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Registrar's Report

Gordon Thompson

As members we need to reflect on the collective scope and impact that the International College of Dentists has throughout the world in 122 countries. The impact of the College is even greater when we consider countries where ICD Humanitarian Programs are carried out. And yet we are living in these extraordinary times of a pandemic where many countries are impacted economically much worse than what has happened in Canada. Our professional and personal lives have been impacted directly and/or indirectly. So, as we proceed with integrated levels of optimism and caution, we reflect on the increased importance of the International College as a building block to fill the increased voids for our profession, our colleagues, dentistry students and Canadian and international dental patients who need care. Life is now like a maze where you cannot afford to go down the wrong path. With the pandemic and resulting vaccines, it is difficult to evaluate where society will be over the next months and years. In many ways, we have all "lost some time" which could have been more productive.

The changes to the ICD Canada website have been completed. This required a complete platform change to Wild Apricot which is the most popular management system for small and medium sized Associations, Organizations and Clubs. The ICD Canada Wild Apricot framework includes the website as it has now been integrated with the Wild Apricot Membership Management System. This makes the overall data management totally integrated. Data/Information only has to be entered or changed once rather than utilizing multiple data sets. More information is now readily available to the membership than before and more can be added. The Fellowship nomination form is very accessible for all of us to use to submit nominations of New Fellows. The form has been simplified to make nominations so much easier to generate and process.

ICD Canada Fellows are encouraged to log on as an ICD Canada member to access the website at icdcanada.org. It is the best source of information on such topics as the Governance, Officers, Districts and Regents, Committees and the Constitution and Bylaws. Members can check their membership status and pay their dues 365/24/7 without having to receive an invoice. One can easily review the News and Events along with how to donate to the William J Spence ICD Memorial Foundation and review some of the programs that have been supported by the Foundation. The History of ICD Worldwide, the History of the ICD Tartan and the Canadian Section History and our contributions to ICD Worldwide are documented in the History Section. These are some of the components of the functionality of the new website.

The ICD Canada Virtual Fellowship Ceremony on April 10, 2021 has been the big event for 2020 and 2021. ICD Canada was able to welcome forty New Fellows who were scheduled to convocate last April in Winnipeg. They received their ICD Fellowship In Absentia which is a format that was recently developed by ICD Worldwide. This format became necessary as a Convocation and Gala could not be held in 2020 or 2021.

This is a special time as the International College of Dentists has just celebrated its 100th Anniversary. For most of us, this is the most significant honour that we will receive in our professional career. The significance of ICD has increased as the membership programs, student scholarships at each dental school, and humanitarian programs in Canada and other countries have become more important. It is always so gratifying to see the pictures of the International College flag at dental treatment sites in different countries.

Amongst other things, we are all looking forward to that next in-person Convocation and Gala.

In Fellowship,

Dr. Gordon Thompson,
Registrar, ICD Section II
In some ways it seems like the world stood still as we watched time pass by over the past year or so, as we quarantined, isolated, stayed at home and hopefully for all of you, stayed safe. Just over a year ago, our Centennial ICD Canada Convocation and Gala was scheduled to take place at the iconic Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg in conjunction with the Manitoba Dental Association and the Canadian Dental Association conventions. Sadly, we missed what would have been an amazing event that had been expertly planned by our Registrar, Gordon Thompson, with International College President, Dr. Akira Senda from Japan, scheduled to attend and address our newly convocated Fellows. Each new Fellow was introduced by President Elect Scherle, and their lapel pin and ribbon keys and Fellowship Plaque sent to them. We look forward to hosting the new Fellows at an in-person Convocation and Gala.

While the pandemic shuttered our practices last spring, and continues to limit our mobility, you can be rest assured that the Officers, Board of Regents and Committees of ICD Canada have been busy since we last met in September 2019, in Saskatoon. It was decided to extend the terms of the current officers, Regents, Deputy Regents and Committee Chairs to maintain continuity in a time of uncertainty. Videoconferencing took hold and the Executive Committee and Board of Regents carried on the business of the College, while the William J. Spence ICD Memorial Foundation continued its fine work. Our International Councillors, Drs. Ian Doyle and Gordon Thompson represented Canada admirably with both serving on a number of committees, including Awards, Membership, Projects Committees, along with the Online Content Committee, which Dr. Thompson chairs. Dr. Thompson, seems to possess a penchant for electronic media and data management, having completed an overhaul of our website and Fellowship database to improve our ability to keep in touch with the membership.

This year, thanks to the generous donation from Honourary Fellow Lyle Best and the Quikcard Charitable Foundation facilitated our annual student scholarships to each of the ten dental schools to increase the value of our annual student scholarships from $1000.00 to $2000.00 per student. The quality of each of our ICD student award recipients was amazing, and I will bet many will go on to shine in our profession as future leaders, to become ICD Fellows themselves some day.

