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## **Editorial**

"Recognizing Service and the Opportunity to Serve"

Such is the motto of the ICD. This goes way beyond the honor bestowed upon fellows in recognition of their contribution and service to the profession. It sets the standard towards which we have to strive.

Having been at the helm of our Section as a president, and having participated in decision making under presidents Finan, Khalaf and Tabourian, I am aware of the problems and difficulties one encounters in running a group such as ours. I am even more aware of the fact that mistakes are made and that we have to learn from our mistakes to improve our governance.

The officers of the Section are constantly looking for ways to move the Section forward. There are many problems to solve especially with the Section growing beyond the borders of Lebanon, as it rightly should, to deserve being called a Middle East Section. Constructive criticism from fellows who are not in a position of responsibility is an essential feedback to help the officers in their efforts. Let's all be part of our Section and of the College and share our thoughts and input our ideas. It is one of the best ways to serve our Section and to help the officers in finding opportunities to serve.

Cedric Haddad  
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## **District 1**

### **Study Club Meetings**

The Scientific Committee at its meeting on Monday February 2<sup>nd</sup>, has set the dates for this year's study club meetings as follows:

Thursday March 5, 2009

Thursday May 7, 2009

Thursday June 11, 2009

All meeting will be held at the Monroe Hotel in Beirut at 6:30 PM

Speakers at the meeting on March 5 will be:

Dr. George Bellos: Reconstruction of Pulpless Teeth

Dr. Alfred Naaman:

Study Club meetings are open to all fellows and to members of the profession.

Fellows, in particular, should be part of these study Club meetings and part of the Section!

## **District 2**

### **Riyadh Meeting**

### **April 20 to 22, 2009**

District 2 is planning a half day ICD program as part of the "New Era Dental International Conference" which will be the 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Saudi Dental Society and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Saudi National Guard.

Some of the officers of the Section have been invited to attend the meeting and four officers will be lecturing during the half day meeting.

The meeting will be attended by the College's International President Dr Richard Shick, and it will be concluded with an Induction Ceremony in which inductees from Saudi Arabia and Kuwait will join the College.

## Report on Section Meeting Saturday November 29, 2008 Monroe Hotel, Beirut, Lebanon

The Middle East Section's meeting was held on November 29, 2008 in Beirut. The theme of the full day lecture program was "Pink and White Esthetics" with as guest speaker Dr Mike Cassidy.

The meeting was opened by the President of the Scientific Committee Philippe Souhaid and the opening address was given by Section President Jean Marie Megarbane excerpts of which follow:

At a time where aesthetic dentistry and the "I want now" are omnipresent, our patients are asking us to "burn the time" for fast treatment, the question that should be raised is:

"Should we not indulge the time ( donner du temps an temps) and not exploit the request for fast treatment as a way for fast profit"

"Should we not avoid the rush into the one size fits all solutions instead of respecting patient selection and personalized treatment?"

To achieve such tasks, we must have a clear vision based on our fundamental principles and shaped by our values, mission and goals. This vision should influence undergraduate and postgraduate curriculum in universities as well as continuing education for practicing dentistry. Our activities should be focused not only for "the happy few high standard specialists" who have the recipes for "all the others colleagues problems" but develop with the Lebanese Dental Association and the universities in collaboration with the dental industry a policy and a program to determine our own purpose and professional conduct.

Fellows of the ICD, my dear colleagues, providing your leadership in your fields and positions, you can help by your individual actions to make that vision become a reality



President Megarbane giving his opening address



General view of the audience

Dr Cassidy gave the opening lecture on “White Esthetics” and the closing lecture on “Gingival Esthetics”. Other speakers at the meeting were fellows Roy Sabri, Jo Sabbagh, Georges Tawil, Jihad Abdallah and Georges Hagge.

The Scientific program was followed by an orientation program for the Section’s Inductees followed by a ceremony in which 8 new fellows joined the Section: Jihad Abdallah (Lebanon), Georges Hagge (Lebanon), Nada Naaman (Lebanon), Jo Sabbagh (Lebanon), Majed Faisal Al Muammar (KSA), Emtiyaz Al Turkistani (KSA), Mohammad Al-Oussaimi (KSA) Samir Mukeem (KSA)



During the meeting, two of the founding fellows of the section, Levon Karjian and Charles Tager were honored and each received a commemorative shield.



Group photograph with Section Officers seated and new fellows standing