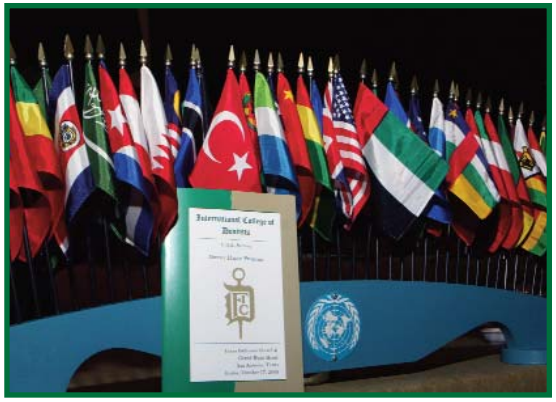
PROJECTS

The USA Section of the ***International College of Dentists*** has many projects, among which are the following:

- The annual *Continuing Education Conference*, a tuition-free program for Fellows held at different locations each year.
- The annual *Dental Journalism Awards* which recognize the achievements of dental publications.
- The *Humanitarian Dental Outreach Program* provides a potential Master's degree in Public Health in countries with inadequate dental care.
- The annual *Student Leadership Award* is given to a senior dental student in every dental school in the USA.
- The *International Dental Student Exchange Program* promotes educational opportunities and friendship among students from the USA and other lands.
- The ICD *Peace Corps Initiative* provides a dental exam and x-rays to Peace Corps applicants without charge.
- An *Audiovisual History Program*, a growing library of taped interviews of world dental leaders, preserving the thoughts and wisdom of these visionaries.
- *ICD on the Web*: this webpage is owned and maintained by the USA Section. ***www.usa-icd.org***
- ***International College of Dentists*** *USA Section Foundation*, an organization which provides support for many Section activities.



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Fellowship: What It Means

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HONOR

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

One of the most significant events of an individual's career is being recognized as a Fellow of an organization of professional distinction.

In dentistry, such acceptance indicates that the person has brought credit to the profession through devoted service and high ethical behavior. In return, the profession bestows its highest honor, Fellowship in the ***International College of Dentists***.

ORGANIZATION

The ***International College of Dentists*** was conceived in 1920 by *Dr. Louis Ottofy* of the United States and *Dr. Tsurukich 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 outstanding members of the globe's dental profession, and to encourage a worldwide growth of the profession.

OBJECTIVES

The Objectives of the ***International College of Dentists*** are:

- To advance the art and science of dentistry for the health and welfare of the public internationally.
- To encourage postgraduate study and research in the field of dental science and cognate subjects.
- To endeavor to bring together outstanding members of the dental profession of the world for the purpose of fostering the growth and diffusion of dental knowledge and to encourage an exchange of good will among members of the profession.
- To cultivate and foster cordial relations among those engaged in the profession of dentistry and other health professions.
- To cooperate with dentists and various organizations for the prevention and control of oral disease.
- To preserve and elevate the dignity of the profession by enjoining all members to maintain the highest ethical standards and professional conduct.
- To perpetuate the history of dentistry.
- To recognize conspicuous service to the profession and provide a method of granting Fellowship in the College.

SELECTION

The ***International College of Dentists*** has an extensive screening process. For acceptance to Fellowship a candidate shall:

- Have had a minimum of five years experience in clinical practice, teaching, research or government service.
- Be a member in good standing of his or her national dental organization, if such exists.
- Be at least thirty years of age and a graduate of a dental school recognized by the College.
- Be recognized as an active contributor to his or her profession and community, and be held in high esteem by both for integrity and character.
- Be acceptable to the Board of Regents or governing body of the Section or Region in which he or she resides.

The qualifications of a candidate are evaluated by as many as twenty-five Fellows during the screening process. Approximately four percent of American dentists are offered Fellowship in the ***International College of Dentists***. With 6,400 members in the USA Section and about 4,200 members from other Sections around the world, the College membership totals over 10,600.

The ***International College of Dentists*** is respected throughout the world. We are the guardians of its dignity and welcome the challenge to live up to its standards in all that we do.