



International College of Dentists

Australasian Section

Newsletter

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CONVOCATION MAY, 1988.

OPENING ADDRESS BY SECTION PRESIDENT - R. J. DINGLE.

In declaring this Triennial Convocation of the Australasian Section formally open, I welcome each and every one attending this solemn ceremony.

Especially welcome are our International visitors, the President of the International College of Dentists, Dr. Frans Lankhof of Amsterdam, with his wife "Boukje"; also the Secretary-General of the College, Dr. Franklin Kenward of Miami, Florida. In addition Dr. William Hawkins of Phoenix, Arizona, who is the Editor of the Journal of College Events and those Executive Councillors from other Countries who managed to be with us today.

We hope that your Meeting on Tuesday next will be productive: and that you have adequate time to savour the delights of Sydney.

On behalf of the Regents and the fellows of the section, I extend an especially warm Australian welcome to the accompanying wives.

We are honoured and delighted to have our first and only Honorary Fellow with us.... The Honourable Sir Asher Joel K.B.E., A.O. and Lady Joel.

Also present are the President of the Australian Dental Association: Regent Spyros Halikis; the President of the 25th Australian Dental Congress; Fellow Reg Hession and Fellow Paul Swinburn, President of the New Zealand Dental Association.

A solemn reminder for all of us, is the list of Australasian section Fellows who have died during the three year period since our last Convocation. I would request those present to stand in silent tribute for a few moments in memory of the deceased Fellows of the Australasian section:

Norbert Wright
Kevin Sullivan
Eric Gee
Norman Webster
Renton Newbury
Sidney Firth Lumb

Alton Cusik
Alan McKay
Arthur Thornton Taylor
Francis Helmore
Bruce Rice

To further the benefits of the practical application of Fellowship, the dinner style of Induction Ceremony was introduced during the Presidential Term of our Immediate Past President, Professor Emeritus Ken Sutherland.

The practice has been continued in the various states of Australia and during the New Zealand Biennial Conference in Wellington. These functions provide opportunities for Inductions for those Fellows, who for various reasons, have not been able to attend one of the Australasian Triennial Convocations.

Since May, 1985 there have been such Induction Ceremonies held in Wellington New Zealand, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Brisbane.

Our College is truly International, encompassing over 140 other countries, states and territories and regions of the world. The Australasian section includes Australia, New Zealand, Papua - New Guinea and Fiji.

Since our last Convocation we in Australia have been able to assist, either Physically or monetarily, some other less fortunate countries and areas in the South Pacific region.

Though NOT an "Elitist" organisation, the College is consciously proud that the "cream" of the profession distinguishes our ranks. That situation would be applicable anywhere in the world.

The Inductions today will make the world-wide total number of Fellows nearly 8,000.

Project your thoughts back to "The good old days" of February, 1788, while I provide a reading from the personal diary of Lieutenant Ralph Clark, one of the first fleeters, under Captain Arthur Phillip. I quote :- "February 18, 1788. Oh my God, what pain it was, it was so fast in, and the jawbone very fast to one of the prongs, that the tooth would not come out without breaking my jawbone, which he did. I thought that half of my head would have come off, there is a piece of jawbone remaining to the tooth. The pain was so great, my dear wife, that I fainted away". End of quote.

This extraction was performed near Sydney Cove, - quite close to our present location. Surely, it must have been the first Colonial extraction recorded in Australasian history?

We have come a long way in these past 200 years since the landing at Sydney Cove on January 26th, 1788.

Let us give thanks and pay homage for the advances granted to our truly noble profession. I regard it as a measure of our nobility of purpose that we belong to a Profession working towards its self-extinction.

The Secretary General of the College, Franklin Kenward, is retiring at the end of this year, after 15 years occupancy of an arduous and responsible office. He has performed all duties with exceptional skill and foresight, for which all College Fellows render due thanks.

We wish him great joy in his future retirement and we regard it as a bonus that he is with us to-day and is prepared to address the new inductees.

