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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Dear Colleagues, Delegates
and Friends of the FDI*

I hope and trust that you had a great time both personally and professionally in New Delhi and that you arrived home safe and sound bringing back fond memories.

Our Annual World Dental Congress in New Delhi was indeed exciting in many ways. Though we faced some technical problems in the beginning, in the end we, as always, overcame them and showed how we together can achieve positive results.

I would like to personally thank one and all for your interest, participation and support for the FDI.

This is the foundation of our proud organisation and I sincerely hope and believe that it continues and grows in the future.

By passing the 33 recommendations offered to you as a new governance package, we have now established a solid foundation for the future development of the FDI.

I would also like to thank you all for your participation and wisdom in crafting our new Constitution and also our Task Team which has done a tremendous job and worked hard during the last year.

Now that we have a brand new Constitution, I shall start working on the development of a new strategic plan. This will be a new blueprint for the FDI which Council will discuss in April 2005 as a part of our "New Beginning" Council workshop. As always, we welcome and need your kind input and ideas for this important workshop. I always believe in the notion that an architect builds a house not for himself but for the future of others.

I would like to take this opportunity to apologise for not being able to meet with all of you personally - I seek your kind



Dr Yoon receiving his honorary ADA Membership from ADA President Dr Sekiguchi.
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understanding and hope to communicate with you in depth in the coming year.

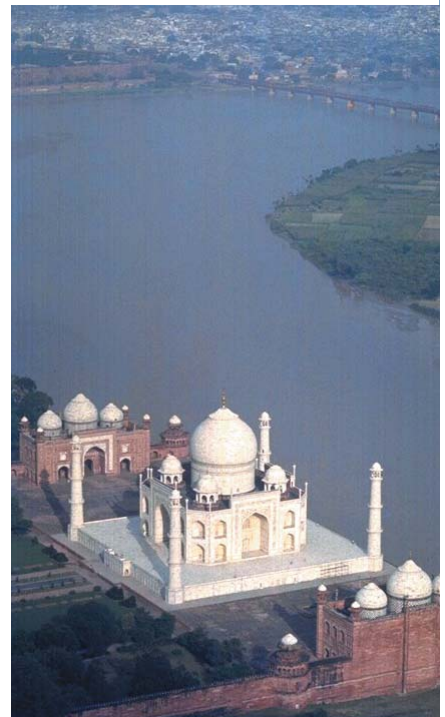
Once again, I would like to thank each and every one of you for making the New Delhi Congress a success and look forward to seeing you soon.

When we act as one, with a unified voice we shall truly become a great and widely respected profession - recognised for ceaselessly working for the advancement of oral health worldwide.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Heung-Ryul Yoon
President
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NEW DELHI CONGRESS

New Delhi, the capital of the Federal Republic of India, welcomed thousands of people involved in all aspects of dentistry to the 2004 Annual World Dental Congress, the Trade Exhibition and the World Dental Parliament in September.

This great cosmopolitan city with its grand mixture of old and new was a great location for the big event that an FDI congress truly is. Our congratulations and thanks go to Dr. LK Gandhi and all members of the Local Organising Committee and their team. This was the first time the congress was held in India and without their outstanding help and support this congress would not have been possible. They did a tremendous job not only before but also during the congress.

Opening Ceremony

This was an outstanding event and as always with a mix entertainment and dedication. We were fortunate to have the Vice-President of India officially opening the congress. After the opening followed a colourful and enjoyable event of dances and music on a Red Fort theme and then came the ever popular roll call of nations.

Some figures

The Local Organising Committee is preparing the figures on the number of participants in the scientific programme. They will be available on the web site as soon as they are ready.



Busy outside Exhibition and Lecture Halls

The scientific programme covered over 40 sessions, lectures and workshops; there were 142 poster presentations and 167 free communications. 8 pre-congress courses were held.

167 exhibitors representing 29 countries participated in the international trade exhibition which covered 3,000 sq m floor space.

REPORTS FROM WORLD DENTAL PARLIAMENT MEETINGS

The business meetings in New Delhi were plentiful and many successes were achieved. Some of the most important decisions made were the following:

General Assembly

The highlight of the GA meetings was the adoption of the Governance Recommendations and subsequently the new FDI Constitution. This monumental task had been achieved within a time frame of two years which is a great achievement of the Governance Task Team and all involved. Council has decided that the new Constitution will not be printed in the normal format this year, because it can be expected that the need for some editorial changes and maybe some other changes as well, might crop up during the year. The Constitution will thus be made available on the FDI website for downloading by Member Associations. After the Montréal General Assembly meetings, the Constitution will be properly printed and distributed. Thank you to all who have made contributions to ensure that the FDI has solid and sound Governance procedures in place and a Constitution to match!

The General Assembly also considered the report of the FDI Treasurer and in-depth debate took place, specifically around the new and vastly improved financial management systems at Head Office. The Finance Reference Committee made some excellent proposals and implementation of these will be considered by the Finance Committee and Council. The General



General Assembly A, Prof Göran, Koch and Dr Choo Teck Chuan in the foreground.

