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INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS MISSION STATEMENT:

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

If You Could Be A Dragon

by Regent Robert T. Kramer



Pennsylvania Regent, Robert T. Kramer

"If you could be a dragon, what would you look like and what powers would you have?" My imaginative eight year son, Gunnar, posed this question to me the other night as we sat at the kitchen table

drawing together. We do this often. The stacks of paper in his cluttered bedroom are testament to the many hours spent making up creatures never seen before, machines designed to do our chores and landscapes filled with animals we have seen around our farm. Creativity, enthusiasm and persistence run in our family. Gunnar's question had a more existential meaning for me, however. A recent diagnosis and subsequent surgery for a tumor on my spinal cord is the reason. Switching into the role as a patient was never expected, but it was enlightening. Having access to the best care in the world is truly a blessing we cannot take for granted! At my recent post op appointment, the neurosurgeon at Johns Hopkins was impressed with the recovery despite what will most likely be permanent numbness in my left thumb and forefinger. He said that I would have had a much greater chance of being

struck by lightning than to have a tumor in this exact location on a left handed dentist. A career ending paresthesia seems small in contrast to what might have happened if the tumor were not discovered when it was. C'est la vie! Did I mention that I am an optimist? And now I have a rare opportunity to redesign myself and start in a new direction, but hopefully not as a dragon.

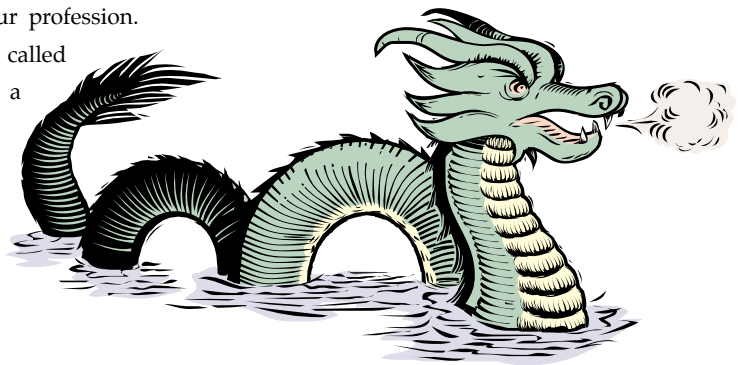
can forge a direction for dentistry that will be in the best interest of those whose lives we touch. My charge to each of you is a simple one. Take a look at your life and the energy that you place into the various aspects of your daily routine. Is there something you would change if you were given the opportunity? Take a risk and do it! The most rewarding things we experience in life

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I welcome the role as your Regent, as it offers new challenges and possibilities! George Kirchner leaves big shoes to fill. Fortunately our organization is comprised of the best people in our profession. We will undoubtedly be called upon to help navigate a course for dentistry's future. There are many obstacles facing us today: from a sagging world economy to the uncharted future of healthcare. Together we

require us to step out of our comfort zone. Just going through the daily grind is a dull-

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Core Values Statement Adopted

The following statement of core values was adopted by the Board of Regents at the annual meeting of the USA Section of the ICD this past October in San Antonio:

CORE VALUES AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES REGARDING RESPECT FOR THE INDIVIDUAL

The USA Section of the International College of Dentists (“ICD-USA”) believes in treating all individuals with dignity and respect, regardless of race, color, gender, age, marital status, genetic information, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or any other classification protected by law that is applicable to the ICD-USA. Diversity in backgrounds, experiences and perspectives enriches our lives and enhances the quality of our fellowship.

In keeping with our philosophy that “Together we can accomplish more than we could as individuals,” our commitment is to foster a culture among our Fellows that

is not only free of harassment and discrimination – as outlined in the organization’s Employment Policy & Procedure Handbook applicable to the ICD-USA’s employment practices – but also supports and encourages inclusiveness, so that all of our Fellows recognize that they are respected and valued.

We expect all of our Fellows – including those who serve in leadership positions, such as the Board of Regents or Vice Regents, Executive Committee, and College Committees – to strictly adhere to these core values and guiding principles at all times, including when:

- * *Nominating and selecting new Fellows;*
- * *Making employment-related decisions for the ICD-USA;*
- * *Communicating with other ICD Fellows, whether verbally, in writing, or electronically;*
- * *Communicating as an ICD-USA representative with parties outside ICD-USA; and*
- * *Otherwise acting as a representative of ICD-USA.*

Failure to adhere to these principles may be grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to Article XVI of the By-Laws.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CONFERENCE TO BE IN BALTIMORE

THE 26TH ICD CONTINUING EDUCATION CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND ON APRIL 19-20, 2009 FOLLOWING THE BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING.

