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## President's Message



*President Keith E Watkins*

The past few months have been difficult for many and associated with significant upheaval to life as we have known it. In one sense the world is almost stopping to take a breath. The pandemic has affected all of our lives and it will take a long while for us to put the pieces back together and recover. But this regrouping also allows for the opportunity to take stock of where we are, where we are going, and what is important.

As mentioned in my recent letter to all Fellows, the Section VIII Board made decisions at the March Board meeting recognizing the financial, physical and mental strain that COVID-19 is having on our Fellows. These are some of the decisions made by the Board in the context of these challenging times:

- decisions on 2020 ICD grants have been delayed until September to ensure project leaders can use the ICD funds to full advantage given the impact of the pandemic on their programs
- 2020 Fellowship renewal fees will remain unchanged despite an increase in Section fees payable to the College and the unfavorable exchange rate with the USD

- when renewal notices are sent towards the end of the year, Fellows will be given the opportunity to make special arrangements for payment of renewal fees, if needed
- invitations to dentists nominated to become Fellows of our Section will offer special payment options to minimize any financial concerns.

Other modifications that the ICD has been required to make include rescheduling the Section VIII centenary induction ceremony and dinner from August 2020 at the Grand Hyatt in Melbourne to 6 March 2021. The Section VIII centenary induction ceremony and dinner in Christchurch have been rescheduled to November 7 and remain under review.

We have also been advised that the ICD Executive Committee has postponed the global centenary events which were scheduled to be held in Nagoya in November 2020 to 20 – 22 September 2021. The decision allows for the use of the same venues as originally planned, along with events including the symposium on ICD humanitarian programs, the international induction ceremony and the fabulous gala evening. News about all centenary events will be updated over the coming months.

Current government restrictions suggest that it is very unlikely that we will be able to access international travel for some time, perhaps for the rest of 2020. This has had a significant impact on the dental programs that our Section supports with many 2020 volunteer visits being cancelled or delayed. The pandemic has unexpectedly provided program leaders with an opportunity for self-assessment and review.

The effects of this worldwide pandemic will eventually pass and there will be many opportunities for appreciating what we have and for rebuilding a better

world. The ICD has survived for 100 years and is in a strong position to survive for many years to come.

I would like to express my best wishes to all Fellows and hope that they remain safe and healthy.

Dr Keith E Watkins, President

## Registrar's Report



*Registrar Tom Tseng*

### Membership Statistics

The Australasian Section of the International College of Dentists now has a total membership of 759. This is comprised of:

- 642 Active Fellows
- 104 Retired Fellows
- 7 Honorary Life Fellows (including 1 Master)
- 6 Honorary Fellows

663 Fellows are from Australia and 81 from New Zealand. Other Fellows of our Section live in many parts of the globe: Cambodia, Eritrea, Fiji, Hong Kong, Qatar, Timor L'este, Tonga, Papua New Guinea, the UK and the USA.

78% of Section VIII Fellows are male and 22% are female.

### 2020 Australia and New Zealand Honours

I am pleased to report that in the most recent Australia Day Honours, Section VIII Fellows Helen McLean (SA) and Ian Hewson (VIC) received awards

Dr Helen McLean was made a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia for her significant service to dentistry and to professional associations.

Amongst many other notable contributions, Helen has held numerous positions with the ADA Inc and the ADASA and with the ASO and ASO SA Branch over the past 30 years. Helen has actively contributed to the University of Adelaide Dental School through many positions. In addition, she has made annual volunteer visits to the Ba Ria Vung Tau Province of Vietnam since 2010. Helen has been an ICD Fellow since 1998.

A/Prof Ian Hewson was awarded a medal of the Order of Australia in the General Division for his services to dentistry. Ian served as the Director of Dentistry at the Alfred Hospital Melbourne from 2002 to 2017. He is a Head and Neck Surgery Consultant at the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine and a Consultant to the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. Ian has volunteered as a teacher in South America and Vietnam. Ian has been an ICD Fellow since 2005.

### Vale Fellows

In the past year, we were sorry to learn of the passing of Fellows Rod Mitchell (NSW), John Muller AM (QLD), Syd Warneke AM (VIC) and John Edwards ONZM (NZ).

### Project Grants Supported by Our Section

Our Fellows continue to generously support oral health projects in under-privileged communities within our region by making donations with their membership renewal payments. Fellows donated over \$13,000 towards oral health projects in 2019. At this time, our Section is supporting projects within Australia, New Zealand, SE Asia and the Pacific Islands:

- Western Australia (Kimberley Dental Team)
- South Australia (Community Outreach Dental Program)
- Fiji (Smiles for the Pacific)
- ADRF Community Oral Health Award
- NZDRF Grant
- Cambodia (Healthy Kids Cambodia, M'Lop Tapang)
- Nepal (Project Yeti, Village Health Improvement)
- Vietnam
- Papua New Guinea (Dental School)
- Solomon Islands (Honiara Dental Clinic)
- Timor L'este (Education of Ana Paula Salgado)

## Nominating Worthy Dentists

I encourage all Fellows to consider nominating a person whom they consider may be worthy of Fellowship of the International College of Dentists. The nomination form is available on the ICD Section VIII website ([www.icdsectionviii.org](http://www.icdsectionviii.org)) or from the Section VIII Administration Officer (email address: [admin@icdsectionviii.org](mailto:admin@icdsectionviii.org))

## Future Section VIII Induction Ceremonies

Due to the impact of COVID-19, the 2020 induction ceremonies planned in Melbourne and in Nagoya, Japan have been rescheduled to 2021. Fellows will be kept updated on upcoming induction ceremonies and events. (*See Calendar of Events in this newsletter.*)

Dr Tom Tseng, Registrar

## Annual Financial Report to Fellows

### Renewal Payments and Donations

\$115,474 AUD was collected in 2019 membership renewal payments. By comparison, 2018 membership renewal payments totalled \$114,617 AUD. At the Board meeting held on 28 March via Zoom, the Board approved holding the annual membership renewal fee at \$180 AUD / \$190 NZD given the potential adverse financial impact the COVID-19 pandemic may have on Fellows. 2020 renewal notices will offer Fellows payment options to ensure no Fellow surrenders his or her Fellowship due to financial burden.

