

International College of Dentists

Recognising Service and the
Opportunity to Serve

ICD Section V Europe and Israel

Honouring our Colleagues...



...Commitment to our Profession



Who We Are

...Honour

The International College of Dentists is a worldwide honorary organisation of dentists who have, by their actions, demonstrated an abiding interest and concern for their profession and their patients.

The idea for the College was created in 1920 by Dr. Louis Ottofy with the help of Dr. Tsurukichi Okumura of Japan and incorporated in 1928. The College was formed to advance the science and art of dentistry for the health and welfare of the public, to bring together outstanding international and dedicated members of the dental profession, to exchange dental knowledge and to encourage the growth of the profession worldwide.

Being recognised and proposed as a Fellow of this organisation of distinction in the dental profession signifies that one has brought honour to the profession through devoted service and high ethical behaviour, and that in return, one is bestowed with the highest honour of that profession through being invited to become a Fellow of the International College of Dentists

ICD Mission

The International College of Dentists is a leading honorary dental organisation dedicated to the recognition of outstanding professional achievement, meritorious service, and the continued progress of the profession of dentistry for the benefit of mankind.



And What We Believe ...*Commitment*

The International College of Dentists has the following important objectives:

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



Where We Came From

...History

November 1920 - Tokyo, Japan: The Idea for the International College of Dentists was conceived at a farewell party for Dr. Louis Ottofy. He was returning to the USA having practised dentistry for 23 years in The Philippines and Japan. Dr. Tsurukichi Okumura of Japan was present and urged Dr. Ottofy to form an international organisation to promote cordial relations within the profession and help disseminate scientific information.

1926 – Philadelphia, USA: At the 6th International Dental Congress, Dr. Ottofy's Japanese friends reminded him of the promise made earlier in Japan. Plans were disclosed for an organisation to be composed of leading international dentists.

December 31st 1927 - Chicago, USA: New Year's Eve, the International College of Dentists was officially born.

1928 - Chicago, USA: 250 Fellows located in 162 countries, states and provinces accepted Fellowship in the College. The first Fellows were those with international reputations who were active in the Federation Dentaire Internationale. The first Board of Regents came from Australia, Austria, Canada, China, Cuba, England, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Spain, South Africa, Switzerland, Uruguay and the USA.



Dr. Louis Ottofy



Dr. Tsurukichi Okumura



And Where We Are Going ...*The Future*

The International College of Dentists has an extensive process of screening prior to inviting a candidate into Fellowship. The process is highly selective, focusing on an individual's professional as well as community achievements.

Selection Credentials for Potential Fellows

- Candidates must have been active for at least five years in clinical practice, in teaching, in research or in government service.
- Candidates must be a member in good standing of their national dental organisation, if such exists.
- Candidates must be at least thirty years of age.
- Candidates must be recognized as an active contributor to the dental profession and community and be held in high esteem by both for integrity and character.
- Candidates must be acceptable to the Board of Regents or governing body of the Section or Region in which they reside.

Membership

- The College membership totals over 11,000, with 6,000 members in the USA Section and about 4,000 members in other sections around the world.
- The limited membership of the College is, paradoxically, in contrast with its wish for worldwide growth and involvement.

**The ICD is highly respected throughout the world.
As Fellows, we are guardians of its dignity and welcome the challenge
to live up to its standards in all that we do.**



ICD Organisation

...How We Operate

In the International College of Dentists, there are fourteen autonomous Sections and an International Section composed of thirteen approved Regions.

Fourteen Autonomous Sections

Section I	United States of America
Section II	Canada
Section III	Mexico
Section IV	South America
Section V	Europe, Israel
Section VI	India, Sri Lanka
Section VII	Japan
Section VIII	Australasian (Australia, New Zealand, South Pacific)
Section IX	Philippine Islands
Section X	Middle East
Section XI	Korea
Section XII	Chinese Taipei
Section XIII	China
Section XIV	Myanmar

Thirteen Approved International Regions

Section XX		
Asia	Region 22	Hong Kong, Macau
	Region 23	South Asian (Thailand, Laos, Kampuchea)
	Region 24	South West Asian (Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh)
	Region 25	South East Asian (Singapore, Indonesia)
	Region 31	Vietnam
	Region 33	Malaysia
Africa	Region 26	North African (Libya, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia)
	Region 27	South African (South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia)
	Region 28	Central Africa
	Region 29	Egypt, Sudan
	Region 30	Iran, Turkey
English Caribbean	Region 32	Bermuda, Bahamas, English Speaking Caribbean Islands
Spanish Caribbean	Region 21	Central America, Panama, Non-English Speaking Caribbean Islands



ICD Governance

...*Internationally*

The ICD is administered by an International Council composed of

- ▶ **Five College Officers:** World President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Immediate Past President and Treasurer;
- ▶ **Three Ex Officio Members:** the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General and the Editor; and
- ▶ **Thirty Two International Councillors.**

International Council Representation	
USA	10
Canada	2
Mexico	1
South America	1
Europe and Israel	3
India, Sri Lanka	2
Japan	2
Australasia	1
Philippine Islands	1
Middle East	1
Korea	1
Chinese Taipei	1
China	1
Myanmar	1
International Section:	
Spanish Speaking Caribbean	1
English Speaking Caribbean	1
Asia	1
Africa (to be filled)	1

The International Council meets once a year, alternating between a site in the USA in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Dental Association, and an international site, generally in conjunction with the annual meeting of the host Section's national dental organisation.



