# **Solutional College of Dentists** 2016 MICHIGAN NEWSLETTER



#### **Regent's Message**



RON PALER

This will be my last message as District 9 Regent. It has been an honor to serve both Michigan and Wisconsin for the past four years. While serving as Regent I was also in charge of the annual Fellowship Orientation Program and Treasurer of the *ICD Foundation*.

Beginning in 2016 our new Regent will be **Julio Rodriguez** from Brodhead, Wisconsin. Many of you know Julio from his service as President of the WDA and his work with our combined MDA/WDA delegation to the ADA.

Julio will continue to be a hard worker on behalf of organized dentistry.

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### **OBRIGADO: STUDENT EXCHANGE**



Teddy Eusebio and David Li

Obrigado means thank you in Portuguese, the language of Brazil. For our two-week education at the University of Sao Paulo, Bauru School of Dentistry in Brazil, a heart felt "obrigado" is what we would like to say to the International College of Dentists for funding our amazing educational experience. Although we were 4,978 miles away from our dental school in Ann Arbor, we felt right at home in Bauru due to the kindness and care we received from the students, faculty and staff we spent time with.

Our experiences included shadowing dental students and faculty in lectures and clinic in both the dental school's undergraduate and graduate dental programs. Aside from learning from the intelligence and exceptional skills of their students and faculty, what we valued most was observing the care they showed for each other and for their patients. Smiles, hugs, handshakes were common sights around the clinics, between the faculty, staff, students and patients. In addition, we spent time at Centrinho, the university hospital known for its highly successful comprehensive treatment of craniofacial anomalies, most notably cleft lip and palate.

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#### **Deputy Regent's Message**



STEVE SULFARO

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve you the ICD Fellows of District IX/ Michigan. This past year in Washington the ICD USA Section inducted 11 new Fellows from Michigan; one of our largest classes. Great job all for recognizing and honoring your fellow colleagues through nomination into the ICD and welcome aboard to our newest Fellows. This New Year marks the end of Dr. Ron Paler's reign of terror as Regent of District IX. But seriously, thank you Ron for your dedication to our profession through service in the ICD and your leadership these past four years. Great job!

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# Breakfast Business Meeting April 23, 2015



The Annual Breakfast Business meeting was well attended . Those in attendance were treated to a presentation from U of M senior, **Janelle Cooper**. Janelle spent two summers in Kenya gathering data, screening patients and completed treatment on a number of elementary school children. **Steve Harris** gave us a treasurer's report (we are doing well), **Ron Paler** gave us an update on the National ICD, and **Jack Hinterman** presented a new Global Dental Safety Program to help underdeveloped nations implement the latest sterilization procedures.

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**Dr. Julio Rodriguez** is stepping up from his former Deputy Regent role for Wisconsin and will take over for Ron as our new District IX ICD Regent. Julio, a dynamic and enthusiastic past president of the Wisconsin Dental Association has assured me that "we (district IX) are going to do great things". I have accepted the new role as ViceRegent and will work closely with Dr. Rodriguez serving overall District IX. **Dr. Steve Harris** has accepted the role of Vice Regent and taking over for me. Welcome aboard, Steve!

# White Coat Ceremony at U of M and UDM



Left: Dental Student at the White Coat Ceremony Below: William Chase and Dean Mert Aksu



The Annual White Coat Ceremony was held at the University of Detroit McNichols campus on August 23, 2015. Dr. William R. Chase, ICD Fellow, was the guest speaker before the entering 2019 class of 144, parents, and friends.





Above: Incoming U of M class of 2019 Left : Steve Sulfaro, Deputy Regent District 9

In July 2015, Deputy Regent **Dr. Steven Sulfaro** addressed the incoming UM dental class during their White Coat Ceremony. In his address he stated that their time in dental school will be (continued on page 6, white coat)

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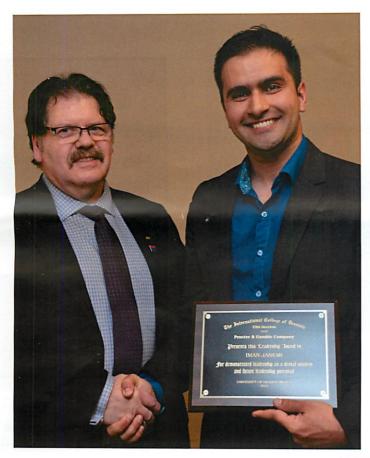
Above: L to R Ovi Quintentall, Steve Sulfaro, Janelle Cooper

The ICD national office recognizes two graduating dental students from each school. The ICD Leadership and Humanitarian awards are given. Along with a nice plaque they are given \$1,000 each. This year's Leadership Award for the UM dental school went to Dr. **Ovi Quintental**. Ovi spent time with the UM's Student out-reach Kenya project during the summer of 2014. A native of Miami, Florida, Dr. Quintenal has been accepted into the grad Ortho program at Kentucky and started his training in the fall of 2015. **Dr. Jenelle Cooper** received the ICD's Humanitarian Award for UM. Dr. Cooper also was involved in the UM's Kenya project. Dr. Cooper is from Detroit and after her graduation is enrolled in a General Practice Residency program in Chicago.