Donations made by Fellows with the 2019 membership renewal payments totalled \$13,250 AUD. By comparison, donations totalled \$12,938 with 2018 renewal payments. 25% (174) of fee-paying Fellows made donations in 2019 compared to 28% (201) in 2018. Donations ranged from \$10 to \$500. \$1000 in donations was received from Fellows who are not required to pay annual fees.

We again thank the NZDA and Jill Watson for their assistance in collecting annual membership renewals and donations from New Zealand Fellows.

### New Fellow Fees

As of the end of April, \$11,525 AUD has been collected in payments for new Fellows thus far in this financial year. \$29,235 was collected in new Fellow fees in FY2019.

## Grant Payments

ICD grants totalling \$49,200 were paid in FY2019. At the March Board meeting, the Board approved delaying decisions on 2020 project grant applications until the September Board teleconference by which time project leaders will be able to advise on their 2020 project plans which were disrupted due to the pandemic.

## Cost of Newsletters

The cost of the June and November 2019 newsletters was \$1.46 and \$2.06 per member respectively. This compares favourably to production costs for the 2018 newsletters of \$1.62 and \$2.35 per member. The November newsletters are more expensive to print and post as they are longer due to the inclusion of project reports and need to be posted in C4 envelopes. Expenses for production of newsletters have been dramatically reduced thanks to Fellows who have elected to receive only electronic copies of the newsletters. Currently 66% of Fellows (compared to 55% last year) now receive only electronic newsletters. Thank you!

## Audit FY2019

The annual audit conducted for FY2019 confirmed income of \$186,108 for the year and expenses of \$204,486 resulting in a net loss of -\$18,379. The net loss was due to under estimation of capitation and initiation fees paid to the College Office related to the unfavourable exchange rate; an unbudgeted donation of \$1,500 in memory of Past International President Don Johnson; higher than projected expenditure for the 2018 Council meeting and delayed payment of a 2018 grant.

## Capital & Budget

At the end of April 2020, capital funds of Section VIII totalled \$350,047. \$150,000 is held in reserve. The FY2021 budget was discussed by the Board when the Board met on March 28. However, due to rescheduling of ICD centenary events and financial decisions made by the Board at the meeting, the FY2021 budget requires adjustments and will be re-considered by the Board at the June Board teleconference.

Dr Rick Sawers AM, President Elect

## Report on 2020 Annual Board Meeting

### Board Members:

*President, Keith Watkins (VIC), Immediate Past President, John Owen AM (WA), President Elect, Rick Sawers AM (SA), Registrar, Tom Tseng (NSW), Editor, Petrina Bowden (QLD), International Councillors, Clive Ross CNZM (NZ) & Jackie Robinson (NSW); Regents – Ian Meyers OAM (QLD), Graeme Ting (NZ), Jenny Ball (WA)*

The Section VIII Board meets annually to progress Section business. Between Board meetings, several Board teleconferences are held throughout the year. The 2020 Section VIII annual Board meeting on March 28, like so many other meetings at this time, was conducted via Zoom.

Naturally, the pandemic gave new context to many of the discussions during the Board meeting. Shortly following the meeting, a Presidential message was sent to all Fellows advising them of some important decisions made by the Board.

### Strategic Framework

The Section's strategic framework guides the Board in planning and enhancing the future of our Section:

- to foster collegial collaboration within the dental profession
- to recognise leadership within the dental profession
- to engage with and support Fellows and future leaders
- to support projects that improve oral health and education in underserved areas in our region
- to demonstrate good governance and uphold high ethical professional standards

### Finances

A significant portion of the 2020 Board meeting was dedicated to discussing finances and key points raised in the Annual Financial Report to the Board. (See the *Annual Financial Report for Fellows in this newsletter*.) The draft FY2021 budget and five year budget projections were presented. The draft FY2021 budget was not approved as revisions are needed given changes to scheduling of ICD centenary functions. The revised FY2021 budget will be considered by the Board at the June teleconference.

The Board approved holding Section VIII renewal fees for Fellows at \$180 AUD/\$190 NZD for 2020 despite a \$5 USD per Fellow increase in capitation fees payable to the College Office. Given the poor exchange rate with the USD, the Board approved payment of 2020 capitation fees to the College Office in three instalments as permitted by the College. Expenses related to new Fellows were reviewed and the new Fellow fee adjusted accordingly. Given the potential financial impact of the pandemic on Fellows, increased flexibility will be given to Fellows for payment of 2020 renewals and to new Fellows paying new Fellows fees.

### Membership

As always at the annual Board meeting, the Board reviewed annual membership statistics which showed that in 2019, for the first time since 2010, Section VIII membership declined. This contrasts with average annual growth of about 3% over the past 9 years. Statistics on membership renewals revealed a higher than usual number of resignations combined with conversions from active to retired Fellowship. The Board interpreted this as a trend related to the “baby boom” cohort within the membership. Analysis of nominations over the past 15 years clearly shows that nominations from each state and New Zealand are appropriate to the number of registered dentists in each state and New Zealand. The Board emphasised that the calibre of candidates for nomination to ICD Fellowship must not be compromised in identifying potential candidates. Local nomination committees and all Fellows are encouraged to scan widely to identify all colleagues deserving of the recognition of ICD Fellowship.





### **Nominations for Fellowship**

Nominations of new Fellows are considered by the Board at every Board meeting and teleconference. Accordingly, nominations were considered by the Board and it was noted that the local WA nominating committee had been particularly active in preparing nominations for the March meeting.

### **South Pacific Strategy Development**

The Board previously approved development of a “South Pacific Strategy” for PNG, Timor L’este and the islands of the South Pacific to encourage recognition of dentists in our Region who live and work outside of Australia and New Zealand and to foster connections with these countries in our region. At the March Board meeting, the Board approved a survey of all Fellows on volunteer work in the relevant countries which will inform a sub-committee to be chaired by Dr Jenny Smyth AM (QLD) to progress development of the strategy.

### **Grant Applications**

Applications for Section VIII grants are considered only at the annual Board meeting. Not surprisingly, applications for the grants are increasing. The Board received 14 applications for 2020 grants. Given the significant impact of the pandemic on projects, the Board delayed consideration of the applications until its September teleconference in order to give project leaders time to assess the impact of the pandemic on their current plans.

