



International College of Dentists

Australasian Section

Newsletter

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"INVESTMENT IN FUTURES"

This is not intended to be the introduction to a crash-course in avoiding or recouping any losses in manipulating overseas futures, of recent sad and wiser memory.

Let Mark Twain tell it as it is, in the clear, cold light of reality:-

"There are two times in a man's life when he should not speculate: When he can't afford it, and when he can."

This investment in the future under immediate consideration, is the priming charge for the big guns of the profession, domestic and off-shore, to give us some glimpses into the crystal ball of "Dentistry beyond the year 2000", at the Sydney Dental Congress next May. Hordes of future investors are expected to cram the venue by 2 o'clock of the Wednesday, 18th May, you are requested, individually, to support personally your very own Australasian Section's contribution to the proceedings.

At a recent executive committee meeting in Sydney, final decisions were made regarding speakers, subjects, audience participation and the requisite timings. Truly, it is all beginning to flesh-out into a rugged philosophical "kick-around" of practicalities, and a fulfilment of the observation of Antoine de Saint-Exupery:-

"As for the future, your task is not to foresee, but to enable it."

Still bearing the future in mind, of course, the convocation ceremony of the Sunday morning, 15th May, will find this section investing heavily in the International College spin-off from the futures of the candidates assembled for induction.

We may be suffering from a superfluity problem; but truly, it is a superfluity of riches, as the curriculum vitae of the individual inductees is perused. This section, and the College itself, will reap immense benefit from these investments, as the years unfold "Beyond 2000".

On the administrative side, another exciting immediate - future prospect is the meeting of the Executive Council of the College, scheduled for the Tuesday, 17th May, to be conducted for the first time in the Southern Hemisphere. It would seem that our College forebears were demonstrably farsighted as they invested in the International College's future. The expansion from the original concept of representation, of 60 years ago, of 300 Fellows, to over 7,000 world-wide of today, is assuredly a significantly numerical return on the initial investment by any standard of assessment.

As Fellows reaping the rewards of College Fellowship we can endorse that our College progenitors may have been unable to "foresee", but they most certainly have "enabled" their prospective future to happen for us. In turn, we hope to continue the task of enabling the futures of those still as yet fledglings, to become high-flying Fellows of the future.

Good Fellowship her and now, and in the immediate future to you all, and especially to the most recent candidates - awaiting - future - induction.

R.J. DINGLE

PRESIDENT AUSTRALASIAN SECTION

V A L E ----- FELLOW F.E. HELMORE O.B.E.

Fellow Frank Helmore died in Sydney at the age of 82 years, after some weeks of severe illness.

Condolences on behalf of the Board of Regents and of the Australasian Fellows have been extended to his widow, Nancy.

F.E. Helmore was the first Professor of Dentistry at the University of Queensland, occupying that chair from September 1935 to January 1938.

The cut and thrust of the underhand tactics from long time established quarters and other "anti-academic" forces, combined to frustrate any forward progress.

The community research projects that could have resulted in the accumulated knowledge of the oral health status and condition of the Queensland communities, were aborted by outside influences. Professor Helmore's frustrations deepened to the extent that he resigned in late January of 1938.

He commenced an oral surgical practice in Sydney which he conducted with distinction until his retirement. His Army Service was performed in maxillo-facial units both overseas and in Australia.

Undoubtedly, the Queensland students who passed through his hands, or studied in his all too brief term of office, continue to this day the application of the Helmore approach to the discipline of the gaining of knowledge. Followed by the application of this knowledge to the improvement of the community oral health, as an integral feature of the overall health programme.

The Australasian Section can be rightly proud of having had F.E. Helmore amongst its distinguished Senior Fellows V A L E F. E. H.

STANLEY KINGS A.M.

It was with great pleasure that the College expressed its congratulations to Stan for his recognition in the Queen's Birthday Honours. Stan and Eric or should we say Eric and Stan have both made wonderful contributions to a profession they both adorn and the College proud to have them as Fellows. Congratulations to you Stan we hope you will enjoy your retirement.