Assembly further adopted the updated budget for 2004, which again shows a deficit, but the reasons for that are clear and the trend for the future positive. All indications are that 2005 will be a good year for the FDI on the financial front.

This year, only one new Regular Member was welcomed into the FDI – the Association des Chirurgiens Dentistes du Niger.

Four new FDI Statements were adopted: Endorsement of ISO Standards, Continuing Dental Education, Quality of Dental Implants, and Code of Practice on Tobacco Control for Oral Health Organisations. These Statements are available in English, French and Spanish on the FDI website; German will be added soon.

As always, the elections of office bearers are of great interest and importance to all. The following new Councilors were elected: Dr. Brent Stanley, New Zealand, Treasurer; Dr. José Font-Buxo, Spain; Dr Orlando Monteiro da Silva, Prof. Alex Mersel, Israel; Portugal and Dr. TC Wong, Hong Kong SAR China; Dr. Burton Conrod, Canada was re-elected for a second term. In his address to the Assembly the President thanked and praised all the colleagues who have completed their terms of office. A special word of thanks was expressed to the outgoing Treasurer Dr Jo Willmes. The Assembly also elected some members to the Science and Dental Practice Committees. The balance was elected by the Council. Please, see below for the full election results. The GA witnessed the hand over of a cheque to the value of €50,000 to the FDI. The donation was made by Mr. Mike Sudzina, Director

Professional & Scientific Relations NA Oral Care Products, Procter & Gamble. With this donation the company wishes to support the global public health and oral health promotion activities of the FDI. The President expressed the FDI's high appreciation for the generous donation and said that it is clear that the excellent results that are being achieved by the FDI in the field of development are being noticed and donations such as these strengthen the FDI's ability to do even better in the future.

In the traditional way, the FDI flag was handed over by the New Delhi LOC to the Montreal LOC. Dr Shetty, IDA President said that it was a huge honour for them to host the Congress and he trusted that all had enjoyed the business meetings, the scientific programme, the trade exhibition and the Welcome Ceremony – and also the special hospitality of India. Dr Denis Forest (LOC Chairman) received the flag on behalf of the Canadian LOC and said that the Montréal Congress will be an event not to be missed. It is believed that the trade exhibition will be the largest ever held in Canada and the scientific programme over four days will be unique in the sense that two programmes – one in French and one in English will be held. Both will have multiple parallel sessions and interpretation into other languages will be available if adequate numbers of each language group register for the Congress. The vibrant city of Montréal is waiting to host one of the most unique FDI Congresses ever.

The debate at the Open Fora meetings was lively as always. From next year and onwards more of the work will have to be done at these meetings because of the extensive workload that the General Assembly and Council have to deal with

Council

The Council debated a variety of matters. The most important of these was the extended discussions around Beijing as venue for the 2006 AWDC. Due to problems with the infrastructure in Beijing, Council has taken the very difficult decision to defer the Congress there to a later year when the required

infrastructure to host a mega congress such as the FDI's, would be available. It has since been confirmed by the Chinese colleagues that the convention facilities in Beijing would not be ready in the foreseeable future and as such the Executive Director is investigating together with the Chinese colleagues an alternative venue in China. More information about the venue of the 2006 Congress will be available during early 2005 and all Member Associations and interested parties will be informed as soon as a decision has been taken.

Some of the important aspects that Council considered were the reports from the various FDI Committees. The report from the World Dental Development & Health Promotion Committee on the results of the now well known Planning Conference for Oral Health in Nairobi was particularly interesting and the subsequent developments encouraging.

Council further approved a new approach to manage the development and publication of FDI Position Statements Information about this will soon be available on the FDI website.

Dr. William R. (Bill) Allen was appointed Director of World Dental Partners Ltd in the place of Dr Peter Swiss, who will stay on as Director of World Dental Congress.

Science Committee

The committee's working programme formed, as always, a big part of the meeting. A new project was approved: The Establishment of Objective Criteria for Amalgam Restorations to be replaced with Tooth-Coloured Polymer Material.

The Committee further discussed the planning of the 2005 FDI/IADR science transfer meeting in Baltimore. Invitation will be sent to all IADR scientific groups in November. The content of the two first science transfer meetings will be published in the *IDJ* next year and is targeted for the general practitioner. Although mid year committee meetings have been suspended due to financial constraints, the members agreed to hold an *ad-hoc* mid year meeting in Baltimore as most members will be there attending the IADR.

The IADR Representative on the committee suggested that IADR could organise a session in future scientific programmes of the Annual World Dental Congress; this programme would be aimed at general practitioners.

Dental Practice Committee

Three new projects were proposed by the committee: Quality Systems in Dentistry, Ergonomics and Effects of dentists' physical and mental decline in relation to other health professionals. The chairman will liaise with the Science Committee since the last one of these might overlap with the Science Committee project on Occupational hazards.

