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"1987 - 1988"

The march of History continues on its inexorable way.

It is a salutary consideration that any carefully recorded recital of the Australasian Section's activities will never upset, let alone usurp, any party platform, nor any political mandate. At the same time, whatever activities are arranged or performed and reported upon - it is a goodly thought that throughout this troubled planet of ours, for each and every one of us priveleged few, there are more than seven thousand fellow Collegiate practitioners, globally distributed.

These fellows of The International College, striving to make this hodge-podge of countries and customs, in a bedlam of languages, into loose-knit, but firmly-linked organisation, are working realistically at the international level within the inspired creation which resulted from the far-sighted dedication of our founding fathers, LOUIS OTTOFY and TAURUKICH OKUMURA, et al.

These far-ranging thoughts were stimulated by reading through the pages of our 1985-86 journal of events - "GLOBE", received just recently. The names, and the faces, are tremendously varied as the pages of the journal are turned; but always, alongside every name, behind every face, there can be parenthetically appreciated the honorific letters of "F.I.C.D."

The preceding paragraphs are intended to stimulate the stampede of Fellows that the Board of Regents expects to arrive for the Convocation at the Sheraton- Wentworth, on Sunday May 15 1988, in Sydney. The Convocation-Induction Ceremony will in all probability commence at 11.30 am sharp. remember to make your travelling and accomodation bookings so as to give yourself ample time for assembly into Convocation of the Section. Plan to be there brilliantly be-gowned and bi-centially be-seated in adequate time.

That accounts for the "1988" portion of the headline. And now for an announcement extraordinaire for the 1987 momentous event of a lifetime.

In the latter days of January 1987 an extremely rare occurrence faintly "blipped" for an infinitesimal nano-second in the Pageant of the Chaos of the Ages of Mankind, that faintest of "blips" caused nary a ripple in the oceanic depths of Mininao Trench and not even a tiny tremour along the San Andreas Fault line. To be bluntly brief, your Section President was divorced. The terminally operative word is used in its archaic sense of; "Dissolving a union".

I was dismembered from my third and fourth hands, and de-corticated from my second memory box. In other words I detached myself from my chairside assistant-cum receptionist-cum bookeeper of the records-cum comptroller of stock and materials. And cum all of the multi-facetted duties of the ministering angels who figuratively fly around on the fleetest of feet to do our every bidding.

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May I crave your indulgence in a 'sotto voice' aside -- a murmur of conscience perhaps? I am wondering just how many of us have thanked "our second wives", warmly, sincerely and appreciatively for their excellent efforts performed for us over the years?

In brief terms, the daily routine orders of Thursday January 29th 1987 could be recorded with this item;

"At 1612 hours precisely the Australasian Section President retired from active practice, amidst a tumultuous silence."

Being reasonably fatalistic, your Section President quite realises that he is certainly not to be left sojourning down memory lane too far. Both spouse Alix and Registrar Bob will see to that, most assuredly.

Meanwhile, good cheer and splendid fellowship to all Fellows through-out this 1987 of our present era, as we move inevitably towards the predetermined prospects of the merry month of May 1988.

Post Script -

On behalf of the Board of Regents and the Fellows of the Australasian Section, I extend congratulatory felicitations to our Immediate Past President, Professor Emeritus Ken Sutherland A.M., for the recognition of his services to Dental Education, particularly in Western Australia, for the honour bestowed by the Western Australian Dental School.

Henceforth, the main lecture theatre will be known as the-

"K.J.G. SUTHERLAND LECTURE THEATRE".

BRISBANE MARCH 1987

R J Dingle
President - Australasian Section

THINGS YOU FIND

President Rupert was intrigued by the statement on Peter Martin's (practises Cairns, inducted Wellington) nomination form which stated "part-time practice Irian Jaya." This prompted an inquiry to Peter who replied as follows -

"I have been consultant dentist to Freeport Indonesia Inc. for the last nine years. The clinic at Tembagapura, (the town supporting the Copper Mine) is manned on an alternate week basis by myself, one other Australian dentist and an Indonesian lady dentist from Jayapura.

The clinic which is an intergral part of the hospital, serves the 4000 people on the project, the local native people, and on occasion, some of the people from the Transmigration project, about 50 miles away.

To get to Tembagapura entails a 5 hour plane flight from Cairns, followed by a 20 minute helicopter ride, or a one and a half hour ride by 4 wheel drive vehicle."

