

ICD Section XX Asia Report

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Introduction

We have a very busy year in 2014!

The range of activities are classified in the following areas:

1. Formation of ICD Section XX International Committee
2. Revitalization of Region 33 and registration of Region 33 in the Registrar of Society of Malaysia
3. Recruitment of talents from Asia Pacific region to serve ICD Section XX
4. Induction Ceremony
5. Collaboration activities with Region 31 Vietnam
6. Collaboration activities with Region 23 Cambodia
7. Discussion with Nepal Dental Association and Bangladesh Dental Association on forming new a new Region
8. Discussion with the President of Turkish Dental Association on Region 37
9. Brainstorming on the future direction of ICD

1. Formation of ICD Section XX International Committee

The Secretary General of ICD Dr John Hinterman inaugurated the ICD Section XX as well as Region 33 Induction Ceremony as well as the formation of ICD International Committee on 16 January 2014. We inducted 30 Fellows and among them 3 from Region 23 Cambodia and 2 from Region 31 Vietnam and the rest from Region 33.

We had also conferred Emeritus Fellowship Award to Retired Regent Dato' Dr Yim Khai Kee during the Induction ceremony.

We had also presented the President Citation Award to the FDI President Dr Wong Tin Chun. President Wong is not an ICD Fellow, however, she is going to be inducted in India during the FDI World Dental Congress on 10 September 2014.

We have also elected the ICD International Committee for Section XX

2. Revitalization of Region 33 and registration of Region 33 in the Registrar of Society of Malaysia

We have formed a Protemp committee in Region 33 and had submitted to register in the ROS Malaysia as a registered society governed by the law of Malaysia. We have also revised the membership list and update the subscription status.

3. Recruitment of talents from Asia Pacific region to serve ICD Section XX

The talent search is an important ongoing process. ICD needs international talents pooling together to achieve our global vision. We have recruited talents from Cambodia, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, China, Nepal and hopefully this diversity of talents and culture would increase our vibrance.

4. Induction Ceremony

Apart from the Induction ceremony held in Kuala Lumpur, we plan to conduct another Induction in Cambodia and Vietnam. New Fellows are important talent resources to sustain the future of ICD.

5. Collaboration activities with Region 31 Vietnam

Region 31 has been very vibrant and is the star performer in Section XX. We have supported them as Co-organizer for VOSA Conference in Hanoi on 7-9 August 2014 and HOSA Conference in Ho Chi Minh City on 14-17 Nov 2014 as well as Ho Chi Minh University Conference in 1-4 April 2014. Thanks to Regent Dr Ly Duc Lan and Secretary Hoang Trunhung, President Tring Ding Hai of VOSA and President Ngo Dong Khanh of HOSA.

Regent TC Phua, Professor Dr Patrick Tseng and myself are representing ICD speakers to these conference.

6. Collaboration activities with Region 23 Cambodia

Regent Hong Someth had organized a successful Asia Pacific Dental Student Conference in Cambodia on 5-9 August 2014 and ICD was the Co-organizer of this Conference. I was invited as a Speaker for this conference.

7. Discussion with Nepal Dental Association on forming new new Regions

The President of Nepal Dental Association Dr Sudin Shakya is very keen to start up a new Region representing Nepal. At the moment, Nepal is under India. President Sudin hope to start their own Region and induct their own Fellows. As Nepal is under Section VI, we need to seek consent before proceeding with anything concrete. The same goes to Bangladesh and we are still in discussion with them.

8. Discussion with the President of Turkish Dental Association on Region 37

I met up with the President of Turkish Dental Association Professor Taner Yucel and had discussed with him of revitalizing Region 37 Turkey, he is very skeptical but he politely requested me to email him the proposal so that he understands more about ICD.

9. Brainstorming on the future directions of ICD

Councillor Bettie McKaig has done an excellent job by collecting opinions on ways to boost membership and revitalize the ICD.

In Section XX, we too have put in a lot of thoughts in it and would like to share some points with the Council:

- a. There should be a "career pathway" or "ladder of ascension" for the members instead of going straight up to the Fellows. We propose to start from student member, then ordinary member; followed by Induction of Fellow and then the progression to other Honorary conferment. This should be incorporated as a comprehensive system within the ICD machinery.
- b. There should be a clear financial policy as well as budget policy to ensure that visions of ICD is able to carry out smoothly
- c. There should be talent search to call for more Fellows to serve the ICD rather than taking it as a mere honorary awards.
- d. There should be more filtering and screening of credentials before giving out any Awards to prevent abuse as well as preserving the values of our Awards
- e. There should be more activities and KPI attached to each Section and Region to ensure that ICD remains active
- f. There should be establishments of partnership programme with the Industries to secure support and mutual recognition
- g. There should a theme or focus of emphasis each year so that the entire ICD would be working towards the common theme and objective each year.