In this feature, ICDigest is pleased to highlight the activities of a Fellow of the European section whose contributions exemplify the ICD motto of "recognizing service and the opportunity to serve".



Dr. Meropi Spyropoulos

A LIFE MEMBER of the ICD and Professor Emeritus of the University of Athens, Dr. Meropi Spyropoulos has made many notable attainments over a lifetime of achievements and contributions to both profession and humanity.

Professor Meropi Spyropoulos was born and raised in Alexandria, Egypt. She holds Dental Degrees from the Universities of Alexandria and Athens and a Master of Science in Orthodontics from the University of Michigan. For 26 years she was Professor and Head of the Department of Orthodontics at the University of Athens and she served as the Associate Dean of the Dental School, the Representative of Greece to the Standing Advisory Committee for Dental Education in Europe of the E.U., and as a member to the Erasmus Committee for the establishment of a European Program of Orthodontic Education and Specialization. She is Visiting Professor of Orthodontics at the Karolinska University in Sweden, the University of Michigan and the University of St. Louis in the USA. She is a recipient of the Harry Sicher Award of the American Association of Orthodontics for Excellence in Research.

Apart from her scientific contributions, which include two textbooks, three manuals and over 100 scientific articles on orthodontics, she has been very active outside of the profession as a member of the Council of many Greek Non-Governmental Organizations. In recognition of her many achievements and contributions to society, Dr. Meropi Spyropoulos was elected as Honorary Member of the Greek Parliament.

For over 10 years she has performed a regular, weekly broadcasting hour, on a voluntary basis and is a collaborator in numerous courses addressed to parents, organized under

the auspices of the Greek Church, in Athens, Piraeus and other cities. Articles of hers concerning educational, social and behavioral matters appear often in the lay newspapers. She has been invited to lecture on topics related to problems of adolescents, young parents and lonely people in contemporary societies.

She is the author of four books of essays under the titles: *Woman is the Source* is about love, companionship, family solidarity and the role that women can play in everyday life.



Dr. Spyropoulos with her graduating orthodontic residents

Exercise of Responsibility discusses what is meant by culture, how it can be transmitted to younger generations, and the problems in the system of Higher Education in Greece.

In the Land of the Great River is a narration about the life of the Greek Community in Egypt, during the years of the flourishing cosmopolitan Alexandria.

Is Family in Time Zero? With her long experience working with children and teaching parents, this book covers problems experienced by contemporary families, such as loneliness of children, the effects of television, the implications of divorce, and the paramount role of the father in the family.

ICDigest is honored to bring to the attention of our readers this outstanding professional who epitomizes the core values of the International College of Dentists.



Dr. Frans Kroon Secretary General of the ICD European Section Reviews the Events and Activities of 2007

52nd Annual Meeting, Cardiff, Wales

A report of the very successful 52nd Annual Meeting of the European Section held in Cardiff, Wales, in June 2007 under the Presidency of Dr. Phillip Dowell is available on pages 7-11 of the ICDigest. The European Section is very grateful to Dr. Dowell and his Organizing Committee for running such an outstanding meeting.

Change of Officers and New Election Results

President Phillip Dowell passed the gavel of the Presidency on to Dr. Aris-Petros Tripodakis, Treasurer Rudy Landman and Editor Cecil Linehan both stepped down. On behalf of the Board of Regents, Past President Joe Lemasney praised and thanked Dr. Linehan for her fine work for the Section. He felt all of us could be proud of her work that has been mentioned many times as an example for the College at Large. President Phillip Dowell, supported by the Board, thanked Dr. Landman for his fine and accurate work as Treasurer.

New Regents appointed during the last year are: Benelux: Dr. Walter van Driel (Netherlands) and Portugal: Dr. Gil Alves Alcoforado

New Vice Regents are: Benelux: Dr. Patrick Adriaens (Belgium), France: Dr. Jean Louis Portugal, Italy: Dr. Mauro Labanca, Latvia: Dr. Egita Senekola and Ireland: Dr. Frank Shields (former Regent).