### **ICD Young Dentist Volunteer Grant**

The Board was presented with recommendations of a sub-committee for awarding the 2020 ICD Young Dentists Volunteer grant. Twenty-two applications were received (the same number received for the inaugural 2019 grant). The Board was again impressed with the calibre of applicants for the grant. After due deliberation, the 2020 YDV grant was awarded to Dr Haneen Alayan of New Zealand.

### **2020 Centenary Celebrations**

The pandemic has greatly impacted plans for ICD centenary celebrations in 2020. The Board approved rescheduling the Melbourne induction ceremony and dinner from August 2020 to a date to be determined in 2021. The 2020 NZDA Conference has been changed from October to November. Accordingly, the Christchurch ICD induction ceremony and dinner were rescheduled to November 7. The Board was advised that the College Executive was reviewing the

global centenary events scheduled in Nagoya, Japan in November.

### **WA Sundowner**

The newest addition to the Board, Dr Jenny Ball, reported on the successful “Sundowner” function hosted for WA Fellows on February 7. The event was attended by 27 Fellows and 8 guests. A portion of the proceeds from the event was donated to the Australian Dental Students’ Association’s ‘Healthy Mouths, Brighter Smiles’ program, now in its second year of operation in West Australian primary schools. Their interactive sessions include a range of oral health promotion activities, including plaque disclosing to visually reinforce students’ understanding of oral biofilms and the importance of effective brushing technique.



### **PNG Proposal**

The Board considered a proposal from Len Crocombe and Mahmood Siddiqi for hosting an ICD induction ceremony and dinner in Port Moresby in early September 2021 at the time of the PNG Medical Symposium and Dental Specialty Meeting. The proposal was approved in principle.

### **Appointment of New ICD Secretary-General**

The ICD Executive Committee has appointed Dr Joseph Kenneally as the next Secretary General of the College, commencing at the completion of the term of the current Secretary General, Dr John Hinterman. Dr Kenneally is a Fellow and Past President of the USA Section, Past International President and a former International Councilor. He has been involved on numerous College committees and with many College initiatives. The transition committee is actively working with Dr Kenneally to finalize a contract and conditions for his term. Dr Kenneally is expected to begin shadowing Dr Hinterman and working with the College Office not later than this summer.

## Fellow Clive Ross CNZM Honoured By University of Otago

Fellow Clive Ross CNZM of Auckland was one of four distinguished New Zealanders conferred with honorary doctorates at graduation ceremonies at the University of Otago in December 2019.



*Clive Ross CNZM, MICD*

### Excerpt from the University of Otago News:

Clive Ross progressed from star dentistry student to internationally renowned dental leader over a long and distinguished career, yet never stopped contributing to the University of Otago and its Faculty of Dentistry. His career of excellence and achievements, and his lifetime of contributing to New Zealand's future dentists, has led to his receiving an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from the University of Otago.

Awards continued throughout his professional career. In 1967, Dr Ross was made a Fellow of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of England. In 1968 he became a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons. He has been a Fellow of the Australasian section of the International College of Dentists (ICD) since 1976. He was awarded an Honorary Fellow of the General Dental Practitioner Royal College of Surgeons.

Dr Ross is an Honorary Member of the ADA, an Honorary Member of the AmDA and life member of the NZDA. Dr Ross was awarded the ADI Dentist of the Year in 1996, the first such award to a New Zealand dentist. In 1997, he was recognised by the government with the Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit (CNZM) for services to dentistry.

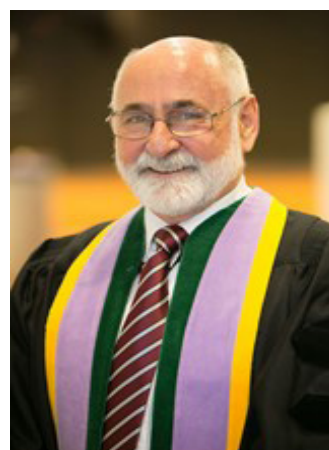
Until retirement, Dr Ross was a private dental practitioner with specialist registration in restorative dentistry. He served as the Clinical Director of

Regional Oral Health Services in Auckland and provided postgraduate training for the Master of Dental Surgery in Hospital Dentistry and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

Dr Ross said he received news about the honorary doctorate, from University of Otago Vice-Chancellor Professor Harlene Hayne, "with a deep sense of humility and surprise". "Never did I imagine this would happen and I carry this honour with true pride and sincere thanks to the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor. I have to say that I was totally overwhelmed by this recognition and feel both humbled and deeply appreciative that I was considered worthy of such an award. I am still coming to terms with it."

Congratulations, Clive, on this well-deserved recognition.

## Immediate Past President, John Owen AM, Receives ADA Valuable Service Award



*John Owen AM*

Immediate Past President, John R Owen AM, has been recognised by the ADA with a Valuable Service Award. The award is in recognition of John's "long and distinguished service to the Association and dentistry, both nationally and internationally". The award specifically highlights John's dedication to improving dental care to Aboriginal communities and the homeless in Western Australia.

John's achievements include Presidencies and Honorary Life memberships of the ADAWA, ASO Inc., International College of Dentists (Section VIII) and the University Dental Students Society at UWA. John was involved with dental regulation as President of the Dental Board of WA for 10 years and was an Inaugural Member of the Dental Board of Australia.

John counts Chairmanship of the 2009 ADA Congress in Perth as a highlight of his career. "Working with such an incredible team of WA dentists, including Jenny Ball, Bernard Koong, Lisa Mayfield-Heitz, Andrew Heap, Brian Koch, Simon Shanahan, Paul Abbott and Peter Gregory and their committees, was the peak of teamwork and we all shared the great success that was achieved."

John says the most rewarding highlight of his career was the founding of Kimberley Dental Team in 2009 with his wife, Jan. "KDT has been an incredible professional framework to volunteer skills, time and passion to assist those most vulnerable in our society. KDT Southern in Perth organises volunteer sessions with the homeless, mental health hostels, forgotten Australians and youth in transition."

Congratulations, John, on this well-deserved recognition.

