

Leadership Initiative Update
The ICD Student Leadership Award
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The USA-ICD Leadership Initiative continues to evolve. Leon Aronson, current USA Section President, initiated this effort and the committee has expanded from Ted Roberson, Gerrit Hagman, and Steve Tonelli to now include Rich Galeone, Christine Benoit, and Marc Smith. Ted Roberson now chairs the committee and encourages anyone to contact him or the committee about ideas relating to leadership.

The Leadership Initiative is making significant progress on many fronts: (1) The College awarded the annual ICD Outstanding Leader in Dentistry Award twice (Dr. Art Dugoni and US Representative Charlie Norwood); (2) A national journalism award (The ICD National Leadership Journalism Award) has been implemented and the first recipient was/will be selected this year; (3) The 2005 ICD summer meeting was held in Minneapolis and consisted entirely of Leadership issues, highlighted by an excellent presentation by Robert Cooper; (4) The College has sponsored the presentation of 6 "White Coat" ceremonies at dental schools, emphasizing the importance of leadership; (5) ICD Convocation speakers emphasize the importance of Leadership in their presentations; and (6) Many other exciting leadership activities have also been implemented, including the annual ICD Student Leadership Award presented at each dental school, which will be described further below.

Also, in order to develop and nurture leadership activities at the district and local levels, ICD Leadership Coordinators have been identified for every state. Christine Benoit (Vice Regent from the First District) will coordinate this effort nationally and Kathleen Bula (in the Central Office) will provide support for not only this program but also the entire Leadership Initiative.

The activity to be highlighted in this WebPage update is the new **ICD Student Leadership Award**. For many years the USA Section of the International College of Dentists sponsored an annual award at each dental school for the graduating student who demonstrated significant achievement during their dental school tenure. Beginning in 2005, this award was changed to reflect an assessment of a graduating student's leadership skills, both as a dental student and potential future contributions. The criteria for the award are determined by each dental school but should consider the following: fourth year dental student; demonstrated leadership in dental student government, dental school class, ASDA, SNDA, research activities, school committees/projects, or

other activities; and demonstration of the potential to continue leadership roles after graduation.

Each school is notified in the Fall about the award and the criteria suggestions. The schools are instructed to provide the recipient's name to the ICD Central Office in a timely manner, so the plaque can be prepared and mailed to the school for the presentation.

We recommend that an ICD Fellow present the award at a ceremony determined by the school using the following as a guide:

“The International College of Dentists is a worldwide honorary organization. One of its objectives is recognition of meritorious service and significant contributions to our profession. In making this particular award, we are honoring a professional who has not only demonstrated conspicuous leadership during his/her student years but has great potential to continue to do so. On behalf of the Officers and Regents of the International College of Dentists, it gives me great pleasure to present the ICD Student Leadership Award to _____”.

The ICD Student Leadership Award was implemented in 2005 and we look forward to its continued use and recognition of dental student leaders.

The Leadership Initiative has many other activities in progress. Other leadership awards are being developed, district newsletters being encouraged, and state and local leadership projects being implemented. This Leadership Webpage site will update the progress periodically.

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