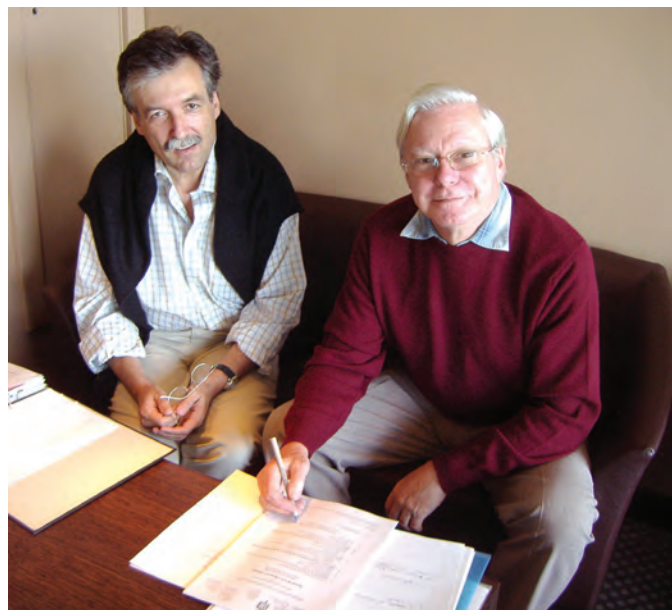
Dr. Argyrios Pissiotis, Regent from Greece and Cyprus has been appointed Deputy Secretary General. It is anticipated that in 2009 when the current Secretary General and Section Vice President Dr. Frans Kroon, becomes President, Dr. Pissiotis, with the approval of the Board of Regents, will become the next Secretary General. Dr. Peter Brandstätter, Regent from Austria, was elected to take on the role of Vice President of the Section following the Annual Meeting this summer in Athens.

International Council Meeting in Mexico City November 1-2, 2007

From the European Section the International Council meeting was attended by the three Councilmen: Drs. Joe Lemasney,

Peter Kotschy and Frans Kroon as well as by the IPP-ICD-Europe: Dr. Phillip Dowell.

The meeting was held in the Nikko Hotel in Mexico City, well located and in three minutes walking distance from the building in which the Mexican Section had organized a reception-gathering on the Thursday night and the Induction of new fellows, followed by a Gala dinner on the Friday night. The council meeting was well prepared and efficiently led by President Don Johnson. A full report on the meeting is available on the Section website's Secretary General's Page.



Foundation trustees Drs. Phillip Hediger and David Glynn review their report to the Board

Philip Dear Foundation Report

There has been steady progress this year in the Ukraine. The Section supported two speakers at their successful Congress in Odessa: Dr. Jan van Hove (Netherlands), presently European Section Treasurer gave a Master Class on Periodontology, and Dr. Lisa Papagiannoulis of Greece, currently President of the International Association of Pediatric Dentists. The participation of the ICD was much appreciated. We have hopes for an association with the 'Long Distance Education' services pioneered by FICD Dr. Pat Reynolds.

A request for financial assistance for undergraduate education at the School in Odessa was denied. This decision followed a long discussion at the Board of Regents in Cardiff where it was decided not to get involved in undergraduate education. The grant application for a sterilization unit from Dr. Paul Becker was approved. Several additional requests for grants that have been received are being evaluated for presentation at the Athens's meeting of the Board.

Eastern European Affairs

With the induction in Cardiff of seven new fellows from Eastern Europe, the Section now has a total of fourteen fellows from Eastern Europe and continues its aim, albeit slowly, of extending fellowship to more dentists in the East of the continent. Dr. Paul Becker reported on the Section's participation in Continuing Dental

Education at the Medical Academy of Sciences of Odessa and concluded his report by thanking the Board of Regents for their support.

District Meetings

The following Districts held meetings since the last SG Report; Austria, Germany, Greece, the Benelux Countries, (Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands), England-Scotland-Wales, Ireland, Austria, Italy and Switzerland. Israel-Malta District continues with the Student Award program.