### **Fellow Hien Ngo Appointed New Head of School and Dean at UWA**

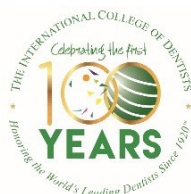
The University of WA Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences is pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Hien Ngo to the position of Head of School and Dean, UWA Dental School and the Director of the Oral Health Centre of Western Australia commencing 1 July 2020.



*Prof Hien Ngo*

Professor Ngo is a graduate of the University of Adelaide Dental School. Hien has been a Fellow of the International College of Dentistry since 2003. After receiving a Master of Dental Surgery in Prosthodontics, Hien decided to stay in general practice as he enjoys its broad scope of practice. He spent the first two decades of his career in private dental practice in Adelaide.

Prof Ngo is currently the Dean of the College of Dental Medicine and the Executive Director of the University Dental Hospital Sharjah. He has expertise in senior executive level administration, educational methodologies and translational research and has introduced transformational changes in both education and innovation, particularly in his roles at the Kuwait University and the University of Sharjah. Hien has also held positions at the University of Adelaide, the University of Queensland and the National University of Singapore.



## **HOLD THESE DATES FOR ICD CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS!**

**New Zealand Centenary Induction  
Ceremony & Dinner  
Saturday, 7 November 2020**



*Te Pae Centre, Christchurch*

**Australian Centenary Induction  
Ceremony & Dinner  
Saturday, 6 March 2021**



*Grand Hyatt Melbourne*

*The Christchurch ceremony and dinner will be held at the time of the NZDA Conference.  
Details and invitations will be sent to all Fellows in due course. Mark your diaries now for these special events!*



## Awarding of 2020 ICD Young Dentists Volunteer Grant

The ICD Young Dentists Volunteer grant was launched in 2019. The grant is awarded annually to a dentist in the Australasian region with less than 10 years of experience in clinical practice since graduation from dental school. The grant is a collaborative initiative with the New Zealand Dental Association (NZDA) and the Australian Dental Association (ADA). We are appreciative to the NZDA and the ADA for promoting the ICD YDV grants to young dentists throughout New Zealand and Australia.

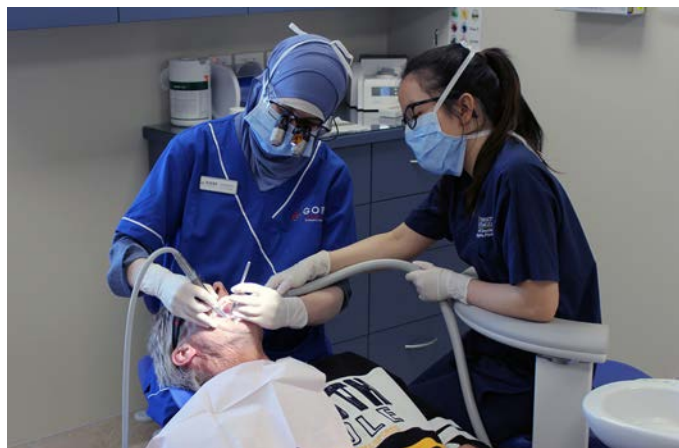
After due consideration of the outstanding applications received for the 2020 ICD Young Dentists Volunteer grant, the Board has awarded the 2020 grant to Dr Haneen Alayan of New Zealand.



*Dr Haneen Alayan*

Haneen is a 2016 graduate of the University of Otago. Her three years of professional life since graduating from dental school include private practice, working in a community mobile clinic and tutoring at the University of Otago Dental School. Although Haneen doesn't yet have experience with volunteer dental programs abroad, she has had plenty of experience with volunteer dentistry within New Zealand. Her career started in a mobile charity clinic providing dental care to low income patients in Hamilton. She also participated in the NZDA free dental days program. In 2018, Haneen was awarded two grants to provide free comprehensive dental care to low income patients in the Southland region. In 2019, she was awarded the Wrigley's NZDA Principles in Action Grant which allowed her, alongside dental student Jamie Marra, to launch the 'Sunday Clinic' in

Dunedin. The ICD Young Dentists Volunteer grant offers Haneen her first experience volunteering outside New Zealand. Haneen will participate in the "Smiles for the Pacific" program led by Dr Jonathan Cole.



Again this year, the Board was impressed with the considerable volunteer experience of the applicants for the ICD YDV grant. These impressive young dentists are the future leaders of our profession and their volunteer commitments so early in their careers bode well for the future of our profession. The Board also applauds the Dental Schools, the NZDA and the ADA for creating volunteer opportunities for dental students and young dental graduates. We look forward to hearing about Haneen's experiences with the "Smiles for the Pacific" program in due course in a future Section VIII newsletter.

### STAY IN TOUCH

#### Experience the Digital Globe

To begin reading the GLOBE online, go to:  
[www.icd.org/the-globe-journal-annual/](http://www.icd.org/the-globe-journal-annual/)  
and scroll down to "The 2020 Globe".

#### Section VIII Website

For more photos and regular updates on Section projects and events, visit our Section website:  
[www.icdsectionviii.org](http://www.icdsectionviii.org)

#### Section VIII Facebook Page

For more photos, locations and regular updates on projects and events, check out our Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/ICDAustralasian](https://www.facebook.com/ICDAustralasian)

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## REPORT ON SOUTH PACIFIC STRATEGY SURVEY

At the 2019 Board meeting in Adelaide, the ICD Board approved development of a Section VIII strategy for the “South Pacific”. The strategy is to include Timor Leste and PNG as well as Fiji and other islands in the South Pacific. These countries are not represented through other Sections of ICD. Although Section VIII has long serving Fellows in Fiji; provides grants for dental projects in PNG, Timor L’este, Fiji and some South Pacific islands; and in recent years has awarded Fellowship to dentists in Timor L’este, PNG and Tonga, the Section seeks to enhance ICD Fellowship and support for improving oral health in these countries in our region by developing a definitive strategy.

