



## Regent's Report

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It is with great pleasure and honor that I serve as the Regent for District 5. As I reflect on the last 9 months, I am inspired and amazed by our ICD fellows and their individual and collective accomplishments to the profession and to the International College.

District 5 continues to have talented leaders who have unwavering dedication and endless energy. Vice Regent, Paul Isler; Georgia's Deputy Regent, Bruce Ashendorf; Alabama's Deputy Regent, Jim Broome; Leadership Coordinators', Wayne Kerr, Janine Bethea, Bruce Cunningham; Projects Committee member, Walter Stewart; ICD Foundation member, Marie Schweinebraten; Editor, Tom Kauffman; Immediate Past Regent District 5, Gar Hagman; Immediate Past President of the International College Worldwide, Don Johnson; and Past President of the International College U.S.A. Section, Leon Aronson are all sharing their talent and time in advancing ICD's mission. Thank you for your continued dedication and enthusiasm.

This October at the ADA meeting in San Antonio, we will welcome 16 new fellows into the ICD from District 5. The following dentists have been recognized for their outstanding leadership and commitment to the field of

dentistry. Our 2008 class includes: Dr. Gordon T. Austin, Dr. John D. Barnes, Dr. Gordon Brady, Dr. Donald Brown, Dr. Bruce Carter, Dr. Gregory Goggans, Dr. John K. Kendrick, Dr. Christian A. Loetscher, Dr. Felix Maher, and Dr. John S. Newsom, Dr. R. Leon O'Kelley, Dr. David W. Perry, Dr. Henry J. Proctor, Dr. Jerry D. Spillers, Jr., Dr. James E. Talbot, and Dr. T.S. Trulove. Please join me in welcoming these outstanding candidates.

I also want to highlight some of District 5's many accomplishments which demonstrate our fellows' collective dedication to the International College. Our successes include:

***The International Dental Student Exchange Program:*** Every summer dentists from Georgia and Alabama enjoy hosting French dental students and introducing them to dentistry in the United States. Many thanks to all our hosts and coordinators especially Vice Regent, Paul Isler, Deputy Regents', Bruce Ashendorf and Jim Broome, and to our French connection, Marie Schweinebraten and Chris McFarland. We also want to thank the Deans and faculty members at the University of Georgia and the University of Alabama for their continued support and participation in the program.

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## MISSION

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

# International College of Dentists Upcoming Events

**October 16-17, 2008**

**Section I / United States**

San Antonio, Texas

*Annual Meeting and Convocation*

**November 14-15, 2008**

**Section IV / South America**

Santiago, Chile

*Regents' Meeting and Convocation*

**March 2009**

**Section VIII / Australia**

Perth, Australia

**June 25-27, 2009**

**Section V / Europe**

Lisbon, Portugal

*Annual Meeting and Convocation  
and Scientific Program*

**November 2009**

**Section III / Mexico**

Mexico

*Annual Meeting and Convocation*

**October 2009**

**Section I / United States**

Hawaii

*Annual Meeting and Convocation*

# ICD Leadership Initiative— The "White Coat Ceremony"

*Gerrit C. Hagman, DDS, MSD-- Former 5th District Regent*



The presentation of the International College of Dentists' message on leadership and professionalism to dental school's white coat ceremonies is one of the most visible parts of the ICD Leadership Initiative. This ceremony in which the students don their white coats is symbolic of the transition of the student

from didactic studies into the clinical responsibility of treatment for patients. Some ceremonies take place at the beginning or at the end of the freshman year, while others are presented upon the completion of the sophomore year. The ICD "White Coat Message" has been presented for the past three years at the University of Alabama, the Medical College of Georgia and the University of Pittsburgh. This year the message will be presented to Alabama, the Medical College of Georgia, the University of Pittsburgh, SUNY at Buffalo, the University of Florida and NOVA Southeastern University. The message explains how the relationship and establishment of leadership and professionalism will directly affect and benefit the students during their structured academic years as well as in the years after graduation. The message specifically charges the students to be skilled, honest, moral and ethical in their treatment of patients. "We are truly a profession", it says, "and not a trade, thanks to the leadership of dedicated professors who teach the didactic and clinical skills; to the forward thinking researchers who bring us new and cutting edge materials and techniques; and to our dental organizations

which bind us together and allow us to speak with united positions for the delivery of the best dental care in the world". We should truly be grateful and appreciative for the sacrifices and for the personal integrity, professionalism and leadership of those men and women who have preceded us, making dentistry the esteemed profession that it is.