European Section: ICD Section V *...Organisation*

The European Section of ICD incorporates Fellows from thirty countries in Europe and from Israel and is known as Section V. There are presently over 700 Fellows in Section V, organised into fourteen Districts. New Fellows are inducted into the Section at the Annual Meeting which takes place in a different European country each year, usually in June. Each Fellow concurrently becomes a member of his or her local District.

Districts of the European Section

- District 1: Austria**
- District 2: Benelux (Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg)**
- District 3: Scandinavia (Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden)**
- District 4: England, Scotland and Wales**
- District 5: France**
- District 6: Germany**
- District 7: Greece and Cyprus**
- District 8: Ireland**
- District 9: Israel and Malta**
- District 10: Italy**
- District 11: Portugal**
- District 12: Spain**
- District 13: Switzerland**
- District 14: Central and East Europe (Croatia, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia and Slovenia)**

The Countries of ICD Section V Europe and Israel





European Section ICD: Section V ...*Governance*

There are fourteen Regents in the European Section of ICD representing 30 European countries and Israel.

A Regent is responsible for a District which may consist of Fellows in a single country or groups of countries within Europe. Several Districts organise local annual meetings. To help with District duties, each Regent has a Vice-Regent and where there are groups of countries within a District, a Regent may have a Vice-Regent to represent each country.

The Officers of the Section comprise the President, the President-Elect, the Vice-President, the Immediate Past President, the Secretary-General, the Treasurer and the Editor.

The Board of Regents meets twice a year, once during the annual meeting, usually in June, and once in November/December, with the President of the year as Chairman.

All Officers and Regents are full voting members of the board. Past Presidents and former Officers are entitled to attend but may not vote.

The European Section has three votes at International Council meetings and sends three active Councillors as representatives.

...*Communications*

The European Section has two publications and a website:

- **The ICDigest**, an annual journal delivered by post
- **The ICD Eurogram**, a newsletter sent periodically by E-Mail
- **The Section's Website** address is: <http://www.icd-europe.com>



The Philip Dear Foundation

...How We Help

This is a charitable fund for educational purposes established in June 2005 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the European Section becoming autonomous section of ICD, and to commemorate Philip Dear, the key Founding Father of the European Section.

...Some European Section Projects

The 2006 Mutual Agreement between the European Section of ICD and the Academy of Medical Sciences in Odessa, Ukraine (AMSO), led to extensive participation by European Fellows in Continuing Education in Odessa, funded by the Phillip Dear Foundation. This project is to be continued.

The Board through an Advisory Group is exploring its role in online dental education both for dental education in (Central & East) Europe and for upcoming projects in developing countries. It is particularly interested in the work of the International Virtual Dental School (IVIDENT) established in King's College, London.

The Israeli-Malta District ICD Dental Student Award recognises outstanding senior dental students in Israel and Latvia. The European Section of ICD with the Israeli IADR Division awards a travel grant award – funded by the Philip Dear Foundation - to an outstanding young researcher to attend the annual IADR meeting.

German Fellows have been conducting teaching visits to St Petersburg in the Russian Federation for many years.

European Fellows are involved in humanitarian projects in many parts of the world including Belarus, the Dominican Republic, India, Nepal, Portugal, The Netherlands and West Africa.



European Section ICD: Section V

...History

Early European Input into the Development of the ICD

Fellows from Europe played a very significant part in the early years of the International College of Dentists. By the end of the 1930s, there were significant numbers of Fellows in Belgium, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Norway, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland; a few in Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Yugoslavia, but none in the Baltic countries or Russia.

Communication between the Fellows in Europe and other parts of the world was poor. Following WWII, Fellows from behind the iron curtain were unable to travel, so what little contact had existed among Fellows within Europe virtually disappeared.

Eight European Fellows have served as World Presidents

Georges Villain	France	1931
Rene Jaccard	Switzerland	1939
Jacque Fouré	France	1969
Cyril deVere Green	England	1979
Frans Lankhof	Holland	1988
John O. Forrest	England	1992
Gerrit van der Harst	Holland	1997
B. David Glynn	England	1999



European Section ICD: Section V

...History (cont)

Europe: an Autonomous Section - Amsterdam 1955

Dr. Elmer Best, appointed Secretary-General of the College in 1931, established a strong friendship with Phillip Dear, an Australian dentist of Irish and Scottish descent. Born in Melbourne in 1884, Dear's family later moved to the USA where he studied dentistry, graduating as DDS from the Dental School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1910. In Philadelphia, Dear later met William Fitting, an outstanding Swiss practitioner, who invited him to join his dental practice in Lausanne. Dear later ran his own practice in Lausanne for 32 years.

