22ND ANNUAL CONVOCATION AND AWARDS CEREMONY PFA INDIA SECTION

The 22nd Annual Convocation and Awards Ceremony of the Pierre Fauchard Academy of the India Section was held at Hotel Valley View, Manipal on Sunday November 16, 2008 at 5 pm.

The function started with Prayer by Dr. Rekha. After the Chairperson, Dr. Ashima Valiathan, adorned the Chairperson's collar, she declared the 22nd Annual Convocation and Awards Ceremony "Open". She welcomed the Chief Guest, Guest of Honour, Guests, Fellows and New Inductees and traced the history of PFA and the contributions of Dr. Pierre Fauchard. Dr. Shobu Tandon, Dean of Manipal College of Dental Sciences, Manipal, introduced the Chief Guest, Padma Bhushan Hony. Brigadier, Dr. Anil Kohli, President of the Dental Council of India and the Guest of Honour, Dr.H.S. Ballal, Pro-Chancellor of Manipal University. After the Secretary, Dr.T.Samraj, introduced the 20 new Inductees, the Chairperson administered the Pledge of PFA India Section to them. The new Inductees were awarded the PFA India Section Fellowship Certificates by the Chief Guest, the PFA Medallions by the Chairperson, the PFA Pins by the Chief Editor, Dr.V.P.Jalili. The Chief Editor brought the latest issue of the Journal of Pierre Fauchard Academy, which was released by the Chief Guest.

NEW FELLOWS:

1. Dr. Kazim Ali Khan
2. Dr. Muslim, V.S
3. Dr. Rabindra Man Shrestha
4. Dr. Varun Bhim Sain
5. Dr. V.K. Prashant
6. Dr. Vijay Babu
7. Dr. Aaron FSR Gomes
8. Dr. K. SRIVATSA
9. Dr. Manish Kalra
10. Dr. Anne Vikram
11. Dr. Joseph Paul
12. Dr. K. Arun Kumar
13. Dr. Shiji M. Kunjappan
14. Dr. M.S. Rani
15. Dr. D.S. Dinesh
16. Dr. Maryn V. Jacob
17. Dr. Narinder Dev Gupta
18. Dr. N.K. Ahuja
19. Dr. Prakash Battarai
20. Dr. Neeraj Pant

The Chief Guest presented the following Student Awards:

I. PFA Best Outgoing B.D.S. Student Award

(i) Mr. Keerti S. Allappanavar
Bapuji Dental College, Davangere

(ii) Ms. Shilpa Kalra
Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences, New Delhi

(iii) Mr. Sanket Shrivastava
College of Dentistry, Indore

(iv) Mr. Vijayvargia Suryaprakash Nanalal
College of Dental Sciences, Davangere

(v) (Not Awarded)
Modern Dental College, Indore

(vi) Ms. S. Harshini
VMS Dental College, Salem

(vii) Ms. Veena Narayan Swami
J.K.K. Nataraja Dental College, Komarapalayam

(viii) Ms. Aanchal Sharma
D.J. College of Dental Sciences, Modinagar

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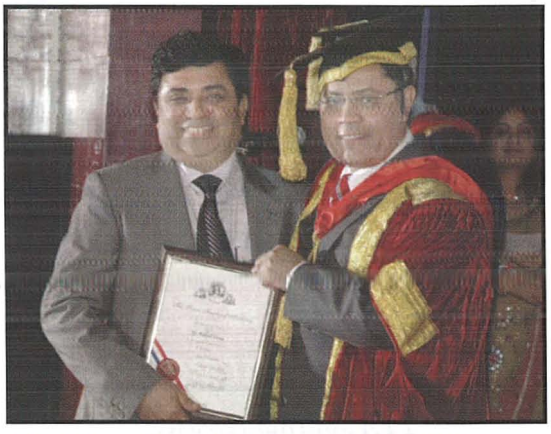




Chief guest Padambhushan Dr Anil Kohli addressing the convocation.
(R) New Inductees Fellows 2009.



Lt. Gen. Paramjit Singh being awarded the PFA India Section Honorary Fellowship.



Chief Guest Dr. Anil Kohli presenting PFA International Certificate of Merit to Dr. Mahesh Verma.



Ms. Prerna Bhandari receiving PFA International Senior Student Award.



Ms. N. Sai Jyothsna receiving PFA International Dental Student Scholarship Award.



Ms. Veena Narayan Swami receiving PFA India Section Best Outgoing Student Award.



