
INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS

AUSTRALASIAN SECTION

NEWSLETTER

At the Convocation held in Perth (Western Australia) on Sunday, 2nd May, 1982 the following Fellows were elected to hold office until 1985.

PRESIDENT	Professor Kenneth J.G. Sutherland (W.A.)
VICE PRESIDENT	Dr. John F. Lavis (S.A.)
HONORARY TREASURER	Dr. Rupert J. Dingle (Q'land)
REGISTRAR	Dr. Robert Y. Norton (N.S.W.)
COUNCILMAN	Dr. A. Gordon Rowell (N.S.W.)
REGENTS	Dr. C. Renton Newbury (Vic.) Dr. Spyros Halikis (W.A.)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Under new management! With a new President and Registrar, and more importantly a healthy bank balance, some activity can be expected within the College in the near future.

As indicated elsewhere in this Newsletter, preliminary thought had been given to assisting undergraduate dental students with financial problems, and the possibility of arranging visits of Fellows of the College to nearby emerging countries has also been given consideration.

Within the next 12 or 18 months I hope to visit each of the larger States in order to meet with the Fellows - perhaps over dinner, and canvass views as to how the College might play a more meaningful role within the profession in Australasia.

That the College is still very much a vital body became abundantly evident at the recent Convocation held in Perth during the 23rd Australian Dental Congress when we were delighted to see an all time record attendance. Let's keep it this way!

KEN SUTHERLAND.

Office of Registrar

Macquarie Chambers,
183 Macquarie Street,
SYDNEY. N.S.W. 2000

August, 1982.

CONVOCATION 1982

A very successful Convocation was held on the afternoon of 2nd May at Sheraton Hotel Perth, (W.A.). Attendance was a record for the Section with over 100 Fellows, wives and friends present at a most impressive ceremony presided over by the President, Dr. D. Derek Freeman.

During his address, Dr. Freeman pointed out that while dentistry was a health care profession, it was constantly subjected to outside influences and pressures which frequently obscured the high ideals and standards practised by its members. He further stressed that political and media opinions, often very uninformed, had an influence on the public who, in turn, found it difficult to accept the true position as expressed by the profession. A very attentive convocation acknowledged the inspirational presidential address with enthusiastic acclamation.

The following were admitted to Fellowship of the College: -

- | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Denis J. Cosgrove (W.A.) | Lloyd A. Trotter (W.A.) |
| Desmond G. Kailis (W.A.) | Sydney C. Warneke (Vic.) |
| Ray C. Owen (W.A.) | Norman J. Webster (Vic.) |
| Alfred T.C. Smith (W.A.) | David J. Wilson (N.S.W.) |
| David E. Southan (N.S.W.) | George Wing (N.S.W.) |
| J. Kevin Sullivan (W.A.) | William J. Winspear (N.S.W.) |
| Robert B. Turner (W.A.) | |

Dr. Freeman then invited Professor Kenneth Sutherland to join him at the lectern where he formally installed Professor Sutherland as President of the Australasian Section. In accepting this honour, the new President paid tribute to the outstanding service rendered by his predecessor to the profession as a whole and to the College in particular.

Professor Sutherland then invited the Fellows and their guests to join him with his officers at Cocktails.

INDUCTEES

Earlier this year the then President, Derek, attended meetings of the College in different cities. These meetings provided an opportunity for information to be given on the activities of the Section and the College in general. During these meetings the following members of the profession were formally inducted into the College.

- | | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Melbourne:</u> | Bruce A. Levant (Vic.) | <u>Brisbane:</u> | John G. Dan (Q) |
| | Joan F. Rattray (Vic.) | | Rom D. Denham (Q) |
| | James N. Rattray (Vic.) | | Geoffrey E. Grundy (Q) |
| | <u>Adelaide:</u> | | Kenneth A. Brown (S.A.) |
| | | | Kevin R. Moore (S.A.) |
| | | | R. John Myhill (S.A.) |
| | | | Basil W. Phillips (S.A.) |

Membership of Australasian Section: 160 Fellows, 1 Honorary Member, 14 Life Members.

PERSONALIA

PRESIDENT: Professor Kenneth J.G. Sutherland, A.M. D.D.Sc.(W.A.), M.B.B.S., M.D.Sc., L.D.S., F.D.S.R.C.S. (Edin), F.D.S.R.C.S. (Eng), F.R.A.C.D.S., F.A.C.D., F.I.C.D.

Ken has been Professor of Dental Science at the University of Western Australia since 1953 and during the majority of this time has occupied the position of Dean and Head of Department. Recently he was honoured by the Senate of the University of Western Australia with an Honorary Doctorate in Dental Science. Apart from being President of the Dental Board of Western Australia, he has occupied numerous government appointments at both Commonwealth and State levels.

Ken has served his professional associations in many capacities and recently was President of the 23rd Australian Dental Congress. As an academic, he has held numerous teaching positions in addition to having presented scientific papers in many parts of the world. For some years he has been Chief coordinating Examiner for the Final entrance examinations to the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons.