We have been honoured today by the attendance of Senior Members of the Executive Council, and particularly the presence of our International College President..... Dr. Frans Lankhof of Amsterdam who will assist me with the Ceremonials of our Induction Proceedings.

By way of an introduction, I provide you with a precis of the long career and valuable contributions by our International President,

Franz was born in Amsterdam and qualified in May, 1941. He has been active as Teacher, Author and General Practitioner, Accenting Periodontics and Restorative Dentistry.

In 1956 he was elected a Fellow of the International College.... in the newly created European Section. He filled the office of Treasurer for nine years. In 1966 he was elected to the Office of President Elect of the European Section, and served as President from 1968-1970.

He had been Secretary and President of the Dutch Dental Association during the period 1960-1967.

He has represented the European Section as Executive Councilman for many years, and currently is the President of the International College of Dentists.

With a great deal of pleasure I introduce the College President, Dr. Frans Lankhof of Amsterdam, and invite him to address us on this historic occasion.....

ADDRESS BY FRANS LANKHOF - PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS.

On July, 9th this year it will be 60 years since the International College of Dentists was incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia in the U.S.A.

Sixty years of constant endeavour to promote the College objectives, laid down by Dr. Ottofy and Dr. Okumura and their colleagues.

I believe that the dental profession outside the U.S. and Japan can be grateful for the initiatives taken by those men with great idealism.

Louis Ottofy c.s. had dreamed of uniting men from all over the world in a professional Fellowship and founded the International College of Dentists to pursue that dream. The College was originally made up of 30 sections which had been formed to cover the world but there was little cohesion between the sections.

In Europe prior to 1955 a number of outstanding European dentists had been invited to join, but the membership of the various sections was very uneven, ranging from 20 in France to 3 in England, 2 in Holland, 1 each in Belgium, Switzerland, Poland and Chechoslovakia.

The autonomous European Section matured after July, 13th, 1955 when 16 Fellows met in Amsterdam during the annual meeting of the American Dental Society of Europe and Temporary Officers elected : they were Philip Dear, Lausanne, President ; Jacques Foure, Paris, Secretary ; Francois Ackerman, Geneva; Pierre Coustain, Treasurer and Jean Roger, Editor both from Paris.

Philip Dear was born in 1884 in Melbourne. After graduating from Merion College, Victoria, he followed the courses at the Dental School of the University of Pennsylvania.

There he met William Fitting from Lausanne and both on obtaining their D.D.S. went to Switzerland to practice together. In combination with the first Secretary, Jacques Foure, Philip Dear laid the foundation of the European Section during the founding meeting (at the Trocadero Restaurant) in London on July, 9th, 1956. Fellows from all over Europe and the U.S. were present including the Secretary General of the College, Harold O. Westerdahl.

I have been explicit about European affairs. The reason is twofold:

1. I have been a long time in office.
2. As a result one travels and compares the different sections in the world.

What strikes me, in every comparison is that the European Section is a Kaleidoscope of members from 20 countries with about 18 different languages and cultures.

However in the last ten years, through existence of the European Economic Community, University Education in a number of countries is harmonised and though certificates may still vary, there are nearly 600 Fellows in Europe. The International College of Dentists is a unique group of teachers, research men and practitioners in the dental profession who communicate in a friendly atmosphere.

As for our host-country Australia I conclude with some important observations.

In my files I found a letter from Louis Ottofy dated September, 14th, 1929 sent to Dr. Ch.F.L. Nord in Amsterdam. It is written on I.C.D. business paper and the names of Officers and Regents appear on the side. Amongst them W. G. McKern, Sydney, Australia. This indicates that the Australian Section had its roots in this beautiful city nearly 60 years ago.

Officially the Australian Section was born in 1964, it grew into the Australasian Section in 1977. In this enormous geographic area our Australasian Fellows are very active in creating goodwill and fellowship for the College.

We in the rest of the world admire our Australian and New Zealand Colleagues who often travel very long distances for the benefit of our profession and the College in particular.

The Australian and New Zealand people form the cornerstone of the culture in this part of the globe. In terms of prosperity, democracy contentment and tolerance, Australians to-day have few rivals. This provides us great satisfaction and peace of mind.