The conference will be at the Marriott Waterfront Hotel, which is adjacent to the Inner Harbor and many fine restaurants and attractions. A welcoming cocktail party and registration will be held on Saturday, April 18.

A most timely lecture series with outstanding clinicians is scheduled for Sunday and Monday mornings. Dr. Robert Ord, the Chair of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Maryland and a distinguished cancer surgeon, will address “*Changing Demographics of Oral Cancer and Oral Screening in the Dental Office.*” Dr. Robert Taft, Dean of the Naval Postgraduate Dental School, and Dr. Gerald Grant will lecture on “*Maxillofacial Prosthetic Support for the Wounded Warrior; Past, Present, and Future.*”

On Monday, Dr. Christian Stohler, Dean of the University of Maryland Dental School, will give a presentation on “*Dentistry and Dental Education - The Best Is Yet to Come.*” Dr. Michael Belenky will present on the “*International Student Exchange: Global Pathway to the Future.*” Dr. Belenky is the Chair of Global Dentistry at the University of Maryland.



Baltimore

Dr. Harold Crosley will lecture on “*The 25 Most Prescribed Medications and their Dental Implications.*” Dr. Crosley is both a dentist and a pharmacologist, who lectures extensively throughout the US and abroad.

The Fellows, spouses, and guests will visit the National Dental Museum on Sunday afternoon. This will be followed by a tour of the very new and state-of-the-art dental school at the University of Maryland. A reception and dinner will follow at the beautiful atrium of the dental school. Monday afternoon will be free so that everyone can enjoy the many opportunities available in the Inner Harbor area and the surrounding city.

The Post Trip will be from Tuesday, April 21

to Friday, April 24 and will be headquartered at the very exquisite Gaylord National Resort on the Potomac. This is a magnificent and most interesting property accessible to Old Town Alexandria via water taxi and upscale shopping and restaurants.

On Tuesday, April 21 there will be a tour of Washington, DC and its many memorials. Lunch will be at the historic Hillwood Estates and Gardens, the home of the late Marjorie Merriweather Post. There will be time to tour the grounds, mansion and art galleries.

On Wednesday, April 22 we will have a VIP tour of the US Naval Academy and Annapolis. On Thursday, April 23 we will complete our tour of Washington with a visit to the Newseum and other attractions. The Newseum was opened in 2008 and is very popular. The Post Trip will conclude on Friday with transportation provided to BWI and back to Baltimore.

Complete details and registration material will be available in the near future. Please contact the ICD central office if you have any questions or for additional information by phone at (301) 251-8861.

Congratulations!

Matthew Freedman is currently serving on the board of the Pennsylvania Academy of General Dentistry.

Linda Himmelberger chaired the Reference Committee on Dental Education and Related Matters at the ADA HOD meeting in San Antonio.

Lewis A. Kay, Clinical Program Director and Interim Program Director for the Episcopal Residency at Temple University Hospital, was the recipient of the 2008 Manuel M. Album Award presented by the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. The award is given to the individual who has made the greatest contribution to the oral health of children with special needs.

John Nase recently gave a presentation on Basic Restorative Implant Dentistry for the PDA Speakers Bureau in Wellsboro.

Dennis N. Ranalli was awarded an Honorable Mention by the ICD-USA Section in the Golden Pen Award for Journalism for his article entitled *Ergogenic Substance Abuse by Adolescent Athletes- Perspectives for Dental Practitioners*, published in *Northwest Dentistry*, the journal of the Minnesota Dental Association.

Martin F. Tansy retired as the Dean of Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry after 22 years. The ADA had just issued an "Order to Show Cause" why the School of Dentistry should remain open, when Dr. Tansy became dean. He rescued the school, achieved full accreditation and turned it into a model of dental education. And, as he is proud to point out, he did it "within budget" year after year. Twenty-four hundred men and women graduated from the school during his tenure. Congratulations and best wishes from all of us!

If you have information you would like to share with your Pennsylvania and USA ICD Fellows regarding an honor, achievement, election, publication or other item, please send the information to the editor, Richard Galeone at RJGDDS59@COMCAST.NET and it will be included in the next *College Call* and the *KEY* on a space available basis. Or mail to: Richard Galeone, DDS, 122 Holly Drive, Lansdale, PA 19446.

Our New Fellows!