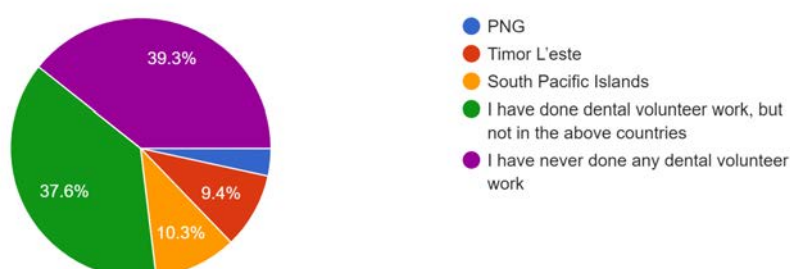
Specifically, the goals for developing a strategy for the South Pacific are to:

- Grow ICD Fellowship in the islands of the South Pacific by recognising deserving dentists who live and work on the islands
- Identify dentally underserved communities in the South Pacific and encourage Section VIII Fellows (or other oral health providers) to participate in volunteer programs to address oral health needs
- Identify and recognise Australian and New Zealand dentists who volunteer in the islands
- Foster collaboration for dental volunteer programs in PNG, Timor L’este and the South Pacific Islands
- Seek potential government or NGO funding to enhance oral health services in these countries

As a first step towards developing the Section VIII “South Pacific Strategy”, a survey was distributed to all 742 Fellows in the Section VIII database who have email addresses. Survey questions asked if Fellows have done volunteer work and specifically if they have volunteered in PNG, Timor L’este or a South Pacific island. If a respondent indicated they have volunteered in PNG, Timor L’este or a South Pacific island, they were asked when they had volunteered, what responsibilities they had and if they plan to continue. Respondents who indicated they have NOT volunteered in PNG, Timor L’este or a South Pacific island were asked if they are interested in volunteering in these countries in the future and if they are interested in providing support for dental programs in these countries from where they live. If interested in providing support, respondents were asked how they might provide support, eg, promotion, fund raising, organising sponsorships, recruiting volunteers, organising supplies, developing OHE materials or data analysis. Finally, all respondents were asked if they were in a position to nominate a colleague living and working in PNG, Timor L’este or a South Pacific island for ICD Fellowship.

118 Fellows (16%) responded to the survey. 60% of respondents (72 Fellows) indicated that they have done dental volunteer work. 27 Fellows have done volunteer work in Timor L’este, PNG or a South Pacific island. 18 Fellows have done this volunteer work in these countries in the past five years and have delivered direct patient care in addition to other support. Most plan to continue their volunteer work. The survey indicates there is a very experienced and committed core of volunteers in PNG, Timor L’este and the South Pacific islands who can guide development of the ICD strategy.

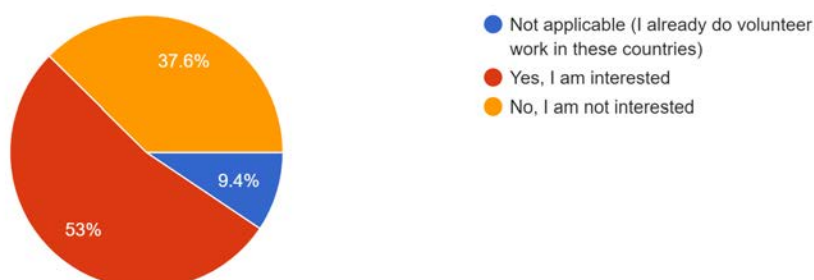
Please indicate if you have done any dental volunteer work in these countries:  
117 responses



Fifty-three per cent of respondents indicated an interest in future volunteer opportunities in PNG, Timor L'este or a South Pacific island. Although most respondents entered their names on the survey to allow follow up, 23 did not.

Are you interested in future volunteer opportunities in these countries?

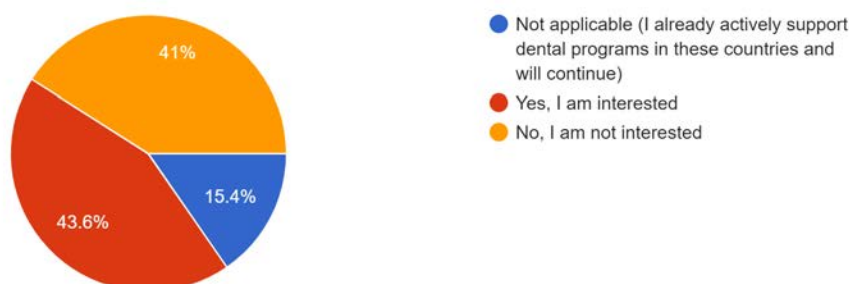
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44% of respondents indicated interest in supporting programs in these countries from their home bases. The most frequent offer of support was for development of OHE materials. Healthy support was also offered for recruiting volunteers and for organising supplies. The least frequent offer of support was for fund raising and seeking sponsorships.

Are you interested in offering active support from where you live for future dental programs in these countries?

117 responses



Only four respondents said they are currently in a position to nominate a dentist working in PNG, Timor L'este or a South Pacific island for ICD Fellowship.

Quite a few respondents have asked to have telephone discussions or have indicated they will respond in more depth through emails. The next steps towards developing the ICD South Pacific strategy are to follow up with survey respondents as indicated and to host an initial video conference with members of a "South Pacific Strategy" development group, chaired by Dr Jenny Smyth AM.

**Thank you to all Fellows who took the time to complete the survey!**

If you have not completed the survey, we would still like to hear from you. [CLICK HERE](#) to take the survey.



## IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON DENTAL PROJECTS

Many ICD supported programs led by Section VIII Fellows consist of teams visiting sites in various countries to support local personnel. Many program visits have had to be cancelled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic: M'Loi Tapang Cambodia, Timor L'este, Kimberley Dental Team, Project Yeti, Vanuatu, Long Tan Vietnam, Nepal school village. The Smiles for the Pacific (SFTP) conference scheduled for this September has been postponed for 12 months.

But many programs are forging ahead and adapting to changes. The ICD sponsorship of local Timorese dental assistant, Ana Paula, to study dentistry in Fiji has commenced despite a chaotic start that was overcome by hardworking ICD fellow David Sheen. Jonathan Cole of SFTP and Len Crocombe in PNG are looking at ways to develop remote webinars to expand teaching and the dental knowledge base without travelling overseas.