INDUCTION CEREMONY.

There were 19 new Fellows inducted into the College and for the benefit of Interstate Fellows who may not know all of these Dentists a very brief resume of each one follows :-

BRIAN ATKINSON, BDS (W.A.) 1963; Public Health Dentistry Health Department W.A., since 1976; A.D.A. Auxiliaries Com.; A.D.A. (W.A. Branch) Council 1972-86 President 1986; West Perth football Club Director 1981-86, President Royal Commonwealth Society (W.A.) 1961

WARREN BERRY, BDS (Sydney) 1944; General Practitioner Taree, N.S.W.; A.D.A. (N.S.W. Branch) additional Member State Council 1957-86, Chairman North Eastern Division on 4 occasions, President 14th N.S.W. Convention 1975; Taree Clubs - Apex President 1957, Golf Club President 1956-66, Legacy President 1979 and 1986, R.A.A.D.C. 1944-47.

COLONEL VIV BIRD, BDS (Queensland) 1966 MDS 1983; Director of Dental Services (Army) Canberra since 1985 - Vietnam and National Medals; Member Central Committee (Dental) Standards Association of Aust; Hon. Dentist Bush Childrens Home Townsville 1975-76.

BRUCE BURNS, BDS (Sydney) 1951 MDS 1962 University of Oregon Graduate Certificate (1963) Visiting Assoc. Prof. University of British Columbia 1983-84; Prosthodontist; A.D.A. Federal Councillor 1974-84; A.D.A. (N.S.W. Branch) Councillor 1969-1984 President 1973; Frequent Lecturer on Crown and Bridge Subjects, Senior Tutor University of Sydney Post-Graduate Programmes.

RICHARD CASE, BDS (Melbourne) 1949, DDS (Melbourne) FRACDS: Orthodontist; University of Melbourne Part-Time Lecturer 1957-80; A.D.A. (Victorian Branch) previously Member of Council and many committees; A.S.O. Federal President and Chairman Congress, Federal Councillor; Hon. Consultant Orthodontist Melbourne Dental Hospital; Trustee Kindilian Foundation for Handicapped Children.

JOHN DALE, BDS (Sydney) 1964 MDS 1966, FRACDS 1966, DDS (Toronto) 1970, LL.B (University of N.S.W.) and Barrister N.S.W. 1979; General Practice; Sydney University Lecturer, Ethics and Professional Responsibilities 1979, Tutor in Preventive Dentistry; Visiting Assoc. Professor North Western university 1975-76; A.D.A. Committee of Inquiry, Assistant Journal Editor, Vice President 25th Australian Dental Congress; A.D.A. (N.S.W. Branch) Council 1981, President 1985-87; Member Dental Board of N.S.W.

FRANK DIGWOOD, BDS (W.A.) 1951, Lecturer in Forensic Dentistry; General Practitioner Perth; Consultant in Forensic Dentistry W.A. Health Department; A.D.A. (W.A. Branch) Com, on Forensic Dentistry; Aust. Forensic Science Society (State President 1983); R.A.N.R. Seaman 1942-46, promoted to Reservist Surgeon Commander 1967, Queen's Volunteer Reserve Decoration.

SURGEON CAPTAIN MICHAEL DOWSETT, BDS (Sydney) 1961, MDS (1964), FRACDS; MHPed (University of N.S.W.); Director Naval Dental Services Canberra since 1985; Teaching Fellow University of Sydney 1962-63; Lecturer Dental Therapist H.M.A.S. Cerebus 1978-81, Active Service 1966.

KERRY EUPENE, BDS (Queensland) 1970; General Practice Darwin N.T.; Formerly Department of Health Northern Territory; President Dental Society of N.T. 1981-82; A.D.A. (N.T. Provisional Branch) President 1983-84.