It will always be necessary, the students are told, to uphold and continue to enhance our profession through a lifetime of constant learning and for them to have a strong sense of commitment to excellence, because the torch of leadership will ultimately be passed to them. They will be entrusted with the safekeeping and being the guardians for the future of dentistry. Technology and methodology will continue to change, but the standards of professional, ethical and honest behavior as well as skilled treatment should never change. "The practice of dentistry is truly a sacred trust," the message admonishes. "Everyone here should abide by and practice this principle." The text also states that the practitioner, researcher and those in academia must have a life-long journey of continuing education along with their dental teams and associates, each giving of their expertise in the form of mentoring to someone in the practice of dentistry in one form or another. The message stresses the fact that there are both personal economic benefits and physical and emotional stress relief benefits attributable to being leaders and professionals. These benefits will bring financial rewards for their families and a happier life for them in dentistry and in the community. It is clearly stated to the students

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**ICD Student Leadership Award:** This award recognizes a senior dental student who demonstrates outstanding achievement and leadership. The students are selected by their faculty and a plaque from the ICD is presented by the Dean at the awards function. The award is given to students at the University of Georgia and the University of Alabama. District 5 also presents a monetary gift to the award recipient.

**White Coat Ceremony:** The ICD supports and fellows participate in the White Coat Ceremony at numerous U.S. dental schools. Many thanks to our Immediate Past Regent, Gar Hagman for making District 5 a leader in this meaningful ceremony.

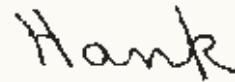
**Support of the Peace Corps Applicants:** This collaborative project of the ICD and Peace Corps seeks to provide no cost examination and radiographs for Peace

Corps applicants who are without a dentist. Many of our District 5 fellows participate in this worthwhile project.

**Law Day:** District 5 supports the Georgia Dental Association Law Days held each January, February, and March. It is a wonderful way for the ICD to support dentistry on a local level.

Again, I would like to thank and acknowledge our Vice Regent, Deputy Regents, Editors, Counselors, sponsors, and contributors for the countless, invisible hours that they devote to advancing ICD's mission and leadership. It is an honor to work with you all. ♦

In Fellowship,



that our dental teams and our patients should be included as members of our extended families, because they truly are. A charge is given to each of the students to keep a code of professionalism, leadership, and ethical behavior and treatment as their guiding light. The students are told to share their skills; mentor someone; give back their time, talents and financial support to their

dental schools, to dentistry as our profession, and to their communities. The message is ended with, "On behalf of the International College of Dentists, we welcome you to the profession, and wish for you the very best during your educational years and the greatest success in all the years that will follow."

It has been my honor, privilege and pleasure to have made these presentations on the behalf of the International College of Dentists. ♦

# ICD 2007 Convocation and New Fellows Reception



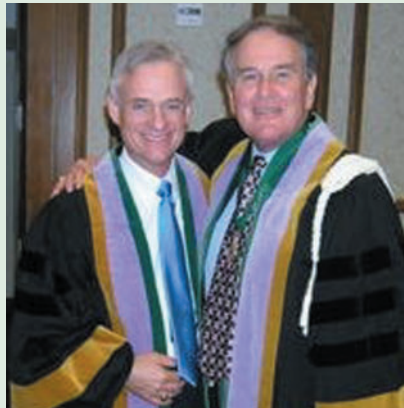
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*Drs. Chesser, Myers, Reddy, Gamble and Cumbus*



