

**Report to Canadian Dental Association
April 21, 2017**

The Canadian Dental Specialties Association (CDSA) is the authoritative national voice of the collective national dental specialties associations and academies in Canada. The CDSA is dedicated to the representation and advancement of the Canadian Dental Specialties, the profession of dentistry nationally and internationally, the achievement of optimal oral health, general health and quality of life of Canadians, and the support of the profession of dentistry in the advancement of optimal oral health. The Objectives of the CDSA are to:

1. To educate the public, the health professions, and other persons, bodies or agencies, on the Canadian Dental Specialties;
2. To identify and position the CDSA on all subjects which are of importance to the collective of Canadian National Dental Specialty Organizations, and the profession of dentistry at large;
3. To develop, in consultation with members and other stakeholders, national positions, policies and programs which are of importance to the collective of Canadian National Dental Specialty Organizations, and their respective individual dental specialist members throughout Canada and which will promote optimal oral health;
4. To promote the public welfare and access to care by the advancement of the Canadian Dental Specialties in the field of education, research, care delivery and professional service;
5. To develop programs and standards of practice at the national level, which will support the Canadian Dental Specialties, the dental profession and the interests of the public;
6. To develop and maintain effective national communication strategies and programs to communicate with the public and the various stakeholders on all matters within the Corporation's mandate;
7. To promote unity and harmony, and to cultivate fellowship and social relations among its Members and colleagues nationally and internationally; and
8. To effectively manage the necessary resources so as to enable the fulfilling of the Corporation's mandate.

In the past year, the CDSA has participated in teleconferences with the Canadian Dental Association and provincial dental association presidents from across Canada to discuss issues arising during the year. The CDSA is now a voting representative at the CDA Annual General Meeting, and attends the annual CDA Dentistry Leaders' Forum and the Canadian Oral Health Roundtable each year in Ottawa. CDA Presidents as well as its Board of Directors have been very supportive of CDSA, and have made significant efforts to reach out to the CDSA and its member associations and academies. Of note was the CDA's recent renewal of its commitment to fund CDSA Board members to the CDA AGM and associated events for the next 2 years. In return, CDSA has responded to a number of requests by CDA for input on oral health policies statements.



The CDSA also holds observer status on the Canadian Dental Regulatory Authorities Federation Board of Directors, and is represented on the Education Committee of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada.

In 2016, the CDSA established the Canadian Dental Specialties Association Travel award for students enrolled in a Canadian dental specialty program to assist in their travel costs to attend and present their research at an international meeting. The first award was given in 2016, and we are on track to award another in 2017.

Finally, it has come to our attention that an organization called the Canadian Dental Specialties Organization has recently been formed by an Ontario-based orthodontist, Dr. James Noble. Dr. Bob Kinniburgh, who was the representative of the Canadian Association of Orthodontists (CAO) on our Board until last year, has been in touch with his Association about this, and the CAO executive is currently considering options to further distance itself from this group given the tenor of some recent posts on a Facebook page. As well, we have asked our Board to relay this information to their respective associations and academies. The CDSA would like to make you aware of the existence of this organization, and that we have no association with the Canadian Dental Specialties Organization Facebook group. The CDSA wishes to continue in its role as the single, acknowledged voice of the dental specialties in Canada.

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The CDSA hopes to continue its close working relationship with the Canadian Dental Association, and to contribute to the ongoing dialogue within the profession on matters pertaining to dental specialties.

Respectfully submitted,



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