JOHN HARCOURT, BDS (Melbourne) 1954 DDS 1968 LDS (Victoria) FRACDS; Reader in Restorative Dentistry University of Melbourne, Frequent National Lecturer; A.D.A. Federal Council since 1976, Assistant Editor since 1977, Editor since 1985; A.D.A. (Victorian Branch) Councillor since 1969, President 1975, Hon. Secretary 1982-85; R.A.C.D.S. Councillor since 1982; Published over 25 Scientific Papers.

RICHARD HARDMAN, BDS (Melbourne) 1950, DDS (Toronto) 1964, FRACDS; General Practitioner South Yarra; A.D.A. Councillor since 1979, Vice President 1986; A.D.A. (Victorian Branch) President 1978 Chairman many committees; Past President Rotary Club of Prahran; Active in Scouting.

BRIAN HENDERSON, BDS (W.A.) 1953, MDS 1957, FRACDS 1965; Oral Surgeon Perth; Clinical Lecturer in Oral Surgery University of W.A. since 1959; Numerous positions and Oral Surgeon Consultant; A.D.A. (W.A. Branch) Councillor 6 years; R.A.C.D.S. Chairman (W.A. Com) 6 years; A.N.Z.A.O.M.S. Councillor 1975-83 President 1983-85.

GEORGE HEWITT, BDS (Sydney) 1956, MDS 1963, FDS, RCS (England) 1960, FRACDS; Senior Lecturer Operative Dentistry Sydney University since 1972; Specialist Prosthodontist; R.A.C.D.S. Councillor since 1986, Assistant Registrar, Frequent Examiner; Four published papers; R.A.A.F. (Reserve) A/Group Captain.

BERNIE HOMAN, BDS (Queensland) 1955 MDS 1963; Senior Lecturer Department. Social and Preventive Dentistry University of Queensland; Past Chairman Com. . P.H.D. of A.P.D.F; R.A.A.D.A. 1979-84 Lt. Colonel: Many publications on Preventive and Community Dentistry

DAN HURLEY, BSc (Queensland) 1961 MSc 1968, FRACDS (1968): General Practice Geelong; Australian Dental Examining Council, Examiner since 1983; Dental Board of Victoria Member since 1980 President since 1986; Alexander Hospital for the Aged Committee 1967-72; Queenscliff High School Council 1973-77.

KEITH LESTER, (Professor) B.D.S. (Sydney) 1962, MDS 1963, DSc 1974, PhD 1965, FRCDS 1965; Director Dental Services Westmead Dental Clinical School; Numerous teaching appointments U.K. and U.S.A.; Recipient Numerous Research Scholarships and Grants; Published over 40 Scientific Articles; A.D.A., Former Assistant Editor of Australian Dental Journal; A.D.A.(N.S.W. Branch) Former Member of Council.

CHRIS MANSFIELD, BDS (Adelaide) 1969: General Practice Darwin N.T.; Past President Dental Society of N.T. 1979-81: A.D.A. (N.T. Provisional Branch) Member 1982 to present; Secretary Convention Darwin 1984; Dental Board of N.T. Member since 1975.

RHYS MILNER, BSc (Melbourne) 1950 General Practice Hawthorn; Former Lecturer Faculty of Dentistry University of Melbourne; A.D.A. (Victorian Branch) Councillor 1972-78, President 1976-77, Chairman of numerous committees; Professional Provident Fund Trustee 1977-86; Life Member Apex.

JOHN PLUMMER, BDS (Sydney) 1965, Certificate in Forensic Science; Churchill Fellow 1985; Public Health Department of Northern Territory (Darwin Region); A.D.A. (N.T. Provisional Branch) President since 1984, Representative to Federal Council; Chairman Convention Darwin 1984; Rotary Club of Carlingford; R.A.N. 1965-67.

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS.

This was certainly our most successful convocation as over 200 persons were present for the Meeting and luncheon. Following the Induction Ceremony the New Officers elected the preceding day were announced.

Newletter extends its congratulations to that dynamo of a worker Robert York Norton who is our New President.

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY ROBERT Y. NORTON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS INSTALLATION AS PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRALASIAN SECTION ON THE 15th MAY, 1988.

