

The induction ceremony of district 10 of the ICD European section took place on Saturday 17 July 2021 at the Hyatt Hotel in Milan. The event started with an informal lunch where Registrar and Italian Regent Mauro Labanca introduced the 10 candidates to ICD Fellows, in order to allow them to break the ice and socialize with the presents in an atmosphere of brotherhood and sharing. To have a sited lunch with 42 people from all the regions of Italy was itself a huge success and an emotion perceived by all the presents, waiting too long to be back to this “normal” moments of life.

Then we moved to a congress hall where, following the traditional College protocol, the real induction ceremony with a black tie dress code began. We did not forget to commemorate fellows that passed away during this last horrible period of our lives. It is nice to describe the induction using the words written to me by one of our inductees:

“Entering this room on the notes of the official ICD anthem was an emotion that will hardly fade from my memory.

The words of Mauro Labanca as well as the video messages from President Gil Alcoforado and Elected President Walter van Driel made us understand what are the objectives and values that a fellow must possess and seek to become part of this prestigious College.

Then our moment arrived with a presentation of a few minutes by our presenter who highlighted the merits and qualities for which our applications were accepted. Finally the proclamation, a very emotional moment that I will always remember associated with the sentence: **“I Declare You as Fellow of the International College of Dentists and extend the right hand of Fellowship!”**

I think that the inside feeling expressed by an inductee is the best way to describe the atmosphere we breath during the day.

At the end, a very relaxed cocktail on the rooftop of the hotel and an informal dinner was the best way to conclude a very emotional and unforgettable day.

Getting from all the promise to be present to next meeting of the Italian district that will take place in Florence next 18 of September.