New Pennsylvania Fellows: Standing from left: Roger Spampata, Herbert Ray, Regent George Kirchner, Stephen Solfanelli, Richard Clark and Cary Limberakis. Seated: Lauren Grabill and Karin Brian.



Pennsylvania was proud to welcome seven new Fellows into the International College of Dentists at the annual meeting and convocation in San Antonio, Texas this past October. They all attended an informative Fellowship Orientation Program on the day before the convocation which was followed by a wine and cheese reception.

Dr. Kenneth Kalkwarf, Dean of the University of Texas HSC at San Antonio, gave the convocation address entitled *Dentistry at the Crossroads*. He addressed the topic of Leadership and how we will predict, and act upon, the changes that the dental profession have already begun to experience. The full text of Dr. Kalkwarf's remarks will be published in the 2009 *KEY*.

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Did You Know?

Did You Know ... That **Richard Shick** of Grand Blanc, Michigan has been elected President of the International College of Dentists College-at-Large. Dr. Shick was the president of the United States Section in 2001. He assumed his office on January 1, 2009.

Did You Know ... That **Manfred Seiderman** of Santiago, Chile was elected to the position of President-Elect of the ICD College-at-Large.



College-at-Large
President,
Richard A. Shick



ICD College-at-Large
President-Elect,
Manfred Seiderman



ICD-USA Section
President,
Leighton A. Wier

Did You Know ... That the ICD-USA Section President, **Leighton Wier** helped defend Washington D.C. from the hippies in 1970 and spent 3 nights camped out at Andrews Air Force Base next to President Nixon's helicopter.

(If You Could Be A Dragon, continued)

ing experience. Try something new and you just may find yourself inspired! Leaders do that. And we can all benefit from some redirected energy.

The dental profession currently holds an enviable spot in the healthcare arena. It will take strong leadership, a continued commitment to excellence, and a watchful eye to maintain that position. We are experiencing an unprecedented number of applications to our schools by students with remarkable GPAs and résumés. I think our future will be in very capable hands. But how do we march forward, providing the greatest standard of dental care in the world to a growing number of patients who struggle to afford our services? How do we attract young faculty members to our dental schools and retain them? How do we stave off the threat of socialized medicine and keep our autonomy? Those are big questions without sound answers. Every Fellow has a great opportunity to help our profession by trying something new. Mentor a dental student or inspire a future one. Volunteer in a clinic. Provide care for an indigent family who struggles to access our services. Your actions are the examples of leadership that others notice. A renewed sense of optimism, creativity, enthusiasm, and perseverance are all that's needed!

ICD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Various Sections of the College may sponsor meetings on an annual or variable schedule. Refer to the ICD worldwide website, www.icd.org, call the central office at (301) 251-8861, or email reg-sg@icd.org for further information regarding any of the domestic or foreign destinations.

Section II Canada	Vancouver, British Columbia	March 5 - 6, 2009
Section I United States	Baltimore, Maryland Continuing Education Conference	April 19 - 20, 2009
Section VII	Tokyo, Japan International Council	May 22 - 23, 2009
Section V Europe	Lisbon, Portugal Annual Meeting & Convocation & Scientific Program	June 25 - 27, 2009
Section I United States	Honolulu, Hawaii Annual Meeting & Convocation	October 1 - 2, 2009

College Lessons Tie to Section

From the beginning there has been a very close relationship between the USA Section and the ICD College-at-Large. The Secretary General of the College and the Registrar of the USA Section has always been the same person. And, because of this, the physical facility, or Central Office, of the Section has also been the Central Office of the College. That is the way it is now. Retired Brigadier General Robert E. Brady serves as both the Section Registrar and the College Secretary General.

But all that is about to change. At the November, 2007 College-at-Large meeting, the officers and international councilors agreed to loosen the ties that have closely bound the

Section and College. The Secretary General and the USA Section Registrar will no longer be the same person. The College also wishes to have its own office space, preferably close to the Section office for mutual support.

Dr. Brady is scheduled to retire from his position on December 31, 2009. He will be replaced by two people. Retired Rear Admiral Carol I Turner of Vienna, Virginia has agreed to serve the Section as our new Registrar. The College plans to replace the Secretary General position with a full-time Central Office Administrator and a part-time Secretary General. They are now seeking qualified applicants for these positions.

Necrology

*They are like trees planted by streams of water,
Bearing fruit in due season,
With leaves that do not wither;
Everything they've done shall prosper.*

**Arthur R. Krause
Emanuel Ploumis**