*Mrs. Joan Diversi and Dr. Hank Diversi.*



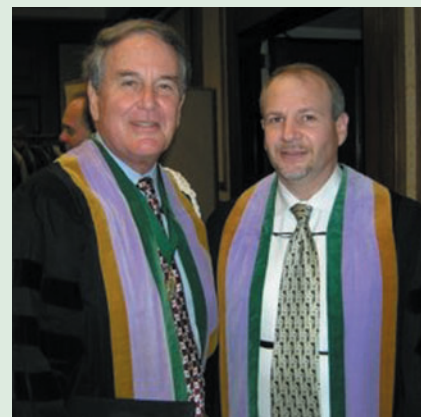
*Drs. Thomas Kauffman and Gerrit Hagman*



*Dr. Kaneta Lott gets help from Mrs. Joan Diversi.*



*Barbara Aronson, Jan Johnson, Joan Diversi and Dr. Gerrit Hagman.*



*Drs. Gerrit Hagman and Jonathan Dubin.*

# ICD 2007 Fellows



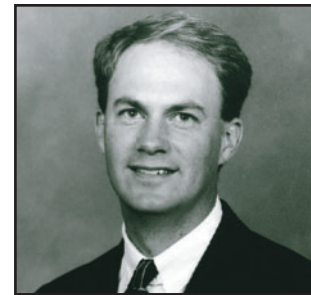
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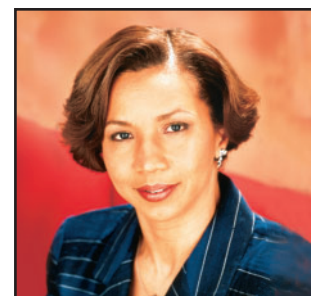
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Savannah, GA*



*Rodway Mackert  
Evans, GA*



*Michael S. Reddy  
Birmingham, AL*



*Deena Holliman Smith  
Forsyth, GA*

## From The Editor

*Thomas W Kauffman, DDS*



Being inducted into the International College is truly an honor and a professional highlight. It becomes even more meaningful when a close friend and colleague is kind enough to sponsor your nomination, and I am grateful for Dr. Gerrit Hagman's support. His professional competence and integrity are certainly notable, and we have all been lucky to be the recipients of his leadership. His kind manner and gracious encouragement have always been a source of inspiration,

and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge his positive influence on my life and career.

I hope you enjoy this first edition. My goal was to make it easy to read and interesting. Any suggestions for improvement would be welcome. There are several people needing to be thanked for supporting the ICD. The first is Mr. Thomas Winstead, owner of the Oral Arts Laboratory located in Huntsville. His company provided both financial and hands-on support for the student exchange students at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. Dr. Jim Broome reports that UAB had the honor of having two students from Nice, France. These French students had a full week of activities. In

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addition to their clinical experiences, these students had outings to the lake, attended a Birmingham Barons game, played a round of golf, and consumed more barbecue than they had ever seen. It was a tremendous experience for all involved, and kudos need to go to Drs. Chris McFarland and Marie Schweinebraten for their organizational efforts, encouragement and support.

Personal thanks and recognition need to go to our Georgia “angels of mercy” that have tirelessly worked behind the scenes at past ICD convocations getting all the new fellows organized and ready for the awards presentation. Barbara Aronson, Jan Johnson, and Joan Diversi have tirelessly done whatever was needed to get the new fellows properly attired and looking the part for the processional. I was grateful to have their support, and we all should give them big pats on the backs for supporting district 5.

Another worthy project of the ICD is to support the annual UAB School of Dentistry scholarship Symposium Poster Session held on March 5, 2008. The ICD district 5-Alabama provided three student scholarship awards of \$250 each in the pre- and post-doctoral basic and clinical science categories. The winners were:

Mary Beth Wilson:  
first place,  
predoctoral basic science category

Angie Halverson:  
first place,  
predoctoral clinical science category

Haiyan Chen:  
first place,  
postdoctoral basic science category

I hope you are planning to attend the ICD meeting in San Antonio. It should prove to be a great event worthy of our support. ♦

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