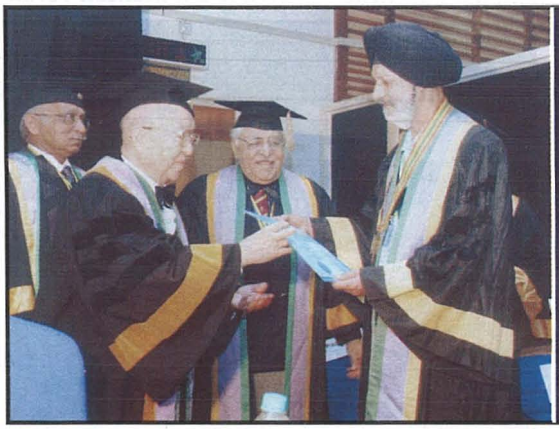
Mr. V. Sundharamani receiving PFA International Student Undergraduate Certificate of Merit.



PFA Journal release.



Vote of thanks by secretary Dr. T Samraj.





Confernment of Mastership (MICD) of International College of Dentists on Prof. S.S. Siddhu and Dr Pradeep Jaina by Dr. Norinaga Moriyama, International President, Dr. J.C. Chandra at a convocation of ICD, India Section, held in New Delhi.

II. PFA International Dental Student Scholarship Award

Ms. N. Sai Jyothsna, II BDS
Meenakshiammal Dental College, Chennai

III. PFA International Senior Student Award

i. Ms. Ketki B. Bhushan
Vasantdada Patil Dental College, Sangli

ii. Ms. Jazna Jalil
Vokkaligara Sangha Dental College, Bangalore

iii. Ms. Mythili, R
J.S.S. Dental College, Mysore

iv. Mr. Ankur Gupta
Manipal College of Dental Sciences, Manipal

v. Ms. Prerna Bhandari
Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences, New Delhi

iv. PFA Student Undergraduate Certificate of Merit
Mr. Sundharamani, V

Ragas Dental College, Chennai
(18 Colleges participated)
V. PFA International Certificate of Merit
Dr. Mahesh Verma, Director/Principal, Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences, New Delhi

VI. PFA Honorary Fellowship, India Section

Lt. Gen. Paramjit Singh, New Delhi
President – Elect, Indian Dental Association
Director General of Dental Services, Army Head Quarters, New Delhi

OUR NEW INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT—CHARLES G. ELLER

From the land of the setting sun, before one falls off into the Pacific Ocean, comes our newly installed International President Charles Eller.

Dr. Eller was born in Janesville, Wisconsin, and earned his undergraduate degree from Beloit College (Wisconsin) and his dental degree from Marquette University School of Dentistry in Milwaukee. He then served as an officer for the U.S. Navy at the Great Lakes Naval base in Illinois and later in San Diego, California. From there he established his dental practice in La Mesa (San Diego), California, where he practiced for 48 years. His dear wife, Gloria, was his chair side assistant for 46 years.

Dr. Eller went through the chairs to become President of the San Diego County Dental Society. During that time he became a Fellow in PFA, ACD, and ICD. As a Fellow in PFA he accepted the position of Southern California Section Chair. From this office, Dr. Eller was recognized for his outstanding leadership and was asked to become Region 5 Trustee. Thereafter his talents earned the respect of his peers to be asked to get into the PFA International Chairs as Vice President in 2006.

For his 18 years of service in organizing the Scientific Sessions in Anaheim, and in San Francisco, with PFA Fellow Hans Sjoren (now deceased), he was nicknamed the "Godfather."

Dr. Eller and his wife Gloria organized many gnathologic study groups into the International Academy of Gnathology, which now has chapters on five continents devoted to teaching occlusion. The Japanese IAG Section has 7,300 members!

Dr. Eller became the publisher of the *Journal of the International Academy of Gnathology.*

Other honors earned have been the B.B. McCollum Award, the Peter K. Thomas Award, and the Color Pe Anchieta Apostolo do Brasil Medal from the Brazilian government at their capitol building in Sao Paulo. The Ellers were honored at a reception in the Reichstag in Berlin, by a Chinese Deputy Minister in Beijing, by Taiwan President Dr. Lee, and with President Haggarty of Ireland—over some 50 countries.

The Eller's current project has been to send equipment and supplies to needy areas of Mexico, especially to the Baja California School System—some 2,500 items so far!

But Chuck and Gloria have also engaged in life with two fine daughters and a grandson. They are opera fans for some 40 years and sponsor Mozart at their local opera theater. Skiing and exercising are also endeavors to fill their free time.