



International College of Dentists

Australasian Section

Newsletter

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SAD NEWS FOR ALL FELLOWS....

The bereaved families of Fellow Eric GEE of Sydney, Fellow Norman WEBSTER of Melbourne, and Section Vice-President Renton NEWBURY also of Melbourne, have received condolence messages on behalf of the Board of Regents and the Fellows of the Australasian Section.

In the brief period of two months the Australasian Section has lost three Fellows, all of whom collapsed and died with tragic suddenness. They died "in harness" as it were, each of them a long-term dedicated contributor in various fields of dental administration. The individual loss was all the more grievous in the shock news that travelled far and wide, through city, to state, and across the nation, and finally, in the instance of our Vice-President, Ren NEWBURY, who was also serving the onerous post of F.D.I. President, internationally.

The Section has been severely diminished by the loss of these three stalwarts. Likewise, each and every Fellow of the Section is diminished by their deaths. In the sense of John Donne's "Devotions";

"Any man's death diminishes me, because I
am involved in Mankind:
And therefore never seem to know for whom
the bell tolls;
it tolls for thee."

VALE.

ERIC J GEE A.M. 14 MAY 1986.

NORMAN J WEBSTER 29 JUNE 1986.

C RENTON NEWBURY C.B.E. 6 JULY 1986.

R J Dingle
PRESIDENT.

"AOTEAROA ----- WE WERE THERE"

The New Zealand Dental Association's Biennial Conference in Wellington August 24-29, was an outstanding event in the dental schedule. By the time this is being read, the Conference and its accompaniments will be over for another two years, and becoming another professional memory-stimulating event in the calendar of things past.

Most certainly, it proved to be an exercise in International Fellowship, within the broad applications of the I.C.D. principles, especially our constitutional objective 3(a):

"To endeavour to bring together outstanding members of the dental profession of the world for the purpose of fostering growth and diffusion of dental knowledge and to encourage an exchange of goodwill among members of the profession."

The New Zealand Fellows of the Australasian Section organised the Induction-

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Meeting Luncheon on Tuesday 26 August, as one of the associated events and meetings that hve become symbiotic with all Conferences and Congresses.

The Board of Regents extends its thanks to the co-ordinator-in-cheif, Fellow J F ("Ben") FULLER of Wellington, whose meticulous attention to detail has international acclaim. We experienced yet another fine Fellow Fuller feature.

The Induction portion of the Luncheon-Meeting was performed with full due and proper ceremonial by Section President DINGLE and Registrar NORTON, assisted by Fellow FULLER.

The inductees numbered eleven, of whom two were from Australia. As a matter of interest, geographically the Aussies and the Kiwi's come from parts as remote from each other, as conversely, they will be bonded closely into Fellowship, by virtue of their inductions.

INDUCTEES - W Marsden Bell (Auckland), Clifford C Black (Auckland), Peter Bolot (Auckland), Lawrence J Croxson (Palmerston North), Terence W Cutress (Wellington), Donald G Green (Dunedin), Herbert J Hammer (Hobart), C Derrick Liggins (Auckland), James A McArthur (Wellington), Peter E Martin (Cairns).

The luncheon attracted an attendance of fifty including wives. The College was pleased to have as its guests - ADA President (Neil Henry), NZDA President (John Plimmer) and NZDA Chairman of Council (Tom Speed) all of whom are Fellows but what was more important they were accompanied by their wives.

Before this Trans-Tasman Induction Luncheon in Wellington, a Sydney Induction-Dinner-Meeting was held in late April. The excellent attendance of Fellows and wives provided the back-drop for the formal induction into College Fellowship of Professor Iven KLINEBERG; and an "at-long-last-catch-up" induction for veteran Fellow Kendal BINNS.

Fellow Alan WATSON, the guest speaker, provided us with an interesting away-from-dentistry talk on some Spanish versus English Florida land-deal documents, detailing "The Case of John Gordon, 1776." It would seem that Land Rights legislation is still a continuing litigious subject down to this day and age.

Soon after returning from Wellington, Alix and I attended two Induction-Dinner-Meetings, one in Melbourne and the other in Adelaide, on consecutive nights in mid-September. We both enjoyed renewing long-term friendships, and making further new ones in both fair cities of the Southern States.

The Induction Ceremony in Melbourne was a one-man affair, the recipient of Fellowship being Fellow Barry FEIGLAN, who was a featured lecturer at the N.Z.D.A Conference. He was subjected to the full formal panoply of Induction into the College. Arrangements for the Dinner-Meeting was in the capable hands of Fellow Ewen DEANE, who has exemplified the basic applications of true "Fellowship", in immediately acceding to my request to him to replace the original co-organisers of the Melbourne function -- the late Fellow Norman WEBSTER, and the late Vice-President of our Section, and President of the F.D.I. -- Renton NEWBURY.

In Adelaide, Regent Geoff HALL organised the Induction-Dinner-Meeting set down for Tuesday 16 September. There were three inductees; Fellows Brian CRISP, John IRWIN and Alec PLUMMER. We enjoyed participating in both the formal and the informal activities, of Fellowship-in-action with the South Australian segment of our Section.