This past year was a time of great loss for our ICD Canada community as we mourned the loss of three of our ICD leaders, Dr. Eric Hatfield (Regent), Dr. Patti Grassick (President, 2019) and Dr. Jack McLister (President, 2014) and Dr. Bettie McKaig, ICD Worldwide Past President who attended our Convocation and Gala in Saskatoon in 2019. All of these leaders gave of themselves selflessly to not only the College, but to our greater dental community, locally, provincially and nationally. They are deeply missed.

As we wait for a return to normal, with better times surely ahead, planning will soon begin for our next ICD event. Our incoming President, Dr. Heinz Scherle, will guide Section II with his steady leadership. It has been a pleasure serving as your ICD President over the course of the past year and a half and I look forward to seeing you at our next in-person event, hopefully soon. Until then, keep safe and stay kind.

In Fellowship,

Dr. Drew Smith
ICD President, Section II
The year 2020 has been a challenging one for ICD around the world. In the setting up of the Standing Committees, Canadian Councilor Dr. Ian Doyle was appointed to the Projects Committee and Canadian Councilor Dr. Gordon Thompson was appointed to the Registration Committee and Awards Committee.

The International Council which is the governing body of the International College of Dentists (ICD), has stepped up and adapted to the restrictions along with health and safety concerns that have arisen this year. The first ever virtual annual Council Meeting was held using Zoom technology on October 29, 2020. Because ICD Worldwide was dealing with 19 different time zones, the meeting was limited to one hour, to allow enough time for votes on items of highest priority.

A pre-Council meeting information session was held on October 8 where Council members could give reports and discuss items and motions for the upcoming meeting. This session was informal, but it prepared councilors for the October 29 meeting.

Some of the decisions that were made during the one-hour annual meeting are:

1. Guidelines and best practices have been developed to help sections implement alternative pathways to Fellowship, for situations where an in-person convocation is not possible.

2. The 2020 College election has been postponed and the terms of the International Officers has been extended for one year.

3. Council passed a College Membership Committee recommendation that the number of Active Fellows be updated at the end of 2021 rather than 2020 to determine the number of eligible Councilors per section.

4. The Projects Committee has been quite active this year and in addition to normal duties they have been vetting applications for funding from individuals and groups and have passed on recommendations to the Executive for final decisions.

The College Worldwide has been presenting several webinars and has now obtained the Academy for General Dentistry PACE Accreditation for Continuing Education Credits. The Dec 9, 2020 ICD Worldwide Online Webinar featured an exclusive conversation with Honorary ICD Fellow Dr. Michael Osterholm, Director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota, member of US President Biden’s Covid-19 Advisory Board and author of the New York Times Best Seller “Deadliest Enemy: Our War Against Killer Germs”. He discussed infectious disease prevention and control in dentistry and public health during a global pandemic with ICD Fellow moderator Ontario Regent Dr. Lisa Bentley of Canada. The program learning objectives were developed by the ICD Worldwide Ad Hoc Online Content Committee, which is chaired by International Councilor and ICD Canada Registrar, Dr. Gordon Thompson. The webinar program was well received by ICD members and notably the job done by Fellow Lisa Bentley.

Dr. Clive Ross, Past International President was given the ICD Distinguished Service Award and the Presidential Citation was awarded to Dr. Raghu Puttaiah who is the founder of the ICD Safety Program. The Retiring Councilor Awardees for this year were Dr. Christine Benoit and Dr. Keith Suchy.

The October 2020 Centennial Year Celebration in Nagoya, Japan had been postponed to September 2021 and had to be cancelled. Hopefully, the next International Council meeting will be in-person in 2022.

Respectfully submitted:
Dr. Ian Doyle, International Councilor, Canada
Dr. Gordon Thompson, International Councilor, Canada
A message from the President and Board of the William J. Spence ICD Memorial Foundation, 2020

Dear Fellows and Life Fellows of the International College of Dentists (Canada sect.2):

I am pleased to make this report again on behalf of the “Spence Foundation” to the membership of ICD Canada. It would be an understatement to say that this year of COVID-19 has been unique and a challenge for us all, as well as for the Spence Foundation. As per usual, the Board met in January 2020 and evaluated, then approved four worthy applications for humanitarian dental missions. All were found to be within our mandate of awarding grant funds for dental supplies and equipment to our budgeted amount. Nonetheless, with the declaration of a world pandemic in March 2020, three of those humanitarian missions had to be cancelled. The mission by Health Action to Rio Dulce in Guatemala in February was successfully completed and all members returned safely to Toronto. It may be a few years before similar dental missions to South America, Africa and the Philippines can proceed, with volunteer staff as before.