Peter also produced a very interesting article on the geography of the area and in particular Mount Jaya (16,000 feet) which is capped by Carstenz Glacier first reported in western literature in 1623 and later by Captain James Cook on his leaving Australia.

A LOOK BACK INTO HISTORY

Gordon Rowell recently cleared out his I.C.D. files and one of the most interesting documents to appear was a signed menu of The Inauguration and Dedication Dinner Meeting of the Australian Section. This was held 30 May 1964 at Hotel Esplanade Perth during the Australian Dental Congress attended by 29 Fellows and their wives.

At that time there were two Regents in Australian, Gilbert Henderson (Perth) and Alan Grainger (Sydney) and it was around these two Fellows that the Section was established. The Section Charter was presented by Dr. Gordon Agnew, Past President of the College of Dentists At-Large, unfortunately the Chapter has been mislaid (does anybody know where it is?) but we are still in business. Fellows will note that the name has now been changed to Australasian allowing expansion to include New Zealand and neighbouring Pacific Countries.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

The Executive Council of the College meets every year and in 1988 the meeting will be in Sydney during the 25th Australian Dental Congress. Depending on attendance most countries where a Section of the College has been established will be presented - the usual attendance is about 30 delegates.

While it is not possible to provide full details it is hoped that our international colleagues and their wives will arrive in Sydney on Friday 13 May and stay at the Sheraton-Wenworth Hotel through the duration of the Congress.

The Formal Executive Council Meeting will be held Tuesday 17 May at Sheraton-Wenworth Hotel 9.00 am.

CHINA SECTION

The College Section in China was re-established in July last year. An induction ceremony was held in Beijing when twenty-nine dentists from all areas of the country were inducted. The ceremony was attended by over sixty I.C.D. Fellows from America. One interesting fact was that three Fellows, who were members prior to the Cultural Revolution, attended the ceremony.

CONVOCATION 1988

The Convocation to be held in conjunction with the 25th Australian Dental Congress will be on Sunday 15 th May at the Sheraton-Wenworth Hotel Sydney at 11.30am. This will be followed immediately by the President's reception which should conclude at about 2.30 pm.

Please take this as a preliminary notice for your 1988 diary - further details in due time.

I.C.D. Forum at 25th A.D.A. Congress.

The College will present a Forum on "Dentistry Beyond the Year 2000" as part of the scientific programme of Congress on the afternoon of Wednesday 18th May - see you there!

PUBLICATIONS FROM CENTRAL OFFICE

I have been advised that the Central Office has mailed (surface mail) to all Fellows The Globe 1985-86 which is the Newsletter covering activities of all Globe Sections together with several scientific articles.

This publication should arrive in the near future - if not please let me know.

EDITORIAL ERROR

As Editor of the Newsletter I admit to numerous errors but one which really hurt was the omission from the list of the Inductees in Wellington of the name John Peat (orthodontist - Auckland).

John and his wife travelled specially from Auckland for the Induction Ceremony and then to be left out of the listing. None-the-less he is still serving his chosen profession, being President of the New Zealand Orthodontic Society and having just finished a term as a juror for the Georges Villain Prize of the F.D.I. - Apologies John.

OBEIRUNT

Alton Cusick died 15 October 1986, after graduation Al went to North Western University and on his return took over as Director of the Dental Clinic at The Royal Newcastle Hospital. During this period he also studied orthodontics and became a registered orthodontist. He then established his orthodontic practice in Newcastle and also provided a visiting service for Taree, Coff's Harbour and Grafton. Alton was a keen racing man and was a member of the Committee of the Newcastle Turf Club.

Alan McCay who died in the later part of 1986 was a long time Fellow of the College. Whilst he had retired from active clinical practice for many years he maintained an active interest in the profession. He was one of the initiators of the Professional Provident Fund originally launched by A.D.A. Victoria Branch. He served as a Trustee for many years and the success of the fund owes a great deal to his financial expertise and investment foresight.

Arthur Thornton Taylor died in January aged 85. Arthur took his orthodontic training in the U.S.A. at the Edward Angle School of Orthodontics from where he graduated in 1925. Dr. Angle was a perfectionist - he demanded the same of his students, consequently the school had a reputation for its disciplinary demands. Arthur practiced orthodontics in Sydney for over 50 years and was one of the founders and driving forces in the Australian Society of Orthodontists which he served as President. Arthur is survived by his widow and three sons - two solicitors and one orthodontist David who practices in Canberra.

The College extends its sympathy to the families of these deceased Fellows.

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