Communications

The website was updated on a regular basis. The ICDigest was sent to all fellows in the European Section and International Councillors in April 2007; the 2008 edition is anticipated early in 2008.

E-Newsletters were sent to all European fellows and Councillors, in October 2006 and May 2007. The new ICD Eurogram was sent August and November 2007.

Board of Regents meets in Cardiff and Rome

The Board of Regents meeting which includes the officers,

Past Presidents, Immediate Past Officers, District Regents, Vice Regents, International Councillors and committee chairs, is the biannual gathering of the Section's leadership where important decisions are made affecting the Section and its fellows. Additionally, discussions are held on issues of significance to the Section as well as the receipt of reports from committee chairs and officers. Minutes of the meeting are available in the member's only section on the website.



The 2007 Board of Regents in session

The Board of Regents held two busy meetings during the year 2007. The first took place in conjunction with the Annual Meeting in Cardiff where ICD Officers at Large President Don Johnson and Editor Jack Hinterman participated. While the winter meeting usually alternates between London and Paris, the 2007 winter meeting took place on December 1st in Rome, Italy at the invitation of President Aris-Petros

Tripodakis, who practices part-time in Rome.

In this period the following Fellows passed away:

Dr. D.F. Veldkamp, The Netherlands

Dr. John Zamet and Dr. Kevin Gargan, The UK

Dr. Heners and Dr. Schreiber, Germany

Dr. Jadwiga Lieb Skowron, Austria

Dr. Gerry Meehan, Ireland

Forthcoming Annual Meetings

53rd Annual Meeting June 1st -15th 2008 - Athens, Greece under the Presidency of Dr. Aris-Petros Tripodakis, former Regent for Greece and Cyprus.

54th Annual Meeting June 25th - 27th 2009 - Lisbon, Portugal under the Presidency of Dr. Antonio Tavares, former Regent for Portugal.

55th Annual Meeting June 12th- 15th 2010 Maastricht, The Netherlands, under the Presidency of Dr. Frans Kroon, former Regent for the Benelux and Secretary-General of the European Section.

News From The Districts

News regarding the Districts is usually submitted through the District Regents or Vice Regents; however readers are encouraged to send items of interest regarding fellows' achievements, appointments and awards directly to editor@icd-europe.com.



Austrian fellows and guests at the Annual District meeting

DISTRICT 1 - AUSTRIA

On March 2007, the Austrian Fellows held their Annual District Meeting in Vienna. In a relaxed atmosphere, fellows, accompanied by their spouses, had dinner together and enjoyed the company. It was with deepest regret that the Austrian Section of the

ICD has to accept the sad news of **Dr. Jadwiga Lieb Skowron**, our former Vice Regent's passing (See obituary page 37).

At the winter board of regents meeting our regent **Dr. Peter Brandstatter** was nominated to become vice president during the next annual meeting in Athens. We congratulate Peter and look forward to hosting the 2011 meeting in Vienna.

DISTRICT 2 - BENELUX

The new fellows installed in Cardiff last June are **Drs. Hilde Declerck, Annelies Kraaijenhagen-Oostinga and Berry Verlinden**. Bearing in mind that the gathering in Cardiff attracted 12 Benelux members, we can say that it was a success.

Our active fellows serve as excellent examples of the ICD motto "recognizing service and the opportunity to serve". In addition to their patient treatment, the Benelux fellows have published a significant number of articles, held lectures, given workshops and organized congresses. After finishing his specialist degree, **Dr. Peter Wetselaar** attained his Master of Science in Kinesiology. In addition to working in his own practice, he now also works as a specialist at various institutes in the area of cranio mandibular disorders. **Dr. Ransom Altman** was knighted for his general merits in dentistry.