### **Healthy Kids Cambodia, COVID-19 Update from Bethy Turton**

Just as dentists all over the world are changing their work styles, Healthy Kids Cambodia is adapting to these challenging times. The closure of schools nationwide in Cambodia has provided a chance for us to catch up on reporting, data management, instrument maintenance and training. During this time our program manager, Dr Seing Tida, is re-training the dental team on clinical protocols and updating the team on our reporting requirements. We are also building a stock of face shields so that when we go back to the field our team and the families we care for will feel protected. We have an advantage in that our Healthy Kids strategy involves 3-levels of care: the first is placement of SDF for all children (to arrest caries); the second is the placement of GIC fissure sealants and Atraumatic Restorative Treatment (ART) restorations. These two levels will manage 80% of the caries burden among the children without the need for aerosol-producing rotary instrumentation and triplex syringes allowing us to provide safer forms of treatment in the COVID-19 environment. Our team is looking forward to being able to safely perform Level 1 and Level 2 care in the near future to address most of the needs in our target communities. The other challenge during this time has been maintaining a feeling of being "connected". Our network involves cooperation across 12 organisations, involving more

than 100 dental students, more than 30 dental nurses and several dentist supervisors. It is important that they remain connected to our project and our system of care, and do not lose the momentum and motivation that has been growing in recent years. We are working on a communication plan to keep all these people and groups engaged using social media, electronic messaging and online training modules. We hope to use this time to refresh and build a team that is strong, connected and able to face the challenges that are to come.



*Dr Seing Tida, Project Manager of Healthy Kids Cambodia  
(position is funded by Section VIII of ICD)*

### **KDT, COVID-19 Update from John Owen AM**

Due to the effects of COVID-19 we have cancelled the May trip to the Kimberleys. We have left the August trip open 'just in case' but concede that it is unlikely to proceed.

Approximately 40 volunteers were to be involved in our 2020 teams. It is our hope that these teams will be able to carry over into the 2021 roster. We are very disappointed that our 5 final year students and final year paediatric registrar will miss out on their KDT experience.

Take care everyone - we are in this all together and community health must be our priority.

### **Village School Oral Health Program Nepal, COVID-19 Update from Sandra Meihubers**

The Nepal Government imposed a lockdown across the country in mid March which has now been extended to 7 May. Provision of only essential services does not include dental services. While the numbers of reported cases are low, there are doubts about the extent and validity of COVID testing with one looming fear being the imminent return of thousands



of Nepalis working abroad once international travel bans are lifted and land borders opened. The country has still not recovered well from the earthquakes in 2015 and people were pinning great hopes on increased revenue and business in 2020 which had been designated the “Year of Tourism”.

Schools are closed and the school oral health program has been suspended. One of the strengths of the program is the lack of reliance on international dental teams for program delivery. When restrictions are lifted the Nepali dental team will pick up the program again, providing outreach dental camps and supporting teaching staff to manage the school based tooth brushing programs. In addition to the basic program, our team had identified a young village boy requiring surgery for an untreated large cleft palate. We will make sure his long wait for treatment will be over, once this viral crisis subsides.

## HISTORY OF ICD SECTION VIII

Although plans for celebrating the 100th anniversary of ICD in 2020 have been changed to the end of the year or rescheduled to 2021, since this is our anniversary year, we can start reflecting on the rich history of our Section. A comprehensive history of our Section is available on the Section VIII website, including an archive of Section newsletters ([CLICK HERE](#)). Here is a brief excerpt:

Initially, the International College of Dentists operated as one body, the “College at Large”. When Sections were formed within the College (substantially in effect from 1948), “Section 29” was designated to include Australia, New Zealand, the Samoa Islands, the Fiji Islands, Borneo, Sumatra, Java, Papua, the Solomon Islands, New Caledonia, the Society Islands and the Celebes.

### Inauguration of Section VIII, Australia

Autonomy was authorized for “Section VIII, Australia” at the ICD Executive Council meeting held on 12 October 1963. Section VIII was officially inaugurated on 30 May 1964 by the College representative, Dr R Gordon Agnew, in Perth at the time of the ADA (Australian Dental Association) Congress.

A charter was presented to the Section 29 Regents Gilbert Henderson and Alan Grainger. An Organizing Committee was elected to attend to the affairs of the new Section until a Board of Regents was elected

at the next convocation in 1971. The Organizing Committee comprised Alan Grainger (Chair), Derek Freeman (Secretary), George Christensen, John Lavis and Gordon Rowell.

### First Section VIII Induction

The first Fellows inducted into Section VIII in 1964 were Ken Adamson, Neville Cox, Derek Freeman, Bernard Lilienthal and Ross Taylor. Bernard Lilienthal is the last surviving Fellow from the inaugural induction and is currently the longest continuous Fellow of Section VIII. The only other surviving Fellow from the 1964 induction was Derek Freeman AM who sadly passed away in February 2018 at 93 years of age.

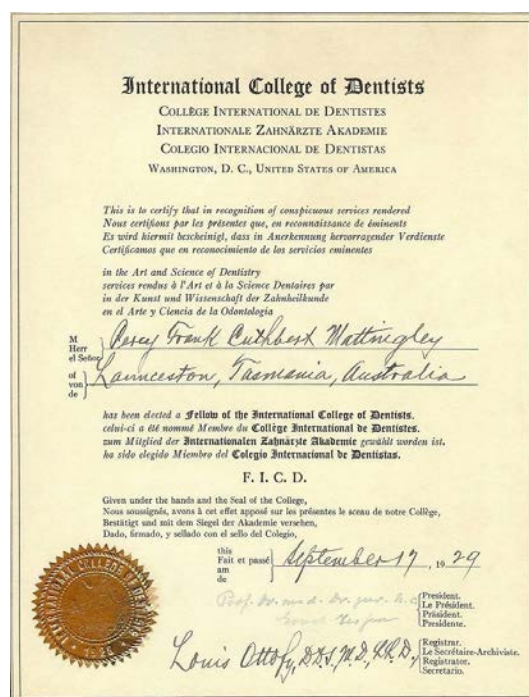
### Inaugural Board of Regents

In 1971, a draft constitution was approved and the inaugural Board of Regents was elected:

Alan Grainger, President  
A Gordon Rowell, Vice-President  
Richard Setright, Registrar  
John F Lavis, Treasurer  
Derek D Freeman, Regent  
Kenneth J Sutherland, Regent

### Section VIII, “Australasia”

In 1973, the listing for Section VIII was amended to include Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Fiji. The Section title was changed to “Australasian Section”.