Dr. Frans Lankhof President of the College, Dr. Dingle, Officers of the International College, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentleman.

It is a great honour to have been elected to the position of President of the Australasian Section of the College and I thank my Fellow Regents for their confidence in electing me. I pledge to do my best to further the objectives of the College, to enhance the status of the College and especially this Section in the world of organised dentistry.

I have always counted myself extremely fortunate throughout my dental career as I have been privileged over the last forty years to have occupied most of the senior positions in Australia dentistry and while this will definitely be the last senior office which I shall occupy, I shall endeavour to maintain the extremely high standards set by my predecessors.

As reported earlier, the College does have a number of projects in the pipe-line and at the Board of Regents Meeting yesterday others were put forward and the Board sincerely hopes some of these may develop into full projects for the Section.

A President is only as good as the team he leads and I appreciate the support of an experienced and dedicated group of College Fellows.

VICE-PRESIDENT - SYD DOBBIN.

An ex-mayor of Yass. It was through his efforts that Yass was the first town in N.S.W. and one of the first in Australia to have fluoride added to its water supply.

TREASURER - GEOFF HALL.

One of our quiet achievers who has served organised dentistry extensively in South Australia.

REGISTRAR - DON HEFFRON.

We all know of Don's capabilities through the high offices he has already occupied and the College is fortunate to have his wisdom and services.

REGENT - SPYROS HALIKIS.

Who has already proven his ability through becoming President of the A.D.A.

REGENT - DR. BILL CHALMERS.

The present Chairman and one of the main motivators of the Victorian based Professional Provident Fund - which has provided superannuation benefits for so many members of the profession.

While we welcome our New Officers, unfortunately it is also the time for the others to leave - an occasion which always has an element of sadness.

Concerning Gordon Rowell who is Master of the College and Fellow Ken Sutheland, if we wished to review in full the contribution these two Fellows have made to dentistry and in particular to this College we would be here until the end of the Congress.

Briefly both have served the section over many years, in many capacities with such dedication and understanding it has been an inspiration to us all.

I sincerely thank them for their outstanding contributions.

I must thank Rupert Dingle for his leadership and guidance over the past three years. As his Registrar he has been a delight to work with and this association has allowed Rupert, our respective wives and myself to forge a wonderful bond of Fellowship. Rupert is not leaving us but staying on as Immediate Past President.

A Convocation and Reception just does not happen, it requires considerable organisation. The College has been fortunate that many unsung heroes and heroines have unselfishly given of their time and I take this opportunity to record and express our thanks to these behind the scenes workers.

(Editor's note - Bob himself did most of the organising!)

Fellows, Ladies and Gentlemen it is a great honour to occupy this position as President of the Australasian Section, I hope over the next two years I can maintain the high standard set by my predecessors and look forward to seeing you at our next Convocation in Adelaide in 1990.

NEW ZEALAND INDUCTION CEREMONY.

On Wednesday 24th August in Christchurch, New Zealand a luncheon and Induction Ceremony was held during the Bi-Annual New Zealand Dental Association Conference.

In attendance were the Australasian President Bob Norton and Registrar, Don Heffron. The ceremony was formally conducted befitting the solemnity of the occasion.

The facility and luncheon were capably organised (and for which we express our thanks) by Fellow Ken Gillespie who resides in Christchurch.

For the benefit of these who may not know our new Fellows, the following brief C.V.'s provide a postage stamp review of their activities and reflect the continuing standards necessary for Fellowship.

PETER R. L'ESTRANGE, BDS (Queensland 1955) MDS Ph,D London 1974. Prosthodontist, Head Department of Prosthetic Dentistry Univ. of Q'land. Extensive teaching experience in Australia and overseas. Special interest-Dysfunction of Stomatognathic System. Fluent in French, German and Swedish.

NEIL P. EWART, BDS (Otago 1975) MDS and FRACDS, Practising Periodontist. Specialist Periodontist to Auckland Hospital; Auckland Branch; all offices including President. Secretary 1984 Biennial Conferences. Actively involved in Association affairs and post-graduate education.