In past years, The Foundation has sponsored applications for supplies and dental equipment to charitable dental clinics, which are closer to home in Canada, and would be amenable to considering other such applications for funding. The Board will continue to function and adapt within its mandate, as we have all had to do in these trying times. Worthy projects with little or no funding may still apply using our ICD web-page application.

https://icd-canada.org/Application-Humanitarian-Funding

For Fellows who have made charitable contributions in the past, “The Foundation” thanks you. The Foundation hopes that our Fellows and benefactors will continue or will increase their contribution this year, again. Fellows who have not contributed in past years, I would encourage you to consider this fund for a worthy area in which to make a charitable contribution for your support of scholarship and humanitarian dental projects.

Respectfully submitted,

William H. (Bill) Christie, Life Fellow,
President of “The Spence Foundation”.

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Guatemala 2020

Health Outreach teams returned to Guatemala after another humanitarian aid project.

“Guatemala 2020”, beginning February 2020, was a two week project once again servicing the remote villages in the Rio Dulce region of Guatemala, and the village of San Gabriel. As in years past, we hosted University of Toronto dental students, carried out two separate dental clinics “in the field”, and continued our outreach medical program in distant villages lacking basic health care.

Health Outreach’s goal is to promote and provide medical, dental, and allied health care to those in need, particularly children, in remote areas of developing countries. Health Outreach attempts to bridge the gap between health care workers and those in need.

Guatemala is a very poor country with more than half of the population below the national poverty line, with many people living in extreme poverty. Children throughout Guatemala are left hungry each day.

San Gabriel is a very poor region in Escuintla region, composed of many single mother victims of abandonment or domestic abuse. Many in the community make their salvaging from the local landfill, and access to education is limited - further compounding the situation. A dental field clinic is set up central to San Gabriel providing dental treatment for the week from this site.

The Rio Dulce region is home to indigenous Mayan children. Living conditions are poor, and access to medical and dental care is difficult, because of cost and far distances. With no road system in place, the Rio Dulce project is very unique in that the Health Outreach team travels by houseboat - converted to a floating dental clinic - to individual locations daily. At each site a field clinic is set up across the boat, and on to shore from which children are treated. At the end of each day the site is packed up and the boat moves to its next location.

After 2 full weeks, 1346 patients (primarily children), were seen in nine villages. The equivalent of nearly $400 000 of dental work was completed during Guatemala 2020.

We are very grateful for your support. Guatemala 2020 was fortunate to receive a grant from the ICD Spence foundation again this year. Particularly this year’s funding allowed for supplies to support an even larger HO group to travel and treat patients on its 2020 mission. Our volunteers see first-hand the impact of your support. We are confident that if you witnessed us in action, you would be very proud of our collective efforts. Each of our teams had a role in making a difference in the lives of many.

One of our goals is to keep our efforts sustainable. The dental facilities, providers of care and equipment are still there, and the ability to follow up with our patients is still possible.

Thank you for your interest and support. We couldn’t have done it without you!
The following is a list of the Student Awards recipients from the 10 Dental Schools across Canada.

University of British Columbia  CYNTHIA DAWSON
University of Alberta  JAINIL DOSHI
University of Saskatchewan  ABDUL EL-RABBANY
University of Manitoba  DEREK ORYNAK
University of Western Ontario  KIERAN ELLIOT
University of Toronto  SHAWNA RIEUX
Universite de Montreal  LAURA NARANJO
McGill University  OMAR ELSABBAGH
Laval University  GABRIELLE PELLETIER
Dalhousie University  AMMAR YASSIN

This award is given to each recipient as they enter their fourth year and consists of a beautiful plaque and a cheque for $2000.00.

ICD Canada recognizes Honourary Fellow Lyle Best of Edmonton and Quikcard Charitable Foundation Chair, Dr. Luc Dugal of Calgary, with sincere gratitude for their recent generous $100,000.00 contribution to ICD Canada which has allowed the monetary value of each award to be increased from $1000.00 to $2000.00.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Drew Smith
Chair, Student Awards Committee

District 1 Report
By Ed O'Brien, past Regent, V.P. Canadian Section

On Monday, July 13, 2020, Fellow Patrick Ralph Crawford (better known as Ralph) passed away at age 92. In 2019, Ralph was awarded the Medal of Honour from the Canadian Dental Association and inducted as a Member of the Order of Canada.

Since the last newsletter we have seen many changes due to the pandemic. The 2020 Pacific Dental Conference on March 5th to 7th, 2020 was the last convention in Vancouver. The health authority gave permission, then a few days after the PDC cancelled all further gatherings. The highly successful PDC is run for the BCDA by the PDC Organizing Group that includes Fellows Bruce Ward as chair, Ray Fong, Tony Gill, David Lim, Peter Kearney and Nazeem Kanani. Over 14,000 attended the PDC in 2020. The 2021 PDC went virtual online and had 10,400 register. (2000 more than Chicago).