Oldest surviving ICD certificate for an Australian Fellow,  
Percy Frank Cuthbert Mattingley of Launceston, Tasmania

### **Profile of Alfred Gordon Rowell (1913 - 2007)**

Gordon Rowell played an extraordinary role in the early history of Section VIII. He was a member of the original Organizing Committee appointed in 1964 and was elected to the inaugural Board of Regents for Section VIII in 1971. Gordon served on the Section 8 Board until 1988, representing the Section on the International Council for 17 years initially as the Section President and later as the Section "Executive Councilman/International Councillor".

He became a member of the ICD Executive in 1972 and contributed significantly with a review of College finances and revision of the ICD Constitution and By-Laws. In 1978 he became the first Section VIII Fellow to serve as Council President. For his services to the International College, Rowell was honoured with appointment as a Master of ICD.



*Alfred Gordon Rowell AO CBE MID*

With the outbreak of WWII, NSW dentist A Gordon Rowell enlisted in the AIF (Australian Imperial Force) in 1939. He remained in the military rising to the rank of Brigadier and becoming Colonel Commandant of the RAADC (Royal Australian Army Dental Corps). He was highly decorated for his military service.

Following the war, Rowell worked in private dental practice, taught in the University of Sydney Faculty of Dentistry and was active in both the ADANSW and the federal ADA. As Vice-President of the ADA in 1956 Gordon Rowell led the way in formation of the Australian College of Dental Surgeons and served as Foundation President of the College.

From the archives, you can view this historic interview with Gordon Rowell on YouTube: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=xjTw8ZZEG-k](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xjTw8ZZEG-k)

### **RECOLLECTIONS ON THE ORIGINS OF ICD**

This excerpt from interviews with Gordon Rowell AO, CBE, ED (RL) and Emeritus Professor Kenneth JG Sutherland AM in September 1994 gives personal insights into the origins of the International College of Dentists:



*Dr Louis Ottofy*

*"In November 1920, Dr Louis Ottofy was attending a dinner which was being given in his honour prior to his departure for the United States of America after some 23 years spent in the Orient, mostly in the Philippines and Japan. The dinner was held in Tokyo and the presiding officer was Dr Tsurukichi Okumura, President of the Japan Dental Association. In his address, Dr Okumura dwelt on the fact that, although the Federation Dentaire Internationale provided opportunities for representatives of national dental associations and their equivalent to meet to discuss matters of mutual concern both nationally and internationally, very few individual dentists knew a great deal about dentistry as practised in countries other than their own.*

*At that time, the FDI had not developed individual membership which permitted those who joined to attend annual dental congresses other than ones held at less frequent intervals. In his response, Dr Ottofy suggested that an organization be formed with the aim of learning what progress our profession was making in all parts of the world. The discussion concluded with the promise that upon his return to the USA, Dr Ottofy would give serious consideration to the proposition. He later stated that from then until the College was formed the matter was never out of his mind.*

*Some of those who had met in Tokyo again assembled at an FDI meeting in Philadelphia in 1926 and this culminated in the incorporation of ICD under the laws of the District of Columbia, Washington, in 1928. In order that there would be no conflict, Dr Ottofy consulted with FDI Officers who assured him that they did not consider the proposed College would conflict with the Federation and they offered him support for the proposal. According to Dr Ottofy, the aim of the College was to contact leading dentists*

*everywhere and to create an organization which would permanently cement them together. The first order of business was to determine who the leaders were and to interest them in the organization. A plan was devised and set in motion. The result was the International College of Dentists."*

Original Objectives of ICD (excerpt from first Constitution, 1927):

- to foster cordial relations among dentists in all parts of the world.
- for cooperation among dentists in the interest of progress in the science and art of dentistry; especially with dentists located in less frequented parts of the world.
- to aid in education of all peoples concerning the importance of dentistry as a health measure.

- to assemble and publish data pertaining to dentistry in all parts of the world.

The International College of Dentists was incorporated on 9 July 1928. Membership was to be limited to 300 dentists representing "the ablest, most progressive, best educated, ethical practitioners" in each country in the world. The quota of Fellows for Australia was 6; for New Zealand 2; for the Fiji Islands 1 and for the "South Sea Islands" 1.

In 1930, membership of the College stood at 266 representing 174 countries. The first convocation for new Fellows was held on 22 July 1930 in Denver, Colorado and the first Section of the College (the USA Section) was formed.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SECTION VIII CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
2020 (100th anniversary of ICD)			
DAY/DATE	EVENT	CITY	VENUE
Saturday, November 7	NZ centenary induction & dinner	Christchurch	Te Pae Centre
2021			
DAY/DATE	EVENT	CITY	VENUE
Saturday, March 6	Board meeting	Melbourne	tbc
Saturday, March 6	AUS centenary induction & dinner	Melbourne	Grand Hyatt Melbourne
Monday, September 20	Welcome Reception	Nagoya, Japan	
Tuesday, September 21	Internatl Council meeting	Nagoya, Japan	
Wednesday, Sept 22	Internatl symposium, induction & gala banquet	Nagoya, Japan	
Saturday, Sept 25 (tbc)	Induction function	Sydney (FDI)	
October (tbc)	ICD luncheon for NZ Fellows		NZDA Conference venue

As all Fellows know, 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the International College of Dentists. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Australian centenary induction and dinner originally scheduled for August 2020 in Melbourne have been re-scheduled to 6 March 2021 in Melbourne.

The global centenary events scheduled in Nagoya, Japan in November 2020 have been moved to 20 – 22 September 2021 in Nagoya. Fellows who have registered for the 2020 events in Nagoya may contact Chelsea in the College Office at [chelsea@icd.org](mailto:chelsea@icd.org) to enquire about transfers of payments to 2021 or refunds.

All Fellows will be kept advised of any further changes to scheduled events. Invitations to all ICD events will be sent to all Fellows well in advance of each event.

**Correction to November 2019 newsletter:** The Editor apologises for an error in the November 2019 edition of the newsletter which attributed authorship of the Timor L'este report to David Sheen. The author of the report was the Coordinator of the Timor Dental Program, Dr Blanche Tsetong. Apologies are extended to Blanche and David for any inconvenience caused by this error.