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

President Rupert convened a meeting of the Executive Committee in Sydney on Monday, 17 August and as it was fifteen months since the last meeting of the Board of Regents, the Agenda was well endowed. The following are reported -

1. Curriculum Vitae forms for potential Fellows have been reviewed and modified.
2. The design for identification badges for use by Regents at Convocation was approved.
3. Considered Membership (report elsewhere in Newsletter).
4. Approved arrangements for Convocation and Meeting of Executive Council May 1988.
5. Approved of a Luncheon and Induction Ceremony to be held during NZDA Biennial Conference Christchurch August 1988.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

An A.D.A. (S.A. Branch) Distinguished Service Award, presented for service to dentistry and the profession both at State and Federal level has been awarded to Geoff Heithersay.

Graham Mount has received a Meritorious Service Award, an honour bestowed by the Australian Dental Association for long and distinguished service to the Association and to dentistry at a national level.

Active Rotarian, Trevor Martin has been awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in recognition of his services to dentistry and the community.

David Blaikie has relinquished his position as Director of the South Australian Dental Service to take up a position as Executive Director, Metropolitan Health Services Division in the South Australian Health Commission.

John Day retired last year from the Dental Board of South Australia after 33 years of distinguished service, both as a member and President for many years. The newly elected President is John Myhill. Kevin Moore, and David Blaikie are also members of the Board, and Geoff Hall was appointed to fill the vacancy following John's retirement.

From GEOFF HALL

VICTORIA

Lloyd O'Brien busy with Ministerial Review of Dental Services in Victoria.

John Harcourt - Editor of Australian Dental Journal

Stan Kings - awarded A.M. in Queens Birthday Honours List

Syd Warneke - President of Society of Alumni and Friends of the Faculty of Dental Science

Doug Hamilton - started a busy retirement earlier this year

Doug Loader - Has recently carried out a dental survey of institutionalised and home bound patients for the Department of Veterans' Affairs

Dan Hurley - President of Dental Board of Victoria

From BILL CHAMBERS and EWAN DEANE

NORTHERN TERRITORY

HIGHLY ENTERTAINING "TERRITORIANS"

In the early stages of a N.T. holiday in June last, Section President Dingle and spouse Alix were entertained to dinner at Kerry and Jan Eupene's Darwin home, with typical tropical hospitality. Also in attendance were Chris Mansfield and John Plummer with their wives --- just one apiece, of course ---.

These three, remote from the majority of their Section Fellows were subjected to a minor display of "Chairmanship" and a modicum of College history, which did not greatly stimulate a scintillating flow of animated conversation.

It has to be reported that the Section President broke protocol by wearing a tie to dinner ... Shame! Horror!!

John Plummer has been defending the honour of Darwin Sailing Club against Royal Brunei Yacht Club - he won 4 heats to 1.

Chris Mansfield is cruising through the Indonesian Islands on a yacht.

From KERRY EUPENE

NEW SOUTH WALES

Bob Henry has just completed a very successful term as President of the Australian Society of Orthodontists, the culmination of his term was the very well attended ASO Congress held in Sydney last March. Record attendances were listed and the standard of the Scientific programme was outstanding. After over forty years Bob is in the process of retiring from active orthodontic practice - we wish him well.

Fred Trebitsch received recognition in the August issue of ADA News Bulletin and doubtless most Fellows saw it - if not have a look. The College wrote to Fred wishing him well for his ninetieth birthday 17th September - Congratulations and very best wishes.

Peter Barnard, Andrew Barnett and Don Heffron unfortunately were unsuccessful in the recent NSW Dental Board elections. Andrew had served 12 years while Don and Peter each three years - our regrets but thank you for your services to the profession.

John Dale (elected August 1987) is just completing his second year as ADA (NSW Branch) President and all agree that he has done an outstanding job. He was recently elected to the Dental Board - congratulations.

Bob Harris was honoured once again at the Members Dinner of the Branch when he was presented with a scroll marking his election as an Honorary Life Member.