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At Centrinho, we got to experience true interprofessional health care as the hospital offered medical treatment, the assistance of social workers, genetic counseling, therapy, and free room and board and more to the patients and their families. They even had dental clinics of restorative, pediatrics, periodontics, prosthodontics, orthodontics, and their hospital. And now, 4,978 miles back home to Ann Arbor, we look forward to incorporating the lessons we've learned from Bauru into improving how we care for our patients.

### **UDM Graduates Receive Awards**



Frank Fu is a graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry. He received the ICD Humanitarian Award last April. Frank is in graduate school, he traveled to the Honduras with the Christian Dental Association, and went to the Dominican Republic with Alpha Omega organization three times over the course of his dental school career. He has also participated in ADA's Give Kids a Smile at his school twice. Also, he has volunteered a number of times with the Special Smiles for the Special Olympics in helping to fabricate mouth guards as well as oral health screenings. Lastly, he has also helped with the Men Health Fair Oral Cancer Screening for the Detroit Metropolitan Area.

Frank Fu will be joining the United States Navy as a Lieutenant where he hopes he can continue with his passions for international humanitarian missions. **Iman Janemi** UDM class of 2015 received the ICD Leadership Award. He served as class president throughout his four years of dental school. He was involved in various volunteer projects including give kids a smile and St. Vincent de Paul a student run free dental clinic. In summer 2014 Iman helped coordinate a dental mission trip with ASDA to Oaxaca Mexico. He became involved in CE courses early in his dental education traveling to the Zimmer Institute in Carlsbad California, as well as participating in several courses in advanced periodontics in Michigan.

He was recognized with completion of the Advanced Periodontal Clerkship at UDM and upon graduation will be joining a private practice in Woodhaven MI.

Left: Gary Jeffers and Iman Janemi



# Video Tapes Donated to U of M Museum



Left to Rght: Sindecuse Museum Curator, **Shannon O'Dell, Dr. Ron Paler,** 9th District ICD Regent, USA Section, **Kathy Daniels,** museum collections coordinator.

The ICD has donated to the UM Sindecuse Museum a gift of 73 DVD's of 68 interviews with some of the men and women who made giant contributions to the dental profession. The interviews were transferred from tapes to DVD's by staff at the museum and are available on YouTube. These videos are a treasure now and available for the world to see.

The tapes were originally going to be disposed of until **Drs. Paler( DDS,** 61) and **Richard Shick** (DDS,MS 60) asked **Dean McCauley** if the school would be interested in adding this to their collection. Those interviewed have had a major long-term impact on the profession.

Among those 68 interviews are the following Michigan connections:

Dr. Sigurd Ramfjord Dr. William Brown Dr. Sam Harris Dr. Alvin Morris Dr. Ralph Phillips An alphabetical list of the interviews is available at http://www.usa-icd.org/node/76 You Tube web site. http://sindecuse.pastperfectonline.com/library

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be some of the most difficult and challenging they have yet to face but also exciting and rewarding. "A path without obstacles usually leads to nowhere" he quoted. Dr. Sulfaro reminded the class to not forget to have some fun along the way as their time in school should be among of their best. He ended with the following, "...work hard, do good, have fun, god-speed and Go Blue".



