

International College of Dentists

“RECOGNIZING SERVICE AND
THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE”

USA Section

Honoring our colleagues...



...Commitment to our
profession



HONOR

The **International College of Dentists** is the pre-eminent honorary organization of the world's outstanding dentists who have, by their actions, demonstrated an abiding interest and concern for the dental profession.

One of the most significant events in a dentist's career is being recognized as a Fellow of the **International College of Dentists**. Such acceptance signifies that one has brought honor to the dental profession through devoted service and high ethical behavior.

The idea for the College was created in 1920 by Dr. Louis Ottofy with the help of Dr. Tsurukichi Okumura of Japan and incorporated in 1928. Its purpose was to promote cordial relations within the profession and help disseminate scientific information.

The College was formed to advance the science and art of dentistry for the health and welfare of the public, to bring together the world's outstanding members of the dental profession for the exchange of dental knowledge, and to encourage the growth of the profession worldwide.



Fellowship Key, President's Pin and Antique Mallet

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE ICD



-  **Leadership:** Uphold the highest standard of professional competence and personal ethics.
-  **Recognition:** Recognize distinguished service to the profession and the public worldwide.
-  **Humanitarianism:** Foster measures for the prevention and treatment of oral disease by encouraging and supporting humanitarian projects.
-  **Education:** Contribute to the advancement of the profession of dentistry by fostering the growth and diffusion of dental knowledge worldwide.
-  **Professional Relations:** Provide a universal forum for the cultivation of cordial relations within the profession and to assist in preserving the highest perception of the profession.

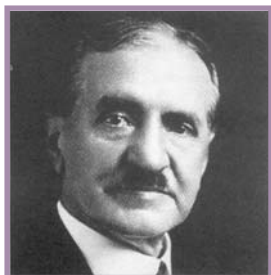
ICD MISSION STATEMENT

The International College of Dentists is a leading honorary dental organization dedicated to the recognition of outstanding professional achievement, meritorious service and the continued progress of the profession of dentistry for the benefit of all humankind.



HISTORY

Where We Came From



Dr. Louis Ottofy



Dr. Tsurukichi Okumura

1920 – Tokyo, Japan

The idea for the **International College of Dentists** was conceived at a farewell party for Louis Ottofy, D.D.S., M.D., LL.D. He was returning to the United States after practicing dentistry for 23 years in the Philippines and Japan. Dr. Tsurukichi Okumura of Japan was in attendance and urged Dr. Ottofy to form an international organization to study the progress of the dental profession and distribute the information to all countries around the world.

1926 – Philadelphia, United States of America

At the sixth International Dental Congress, Dr. Ottofy's Japanese friends reminded him of the promise made several years earlier in Japan. Plans were disclosed for an organization to be composed of leading international dentists. Its purpose would be to promote cordial relations within the profession and help disseminate scientific information.

1927 – Chicago, United States of America

On December 31, 1927, New Year's Eve, the **International College of Dentists** was officially born.

1928 – Chicago, United States of America

Two hundred and fifty Fellows located in 162 different countries, states and provinces accepted Fellowship in the College. The first Fellows were those with international reputations who were active in the Federation Dentaire Internationale.



.....Where We're Going

Fellowship in the ICD

The **International College of Dentists** has an extensive process of screening candidates for acceptance to Fellowship. The following are the selection credentials of candidates:



Must have been active for at least five years in clinical practice, teaching, research or government service.



Must be a member in good standing of their national dental organization, if such exists.



Must be at least thirty years of age and a graduate of a dental school recognized by the College.



Must be recognized as an active contributor to the dental profession and community and be held in high esteem by both for integrity and character.



Must be acceptable to the Board of Regents or governing body of the Section or Region in which he or she resides.

The candidate's qualifications are evaluated by as many as 25 Fellows during the screening process, which results in a very high standard of Fellowship. There are over eleven thousand Fellows. Over 6,500 of these are members of the USA Section. The ICD is highly respected throughout the world. We are the guardians of its dignity and welcome the challenge of living up to its standards in all that we do.





ICD ORGANIZATION

When you become a Fellow, you are a member of a many layered organization. First, you are a Fellow in the world-wide organization of the International College of Dentists. Members are organized into fourteen autonomous Sections and an International Section composed of eighteen Regions.

International College of Dentists' Sections and Regions

Section I	United States of America
Section II	Canada
Section III	Mexico
Section IV	South America
Section V	Europe, Israel
Section VI	India, Sri Lanka
Section VII	Japan
Section VIII	Australasian: Australia, New Zealand, Fiji Islands, Papua, New Guinea, and other Islands of the South Pacific
Section IX	Philippine Islands
Section X	Middle East: Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, all Arab Emirates, Yemen
Section XI	Korea
Section XII	Chinese Taipei
Section XIII	China
Section XIV	Myanmar
Section XX	International Section with 18 Regions

English Caribbean

Region 32	Bermuda, Bahamas, Guyana, French Guiana, Suriname, English-speaking Caribbean Islands
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Spanish Caribbean

Region 21	Central America, Panama, Spanish-speaking Caribbean Islands
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Asian