The PDC Organizing Group was recognized with the President's Award at the Tooth Fairy Gala by President Fellow James Singer. In addition ICD fellows were recognized for their service to the profession;

Fellow Myrna Halpenny received the top award given by the BC Dental Association, the Honorary Award. Myrna is the only female to serve as President of the College of Dental Surgeons of BC. She has also served as president of the Vancouver and District Dental Society and the BC ACD. Myrna has sat on numerous BCDA committees and task force groups. She started and chairs the Women in Dentistry Mentorship Program.

Fellow Amanda Mapleton received the Distinguished Service Award. Amanda has served on Orthodontic societies executives at the local, provincial, Canadian and International level. She has sat on numerous committees of the BC Dental Association and teaches in the graduate and undergraduate orthodontic programs at UBC.

Fellow Joan Eaton received a Merit Award. Joan has been on eight dental missions with the Semiahmoo Dental Outreach group. She is on the executive of the Upper Island Dental Society and volunteers in Seniors Care Homes giving dental treatment.

Fellow Russell Hamanishi received a Merit Award. Russell volunteers at Surrey Memorial Hospital; he is chief of dental staff. He has served on the Fraser Valley Dental Society as CE coordinator and in every executive position. He served on the BCDA board as the FDVS representative and sat on several BCDA committees.

Regent Dave Ciriani organized and ran the annual ICD breakfast at the Terminal City Club on Friday morning of the PDC for 36 Fellows; Deputy Regent Janice Boyd assisted. Vice-president Ed O'Brien wearing a kilt, vest and tie in the Canadian ICD tartan with the new sash, addressed the group encouraging Fellows to attend 100th anniversary celebrations and convocations in Winnipeg and Japan and to purchase ICD tartan products. (The celebrations were subsequently postponed).

Fellow James Springer completed his term as President of the BCDA with the recent elections. He will chair the nomination and awards committee.

Fellow Anthony Nadolski became president and Fellow Samson Ng was elected president-elect. Fellows David Lim and Norman King are directors on the BCDA board.

A number of Fellows serve on committees of the BCDA: Fellows David Ciriani, Phoebe Tsang, David Lim, Rob Staschuk, Bruce Ward, Angelique Leung, Peter Lob, David Baird, Norman King, Anthony Nadolski, Raymon Grewal, Samson Ng, David Zaparinuk, Bill Riddell, Ed Putnins, Peter Stevenson-Moore and Alastair Nicoll.

Save-a-Smile is a BCDA program, run by a committee. Save-a-Smile funds treatment for children of financially challenged BC families. Fellow Angelique Leung has chaired the Save-a-Smile committee for many years. and Fellow Phoebe Tsang is on the committee. They raise funds with the auction at the Tooth Fairy Gala. The Gala was cancelled but the auction was held on line.

College of Dental Surgeons of BC transitioned between 2019 and 2020. The government took control of our College and it is now combined with Dental Hygiene, dental assistants, dental nurses, dental technicians each with two positions and they are matched with public representatives appointed by the government. The board elects a chair from the non-dentists on the board. The committees have also decreased in number. A number of Fellows have served on the board and on committees. Fellows Peter Lob, Richard Wilczek, and Richard Busse served on the board. Fellows who have served on committees include: Fellows John Hung, Alex Lieblich, Richard Busse, Myrna Halpenny, Michael Wainwright, Leetty Hung, Greg Card, Susan Chow, Patricia Hunter, Scott Yamaoka, Robert Staschuk, Peter Lob, Alex Hird and Andre Esteves.

Cynthia Dawson is the UBC student who received our ICD Student Award for 2020. The awards were increased to $2000 in 2020.

Congratulations to the 2020 Candidates for Fellowship were inducted virtually on April 10th. They are Drs. Richard Busse, Murray Ferg, Ian Mathews, James Singer and Glenda Wong. Thank you to the Fellows who proposed and seconded the candidates. Fellows Angelique Leung, Ray Fong, Del Crowe, Norman King, Ken Stones, Janis Boyd, Ed O'Brien.

Fellow David Ciriani has stepped down as Regent.

District 2 Report by Regent Paul Chapman

Despite the many challenges the past year brought us, the dental profession has remained focused and steadfast in attitude and energy in providing needed care in the office, in the education arenas and in the communities.