The committee reviewed the two existing statements on: Action against illegal Dental Practice and Dental Health Policy of the FDI. The proposed changes will be submitted to the World Dental Development & Health Promotion Committee which was working on a revision of these statements.

In Montréal a Dental Practice Forum will be held with the theme "Financing of Oral Health Care".

World Dental Development and Health Promotion Committee

With the adoption of the governance principles for the FDI, the World Dental Development Committee will have new responsibilities in the areas of oral health promotion and tobacco control, thus becoming the World Dental Development and Health Promotion Committee (WDDHPC). All members of the Committee welcomed this change and will address the expanded areas of activity with working groups.

During the meeting in New Delhi three project applications to the World Dental Development Fund were reviewed; however, none of them were approved. Other key aspects of the Committee's strategy were discussed, such as the review of current FDI statements related to workforce issues, fundraising for public health activities, the collaboration with WHO and the follow-up of the Nairobi Planning Conference earlier this year. The initial results

of that conference are very encouraging and a first progress report will appear in the next issue of Developing Dentistry.

The following members were re-elected to the Committee: Dr Brian Mouatt, George Weber and Prof Wim van Palenstein Helderman. Dr Stephen Moss was elected replacing Dr Ngo Khanh. Dr Robert Beaglehole was appointed consultant for Dental Public Health and Tobacco Control.

Education Committee

Revisions of the Manual for Scientific Sessions for future congresses were made and improvements in requirements for CERP recognition discussed with regard to the New Delhi programme. The scientific programme for the 2006 and 2007 congresses were also planned in more detail.

The committee worked in break out sessions on: Continuing Education Programme, Educators Programme in Montréal and Scientific Programme for the 2007 congress.

Communications and Members Support Committee

The role and the responsibilities of the National Liaison Officers and their importance as the link between the FDI and Member Associations were discussed. The committee decided to, as part of their work plan for 2004/2005, work on the criteria which should be met by a National Liaison Officer in order to receive the free congress registration.

The committee has, on the request of Council, taken on board an analysis of translations and interpretations within the FDI for the future. The first results will be reported to Council in August 2005.

One of the committee's main responsibilities – FDI Publications and the web site – was discussed in depth. There has been a proposal from one member association to translate the IDJ to give it a wider audience in a non-English speaking country. Dr. Stephen Hancocks, Editor of the IDJ will work further on this interesting proposal.

Chairmen Liaison Meeting

This is not a committee but a meeting which was started in 2004 on the initiative of Dr Jos van der Heuvel, chairman of the Public Health Section. The chairmen and vice-chairmen of all committees took part in the meeting which was chaired by Dr John O'Keefe, chairman of the Communications committee. The purpose of this meeting is that there is communication between all committees to avoid duplication and overlapping and also to identify synergies and possibilities for joint coordinated activities.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Science Committee

Prof L Samaranayake, *Chairman, Hong Kong SAR China*
Prof Martin Tyas, *Australia***
Prof Henry Magloire, *France*
Prof Hideaki Suda, *Japan*
Prof Asbjørn Jokstad, *Norway*
Prof Reiner Biffar, *Germany*
Dr PL Fan, *USA **
Dr Kathryn Kell, *CEC Representative*
Prof John Clarkson, *IADR Representative*
Dr Denis Smith, *ISO Representative*
Prof Poul-Erik Petersen, -
WHO Representative

Dental Practice Committee

Dr Myron Pudwill, *Chairman, USA***
Dr Edoardo Cavallé, *Italy**
Dr Peter Engel, *Germany**
Dr Claus Munck, *Denmark***
Dr Henrique Teitelbaum, *Brazil***
Prof Nermin Yamalik, *Turkey***

Education Committee

Dr Kathy Kell, *Chairman, USA***
Dr Margaret Comfort, -
*Hong Kong SAR China***
Dr David Crum, *New Zealand*
Prof Michel Goldberg, *France**
Dr Young-Guk Park, *Korea**

Prof Peter A. Reichart, *Germany*
Prof Masaki Shimono, *Japan*
Prof Eugeniusz Spiechowicz, *Poland*

World Dental Development and Health Promotion Committee

Dr Brian Mouatt, *Chairman, UK***
Mr George Weber, *Canada***
Prof Martin H Hobdell, *USA*
Prof Stephen Moss, *USA**
Dr Gary S. Leff, *USA*
Dr Serge Rouquette, *France*
Prof Malick Sembène, *Senegal*
Prof Dr Wim van Palenstein Helderman, -
*Netherlands***

Communications and Member Support Committee

One vacancy which will be filled next year

Finance Committee

Dr Brent Stanley, *Treasurer and Chairman, New Zealand**
Dr Jack Harris, *USA*
Dr David Thomson, *Australia*
Dr Richard Mascola, *USA**

* New member

** Re-elected member

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