JOHN E. HAWKE, BDS (Otago 1954) Specialist in hospital dentistry; Plastic Surgery Unit of Middlemore Hospital - teaching and training of House Surgeons; Numerous positions in Auckland Branch including President 1974, served N.Z.D.A. - Committees on Dental services and Peer Review and as Honorary Assistant Secretary.

MURRAY W. HOLLAND, BDS (Otago 1960) General Practitioner with specialist interest in orthodontics, Hawkes Bay Branch N.Z.D.A., most offices including President N.Z.D.A. Council, representative and Chairman of Economics Committee N.Z.D.A.

P.J.R. (Dick) REANEY, BDS (Otago 1967) D.Orth. RCS 1970. Specialist Orthodontist. Visiting orthodontist to Hawkes Bay Hospital. Hawkes Bay Branch has held senior positions from 1975 to present date. Active in Hawkes Bay Cricket circles. Honorary Assistant Secretary N.Z.D.A. 1987-88.

PETER SAYERS, BDS (Otago 1956) MDS, FRACDS 1972. General Practice - special interest in crown and bridge. President Auckland Branch, Representative to N.Z.D.A. Council and Chairman of Committees on Continuing Education and Dental Services. Rotarian.

JOHN H. SINCLAIR, BDS (OTAGO 1956) FDSRCS (Eng.) FRACDS. Oral and Maxillo Facial Surgeon, Prizes - Thomas Anderson Hunter Scholarship, N.Z. University Travelling Scholarship and Royal N.Z. Dental Corp. Numerous positions in New Zealand and overseas at Teaching Hospitals. Served on many local and national committees in dentistry and in his specialty. Chairman 1988 Biennial Conf. Christchurch

BRENT E. STANLEY, BDS (Otago) General Practice. Canterbury Branch - Executive and representative to N.Z.D.A. Council, N.Z.D.A. Committee on Economics, Chairman and currently Honorary Treasurer N.Z.D.A. Active in many areas of Community Service.

" DID YOU KNOW ? "

1. HONOURS. Congratulations are extended to Fellows Graham Mount and John Pritchard who have been awarded membership in the Order of Australia.
2. CENTRAL OFFICE AND SECRETARY GENERAL. It is noted that Dr. Richard A. Shaffer will take up his duties as the new Secretary General on January 1st, 1989 at the new location of the office in Washington D.C.
3. SECTION REPRESENTATIVE ON EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. Dr. R. Y. Norton has been appointed as Section Representative to replace Dr. A. Gordon Rowell who had given outstanding and generous service in this position for the past 16 years.
4. SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATION. For the first time the College participated in the Scientific Programme of an Australian Dental Congress. The panel presentation was "Dentistry Beyond The Year 2000" under the Chairmanship of Ken Sutherland. Panelists were Terry Cutress, Rory Hume, Graham Mount and Graham Craig. At the conclusion of the formal presentations an extremely lively discussion period ensued reflecting the interest in the subject matter. Our thanks were extended to the panelists for their extensive contributions.
5. THE RECEPTION. (organised by Ex-Registrar, now President, Bob Norton) following the Induction was very able handled by the staff at the Sheraton Wentworth and proved to be a fitting end to the occasion.
6. WEDDING CELEBRATION. On the Friday preceding the Dental Congress a celebration was organised in Sydney when the "Dingle Clan" were brought together with the aid of some cunning and conniving, in order to celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of our Immediate Past President, Rupert and his wife Alix. Despite the generous celebrations, Rupert managed to front the next day for the Council Meeting of Regents showing no signs of wear and tear. It just goes to prove you can't keep a good man down!

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SUBSCRIPTION NOTICE.

Your subscriptions of A\$50 for 1988-89 are now due.

It should be noted by those dentists who have accepted Fellowship since July 1988 and who have paid their Induction Fees in advance, that this was included. Life Members are also exempt.

Please find enclosed my subscription of A\$..... for 1988-89.

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ADDRESS BY FRANKLIN KENWARD - SECRETARY GENERAL - INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS.
SYDNEY, MAY, 1988.

