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**Section Meeting**

Our Section Meeting will be held this year in Beirut on November 2 and 3.

The Induction Ceremony will be held on the evening of November 2 at the Riviera Hotel and will be followed by a banquet.

**[Nominations of candidates for fellowship should be sent to section Registrar AbouJaoude.](#)**

A full day scientific program will take place at the Olayan Business school of the American University of Beirut and will have as its theme: "From Research to Daily Practice"

**[Fellows who wish to present at this meeting are asked to send the abstract of their presentation to the president of the organizing committee, Regent Andre Sacy before July 15, 2012.](#)**



Past President Roy Sabri hands over the President's key to President Riad Bacho under Past President Zahi Khalaf's watchful eye. The ceremony took place on Tuesday February 7 following the election of officers.

The Section's officers for the 2012-2014 period are:

President:	Riad Bacho
President Elect:	Ali Alehaideb
President Emeritus:	Joseph W Tamari
Vice President:	Georges Tawil
Registrar:	Nadim AbouJaoude
Deputy Registrar:	Edmond Koyess
Treasurer:	Ibrahim Nasseh
Regent District 1:	Andre Sacy
Regent District 2:	Mohammad Oussaimi

## Section Officers in Beirut



**From Left: Past President Sabri, Regent Sacy, Councilor Haddad, Vice President Tawil, President Bacho, Treasurer Nasseh, Registrar AbouJaoude**



**President Elect Ali Alehaideb**



**President Elect Alehaideb and Regent Oussaimi**

## Honoring Two Past Presidents



President Sabri hands a plaque to  
Past President Khalaf



President Sabri hands past President Tabourian  
Commemorative plaque

### THE GOLDEN AGE

Speech given by Dr. Zahi Khalaf at the ceremony given by the ICD, honoring him for 50 years of dental practice.

Despite the color of our hair and the number of years we have accumulated, I would rather call the “age” we are stepping into as the “Golden Age”.

“Golden” because of the colours nature takes in the autumn season. Funny enough, they are all beautiful and bright colours ranging from green to red to orange and yellow.

“Golden” because, as you all know, gold signifies stability, value, beauty.

A material which is useful and precious, a solid reference in our global economic system.

So it is wonderful to look forward to an age having all these qualities.

The famous anthropologist Margaret Mead has written some years ago, many articles on the importance of growing old.

One should not measure life by the number of years, but by those treasures of knowledge, wisdom and achievements accumulated.

She says, the elderly need the young so that the changing world around them keeps pulsating with life, and the young need the elderly to help them learn about their heritage and experiences so that they have room for improvement.

To my mind as we grow older, we should concentrate on keeping ourselves busy. Having little time on our hands keeps one alert, interested and healthy.

On this issue, I am reminded of my mother, who was not a very educated woman, but became so after living all her life in the community of the American University of Beirut. She managed to bring us all up (6 of us) the way the American families lived:

- Early to bed, early to rise. Nobody could stay in bed after 6:00 am
- Cold showers every morning
- Fixing our rooms before going to school
- After school homework is first
- Then out for 1 hour of sports

Now after I got married, a lot of those protestant ethics were deleted, namely the morning cold showers, and the wake up time. But the discipline of hard work became much more severe.

Nothing rejuvenates youth more than hard work. So keep busy!

Touch wood! I might be able to go on for another 50 years.

Thank you.

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## Study Club Meetings 2012

The Section Convocation on February 7<sup>th</sup> saw the election of new officers, the handing over ceremony, and the ceremony honoring Past Presidents Khalaf and Tabourian.

Aside from that, two Study Club Meetings were held by District 1 in Beirut.

On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, two speakers discussed the use of orthognathic surgery in the correction of malocclusion. Dr Hani A. Salam dealt with Class III correction while Dr Said Halabi described ways of treating Class II relationship and correcting "gummy smiles"

The April 26 study club was sponsored by Pharmacol and was dedicated to new developments in implant systems. Each speaker elaborated on the new trends in implant design in the system he was using. Four speakers lectured then participated in a lengthy discussion period: Georges Tawil, Nadim Mokbel, Jihad Abdallah, and Georges Tehini, while Nadim AbouJaoude gave the closing remarks.

## Payment of dues

All fellows can now pay their dues by direct bank transfer. Please make sure to instruct your bank to make the transfer in such a way as to have the full sum due, credited to the Section's account.

Following are the bank details you need to make the transfer:

International College of Dentists (M.E)

BANK AUDI SAL – AUDI SARADAR GROUP, HAMRA BRANCH

**IBAN: LB65 0056 0000 1794 3461 0020 0201**

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Currency: U.S Dollars

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Alternatively, dues can be paid in cash or by check to our treasurer Ibrahim Nasseh