From R.Y. NORTON

QUEENSLAND

Ken Adkins who is Dean of the faculty has been made Acting Pro-Vice-Chancellor (health services) at Queensland University - the busy just get busier.

Michael Bennett, Sid Roveda and Denis Hagarty were all heavily involved in the recent North Queensland Dental Convention and for once Neil Henry was a golf playing guest.

Not much action up north, all hibernating for winter!!

ROSTER

All the Fellows should have received a copy of the College Roster. You will readily observe that it is published by the Central Office and provides a wealth of information.

The Executive Committee at its August Meeting was somewhat critical of certain aspects of the publication (i) intermixing of members from Australia and New Zealand (ii) absence of post-codes (iii) no details of the type of practice (iv) no indication of year of graduation or year of birth. All this information had been provided by the Section.

We look forward to a better Roster next time.

NEWS ABOUT FELLOWS

NEW ZEALAND

Fellow Lawrie Croxson has been appointed Executive Director of the New Zealand Dental Association in succession to Fellow Derrick Liggins who retires this year after years of service to the Association ranging from Honorary Secretary to President and, more recently, as Executive Director. After a period in the Royal New Zealand Dental Corps, Lawrie undertook post graduate study in the UK at the Eastman with a leaning towards

Periodontology. He entered general practice in Palmerston North and later turned over to specialist practice as a Periodontist. He took time off in 1976 to join the dental team of the Medical Research Council conducting the Survey of Adult Oral Health in New Zealand and was a co-author of the final report. He has been active in the FDI in the field of Epidemiology and Periodontal Disease Indices. Thus he brings a wide range of appropriate experience to the post.

Fellow Sandy Macalister has been invited to deliver the Menzies Campbell Lecture at the Royal College of Surgeons of England in November at Lincoln's Inn Fields on "The Queen's Hospital, Sidcup - The Foundation of British Oral Surgery". Sidcup was the maxillo-facial centre during World War I made famous by the pioneers of plastic surgery including Professor (Major) H.P. Pickerrill, the Foundation Dean of the University of Otago Dental School who commanded the New Zealand Dental Team at Sidcup. This invitation adds further lustre to Sandy's record as a guest speaker at the highest level.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

After 34 years on the Dental Board of Western Australia and with the last 15 as its President, Ken Sutherland submitted his resignation effective 12 August. However, even in his 5th year of retirement, Ken is still active in dental affairs including Australian Dental Examining Council as its Chairman and, as such, will be attending meetings in Canberra and Melbourne later in the year. At the invitation of the University, he has just completed writing a chapter on the history of the Faculty for inclusion in a book on the history of the University for publication next year to mark its 75th anniversary.

Spyros Halikis is busy neglecting his practice while he flies across the Nullarbor to Sydney every 2-3 weeks to grapple with the affairs of the A.D.A. As President, he recently had a meeting with N.S.W. Government Ministers, after which the Association received a written assurance that the Convention Centre at Darling Harbour would be completed in time for Congress. In October, Spyros goes to New Zealand for an Executive meeting with their association prior to attending the F.D.I. meeting in Buenos Aires.

During a recent trip to China, John Seward visited the School of Stomatology in the Medical University of Beijing and was agreeably impressed with what he saw. A completely new building of nine storeys opened in 1985 had replaced the old school and much to his surprise contained 100 beds! All departments were well equipped including an electron microscopic in the Materials Research Laboratory. In the absence of the Dean, he was conducted over the School by a Maxillofacial Surgeon who, despite his youthful age of 28 and the fact that he had never left China, was carrying out operations in the field of advanced Orthognathic Surgery!

As of January this year Des Kailis was elected Dean of the Faculty for 12 months and last year was appointed Head of Department until 1988. Amongst his many other duties, he is currently involved in establishing a Dental Alumni for Western Australian graduates. In June, he was re-appointed Chairman of the Royal Australian College of Dental Surgeons (W.A. Committee) and recently was appointed President of the Council of the Ageing - a voluntary community body.

