

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF DENTURISTS
2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HIGHLIGHTS

Representatives from Australia, Canada, Cyprus, Finland, Malta, The Netherlands, the Slovak Republic, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States, as well as several guests and observers, met in Sliema, Malta for a two-day annual meeting, October 24-25, 2008. Following are highlights of the meeting. Country Reports will be published in the next issue of *Denturism Canada*.

- ❖ New IFD Website address: <http://www.international-denturists.org>.
- ❖ South Africa and Spain have been welcomed as members. Membership in St. Kitts & Nevis has doubled – there are now 2 Denturist members of the IFD! Communication has been renewed with New Zealand. The representative from Germany has resigned and there has been no recent communication from France.
- ❖ The Republic of Ireland has now approved legislation for Clinical Dental Technicians and the first licences were granted in October.
- ❖ The major project in 2007 was organization of the World Symposium on Private Dental Laboratories and Denturism, held in Coventry, England in May 2007. The IFD worked closely with the Clinical Dental Technicians Association (UK) and the Dental Laboratories Association in the planning of this successful conference.
- ❖ The 6th World Symposium on Denturism will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada in October 2009. This is a partnership of the IFD and the National Denturist Association (US).
- ❖ In October 2007, Paul Levasseur (President, IFD), Eric Engelbrecht (The Netherlands) and Urban Christen-Mendez (Switzerland) were invited to attend the Ilustre Consejo General de Colegios de Protésicos Dentales de España, and were hosted by our new members from Spain. They took the opportunity to discuss Denturism worldwide and to answer questions on the Denturist movement and IFD.
- ❖ Graham Key (Australia) resigned his position as Vice President (AustralAsia) due to work commitments. John Taylor of Australia appointed Vice President (AustralAsia) for the remainder of the term (to 2009 AGM). Graham Key will continue as IFD Education Chair. The IFD thanks Graham for his support and dedication to the IFD over the past several years.
- ❖ Financial Statements for the period ending September 30, 2008 were presented. Efforts will be directed to securing major sponsors of the IFD. A UK/European IFD representative will be appointed to assist the Chief Executive with representation at IFD events. IFD telephone line in Canada to be discontinued.

The website will indicate that contact should be made by fax or email. A list of responsibilities of the local association in hosting an IFD Board meeting will be developed.

- ❖ IFD Core Competencies, Assessment Sheets and Examination Procedures were accepted. These documents are to be translated in as many IFD languages as possible. Each IFD country will take these documents to their regulatory bodies as the minimum standard in the education and training of Denturists as supported by members of the IFD. A similar message will be sent to the European Union. Examination Procedures are for use by the IFD Examination Team in countries who are seeking legislation through IFD confirmation of clinical qualifications.
- ❖ A brochure directed to potential sponsors will be produced. Tony Sarrapuchiello (Vice President – North America) and Gerry Hansen, Chief Executive, are responsible for this initiative.
- ❖ In 2007, there were 4 inductees to the Brotherhood of Sterkenburgers: Carlo Zanon (Canada), Stefan Masik (Slovak Republic), Stanislav Skoda (Slovak Republic), and Graham Key (Australia). In 2008, John Salamone-Reynaud of Malta was inducted into the Brotherhood of Sterkenburgers.
- ❖ Next Meeting:

IFD Board meeting
October 13-14, 2009
Las Vegas, Nevada
- ❖ Future Meetings
2010 – Finland (Date to be announced)
2011 – Cologne (to be confirmed)
2012 – Denmark (to be confirmed)