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For your information, an interim report on the TONGAN PROJECT is provided below-

"The Periodontal Disease Prevention Programme is now making progress. The latest report from Professor Robin POWELL, who is assisting Fellow Terry CUTRESS in the three year community project, is to the effect that the Tongan Dental Officer -- Dr. Sililo TONICKI, has attended the familiarisation period in Brisbane, prior to the field initiation of the Project.

One unforeseen minor hitch, or small hic-cup, in the carefully organised Project routine was brought about by the apparently small, but significantly vital factor that, in Tongan cultural tradition there has been no history of oral hygiene practices such as cleaning of the teeth. Therefore, there were no local dialect words for "toothbrush - toothpaste - toothcleaning" et cetera.

The three Tongan villages also have dialect differences which have complicated dental health education material preparations for the Project. The contribution of the Australasian Section to the Project has been acknowledged by the co-ordinators as having assisted greatly with the practicalities of this on-going exercise of internationalism."

POSTSCRIPT:

Keen-eyed observers will have noted that there has been absolutely no mention of Halley's Comet in this presidential commentary. May I take leave of you, and the comet, with one final word;- "CHERNOBYL ?????".

FROM THE BRISBANE DESK

Rupert J Dingle.

SUCCESSFUL SCIENTIFIC MEETING FOR WEST AUSTRALIAN FELLOWS.

For the second successive year, W.A Fellows of the College were invited to attend the Annual Scientific Meeting of The Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons, W.A Committee, which this year was held on the 13th Of June and which was followed by the Annual Dinner for Fellows and their wives or guests.

The Meeting was most capably conducted by Associate Professor Des Kailis, a Fellow of both Colleges and currently President of the RACDS, W.A. Committee. It was attended by about 40 Fellows and although many belonged to both Colleges, several were Fellows of the I.C.D only.

Paediatrics was the theme of the Scientific programme which comprised lectures delivered by Dr. R J Fryda on "Congenital heart disease", Dr. M L Willoughby on "Advances in Paediatric Oncology", and Dr. Peter Gregory on "Paediatric Dentistry".

The dinner on the same evening was held at the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club and has attended by approximately 30 Fellows and their partners. With only 14 Fellows of the I.C.D. in W.A., it is not a practical proposition to hold scientific meetings, and this inovation has proved to be an excellent means of doing so, but also of bolstering up the size of the meeting. It is a step worthy of serious consideration by other states where similar circumstances may be found to exist.

Ken Sutherland (Regent)

NEW FELLOWS.

The Board of Regents at their meeting in April extended invitations to Fellowship to the following -

Ralph Annells (Linden Park S.A.), Brian Atkinson (City Beach W.A.), Ross Bastiaan (Brighton VIC.), Warren Berry (Taree N.S.W.), Colonel Vivian Bird (Canberra A.C.T.), Clifford Black (Auckland New Zealand), David Booth (Como W.A.), Bruce Burns (Sydney), Richard Case (Melbourne), Michael Coolican (Wynnum Central QLD), Surgeon Capt. Michael Dowsett (Canberra A.C.T.), Donald Green (Dunedin New Zealand), John Harcourt (Melbourne), Richard Hardham (South Yarra Vic), Brian Henderson (Claremont W.A.), Bernard Homan (Brisbane), Daniel Hurley (GeelongVIC.), Keith Lester (Westmead N.S.W.), Peter Martin (Cairns QLD), Rhys Milner (Hawthorn VIC), Richard Olive (Brisbane QLD), John Pearson (Tenterfield N.S.W.), John Peat (Auckland New Zealand).

Some of these Fellows have already been inducted at Wellington, while the remainder will be inducted in Sydney May 1988.

25 TH AUSTRALIAN DENTAL CONGRESS.

The Congress Organising Committee has accepted an offer from the College participate in the scientific programme. The College is planning a panel presentation "Dentistry Beyond 2000", which will occupy a whole afternoon session with some five or six panelists. We will draw on the resources of our own Section as well as utilizing the services of overseas fellows and possibly members of the Executive Council.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE COLLEGE.

The Board of Regents of the Section at their meeting in April resolved to extend an invitation for The College to hold its Executive Council Meeting in Sydney during the 25 th Australian Dental Congress - May 1988.

This will allow our Section the privilege of hosting the meeting of the Supreme governing body of the College. In the past we have had the opportunity to welcome the College President and other senior officers, but this is the first occasion we will have the whole council at one time.

It should be noted that this is only the second occasion on which the Executive Council has met outside North America.

OFFICERS OF THE COLLEGE.

The following were elected to hold office, for twelve months from January 1st 1987, at the Executive Council Meeting held in Amsterdam June this year-

President - James Ridlen, U.S.A.
President-elect - Frans Lankhof, Holland
Vice-President - Paul Loflin, U.S.A.
Treasurer - Daniel C Kamas, U.S.A.
Editor - William E Hawkins, U.S.A.
Secretary-General - Franklin M Kenward, U.S.A.