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President's Message

It is not always fully appreciated that the Australasian Section of the International College of Dentists exists as a Section per se, and is not sub-divided into various State Branches as with the A.D.A. or into Regional Committees as in the case of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons.

At present there are approximately 170 Fellows in the Section and because of this relatively small number spread over the vast area of Australasia, official meetings normally only take place at a Convocation which is traditionally held every 3 years at the time of Australian Dental Congresses.

Nevertheless, it is most desirable that Fellows meet more frequently than this because most of the States and N.Z. now have sufficient numbers within their regions for informal meetings to be held profitably at least once a year. Taking the example of N.S.W. these could take the form of dinners, to which wives are invited together with a guest speaker who need not necessarily be a dentist. In addition to or in conjunction with this the larger States may even consider holding a Scientific meeting.

With the exception of N.Z. and this is currently under review, the major regions are represented on the Board of Regents of the College, and it seems to me that the appropriate persons to take the initiative in implementing this suggestion are the Regents themselves - normally busy men, but they do say if you want something done - ask a busy man! And I don't mind if he in turn asks his secretary to organize it - as long as it is done!

This would be an excellent first step to take in activating the College on the home scene. I commend it to your attention and thank you in anticipation of your co-operation. Let me know when you are holding a meeting and I will do my best to attend.

Kenneth Sutherland.

K.J.G. Sutherland
President

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Your Officers

President Ken is enjoying his "partial" retirement - he is still presenting a series of lectures to dental students, in an honorary capacity.

Vice President John Lavis has had a session in hospital but is well on the road to full recovery.

I.C.D. Councilman Gordon Rowell, at his own expense, will be attending the College Executive Council Meeting in Anaheim, California this October.

Regent Ren Newbury has recently represented F.D.I. at I.A.D.R. Congress in Sydney and in South Africa at various dental meetings.

Dental School libraries

The College has offered to purchase text books for each of the five Australian & one New Zealand Dental School Libraries. This offer was made to help offset the continued reduction in funds allocated by Governments to University Libraries. All schools have indicated their acceptance - these donations will amount to approximately \$500:00 Aust.

Personalia

John Day has not enjoyed the best of health recently but is now back in action once again. Incidentally did you know that he is nearing the twenty year mark as President of the South Australian Dental Board. Congratulations John a wonderful service to the profession.

Eric Gee is currently President of the Dental Board of N.S.W. also President of the United Dental Hospital of Sydney - possibly we should call him President Eric-be careful Ronald R.

John Sagar has recently retired after 40 years service to the Faculty of Dentistry Queensland University. All Fellows are well aware of the very significant contributions John has made to many aspects of dentistry - we wish him well in his retirement.

From New Zealand we hear that :-Dave Watt is still Chairman of the Dental Council (same as Boards in Australia); John Howie will become President of NZDA this month; Dick Logan after many years with the School Dental Service has moved into research while brother Tom (now retired) recently broken several World Swimming Records - they were in the veteran class, Geof Leslie is extremely fit and while still leaving in Wellington spends a part of each year in France.

Annual Meeting of International College

The Annual Meeting of the International College of Dentists will be held this year on Saturday, October 1 at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, California.

The Convocation & induction Ceremony will begin at 1 o'clock on Saturday afternoon in the Centre Ballroom. You will welcome this opportunity to greet our distinguished inductees as well as your College friends of long standing. No tickets are issued for this ceremony which is open to all Fellows and their guests.

The Social Hour begins at 6.30 that evening in the Ballroom Foyer, and dinner is served at 7.30 in the Grand Ballroom, followed by dancing to the music of Many Harmon and his Orchestra. Dress is optional, but as there will be considerable formality on the evening occasion, we suggest dark suit.

Please advise the Secretary General if you wish to attend these and send your check for US \$30 per person (payable to the ICD) for dinner. All tickets are held in the name of the purchaser and may be picked up at the desk outside the Ballroom between 9a.m. and 4p.m. on Saturday 1st October.

If you wish to attend write direct to:
 Dr. Frank. M. Kenward
 Secretary General I.C.D.
 3138 Commodore Plaza
 Miami Florida. 33133-5879 U.S.A.

F.D.I. Congress Tokyo 1983

Japan Section of the International College will host a luncheon during the F.D.I. Congress :

Friday 18th November at 12 noon

NEW OTANI HOTEL HAGI ROOM

All Fellows are welcome - just arrive and pay your money.

Annual Dues

Dues for 1983 -1984 of (Australian) \$35:00 are now payable.

Enclosed is renewal notice and you will see that two specific items of information are requested namely:-

1. date of birth and
2. year of induction into the College.

This information has been requested by the College Central Office - I hope we can fulfill this request although some Fellows may not wish to disclose such close personal details.

Journals to Tonga

The following extracts from a letter record the appreciation of our action:-

"We are in the midst of our Winter season now with 20 degree Centigrade which is very cold for us nevertheless I wish to extend to you all our sincere warm greetings. I have received your letter and the parcel of Journals arrived safely last week! There are 18 U.S. and 10 Australian Journals.

I wish to acknowledge our gratitude to you and all the members of the the International College of Dentists (Australiasian Section) for your generosity in offering us these most valuable learning materials which are essential to enrich our professional knowledge and skills.

I can assure you that your charitable service is highly appreciated by us all the dental staff and aid needed in Tonga. We are keeping them in our office and circulate each Journal among us in order so that everyone must read it.

Our very first 5 local dental trainees graduated here last month as Dental Therapists and they will be soon posted to various Islands in Tonga to carry out dental services of various types particularly to preventive dentistry. The second group of 6 trainees commenced their two-year dental therapy course this month."

With kind regards to you all

John Kilisimasi
Chief Dental Office
Ministry of Health.

I have also been advised that the dental training centre in Tonga is short of two electric motors used for cavity preparations during laboratory technique training. Can any Fellow help?

Journals to Overseas Countries.

Contact has been made with several dental schools and associations which might benefit from Journals and Text books. It takes time to get details finalised but we are working on it and will let you know progress.

Items of Interest

If any Fellow has items which would be of interest to other Fellows of the College the Registrar would be very happy to receive them.