The devoted steam locomotive buff John Arnold recently made headlines when the Hotham Valley Tourist Railway of which he was a co-founder and past President, won a National Tourism Award. John is now the Railway's Archivist and lives in Denmark, W.A. where he owns a rural property and now only practises part-time in that town.

News of Fellows yet to be inducted

Brian Atkinson, a former G.P. in Fremantle has been a Regional Officer in the Dental Branch of the W.A. Health Department since 1976. He is now in his second year as President of the Australian Dental Association (W.A. Branch) and since the beginning of the year has been President of the West Perth Football Club.

David Booth is a Senior Lecturer in Oral Pathology in the Faculty and a former Dean. He is currently working on his Ph.D. in the field of Oral Cancer and is giving a paper at the First International Congress on Oral Cancer and Jaw Tumours to be held in Singapore next November.

Brian Henderson has been a specialist Oral Surgeon in Perth since 1959 and is contemplating retirement in October. He has been a part-time Clinical Lecturer in the Dental School for 30 years, a past President of A.N.Z.A.O.M.S. and Chairman of the R.A.C.D.S. (W.A. Committee). On retiring, he plans to travel Australia in his 4-wheel drive.

Invitation to W.A. Fellows to attend Scientific Meeting of R.A.C.D.S. (W.A. Committee)

On 19 June, the R.A.C.D.S. (W.A. Committee) held its annual half-day Scientific meeting and followed established tradition inviting all I.C.D. Fellows in W.A. to attend. About 40 members of the Colleges were present to hear an interesting and varied programme. The three topics presented were:

1. The Oral Environment and its Influence on Metallic Restorations (Dr G. Ewers).
2. The Dental Needs of the Intellectually Handicapped (Dr J. Winters)
3. The Evolution of Temporomandibular Joint Morphology (Dr P.J. Mack)

Following the meeting, Fellows were invited to join their R.A.C.D.S. colleagues at dinner that evening.

From KEN SUTHERLAND



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Your attention is drawn to the Constitution which provides;

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A Fellow in good standing may apply to be elected to Life Membership if he has been a member for at least 10 years and has (a) bonafide retired from practice or (b) has reached the age of 70 years.

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Robert Y Norton
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MEMBERSHIP

Invitations to take up Fellowship had been extended to -
John Dale (NSW), Frank Digwood (WA), Keith Erickson (QLD), Des Innes (TAS),
P.J. Reaney (NZ) and John Sinclair (NZ).

Transfer to Life Membership - Ken Martin (QLD) and Lloyd Carr (ACT).
Transferred back to Full Membership - Bob Sharp (ACT).

Membership at 1 September 1987 -

Full Members 182, Life Members 36, Honorary Members 1, Total 219.

TRIVIA CORNER

The so-called Editor in the process of requesting information for the Newsletter requested that "such should be returned by mid - August, how about the 15th - my birthday". Quite a day it happens to be: - VP (or VJ) day of World War II; Princess Anne's, Napoleon and Kerry Eupene (a fellow from NT), all have birthdays that day; and Ewan and Judy Deane's wedding anniversary, anything else to add? Let us see what we find.

R.Y. NORTON

FOR YOUR DIARY 1988 I.C.D. ACTIVITIES

SYDNEY

Sunday 15 May - 11.00 am - 2.30 pm Convocation, Induction Ceremony followed by
President's Reception at Sheraton Wentworth Hotel.

Wednesday, 18 May - I.C.D. Panel Discussion as part of A.D.A. Congress Programme
2.00 pm - 4.45 pm "Dentistry Beyond the Year 2000".

CHRISTCHURCH

August - I.C.D. Luncheon and Induction during NZDA Biennial Conference.

TONGA PROJECT

Despite language and communication problems this project is continuing well. Terry Cutress and Robin Powell, the two organisers will be visiting Tonga towards the end of the year, the half way point of the project. It is extremely satisfying to note that the NZ Army has made available Hygienists who have spent some weeks in Tonga. The College will make another donation in the near future and in the next Newsletter will provide a more detailed report.