GUIDELINES ELIGIBILITY TO SIT THE FELLOWSHIP EXAM

Section 1

Statement

The IADT offers members an opportunity to earn a Fellowship in Dental Traumatology. The Fellowship recognizes colleagues across all clinical disciplines who provide treatment, teaching, support research and who stimulate advances in the field. Successful candidates will be admitted as a Fellow of the International Association of Dental Traumatology. Fellowship is the highest academic level of achievement with the IADT. The attainment of Fellowship demonstrates a significant depth and breadth of scientific knowledge and comprehension of evidence-based practice gained from enquiry, professional development and clinical experience. Completed rigorous examination and assessment, in which the candidate has displayed critical evaluation, integration of this knowledge and understanding of contemporary trauma-related evidence to benefit patients that have suffered a traumatic incident needs to be demonstrated.

The award will be based on a points system and an online examination. Successful candidates will be recognized and rewarded with a certificate and a lapel pin, identified on the IADT web page, and recognized at a special ceremony at the next IADT congress.

Where local dental regulatory authorities permit, Fellows will be permitted to use the letters FIADT after their name. Only current and financial IADT members who have attained the requirements for the use of the post nominals FIADT are allowed this privilege attesting this achievement within IADT.

Section 2

Eligibility

Applicants who seek eligibility to sit for the Fellowship examination must:

2.1 Have been an active full member of IADT for a minimum of 3 consecutive years immediately prior to application AND

2.2 Have accumulated 12 points from activities in at least 3 different areas (See Appendix 1) AND

2.3 Candidates MUST be an author or co-author of a paper published on dental trauma in a journal with an impact factor of at least 1.0

Section 3

The Process
Candidates must apply for eligibility for the Fellowship using the online Application Form for Fellowship (IADT MEMBER WEBPAGE) and submit an enrolment fee of $100 US. Payments are to be made online.

Documentation required: Scanned documents proving activities and signed personal affirmation.

IADT’s Administration Office will forward the application to the Fellowship Committee for evaluation.

Applications will be reviewed by two Fellows of IADT.

Candidates will be notified of their eligibility within 8 weeks of the submission of their application.

Candidates are expected to have a thorough knowledge of trauma related research and clinical scenarios. All candidates as members have access to the library of all issues of the IADT’s journal ‘Dental Traumatology’. Knowledge of current textbooks on dental trauma is expected for successful completion of the Fellowship examination. The study guidelines for the Fellowship examination lists key literature.

Section 4

The Outcome

Based on the evaluations, the Fellowship Committee will deem the candidate eligible or not yet eligible to sit for the examination.

- If a candidate is deemed eligible, he/she will be allowed to proceed to examination for Fellowship.
- If a candidate is deemed not yet eligible, he/she will not be permitted to proceed to examination.
- A candidate deemed not yet eligible will be informed of the reason for this determination and steps that can be taken to be deemed eligible.
- A candidate deemed not yet eligible can request, within 30 days of their notification, to have their application reviewed by an appeals panel, which will be comprised of two members of the Fellowship Committee and two independent Fellows of the IADT.
- A candidate, who is deemed not yet eligible, may resubmit an application after completing further requirements. No additional fee will be charged if the candidate resubmits their application and requirements have been met within a two-year period from the first application being submitted.

Section 5

The Examination

- Eligible candidates will be examined online.
- A payment fee of $150 US will be required per examination.
- The examination will be based on trauma-related knowledge.
- The decision of the IADT examination is final and not open to appeal.
- Successful candidates will be published on the IADT webpage and in the IADT newsletter.
- All candidates will be invited to provide feedback on the examination process.
Due to the integrity process for future examinations it will not be possible to provide individual feedback on questions passed or failed in the examination. The results of the examination are final. Therefore, the examination is considered a requirement for Fellowship rather than a learning-based assessment. Candidates should appreciate that successful attainment of the 12-point activity statement implies a prior commitment and knowledge in the field of dental traumatology. Prior examinations have resulted in most candidates successfully completing the requirements for Fellowship due to the rigorous requirements required to sit the Fellowship examination.

Candidates that have failed the examination are encouraged to resit the examination in one year. The examination fee of $150 US will apply. The Activity based points system will be current for all future examinations as acknowledgment of the candidates existing commitment to the IADT and their interest in the field of dental traumatology.