- Region 22 Hong Kong, Macau
- Region 23 South Asian: Thailand, Laos, Cambodia
- Region 24 South West Asian: Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh
- Region 25 South East Asian: Singapore, Indonesia, Brunei
- Region 30 Iran
- Region 31 Vietnam
- Region 33 Malaysia
- Region 36 Mongolia
- Region 37 Turkey

African

- Region 26 North African: Libya, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia
- Region 27 South African: South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia
- Region 28 Central African
- Region 29 Egypt, Sudan
- Region 34 West African: Cameroon, Nigeria, Ghana
- Region 35 East African: Kenya, Uganda
- Region 38 Tanzania





ICD GOVERNANCE

The International College is administered by an International Council composed of 32 Councilors, five College Officers and three ex-officio members: the Secretary General, the Deputy Secretary General, and the Editor.

The Headquarters of the USA Section of the College is located about a mile from the International Headquarters. USA Fellows contact this office for routine ICD business such as address changes, dues inquiries, etc.

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The USA Section, as the largest Section, has ten International Councilors. There are three International Councilors from Section V Europe, and two each from Section II Canada, Section VI India, and Section VII Japan. Section XX, the International Section is represented by four Councilors, one each from Asia, Africa, English Caribbean and Spanish Caribbean. All remaining Sections are represented by a single International Councilor.

The International Council meets once a year to conduct Council business, alternating between a site held in conjunction with the American Dental Association Annual Session and an international site, generally held in conjunction with the annual session of the host Section's national dental organization.



USA SECTION ORGANIZATION



The new Fellow is usually inducted at a Convocation held annually in his or her home country. The USA Section holds its Convocation just prior to the Annual Session of the American Dental Association. Approximately 250 new Fellows are inducted each year in the USA Section. They can, however, choose to be inducted at any other Convocation held worldwide, with the approval of the USA Section.

The USA Section is subdivided into Districts. There are presently seventeen Districts in the United States corresponding to the seventeen Trustee Districts of the American Dental Association.



**Map of
USA Section
Districts**



USA SECTION GOVERNANCE

The USA Section Board of Regents is made up of 17 Regents and six Officers. To help with the duties of each Regency, the Regent has a Vice Regent and one or more Deputy Regents. There is usually one Deputy Regent per state, but some of the larger states have more than one Deputy Regent.

The Board of Regents meets twice a year, once just prior to the Annual Convocation held in the fall in conjunction with the ADA Annual Session, and again in the spring, sometimes in conjunction with the Joint Professional Growth and Fellowship Programs (programs sponsored by the ICD USA Section and the ICD USA Section Foundation). The Joint Professional Growth Fellowship Programs are generally held in scenic or historical sites, giving Fellows and their families an opportunity for social activities as well as educational enrichment.

LOCAL CHAPTERS

Every member of the USA Section is also a member of a constituent chapter, generally a single state. Many larger states are divided into several smaller component chapters. Most state organizations have meetings, activities, and projects that are closely linked with that state's dental association's functions.

The local chapter is headed by a Deputy Regent who is appointed by the District Regent. The Deputy Regent must possess many important qualities, including leadership, stature in the state and community, and an ability and willingness to work closely with colleagues, state officers and the Regent. Many think of the Deputy Regent as "The Key to the College"; he or she is considered the heartbeat of the ICD, providing the building blocks for the growth and advancement of the College.

The Deputy Regent may be responsible for finding dependable, talented appointees to serve as the Editor and as members of the Screening Committee. He or she may also be responsible for recruitment, local fellowship, and local projects that include scholarships for dental, dental hygiene, and dental assistant training schools.

USA SECTION PROJECTS



Our projects had their start in 1961 when the USA Section had accumulated sufficient reserve funds to enable it to embark on USA Section projects proposed by the Board of Regents. Proposed projects to benefit the Section's membership, the College, the profession and the dental health of all people were studied to determine their purposes and financial feasibility.

Dental Journalism Seminar

The Section jointly sponsors, together with the American Association of Dental Editors, a seminar that provides continuing education for dental editors in the areas of writing, editorial leadership, layout and design, publication management, and communications. The seminar encourages the continuous improvement of dental publications and journalism.

Dental Journalism Awards

Each year this program recognizes outstanding dental journalism by editors. The recipient of an award need not be a dentist. These awards encourage improvement in content, style, format and quality of dental publications. The categories include: Silver Scroll, for showing the most improvement; Platinum Pencil, for the best use of graphics; Golden Pen, for an article or series of articles of interest to the profession; Leadership, for an article or editorial on Leadership; Special Citation, for an unusual concept and/or presentation; Newsletter; and Outstanding cover.

Great Expectations... Mentoring Professionalism

As a profession, dentistry enjoys the respect, confidence and trust of the public. That trust dictates that the dentist conducts himself or herself in a professional and ethical manner in all dealings with the public, holding the patient's interest above one's own. We believe that highly professional conduct is an attitude learned by example and Influenced by peers that can be nurtured and matured during the entire dental school experience.