Best and Dear both longed to see an autonomous European Section established. Best died in 1954, and was succeeded by Harold Westerdahl who worked closely with Dear. Together they furthered plans for an autonomous European Section. Taking advantage of a meeting of the American Dental Society of Europe (ADSE) in Amsterdam in 1955, Dear invited sixteen Fellows to a specially arranged luncheon to plan the formation of the European Section,

The date was 13th July 1955, the date the European Section can be said to have originated.

Inaugural Meeting, London, 1956

One year later, on July 9th 1956, the Inaugural Meeting of the European Section was held in the Trocadero Restaurant in London. Harold Westerdahl came especially from Minneapolis to guide the fledgling Section. Fellows from seven of the twelve European countries listed on the roster attended and the temporary officers elected in Amsterdam in 1955 were confirmed in office.



The First European Officers Elected in 1956

Philip Dear (France)	President
Charles Nord (Holland)	President-Elect
F. Ackerman (Switzerland)	Vice-President
Jacques Fouré (France)	Secretary
P. Coustaing (France)	Treasurer (then Frans Lankhof, Holland, 1959-1968)
Jean Roger (France)	Editor

District Divisions 1956

The European Section was originally divided into five Districts

1. France, Italy, Spain and Portugal
2. Great Britain and Ireland
3. Switzerland, Germany, and Austria
4. Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg
5. Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland

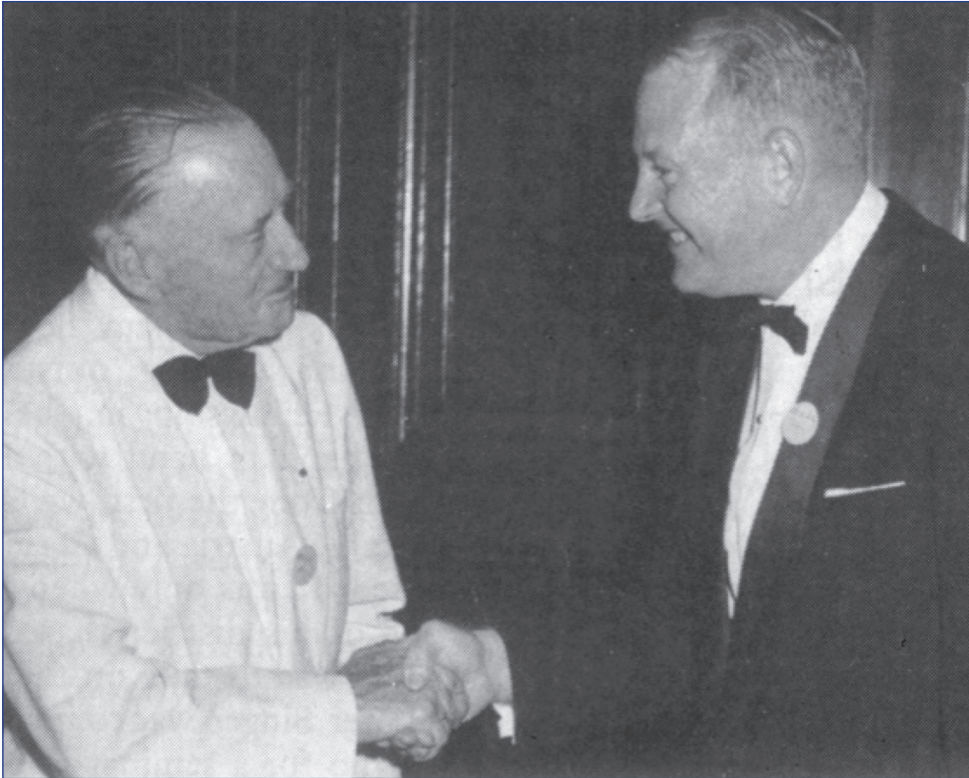
Continuing Education

From the 1950s to the early 1980s, the European Section ran post-graduate courses in addition to the annual meeting. These courses were much sought after, especially in the post WWII days, when there was little by way of post-graduate dental education available in Europe. Then, as dental specialist associations sprang up, attendance at the ICD courses fell off so they were stopped.

A full-day Scientific Programme, presenting key speakers in different fields of dental science, is now held at the annual meeting.

Several Districts also have scientific lectures at their local annual meetings.

**An Historic Moment in the History of the European Section
9th July 1956**



Dr. Philip Dear (left) shakes hands with Dr. Harold Westerdahl, Secretary-General of the College at Large, as the European Section is founded as an autonomous Section of the ICD, London, July 1956.

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How to Reach the European Section of ICD

Names and contact details for all Regents and Officers of the European Section are available at:

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