On November 15, the annual gathering of the ICD-Benelux district was held in the Academic Fellowship Eindhoven with 26 fellows and three guests in attendance. The Chair was new Regent **Dr. Walter van Driel**. Before the start of the 'Challenge to Chance' meeting, we enjoyed an afternoon in the modern museum 'Van Abbemuseum'. During the

meeting, three potential fellows were introduced. It was their first opportunity for us to meet with them and they introduced themselves by giving various interesting presentations. There was also a wonderful DVD-presentation by **Dr. Aris-Petros Tripodakis** and his team about the 53rd Anniversary next year. In addition, the Vice President, **Dr. Frans Kroon** presented his plans for the 55th Annual Meeting in 2010. After a lively discussion, all agreed that in the future fellows' average age should be lowered and that they be partnered with mentors to guide them. The gathering ended with a pleasant dinner.

DISTRICT 4 - UK

The autumn meeting of the England, Wales & Scotland region was held on Saturday 13 October at the prestigious Royal Automobile Club in Pall Mall, London. Twenty eight Fellows and their guests met at 7 pm for pre-dinner drinks, a lower turnout than usual, possibly related to the fact that there was a very important rugby match being played between England and Australia (semi-final) at 8 p.m. that same evening. Nevertheless the food and wine were excellent and the company and general bonhomie first class.

Regent **Dr. Phillip Dowell** made regular announcements of the score (there was a big screen television near at hand) and fellows and their guests were given special dispensation to adjourn for the last 10 minutes of the match. In his after-dinner speech, Prof. Dowell paid tribute to his local organizing committee for the Cardiff meeting, including Anne Hallowes and **Drs. Stephen Hancocks, Mike Hill and Mark Wright**, all of whom were present at the dinner. He also thanked his wife Sheila for her help and support. In conclusion, he reminded all present of the wonderful opportunity to see and feel the warmth of the welcome to Athens by the new President Dr. Aris Petros Tripodakis. The program looks very exciting and we would like to see a large contingent from the region.

Dr. John Zamet who passed away last summer (see obituary page 37) was awarded posthumously his Ph.D. at an awards ceremony on 7th September 2007 at Oxford Brookes University. Dr. Zamet's wife Susan accepted the honor accompanied by her daughter Kate, son Richard, John's brother Jeffrey and his supervisor Professor Paul Weindling.



Fellow Prof. Nicole Arweiler with Regent Dr. Wolfgang Bockelbrink

DISTRICT 6 - GERMANY

The German fellows of the ICD had their annual meeting on Nov. 9 and 10 in Munich. Early snow storms this year and the influenza virus hindered quite a

few fellows from coming to Munich. Nevertheless, it was a wonderful get-together and Friday night dinner. We were looking forward to having **Prof. Pat Reynolds**, ICD fellow from London, with us to discuss the ICD sponsored E-learning project. Unfortunately, she couldn't make it due to flight and train schedules.

On Saturday the group was a guest of the Munich Dental School. After renovations it is probably one of the world's most modern and best equipped schools. The group enjoyed an impressive guided tour of the clinic. Fellow **Dr. Holger Dennhardt**, specialist in Endodontics, gave an exciting presentation of the state of the art and presented special cases of trouble shooting. Fellow **Prof. Nicole Arweiler**, periodontist at Freiburg University, presented the lecture: "Management of the Biofilm". It was a state of the art presentation of plaque- fighting. The German ICD Group had a great social and scientific meeting.

DISTRICT 7 - GREECE and CYPRUS

The annual meeting of the Region of Greece and Cyprus



Left to right: Prof. Peter Neff, Prof. Zachos Matzavinos, Prof. Nikolaos Spyropoulos, Mrs. A. Angelopoulos and Prof. Angelos Angelopoulos. In the rear Dr. L. Nikolaidis from Cyprus can be seen.