Patricia Nieberding has joined the Alberta Dental Foundation. She is excited to have this opportunity and will bring her energy to this community service, As you may know the ADF not only strives to improve dental health for underserviced and low income Albertans, but also provided funding to charitable organizations engaged in dental wellness and volunteer opportunities for oral health practitioners. Stuart Root who sold his practice in March 2019 officially retired in July 2020. His new career is enjoying the great outdoors….presently top of the list is ice fishing. Congrats.

Daryl Penner has had his overseas activities curtailed by the pandemic but is working in conjunction with Sinclair Dental on a new project. It’s called Change for Children and Dentistry for All and is an attempt to get a permanent dental facility built in Guatemala. It is in the early stages and holding due to Covid19.

Rob Barsky continued as a Parliamentary oftheCanadianAcademyofPediatricDentists,anRCDC examiner and sits on the CDA Access to Care committee.

Larry Hodinsky has retired from clinical dentistry but still does committee work for the ADA&C and is involved with National Dental Examining Board. He is an active member and volunteer of the St Paul’s and District Lions Club. Now the fun part, by spring Larry and his wife Marlene will have 8 grandchildren! While his dental associationship was interrupted from March to May, Larry Stanleigh’s speaking career, now online continued unabated. These included speaking at the Aurum Group’s Stay at Home series, the Digital Marketing Conference, the Trec Dental study club and was featured in the Business SOS podcast. The topic, “Success is all about relationships.”
In October 2020 Larry became a licensed Accredited Practitioner in the Insights Discovery Personality testing and training systems. In Nov he was elected to the Board of Directors of Alpha Omega Foundation of Canada.

Tony Odenbach is enjoying more free time to dream of the things he would like to do (with family, travel) having completed his 6 year commitment to serving on the council of the ADA&C and recently finishing his term of past President of the ADA&C.

Almost retired from the clinical aspect of dentistry, Tony still serves on the Economics Committee of the ADA&C and the Audit Committee of the Canadian Dental Association. Away from dentistry, he is a volunteering as a ski patrol, or on the links.

Geoffrey Sperber has been busy with most recent publications

1 Ritto, Sperber Smith: Spontaneous Palatal cleft Closure. The Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Journal. 1-3, Sept.28,2020

2 Sperber: Dental Enamel. South African Dental Journal. 75,384-386, August 2020


Geoffrey has generously gifted a facsimile copy of Vesalius’s “De humani corporis fabrica” “1543 to the University of Alberta Library rare book collection.

Paul Chapman has retired after many enjoyable years of practising dentistry. Now he can enjoy being outdoors with all its sports, and work at fine tuning his ranch property near Calgary. Paul will continue as Regent District 2.

District 3 Report by Regent Maureen Lefebvre

2020 has proven to be a year with many challenges for our Fellows to overcome both personally and professionally with the Covid 19 pandemic.

As with most Districts, all dental conferences, award ceremonies and events were cancelled /postponed until further notice. Saskatchewan dentists stepped up to the challenge by implementing strict Covid guidelines into their practices and continued to provide exemplary care in a safe environment for both staff and patients.

A Celebration of Life Picnic in the Park was held in honour of a dear Fellow, colleague and friend Dr. Patti Grassick on August 2, 2020 in Lumsden, Saskatchewan. Patti passed away March 14, 2020 after a courageous battle with cancer. Her many contributions to dentistry are a testament to her dedication, passion and vision for the dental profession. Her most treasured role was her involvement over the years with ICD. Just before her passing, she proudly fulfilled her role as ICD Canada Section President. She will be ALWAYS LOVED, NEVER FORGOTTEN AND FOREVER MISSED.

Deputy Regent Bill Moyer (Regina) and myself Regent Maureen Lefebvre extend wishes of good health and happiness to all and look forward to seeing you in person (with a hug) very soon.

Respectfully submitted by,

Maureen Lefebvre

District 4 Report by Regent Jean Bodnar

2020 was a year with a memorable theme….the year SARS CoV2 or Covid came to the North American continent. We will all remember where we were when our lives were abruptly interrupted by this novel virus.

To those who have lost friends or family to this virus, we extend our most sincere condolences and encourage you to keep moving forward … you are stronger than you think and together, we will get through this pandemic.

Manitoba Fellows resiliently carried on once provincial restrictions eased to allow a cautious, safe return to professional practice in May.

Manitoba district is saddened to report we lost Life Fellows Ralph Crawford, Sheldon Claman and Chris Lavelle. Ralph Crawford received the highest award conferred by Canadian Dental Association, the CDA Medal of Honor (posthumously) in recognition of a lifetime of outstanding service and professional achievement. Fellow Leland McFadden received an honorary membership award from CDA for his outstanding contribution to the dental profession. Lee has served in various capacities within Manitoba and nationally, too numerous to list and is to be congratulated on this well-deserved recognition.

