



## 第30代日本部会会長を終えて

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水谷忠司会長のあとを受けて会長職を拝命し、無事に2年間の任期を終了することができました。会務に協力していただいた執行部ならびに事務局の皆さまに感謝申し上げます。

本年は当初、東京オリンピック・パラリンピックおよびICD本部の100年記念事業の開催を迎えて、私を含めて日本部会会員にとって、希望に満ちた年始を迎えました。ところが、その後の世界的な新型コロナウイルス流行により、上記の2つのイベントは来年に延期になりました。

日本部会の三大行事は総会・認証式、冬期学会、ならびに年末集会です。コロナ感染リスクを抑えるために、今年3月に開催の冬期学会、6月に開催の認証式はやむを得ず中止の決断をいたしました。今般の新型コロナウイルス流行にともなう社会生活の影響を考えると、今後の学会運営にも工夫が必要でしょう。

この2年間は、会長として日本部会のプレゼンス向上を目標にしてきました。昨年認証式では水谷会長時代からの宿題であった韓国部会ならびに台湾部会との正式な連携に関する調印をしました。両国との交流は益々活発になっています。今後はこの両国との連携をさらにグローバルに広げていただきたいと思います。

また、国際学会の一員として、国際的に貢献している会員や学生を表彰する新しい表彰制度を発足させました。会員一人一人がグローバルの視点をもって日々の医療や社会活動に従事していただきたいと思います。

今回、初代の福島秀策会長以降日本部会の歴史で初めて、女性の会長へバトンタッチすることができました。本部の会長ならびに役員を始め、多くの女性が活躍していますが、我が国の歯科界ではまだまだ女性のリーダーが少ない状況にあります。その中で本会が隅田百登子会長のもとで、国際学会の一員として新たな姿勢を示すことは非常に意義深いものがあります。

今後の本会の益々の発展をお祈り申し上げます。

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## After the End of the Thirtieth Presidency in the Japan Section

TAKASHI MIYAZAKI

*Former President of the International College of Dentists Japan Section*

I was appointed to this position, succeeding former President Tadashi Mizutani, and have been able to safely complete my 2-year task. I really appreciate the executive members and Secretary General for their cooperation in my presidency.

Having the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games and a commemorative event of the 100th anniversary of the ICD Headquarters scheduled, members of the Japan Section, including me, started this year full of hope. However, due to the subsequent pandemic of COVID-19, the 2 above-mentioned events have been postponed to next year.

The Japan Section has 3 major meeting schedules for each year: Annual Meeting/Induction Ceremony, Winter Scientific Meeting, and Year-end Meeting. To reduce the risk of COVID-19 infection, we inevitably decided to cancel the Winter Scientific Meeting in March and Induction Ceremony in June of this year. Considering the influences of the coronavirus situation on social life, special measures should also be adopted for the future activities of the society.

As the president, I have been aiming to enhance the presence of the Japan Section over these 2 years. At the Induction Ceremony of last year, I signed an agreement for official collaboration with the South Korea and Taiwan Sections, which was an unfinished task taken over from former President Mizutani. Communication with the 2 countries is becoming more active. I hope that collaboration with these countries will be further and globally promoted in the future.

During my presidency, I also launched a new system within the Japan Section as an international society member to recognize globally contributing members and students, with the aim of encouraging each member of this society to perform daily medical practice and social activities from global perspectives.

For the first time in the Japan Section's history since the first presidency of Shusaku Fukushima, the presidential baton has been passed to a female member. Although many women, including the president and executive members of the Headquarters, are active today, there are still few female leaders in Japan's dentistry. In such a situation, the demonstration of new approaches as an international society member under the leadership of the new president Motoko Suda will have great significance to the Japan Section.

I sincerely hope that the society and section will continue to grow and develop in the future.