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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

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AN UPDATE OF RECENT EVENTS: NEW ICD REGIONS FORMED

QUICKLY OUT OF THE GATE The New Year 2012 is off to a strong start. President Garry Lunn has appointed committees and assigned their duties. New initiatives are already underway in the areas of Bylaws, Communications, and Projects. Garry will lead the Executive Committee through a busy agenda during its meeting in March in Vancouver, B.C. before beginning world travels that start with visits to Sections in the Pacific Rim. President Lunn's interest and expertise in communications is evident from his messages and initiatives on the ICD website and Facebook.

GREAT NEWS FROM SECTION XX

Region 34 West Africa became ICD's first Chartered Region on the African continent during Induction Ceremonies for 35 New Fellows from Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya, and Cameroon. Secretary General Hinterman (USA) presided during the January 21st festivities in Accra, Ghana along with Councilor Christopher Ogunsalu (Jamaica) who has been the ICD mentor for the Africans. Dr. Gbemisola Agbelusi of Lagos, Nigeria was appointed Councilor Designate for Africa. Dr. Ebenezer Nyako of Accra, Ghana will be Regent and Dr. Ambrose Obiechina of Nigeria will be Vice Regent. Over 150 guests celebrated both the new Region and the new African Fellows during a joyous reception that followed featuring African cultural music and performers. Past President Manfred Seidemann also acted as mentor to Africa by keeping the project on schedule, creating a West Africa Fellowship Orientation Program and designing a decorative Charter document for the new Region.



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Region 39 Kazakhstan The table has been set by College Vice President Woong Yang (Korea) for the February 3, 2012 Charter Granting and Induction Ceremony for 17 new ICD Fellows in Almaty, Kazakhstan. Despite heavy burdens presented by geography, finances and language, the arrangements are in place. Fellowship Certificates, Keys, flags, pins, the Official Charter and robes have been sent halfway around the world from Rockville, Maryland, USA for the event. In addition to serving as ICD mentor for this new Region, Fellow Yang is also making this historic Fellowship event possible by providing total financial support.

Region 31 Viet Nam Past President Manfred Seidemann, acting as mentor for the revitalization of ICD Viet Nam has received news that former ICD leaders will hold Reinsertion and Induction Ceremonies on April 6, 2012, in Ho Chi Minh City. Dr. Hoang Trong Hung, Assistant Dean for International Affairs, Faculty of Odontostomatology will once again serve as Regent. Secretary General Hinterman is now assessing their local plans and preparations before making his own final plans to travel to Viet Nam and officiate at what could begin a wonderful chapter in ICD history.

2011 END of YEAR Financial Results The College at Large experienced an improved financial performance in recovery of the deficit which was carried over from 2010. Kudos are extended to Treasurer Clive Ross (New Zealand) for instituting needed accounting initiatives and setting our financial matters on a correct course for the future. The addition of the new Regions mentioned above should also improve our financial picture in time.

FACTOR OF FOUR By mid-December the College At Large had terminated all enrollment with Factor of Four, the Minneapolis based company who has been our long time web site host and developer of data base management systems.

ICD Website Editor Dov Sydney directed the nearly seamless transition which saw our website hosting services moved over to The Ardent Company of Ireland. We have recently received an update on web site changes and improvements from Editor Sydney. What he didn't tell you is that the move also saves us several thousands of dollars, \$8,000 in 2012 alone. Visit www.icd.org to view new design and function features already incorporated with more planned in the future.

DATA Base Project Secretary General Hinterman directed Factor of Four to cease all further development of our new data base management system which they have been working on for several years. Going forward, Editor Sydney will manage our website and the Information Technology Committee, Councilor Joe Kenneally, Chairman, will continue with efforts to upgrade our existing data base management system.

THE OFFICE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL While designing new stationary for 2012 and incorporating the new ICD logo, it was decided that a different title than "Central Office" would be beneficial when displayed with the Rockville address. The primary goal of making a change is to reduce the confusion between the CAL Central Office with the Central Office of the USA Section which is also located in Rockville. Also, The International Council's role in ICD governance is presently not well recognized by Fellows. Thus the title "Office of The International Council" is now being used on official ICD stationary and on other suitable occasions.

IN OTHER NEWS

The Los Cabos Continuing Education Seminar is scheduled for February 12-19, 2012, in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. With ten persons attending it will not reach its goal of producing significant non dues revenue for College publications. However those attending will benefit from a quality ICD program and the experience gained from this first CAL Continuing Education Initiative of its kind will contribute to future success.

Diamond Sponsors Councilor Phillip Dowell (Wales), Chairperson of the Projects Committee, is looking for a few international companies of repute who would like to form a symbiotic relationship with the International College of Dentists. Limited in number to ten, they will become fundamental supporters of the goals, objectives

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and vision of The College. For a significant contribution to the funding of ICD publications and projects, they will receive the distinction of “Diamond Sponsor” and valuable opportunities for visible linkage to ICD. All members of the International Council are asked to approach potential Diamond Sponsors now in order to meet the April roll out of the campaign. Details available: phillip.dowell@btopenworld.com

Publication Schedule Editor Dov Sydney is driving the all new..... The Globe 2012..... towards an earliest ever release in March. The early page proofs are out and it is gorgeous to look at and fascinating to read! An all new....The College Today.....will appear in April and highlights will include the Africa Induction and the Diamond Sponsor campaign.

Congratulations to ICD Section IX Philippines and Section XIV Myanmar who have conducted early Induction ceremonies in January. President Garry Lunn has requested them to post some photographs on ICD's Facebook so that Fellows around the world can also enjoy these special occasions. Let this be the pattern.....all Sections and Regions are encouraged to use the ICD Facebook page to keep our ICD worldwide community up to date with local events.

In Fellowship,



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