After 40 years serving patients, her profession and the public of Manitoba and Ontario as a clinician, educator and regulator, Fellow Pat Kmet has retired. She looks forward to spending more time with family and friends, travelling, golfing and contributing to select professional pursuits.

Fresh off her multi-year success as Chair of Manitoba Dental Association’s Annual Meeting Committee, Fellow Pat Kmet is now volunteering her time making an impact as Chair of Fundraising Committee, Fellow Joel Antel (President of Manitoba Dental Foundation) in this important endeavor.

Fellow Chris Cottick has ascended to the title of President of the MDA (Manitoba Dental Association). He fulfills this position and simultaneously serves as WRHA medical director of Oral Health Adult dental internship program, Chief Sedation Auditor (MDA) and leader of CancerCare’s dental program for the Head and Neck site group.

Fellow Jeff Hein has joined the MDA board while continuing his work as Chair of the Economics Committee. Fellow Scott Leckie continues as MDA board member. Both represent district 1.

Fellow Cory Sul has been appointed as Deputy Registrar for the MDA.

Many Manitoba Fellows proudly continue with their contributions, supporting academic endeavours, mentoring, serving in organized dentistry locally and at the national level, as well as supporting humanitarian projects.

Life Fellow Bill Christie continues his philanthropic work as President of the Spence Foundation, the charitable arm of ICD Canada.

Fellows Mark Buettner and Howard Cross became life members of ICD in 2020.

In 2020, Manitoba Fellows proudly donated over
Fourth year dental student Derek Oryniak was the recipient of the ICD Student award last fall at an awards evening for the Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry. Derek serves as dentistry’s senior stick and achieved Honours on the Dean’s list.

New Manitoba Fellows who were to be inducted prior to postponement of the Centennial Gala, scheduled to be held in Winnipeg in April 2020 are as follows:
- Dr. Rene Chu
- Dr. Rodrigo Cunha
- Dr. Catherine Dale
- Dr. Robert J. Schroth
- Dr. Terry Wong
- Dr. Marc Mollot
- Dr. Tom Colina
- Dr. Anastasia Cholakis
- Dr. Les Rykiss

These new Fellows will be inducted through a virtual convocation scheduled for April 2021.

ICD President-elect, Dr. Heinz Scherle will become the new President of ICD Canada in the fall. We congratulate him on his achievement of this esteemed, honourable position.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Jean Bodnar

District 5 Report

Due to the Pandemic, the 2020 Installation Gala of new Ontario ICD Fellows was cancelled in Winnipeg, Manitoba. During these challenging times, District 5 ICD Fellows continued to be recognized as Leaders in the province.

At the Ontario Dental Association, Fellow Lesli Hapak was elected President, with Fellows Kim Hanson serving as Past President, Charles Frank as President Elect and Lisa Bentley as Vice President. Also, members of the ODA Board of Directors are Fellows: Anil Bhalia, David Brown, John Glenny, Grace Lee, Janet Leith, Gordon Markic, Melissa Milligan, Brock Nicolucci, Roch St-Aubin, and Don Young.

Chairs of ODA Advisory Committees include Fellows Michelle Budd, Health Policy and Government Relations; Shawn Steele, Education Advisory Committee; and Larry Watral, Economic Advisory Committee.

Fellow David Stevenson continues to lead the ODA’s Pandemic Recovery Working Group.

At the CDA Board, Fellow Lynn Tomkins has been elected Vice-President while LouAnn Visconti represents Ontario.

The Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario is well served by Fellows Flavio Turchet as President, and Fellow Elizabeth MacSween as the Elected Representative for District #1. The President of the Ontario Association of Orthodontists is Fellow Shervin Abbaszadeh.

Fellow Eric Selnes is currently the President for the Canadian Association of Orthodontists.

Fellow Ian Furst is the Past President of the Ontario Society of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons, with Fellow Keyvan Abbaszadeh serving as Executive Director.

Fellow Gordon Wong serves as the Membership Chair for the Canadian Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.

Fellow Ian Watson is the Executive Director of the Canadian Academy of Endodontists.

Fellow John Odai oversees Constitution and Bylaws. Immediate Past President of the Canadian Academy of Periodontology is Fellow Jean-Pierre Picard who also serves as the Liaison with the Canadian Dental Specialties Association.

Fellow Carolyn Mason serves as the Liaison with the Royal College of Dentists of Canada.

Fellow Izchak Barzilay is the Immediate Past President of the American Prosthodontic Society.

Fellows Ira Kirshen and Andrew Syriopoulos serve on the Board of Directors for Accerta.