was held on Monday 5, November 2007 on the premises of the restored building "Kostis Palamas" which houses the faculty club of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. Twenty six fellows were present along with their spouses and they enjoyed a beautiful evening of fellowship and friendship. Our special guest was the renowned **Prof. Peter Neff** from the USA, a Fellow of both the American and the International College of Dentists. After welcoming drinks, the evening started with a short address by the Regent of Greece and Cyprus, **Dr. Argirios Pissiotis**, introducing the newly inducted fellows to the rest of the party and giving some up-to-date information about the College's recent activities. Following him, our President of the European Section of the ICD, **Dr. Aris-Petros Tripodakis** took the podium and presented the Scientific and the Social Program prepared by his organizing Committee of the 53rd Meeting of the European Section of the International College of Dentists, in Athens from the 11th to 14th of June 2008 through the beautiful video presentation which was shown in Cardiff last June. Both programs were received with overwhelming enthusiasm by the fellows and their spouses. Our evening guest lecturer, Life Member of the ICD, **Prof. Meropi Spyropoulos** was next to the podium. She gave an excellent 15 minute presentation entitled "The Communication Between Doctor and Patient" which was unanimously appreciated by the audience. The evening entertainment included a delicious four course dinner served in the private function hall of the "Kostis Palamas" buildings, leaving everyone present with the feeling of an excellent evening with their ICD fellows.

DISTRICT 8 - IRELAND

The annual gathering of Irish members and partners took place on 24 November 2007 at the Royal Irish Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin on 24 November 2007. There was a good turn out of 36 people, who enjoyed a tasty Christmas dinner in the spacious downstairs restaurant.

Irish Regent **Dr. Tom Feeney** gave a 'state of the nation' speech after dinner. He initially welcomed the three new fellows who were inducted in Cardiff in June of this year and gave apologies for **Dr. Piret Vali** who was planning to come from Tallinn for the function but couldn't make it at this time of the year. The Irish District sponsored the induction of Dr. Vali in June.

Dr. Feeney then informed members that there would be two candidates proposed for induction in Athens next year: **Dr. Jerome Mullane** from Newcastle West in Limerick, a General Dentist who has performed much public and professional service over the years and **Dr. Frank Houston** from Dublin, a Senior Lecturer/Consultant at the Dublin Dental School who has been a great friend to students both undergraduate and postgraduate alike for many years. Dr. Feeney went on to describe the exciting programme, both clinical and social, being planned for Athens next year and exhorted fellows to conclude their bookings in good time.

Dr. Feeney then proceeded to acknowledge the contribution of **Dr. Cecil Linehan** to the college over the years and to describe how, at the Cardiff Meeting, Dr. Linehan completed her term of office as Editor of the European Section, having served with great distinction since 2001. She has now taken on a new role as editor of the electronic newsletter *The College Today*. The first edition was circulated by e-mail some weeks ago. Dr. Linehan then went on to give details of the Philip Dear Foundation and the importance of raising finances for it.

Finally, **Dr. Joseph Lemasney**, a man who has represented the College with distinction at many levels over the years, and who has just returned from a trip to Mexico where he attended the International Board Meeting as one of 3 European Representatives, gave details of the trip and of the meeting's proceedings.

DISTRICT 9 - ISRAEL and MALTA

Fellows continue to support the District's Student Award, presented annually to the graduating students in the district's dental schools as well as in Riga, Latvia, who best exemplify the core values of the College (story on page 25). **Dr. Egita Senekola** was appointed under the auspices of the Israel-Malta district as Vice Regent to care for the Latvian fellows. We congratulate her on this office and look forward to enhanced ICD activity in Latvia. **Dr. Avi Zini** was appointed to the District nominating committee for the recruitment and recommendation of new fellows.

Our Regent **Dr. Sheldon Dov Sydney** became Editor of the European section. We wish him all the best. He was

also appointed chairman of the 2010 Israel-Baltic Health Sciences exposition to be held in Riga Latvia.

DISTRICT 10 - ITALY

Every year in Rome the Congress of Collegio dei Docenti in Odontoiatria takes place; this is the meeting where all the academicians come together in order to define common interests and objectives. Traditionally, we take this annual opportunity to arrange the meeting for the Italian ICD section. Also this year we met in late summer at the very prestigious location of the Reale Circolo Canottieri Tevere Remo in Lungotevere.