Great Expectations is a professional mentoring program that calls on that peer influence to help guide the student toward more professional and ethical conduct. At its core the new student is assigned an upper classmate who has already demonstrated strong ethical and professional behavior. The under classmate is also assigned a faculty mentor and a practicing dentist from the local community who will have a growing role in the student's development as the



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student progresses toward graduation. The intent is to create a trusting and collegial atmosphere for the maturing professional, thereby teaching professionalism and ethical behavior by example rather than didactics.

Outstanding Leaders in Dentistry

The ICD has produced an audio-visual series of Outstanding Leaders in Dentistry reviewing their accomplishments and presenting their views on the dental profession.

Clinicians, researchers, and educators who have contributed significantly to the profession are recognized in these videos. Important events in their lives provide human interest with historical value. The videos touch upon why they chose dentistry as a profession, the factors that influenced the character and timing of their contributions, their views of Dentistry's past and future from their own historical perspective. The tapes are intended for use by professional associations, dental schools, libraries, and those who have a personal interest in the profession.

The Humanitarian Outreach Projects

The USA Section of the ICD helped fund the original Humanitarian Outreach Project, the Vietnam Project. The project is an international effort which has addressed Vietnam's dental needs through the establishment of a specialty training program in public health dentistry at Odonto-Stomatology in Ho Chi Minh City. The program was so successful that it was expanded into Laos and Cambodia. The Section worked with Health Volunteers Overseas, a private non-profit organization committed to improving health care in developing countries through training and education.



Program activities in Vietnam

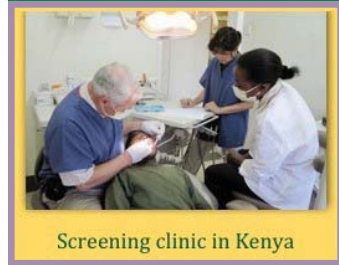
The USA Section approved a grant to help support the development of the Kikuyu Dental Clinic in Kenya. In all of Kenya there were only 700 dentists for a population of 30 million people. The mission was to build a modern dental clinic to serve adults and children. The clinic now provides immediate, comprehensive and preventive services to the general public with special emphasis on the poorest segments of society. Nairobi University Dental School hopes to

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provide clinical educational experiences for graduate students and help provide staffing for the clinic. This project has been a great success.

After becoming aware of a desperate need for dental equipment by Tanzanians serving groups of Burundian and Congolese refugees who live in two camps in northwestern Tanzania, the USA Section supported an effort to purchase this equipment by making a substantial donation through its Humanitarian Outreach Program. The donation was used to replace two manual dental chairs in Kabanga. The upgrade in equipment has allowed for better care for referred cases from the camps.



International Student Exchange Program

The International Student Exchange Program offers U.S. and foreign dental students funded reciprocal travel opportunities for professional and cultural enrichment. **Dr. Richard C. Rice**, a past president of both the College-at-Large and the USA Section, initiated the program in 1990. The first exchange involved students from Case Western Reserve's School of Dentistry and Guy's Hospital Dental School in London. In the true spirit of the mission of the ICD, these exchanges have formed bonds between ICD Fellows around the world, U.S. and foreign dental schools, and future dental colleagues. The feedback on the program has been excellent and all have felt greatly rewarded by their involvement. US dental students have visited dental schools from many countries and those foreign schools have had reciprocal exchanges.

Other Projects

Other USA Section projects include the Visiting Scholar Room at the Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry in Baltimore, Maryland; the Student Leadership Awards; the Hurricane Relief Fund; the Fellowship Orientation Program; Peace Corps Exams, and White Coat Ceremonies. More detailed information on these and other ICD projects can be found on the Section website at www.usa-icd.org.





USA SECTION FOUNDATION

The **ICD USA Section Foundation** was chartered on January 22, 1986, as a non-profit corporation. The Foundation thus opened an important avenue for ICD Fellows to make tax-deductible gifts, donations, bequests and other such contributions to scientific and charitable causes selected and supported by the ICD USA Section. The Foundation significantly adds to the already great stature and work of the ICD.

Professional Growth and Fellowship Programs

This first mission of the Foundation and Professional Growth and Fellowship Programs (formerly known as the Continuing Education Conference [CEC]) continue to be a great success. Each year since 1982, well attended programs have been held in various areas of the United States and presentations have been delivered by distinguished lecturers from regional dental schools.

USA FOUNDATION PROJECTS

The Foundation reflects the innovative spirit of the College and the Fellows who have endowed it. The Foundation has remarkable flexibility because it can respond to a need as it becomes manifest. It can give to a single community or throughout the world based on the wisdom and insight of its Trustees.

In addition, the Foundation has made valuable grants to worthy ICD projects that include:

Haitian Health Foundation

Mission of Mercy

Degenhardt Foundation

USA FOUNDATION PROJECTS Cont...



North-South Dental Health Initiative

USA Section's International Student Exchange Program

National Museum of Dentistry in Baltimore

Student Leadership Awards

Chogoria Hospital Dental Clinic

Distinguished Deputy Regent's Award

Mongolian Dental Health Project

Community Dental Health Project in Cameroon

Thousand Smiles Foundation

Brazilian Dental Clinic

American Association of Dental Editors

Latvian Library Project

Be a Better Leader -



Make a Bigger Difference!

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