At the American College of Dentists, Ontario Section, Fellows Ira Kirshen, Olaf Plotzke and Timucin Ari are the founding members of the Canadian Society for Disability and Oral Health, with Olaf Plotzke serving as its first president. This organization is closely allied with the Special Olympics and provides educational materials to all areas of healthcare with the focus on breaking down access to care issues. Many award presentations were delayed to deserving Ontario Fellows, due to the Pandemic.

We are sad to announce the passing of 2 outstanding ICD Fellows, Dr. Jack McLister and Dr. Wes Dunn, both from London, Ontario. Dr. Jack McLister served as the President of the Ontario Dental Association and received the Barnabus Day Award for his numerous contributions to the Ontario Dental Association. He was the 2013 President of the International College of Dentists, Canadian Section and subsequently was elected an ICD International Councillor. In 2016, he became President of the American College of Dentists, Ontario section.

Dr. Wes Dunn was the Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry at Western University for more than 17 years and served as both the Registrar and President of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario. He also had a number of roles with the CDA and ODA and was awarded the Barnabus Day Award and the American College of Dentists Lifetime Achievement Award. Both Jack and Wes will be sadly missed.

Ontario continues to be so proud of our Drew Smith, who continues to serve as the Canadian President of ICD.

$10,000 locally to the Centre for Community Oral Health (Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry,) to be used for provision of dental care by staff and students for those who would otherwise have difficulty accessing treatment.

At the CDA Board, Fellow Lynn Tomkins has been elected President, with Fellows Kim Hanson serving as Past President, Charles Frank as President Elect and Lisa Bentley as Vice President. Also, members of the ODA Board of Directors are Fellows: Anil Bhalia, David Brown, John Glenny, Grace Lee, Janet Leith, Gordon Markic, Melissa Milligan, Brock Nicolucci, Roch St-Aubin, and Don Young.

Chairs of ODA Advisory Committees include Fellows Michelle Budd, Health Policy and Government Relations; Shawn Steele, Education Advisory Committee; and Larry Watral, Economic Advisory Committee.

Fellow David Stevenson continues to lead the ODA’s Pandemic Recovery Working Group.

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The Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario is well served by Fellows Flavio Turchet as President, and Fellow Elizabeth MacSween as the Elected Representative for District #1. The President of the Ontario Association of Orthodontists is Fellow Shervin Abbaszadeh.

Fellow Eric Selnes is currently the President for the Canadian Association of Orthodontists.

Fellow Ian Furst is the Past President of the Ontario Society of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons, with Fellow Keyvan Abbaszadeh serving as Executive Director.

Fellow Gordon Wong serves as the Membership Chair for the Canadian Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.

Fellow Ian Watson is the Executive Director of the Canadian Academy of Endodontists.

Fellow John Odai oversees Constitution and Bylaws. Immediate Past President of the Canadian Academy of Periodontology is Fellow Jean-Pierre Picard who also serves as the Liaison with the Canadian Dental Specialties Association.

Fellow Carolyn Mason serves as the Liaison with the Royal College of Dentists of Canada.

Fellow Izchak Barzilay is the Immediate Past President of the American Prosthodontic Society.

Fellows Ira Kirshen and Andrew Syriopoulos serve on the Board of Directors for Accerta.

At the American College of Dentists, Ontario Section, Fellows Ira Kirshen, Olaf Plotzke and Timucin Ari are the founding members of the Canadian Society for Disability and Oral Health, with Olaf Plotzke serving as its first president. This organization is closely allied with the Special Olympics and provides educational materials to all areas of healthcare with the focus on breaking down access to care issues. Many award presentations were delayed to deserving Ontario Fellows, due to the Pandemic.

We are sad to announce the passing of 2 outstanding ICD Fellows, Dr. Jack McLister and Dr. Wes Dunn, both from London, Ontario. Dr. Jack McLister served as the President of the Ontario Dental Association and received the Barnabus Day Award for his numerous contributions to the Ontario Dental Association. He was the 2013 President of the International College of Dentists, Canadian Section and subsequently was elected an ICD International Councillor. In 2016, he became President of the American College of Dentists, Ontario section.

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DISTRICT 7

After the very sudden passing of Fellow Eric Hatfield one year ago, so much has happened in the World. As I write this report, it is the one year anniversary of the first documented case of the novel Coronavirus in Canada. Wow… I am reminded, at that time, we had NO idea what an impact this disease would have on our lives.

I will attempt to provide news from Atlantic Canada but I am sure I will have missed someone or something. District 7 welcome new Fellow Clare Champoux of NS. Clare was inducted into fellowship at the recent Virtual Ceremony. Welcome Clare.

Fellows Jason Noel of NF and Heather Carr of NS continue to serve as CDA governors for their respective provinces. Dr. Carr has recently been nominated to serve as Vice President to CDA. Fellow Richard Holden of PEI is currently serving as President-Elect of CDA.