On the lighter side, WHO'S WHO IN Australia lists his recreations as - motion photography, swimming and conjuring; but a well-kept secret is his interest in and ability to make exotic chocolates.

DR. RICHARD SETRIGHT

During the Convocation the President announced that, after nine years as Registrar, Dick had advised that he would like to retire from office. The President announced that the Council of the College had seen fit to confer on Dick the Degree of Master. Following warm acclamation, a very surprised and somewhat tongue-tied Dick responded to this honour.

THE HONOURABLE DR. D. DEREK FREEMAN, A.M., M.L.C.

Derek's services to dentistry were acknowledged in the Queen's Birthday Honours with the award of Member of the Order of Australia. Derek has served in many spheres of dentistry and has always presented the profession at the highest level.

The President and Fellows extend sincerest congratulations.

TWO FELLOWS AND VETERAN AFFAIRS

With the retirement of Eric Gee from the position of Principal Consultant (Dental Services) to the Department of Veteran Affairs, another Fellow of the College has taken over the position - Vincent Amerena. Eric has occupied the position since 1970 and all are appreciative of his outstanding services. We wish Vin well in his new appointment which we know he will administer with efficiency and understanding.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COLLEGE IN U.S.A.

The Annual Meeting of the International College will be held on Saturday, November 6th, 1982, at M.G.M. Grand Hotel, Las Vegas during the time of the ADA Annual Session. The Convocation and Induction Ceremony will commence at 1 p.m. in the Adelphi Room and is open to all Fellows and their Guests. The Social Hour commences at 6.30 p.m. to be followed by a Dinner Dance in the Grand Ballroom. Information is available from Dr. Franklin Kenward, Registrar, 3138 Commodore Plaza, Miami, Florida 33133.

CERTIFICATES AND PINS

From time to time College Certificates and Pins (Gold) have been in short supply. Normally these items are handed to Fellows at the time of induction. The Registrar has issued these when they have become available, but if any recent inductee has not received these, please contact the Registrar.

BOARD ACTIVITIES

During their meeting in Perth, the Board considered, amongst other matters, the following: -

1. Providing assistance to students who were experiencing genuine financial hardship in the latter part of their undergraduate course.
2. The possibility of Fellows of the College paying visits to emerging countries in the region. A sub-committee is investigating the feasibility of such projects.

3. The deaths of the following Fellows were noted:-
A.J. Bloomfield, A.V. Neal, H.W.W. Shand, D.F. Spring.
4. It was agreed that in all instances persons elected to Fellowship should be formally inducted at Convocation or at an appropriate formal College gathering.

The Board would be prepared to consider any worthwhile suggestion submitted by a Fellow.

A PROJECT WHICH JUST HAPPENED

Fellows will notice that one activity the Board is considering is 'visits by Fellows to developing countries to provide dental information'.

In May of this year three Fellows of the College, accompanied by their wives, had planned to attend a Dental Conference in the South Pacific. At the last minute, due to lack of enrolments, the Conference was cancelled.

What to do? - a financial problem!

After emergency telephone calls, the dental Association of the country organising the Conference was contacted and its members graciously agreed to hold a Scientific Seminar with their Annual Meeting in place of the Conference. Contact made with another neighbouring kingdom and their Chief Dental Officer extended an invitation to visit their main hospital and meet with professional colleagues.

We arrived at the original Conference city and were greeted at the airport by an official delegation of dentists. Next morning we spent at their national hospital where we saw some patients and had the privilege of seeing the services being provided. We were most impressed with the physical facilities available, standard of treatment provided and the friendly atmosphere of the clinic.

The Seminar was opened by the Director General of Health and attended by officials and numerous health workers from the hospital. The audience at the lectures consisted of some 20 dental officers (one of whom also had a medical degree), dental assistants, dental technicians and other community health workers.

The three Fellows presented lectures on the following subjects:-

Intra-ligamental anaesthesia

Intra-osseous anaesthesia

Oral Health Promotion and WHO Dental Health goals for the year 2000

Oral Hygiene instruction and Prevention as used in private practice.

The programme ran for the full morning and the last presentation, supported by dental health education aids and the latest in preventive techniques stimulated great interest and discussion.

That evening our touring party was privileged to be invited to a private home where we were lavishly entertained, wined and dined. Our stamina ran out and we quit some hours before our local and generous hosts dispersed. Next day we were invited to attend the surgery of the only private practitioner, which would have done credit to any location. Our host produced two patients for whom he was seeking further professional opinions - we gladly agreed.

Due to an unadvised alteration of airflights, our visit to the second country was greatly curtailed, but none the less, we managed to meet the Chief Dental Officer and his Deputy. We visited their hospital which again was impressive, but we only had restricted time to discuss professional problems.

On our flight home we suddenly realised that we had put into effect a project which the College has under consideration. Was it worthwhile, did we provide dental information and knowledge and did we improve professional understanding? On reflection the three travelling Fellows from the Australasian Section believe the answer is very much in the affirmative and that the colleagues we visited probably gained more knowledge than if the original Conference had eventuated.

It just happened, but it was very worthwhile, and maybe the Section launched one of its proposed projects.