## SECTION VIII MEMBERSHIP & NOMINATIONS

The table below gives membership statistics for Section VIII over the past 14 years. Section VIII's steady growth since 2011 is exemplary within the College. Annual membership growth is, of course, contingent on nominations of new Fellows exceeding the loss of Fellows within any given year. As the statistics show, there was a slight decrease in recent months in Section VIII membership as reported at the annual Board meeting in March. Although this decrease is small, it caught the attention of the Board as it contrasts with annual growth of about 3% on average for our Section since 2011.

SECTION VIII MEMBERSHIP STATS							
	MARCH 2007	AUG 2008	FEB 2009	JULY 2010	MARCH 2011	AUG 2012	MARCH 2013
<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</b>	560	528	540	530	590	588	593
% change		-5.5%	2.3%	-1.9	11%	3%	1%
<b>ACTIVE MEMBERS</b>	402	405	430	441	501	502	501
Australia	355	359	373	386	439	440	439
New Zealand	42	40	48	46	53	53	51
Other countries	5	6	9	9	9	9	11
<b>RETIRED MEMBERS</b>	144	110	98	77	77	76	82
Australia	116	84	78	64	67	65	69
New Zealand	27	25	20	13	10	11	12
Other countries	1	1					1
<b>HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS</b>	12	10	9	9	9	7	7
	(incl 1 Master)	(incl 1 Master)	(incl 1 Master)	(incl 1 Master)	(incl 2 Masters)	(incl 2 Masters)	(incl 2 Masters)
<b>HONORARY MEMBERS</b>	2	3	3	3	3	3	3
	MARCH 2014	MARCH 2015	FEB 2016	MAY 2017	MARCH 2018	MAY 2019	MARCH 2020
<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</b>	622	644	671	695	722	766	762
% change	5%	3%	4%	3.5%	3.9%	6%	-1%
<b>ACTIVE MEMBERS</b>	534	552	584	605	633	671	645
Australia	472	493	520	535	559	588	568
New Zealand	50	47	53	61	64	70	63
Other countries	12	11	10	8	10	13	14
<b>RETIRED MEMBERS</b>	79	80	75	78	78	83	104
Australia	66	64	60	63	64	69	85
New Zealand	12	15	14	14	13	13	18
Other countries	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS</b>	6	8	9	9	8	7	7
	(incl 1 Master)	(incl 1 Master)	(incl 2 Masters)	(incl 2 Masters)	(incl 2 Masters)	(incl 1 Master)	(incl 1 Master)
<b>HONORARY MEMBERS</b>	3	4	3	3	3	5	6

The Board attributes the slight decrease in membership numbers in 2020 compared to 2019 to the “baby boom” factor. This conclusion is supported by statistics from 2019 renewal payments that show 22 Fellows changed from active to retired membership status and 11 Fellows resigned. These numbers are higher than recent years. As Fellows retire from clinical practice, some chose to surrender their ICD Fellowship although many chose to stay connected through “retired” membership status.

The statistics in the table show some trends which we can all be proud of. The Board is proud of the increase in Section VIII Honorary Fellows. Honorary Fellows are “individuals, other than members of the College and not necessarily dentists, who have rendered conspicuous service to the cause of dental science, have contributed to the promotion of the dental profession or have otherwise significantly advanced the dental profession within the Section”. Laynesh Gebrehiwot (Eritrea), Peter Lazar AM (NSW) and Eric Reynolds AO (VIC) are long standing Honorary Fellows. In recent years, Keith Mentiplay (NSW), Wendy Toulmin AM (NSW) and Margie Steffens OAM (SA) have been well-deserved additions to Honorary Fellowship in Section VIII.

The Board is also proud of the increase in Fellows in dentally underserved countries within our region in recent years: Drs Ama Fakakovikaetau and Sisilia Fifita of Tonga; Dr Mahmood Siddiqi of PNG and Dr Fernando Jong of Timor L'este. A "South Pacific Strategy" group, chaired by Dr Jenny Smyth AM (QLD), has been formed to enhance ICD recognition of deserving dentists and support for development of dental services in these countries.

### **Nominating Your Colleagues**

The Board emphasises that our goal for Fellowship growth is not numerical. Our goal is to recognise every colleague in our region who deserves the honour of ICD Fellowship. Our local nominating committees need your assistance in achieving this goal. The Board encourages ALL Fellows to nominate deserving colleagues whom they know. It is only through ALL Fellows making nominations that we can ensure EVERY deserving colleague receives the recognition they deserve.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from the publications page of the Section VIII website: [www.icdsectionviii.org/publications.html](http://www.icdsectionviii.org/publications.html) or can be requested from the Admin Officer, email: [admin@icdsectionviii.org](mailto:admin@icdsectionviii.org). Fellows are encouraged to contact members of their local ICD nominating committee for guidance and assistance:

#### **New Zealand:**

Graeme Ting (Chair), David Crum ONZM, Clive Ross CNZM, John Boyens

**NSW & ACT:** Tom Tseng (Chair), Deb Cockrell, Peter Duckmanton, Scott Davis, Stephen Dahlstrom (ACT)

**QLD & NT:** Ian Meyers (Chair), Julee Birch, Michael Foley, Anders Blomberg

**SA & TAS:** Rick Sawers AM (Chair), Daniel DeAngelis, Sam Gue, Chris Pazios

**VIC:** Keith Watkins (Chair), Eryn Agnew, Warren Shnider, Felicia Valianatos

**WA:** John Owen AM (Chair), Jenny Ball, Nick Albatis, Andrew Heap, Kang Kim



## **RESCHEDULED**

### **2020 ICD Centennial Celebrations in Nagoya, Japan**

The 2020 ICD centenary celebrations in Japan have been rescheduled to September 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Fellows and their guests are invited to attend these events in Nagoya:

Monday, September 20, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
**Welcome Reception**

Tuesday, September 21, 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm  
**International Council Lunch**

Wednesday, September 22  
**Symposium on ICD Humanitarian & Educational Projects, AM**  
**International Induction Ceremony & Gala Banquet, PM**



*For more information about the ICD events in Nagoya and to register visit [www.icd100.org](http://www.icd100.org).  
Capacity for the anniversary events in Nagoya is limited.*