Fellow Linda Blakey received the Award of Merit and Fellow Eric Hatfield received the Distinguished Service Award, posthumously, from CDA. Congratulations.

Fellow Brian Rinehart has retired and has achieved Life Membership from the New Brunswick Dental Society. This recognizes dentists who have been a member for 30 consecutive years or 40 years in total. Fellow James Roxborough has retired from clinical practice. Fellow Martin Gillis has announced his retirement as Registrar of the Provincial Dental Board of NS effective July 1, 2021 and Fellow Blaine Cleghorn has announced his retirement as Associate Dean, Clinical Affairs at Dalhousie effective July 1, 2021.

The Nova Scotia Dental Association honored Fellow Kevin Walsh with the PS Christie Award for Distinguished Service, recognizing outstanding service to the profession of dentistry and Fellow Debora Matthews with the Award of Excellence, recognizing exemplary long-standing service to organized dentistry, at their virtual AGM in June 2020. Fellow Kevin Walsh has completed his term as the Chair of the Provincial Dental Board of NS and Fellow Debora Matthews was also honored by the Alberta College in recognition of dentists who are not from Alberta for their dedicated service to the public and to the dental profession.

Fellow Terry Ackles has been appointed as Assistant Dean, Patient Affairs at Dalhousie. Dalhousie Dental Student Anman Yassin was the 2020 recipient of the ICD Dental Student Award. Fellows Alan Robinson and Terrie Logue received Fellowship in the American College of Dentists in a Virtual convocation in October 2020. Fellow Daniel Albert is currently serving as the Chair of the Provincial Dental Board of NS and Fellow Shelly Anderson is the Vice Chair.

Our Executive Director – Mr. Anthony Patey – will receive his honorary fellowship at the next ICD convocation.

Fellow Paul Hurley has finished his Presidency with the NLDA and now sits on the CDA Return to Work Taskforce as the NL representative, as well as serving as Vice Chair of the Wellness Committee for the NLDA.

Fellow Michelle Zwicker became President of the NLDA in June of 2020 – it is a 2 year term.

Fellow Gary MacDonald was elected to another term as Chair of the CDAAGM.

And lastly, Congratulations and a big shout of Thanks to Fellows Chris Baker and David Dignan after completing three terms (9 years) on the Provincial Dental Board of NS.

Respectfully Submitted,
Fellow Terrie Logue, Regent
Well done and congratulations to all.
I was “promoted” by UBC to Clinical Assistant Professor from Lecturer. I was elected Vice-president of the Canadian section of the International College of Dentists and UBC has just informed me I will be receiving an Alumni Builders Award. UBC sent their photographer, Paul Joseph, to take pictures. Paul took pictures of me in business attire and then in my ICD kilt.

KILT??? A dentist in Alberta, Carol Martin, designed and registered our tartan for the ICD Canada section and I have the only kilt made of it so far.
International College of Dentists, Canadian Section
Class Inducted Virtually April 10, 2021

Harry Ames
Edmonton, AB

Troy Basarab
Lethbridge, AB

Joel Beaulieu
Laval, QC

Richard Busse
Vancouver, BC

Genevieve Bussiere
Ottawa, ON

Michael Casas
Toronto, ON

Clare Champoux
Halifax, NS

Rene Chu
Winnipeg, MB

Tom Colina
Winnipeg, MB

Randy Crowell
Edmonton, AB

Rodrigo Cunha
Winnipeg, MB

Catherine Dale
Winnipeg, MB

Lee Darichuk
Calgary, AB

Anwar Dean
London, ON

David Diamond
Sudbury, ON

Les Diamond
Waterloo, ON

Jeff Diefenbacher
Kitchener, ON

Murray Ferg
Nanaimo, BC

Michal Goralski
Barrie, ON

Oscar Hernandez
Quebec City, QC

Mohammad Ahmad Javaid
Regina, SK

Mike Kaiser
Ottawa, ON

Anastasia Kelekas-Cholakis
Winnipeg, MB

Warren Loepky
Calgary, AB

Ian Matthew
Coquitlam, BC

Marc Molot
Winnipeg, MB

Shawn Monga
Scarborough, ON

David Morin
Montreal, QC

Ralph Pisko-Dubienski
Calgary, AB

Les Rykiss
Winnipeg, MB

Robert Schroth
Winnipeg, MB

James Singer
Castlegar, BC

Walter Siqueira
Saskatoon, SK

Chris Swayze
Toronto, ON

Emily Trohatos
Toronto, ON

Michael Vrbensky
Oakville, ON

Victor Wagner
Strathtroy, ON

Colin Wiebe
Calgary, AB

Glenda Wong
Nanaimo, BC

Terry Wong
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