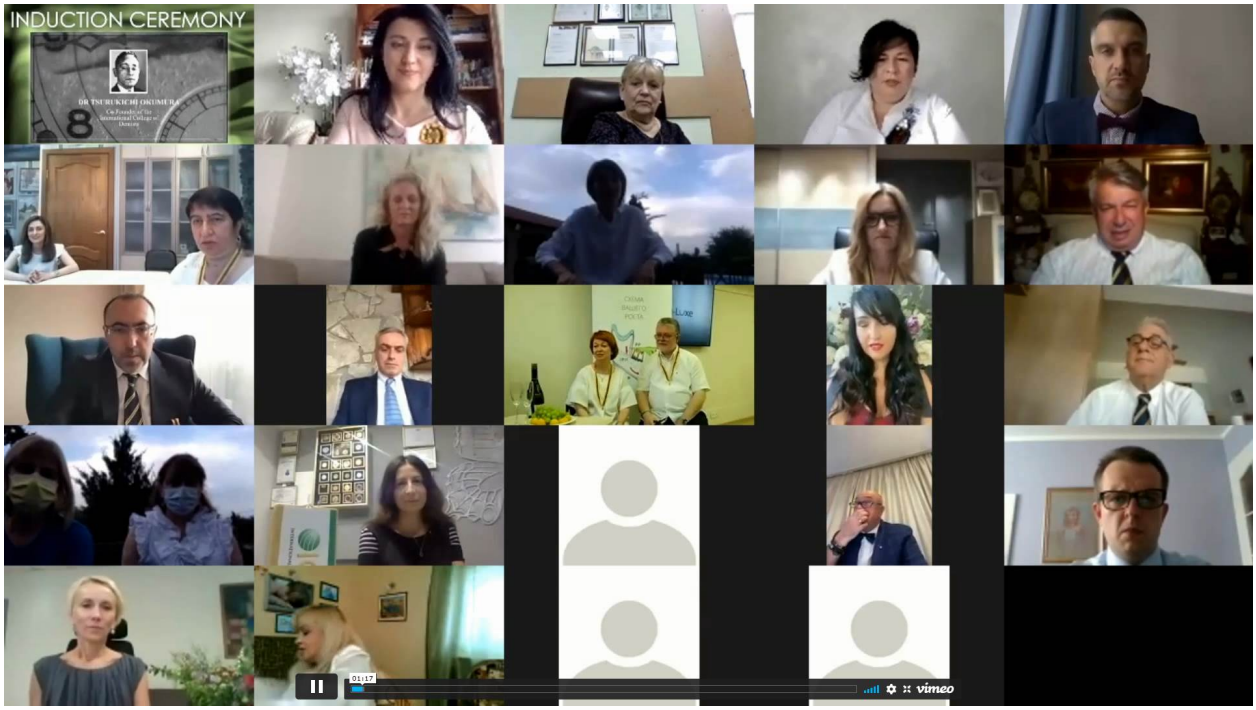
Virtual Induction Ceremony of District 15, Central & Northern Europe

Last Saturday, June 26, when the postponed Induction Ceremony was to take place in Porto, such a District 15 Ceremony took place online live because of the pandemic. The decision to admit new ICD fellows to our district is more than acceptable, primarily because the District includes 12 countries and is geographically the largest district in the European Section.



The Induction Ceremony program was built on established traditions, and we tried to recreate the atmosphere of celebration and festivity, as is the case at such an annual event in the European section. For the Ceremony within the district, the powers of the President were delegated to the Regent, and the Regent delegated his functions to nominate candidates to the Vice-Regents accordingly, thus the admission procedure remained traditional.

At the beginning of the Ceremony, we addressed the 100-year history of the International College of Dentists and the mission that our community is pursuing around the world…

The appearance of the Vice-Regents and Inductees on the virtual stage were to the tune of the ICD Anthem, written by Professor Mauro Labanca, welcomed by Professor Gil Alcoforado, President of the European section of the ICD, and read the Pledge of the Candidates by Professor Walter van Driel, President-Elect.

Then the sacred phrase "… I Declare You as Fellow of the International College of Dentists and extend the right hand of Fellowship!" sounded 11 times for candidates from 6 countries!

At the end of the Ceremony, the famous violinist Yuri Kyrychenko performed, playing "Storm" to Vivaldi, which fully corresponded to the storm passions that raged in our hearts and minds!

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After the Induction Ceremony in free communication with a glass of champagne, all those present expressed hope for an offline meeting next year in Porto, and for now it looks like it will take place… See you all in Porto!

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