



ICD Section XX Asia Pacific President
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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 mankind.

The spirit of ICD is about volunteerism through Servant Leadership philosophy. We emphasize in Education and humanitarian service to promote oral health . Through the service of mankind, we hope to promote world oral health and education to the eradication of caries and periodontal disease.

ICD is the world's oldest honorary international organization, we believe in admitting Fellows who have significant contributions for the profession in their respective sectors, namely academy, civil service, military and private sector. Through this exclusive invitation, we are able to provide a universal platform for the cultivation of cordial relations with the profession. We are also able to tap their expertise to foster the growth and diffusion of dental knowledge. Through their service, we are able to recognize their contribution and provide ascending pathway for fellowship progression.

ICD Fellowship FICD is the first of several honors granted by our College. It is our fundamental Honour and also confer fellowship to the organization.

Distinguished Fellowship is the next level of fellowship for those who show exceptional leadership quality and lead the profession through their position.

Fellowship with President's citation is conferred to fellows who has contributed to the College significantly and the President of College specifically single out to commend the contribution.

Life Fellowship is a privilege bestowed on Fellows or Masters who throughout their lives, have served the College.

Honorary Fellowship is conferred by a Section on an individual, other than a Fellow of the College who has rendered conspicuous service to the cause of dental science or contributed to the promotion of the dental profession.

Honorary Membership is an entry level for non dental professional, who subscribe to the value of ICD and is willing to render service for the College to promote oral health education and oral disease eradication for the benefits of mankind

Emeritus Fellowship is restricted to Fellows and Masters who have retired as ICD Council members.

Master Fellowship is a high honour that may be granted to Fellows who have rendered extraordinarily, conspicuous and meritorious service to their Section and College. It must be approved by the International Council and the nomination for this high honour can only be submitted by the Section.

Ottoby-Okumura Award may be granted by a Fellow, District, Region or Section that have exhibited outstanding and significant contributions to the dental profession for the advancement of international understanding and goodwill.

True leaders don't create followers. They create more leaders. ICD believes in creating and nurturing more leaders to spearhead the profession.

Fellows are admitted by invitation only, however, there is an alternative pathway of Ascension to Fellowship through serving the College in the capacity of Young Dentist Membership or Student Membership.

Young Dentist Membership is created recently to encourage them to serve

the College under the guidance of Fellows. They would also be inducted in the Induction Ceremony and would be referred to as MICD. They are to serve the College in various committees and assist in organizing conferences, participation in committee work, undergoing leadership training courses as well as volunteering in humanitarian service. The objective is to cultivate a leadership succession plan as well as to offer an Express pathway to become a Fellow. This Congress is a vivid example where most of the activities are carried out by our dedicated Young Dentist Members and they have shown great talents and passion, this affirms the College philosophy to train future leaders for the profession.

Dental Student Membership is also recently created as the dental student represents the future of Dentistry. Dentistry represents one of the highest entry requirements in university admission. Dental students are dynamic and creative, they are given ample opportunity to attend the ICD congress with huge discounts, participate in scientific research competitions, poster competitions, oral presentation competitions, international attachment programmes etc.

We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give -
Winston Churchill

The oral cavity is part of the body system and is a portal of entry to our body. Oral health and systemic health mirror each other and are inseparable. Sadly there is often insufficient budget allocation to oral health and therefore ICD is shouldering part of this responsibility in calling for the profession to do it together. This must be a concerted and integral effort from the dental as well as non-dental personnel.

ICD governance structure based on the geographical area from District, Region, Section to Global at large. The International Council is represented by the area of representation. They govern the College and shape the direction of the College. The Council is comprised of Board of Regents and EXCO.

There are currently 8 Committees under the Council:

Finance Committee

Science Committee

Fellowship Support & Development Committee

Fellowship Credentialing Committee

Education and International Speaker Recruitment Committee

Dental Practice Development & Ethics Committee

Editorial and Publication Committee

Dental Public Health and Global oral health development and planning Committee

Dental Students activities Development Committee

We invite Fellows and Young Dentist members to serve in the Committee full passion and aspirations. We believe ICD is the best platform to unleash your potential and shine like a star.

Last but not least, I wish to end by inviting you all to join the ICD Asia Pacific Congress from 11-13 March 2016 to witness this grand occasion. We thank our Secretary General Dr John Hinterman for his unwavering support in every aspect. We thank the Malaysian Ministry of Health for their support in this joint collaboration, especially the Minister of Health YB Datuk Dr Subramaniam for his far sightedness in oral health development. As the famous Henry Fords quote says, " Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success"
I wish all of you success in everything you do and let's get together and bring ICD to a greater height.

Yours respectfully ,

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