# A Pause for Refreshments

Right: New Fellow, Mark Murphy with Steve Sulfaro,



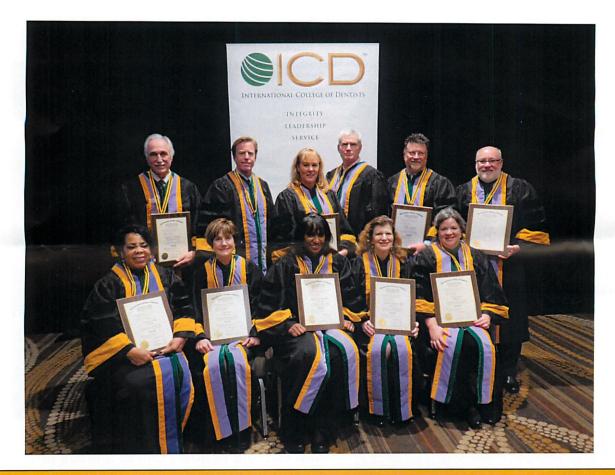


Above: Jack Hinterman, Sue Wiess Right: Ron Paler

**Ron Paler** was the Master of Ceremonies and Chairman of the Fellowship Orientation Program New and old Fellows taking a break after the Fellowship Orientation Program



# **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW 2015 FELLOWS**



(front row, from left): Denise Polk, Sue Weiss, Bonita Davis Neighbors, Michelle Tulak-Gorecki, and Shelly Jones; (top row): Robert Tremblay, Steven Niergarth, Michelle Matheson, Mark Murphy, Phillip Yancho, Scott Hodges. Below:



Above: Dexter Barnes, Jack HInterman

## **Congratulations to Jack Hinterman**

**Dr. Jack Hinterman** of Flint was recognized with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the International College of Dentists, by ICD **President Dexter Barnes**, at the annual convocation in Washington, D.C. The honor came as a result of Jack's many years of service and dedication to dentistry and the ICD. **Dr. Hinterman** is the global Secretary General of the worldwide International College of Dentists.. Hinterman previously served as MDA Editor, MDA President ,1987-88, and as ADA 9th District Trustee.

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# Jack Gobetti Receives Presidents Award

Jack Gobetti, Professor Emeritus, Oral Diagnosis & Radiology at UM was honored by the ICD for his work in donating 35,000 images and cataloguing over 200 diseases along with their case histories. These slides will be digitalized and archived at the UM School of Dentistry for use by students, researchers, and dentists throughout the world.



They will be organized by disease type and will include patient summaries, findings, treatment, and patient outcomes.

Above: Julio Rodriguez, Jack Gobetti, Ron Paler

### Ron Paler is Honored for Service as District 9 Regent

**Ron Paler** was presented with a plaque and honored at the recent ICD Board of Regents meeting for outstanding service during his term of office 2011-2015 representing Michigan and Wisconsin. Ron served on the Finance Committee, Chair of the Fellowship Orientation Program, International Student Exchange, Projects Committee, and is Treasurer of the ICD Foundation.



# Joint Dinner Enjoyed by All



Above: Steve Sulfaro, Steve Harris, and Ron Paler Above right,, The Accafellas Right: : George Bletsas, John Willoughby, Jack Hinterman

On April 23rd, the ICD held a joint dinner with ACD and PFA. The evening was capped off with entertainment by the Michigan State University Accafellas.





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As former Wisconsin Deputy Regent he was chairman of the ICD Foundation Strategic Planning Committee. Julio has also personally developed an International Student Exchange program with his dental alma mater in Lima, Peru and Marquette University, School of Dentistry and actually traveled between both countries to get the programs established. Knowing Julio I have been impressed by his enthusiasm and creativity and his ability to transfer this into an action oriented plan and implementation. Hope many of you will get to know Julio in the next four years of his term.

The ICD has been fulfilling its core values of Integrity, Leadership, and Service. We in Michigan have established several outreach programs with students learning in dental schools in Brazil and also experiencing a whole new world of global dental health in Kenya. The ICD continues to four awards, two Leadership and two Humanitarian Awards, at both the U of M and UDM dental schools with a plaque and \$500 to each student.

I am aware of many Michigan Fellows who have been providing free dental exams to Peace Corp volunteers. If you have been involved in this program please email the Central ICD Office at <u>office@usa-icd.org</u> and give them your name and the name of the patients you have provided this care. The ICD will compile this information and needs to inform the Peace Corp of our work on their behalf.

Congratulations to our 2015 District 9 class of eighteen Fellows whom 11 were from Michigan. We are very proud of this group of Fellows. We would like to honor more candidates in 2016 in Denver. If you know of colleagues who deserve to belong in the ICD please notify Deputy Regent Steve Harris.

It has been a very fulfilling and inspiring four years serving as your Regent. Thanks to the officers on the Michigan ICD board, **Steve Sulfaro**, **Steve Harris**, **Dan Murphy** and Counselors Jack Gobetti, Connie Verhagen, and Gary Asano. Your support all these years has been truly appreciated. Hope to see everyone at the ICD/ACD/PFA Dinner and the ICD Breakfast meeting in April at the MDA Annual Session in Novi.