The annual meeting of the Italian district was organized by our regent **Dr. Corrado Paganelli** and Vice Regent **Dr. Mauro Labanca** and as usual we asked for a confirmation and formal dress. In a warm atmosphere, a large number of fellows were present and made to feel a part of the College. They were encouraged to participate in common future projects. The main topics were: future objectives, how to increase involvement, and how to increase future scientific presentations. New fellows for the ICD were introduced in Cardiff and some other new fellows for Athens. Developing strategies of the College, Philip Dear Foundation, Ethiopian Dental School and the Odessa project were also discussed. The memorable evening left everyone with a desire for future gatherings.

DISTRICT 11 - PORTUGAL

We are happy to have **Dr. Gil Alves Alcoforado** as our new regent who has been quite active working with our President Elect **Dr. Antonio Tavares** in preparation for the 2009 meeting in Lisbon. The district looks forward to welcoming all fellows to an exciting event and we have a unique meeting planned for next year. Many FICD's remember well the 1992 meeting, held in Villamoura in the Algarve, when **Dr. Gil Alcoforado (Senior)** was President.

DISTRICT 12 - SPAIN

Regent and former ICD European President **Dr. Jaime Gil** was elected President of the International College of Prosthodontics and will serve as Chair of the organizing committee for the European Academy of Esthetic Dentistry meeting in Madrid entitled "Esthetic Kaleidoscope" June 27-28, 2008.

Dr. Ronald (Ron) Cullen



Dr. Ronald Cullen qualified in dentistry in Sydney University, Australia and later traveled to Chicago's Northwestern University. In 1969, he returned to his native country to gain his fellowship in the royal Australasia College of Dental Surgeons. Ron's wanderlust brought him to the UK where he established a thriving practice on London's Harley Street. A pioneer in the field of implantology, Ron designed innovative implant prototypes. He was an old - fashioned gentleman with a great sense of right and wrong; he was generous to a fault and never refused a patient who could not afford his services. Ron was a sought after lecturer worldwide. Enormously proud of his fellowship in the European section, he was rarely seen without the ICD key hanging from his lapel. With his devoted wife Betty, they regularly attended annual College meetings until limited by Parkinson's disease.

Ron's prize-winning garden was close to his heart. In fact, he once remarked that gardening was his profession and dentistry his hobby! Ron died on the July 23, 2007 at the age of 78. Our sympathies are with his widow, son and their families as they mourn the loss of a worthy fellow of the ICD.

Dame Margaret Seward

Dr. Jadwiga Lieb Skowron



It is with the deepest regret that the Austrian Section of the ICD learned the sad news of Dr. Jadwiga Lieb Skowron's passing. At the age of 25, Dr. Lieb came to Austria, studied at Vienna University, and graduated as MD and DMD. She always gave the best possible treatment to her patients in her private practice. She earned special merits in the prosthetic rehabilitation of tumor patients. Everybody who came into contact with her observed how warmhearted and helpful she was. Her humor and zest for life encouraged us all.

Deputy Regent of the ICD in Austria since 2005, her invaluable help and advice was always available for the Austrian Section of the ICD and will be remembered. We express our condolences to her partner Dietmar and her family.

We will all miss her.

Dr. Peter Brandstätter

Dr. John Saville Zamet



John Zamet was a champion of Periodontology in the UK. He was a gifted lecturer, and a charismatic and kind teacher who was much admired by his students. Always willing to help an individual or a worthy cause, his smiling and apparently relaxed manner belied a burning passion for perfection. John Zamet qualified at the Royal Dental Hospital and in 1958 obtained his fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons and later a post-graduate Fellowship at the University of Philadelphia under Dr. Walter Cohen. He was a Senior Lecturer at the Royal Dental Hospital and later Honorary Consultant in the Department of Periodontology at the Eastman Institute. He was instrumental in the establishment of the GDC Specialist Register in Periodontology and served as Past President of the British Society of Periodontology. He became a Fellow of the ICD in 1968.

John Zamet was both the first and twenty-fifth Chairman of the London Chapter of the Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity. In 2001, he reluctantly retired from active dentistry. Always seeking a challenge, he completed an MA in Holocaust Studies and in 2007 his PhD from Oxford Brookes for a thesis on German and Austrian Refugee Dentists. He is survived by his wife Susan, son Richard, daughter Kate and one grandson.

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