This ceremony marks the completion of an important phase of your professional lives. It is an occasion in which all who know you can share in your sense of pride and accomplishment. But no one has more pride in your accomplishment than those who have gone before you and those who witness this award presentation.

It is appropriate on the eve of our 60th Anniversary that we reflect on a few of the values and goals that were established by the founders of the International College of Dentists.

You Fellows are all honoured men and women - honoured in great part because you have accepted the chores and responsibilities of your profession. As an individual leader in your community you have undoubtedly helped formulate the opinions and the health climates in your area. This doesn't mean that you can rest on your laurels!

Fellowship carries responsibility. There are those dentists who are content when their day at the office is finished to go home and resign from the human race until tomorrow. In our competitive society the more able will rise to the top, with honour - and this is as it should be. They are the doers and they are the creators of progress in our profession.

I will enumerate a few of our professional responsibilities.

1. Maintain a high plane of ethical practice. E.B.Caldwell once wrote, "In a Profession there is no short-cut to effective human relations. The highway to effective human relations is paved with ethics in its basic sense." The professional must base all his human relations on respect for human beings. He must earn the respect of society. For example he will honestly and gladly accept the responsibility of what is best for each patient. He will make his particular decision about the patient for some other reason than the difference in the margin of profit.

He will always remember that every patient - rich or poor - merits his finest efforts. He will have good human relations - not as a means of manipulating his patients - not as a means of controlling them - but as a means of being of service to them.

2. Exhibit a professional competence. Think in terms of the interest of all. Ask yourself when a question arises - how would it help - remember that unless it is good for everyone it is not, in the long run, good for anyone.

Several years ago a young dentist asked one of his seniors how he as a dentist could best contribute to the profession itself. The professor told the young man, "conscience always takes precedence over ambition because out of compromise comes only mediocrity." It is sad that we dentists are placed in a defensive position so much of the time. Our patients come in - we look into their mouths, and we note that which may be defective. You know that someone - maybe he did his best - but someone may have compromised. So always remember that out of compromise comes only mediocrity.

3. Sharpen your scientific curiosity. It is your responsibility to keep informed of what the profession is doing. If you do not keep up to date you will soon be out of step with your fellow dentists.

4. Contribute to the advancement of the dental profession. Be a builder - not a wrecker! Management authorities agree that the man who criticises the deeds of others, rather than contributing works of his own is no asset to any organization. The International College has a great mission in Dentistry because it is composed of dentists who have demonstrated their capacity for leadership in their own countries. This leadership must be utilised to full capacity and the College is the instrument with which this can be done. I ask you to accept this challenge of fostering greater understanding among the dental professions of the world. I am sure that the College and its Fellows will meet this challenge.

5. Continue to display outstanding personality and character attributes. Communicate - the competence of those who make decisions for the profession can always be strengthened by others who communicate their ideas to the designated officials. Don't hesitate to speak up.

6. Support the postgraduate work for all sections of the I.C.D. Think of it this way. When two merchants exchange their products, each one gives up part of his possessions. But when dentists exchange knowledge, each keeps his own and acquires the other's. Can there be a better bargain than this? That is truly profit sharing.

We are an honorary organisation. Our emphasis is not upon numbers but on quality. We recognise conspicuous and meritorious service. We seek to establish and maintain a high ethical standard of competency and character for the dental practitioner. We nurture the growth of knowledge and promote its dissemination throughout the world.

It has been that the reward for excellence is not wealth but honor. The honor of fellowship is given in recognition of effort and dedication to the profession of dentistry. But with the acceptance of membership goes these responsibilities, indeed obligations. As a fellow you must assume the duties of continued services and leadership in your practice.

If we cannot develop education we must then use the education developed. The future of any organisation lies not in what it has been, not what it has accomplished, but in the calibre of its working membership. So the quality of the College depends totally on the quality of those who accept the challenge of fellowship.

Earlier I said you are here because you have earned the recognition of your Fellow Dentists. They recognise your talents and accomplishments in the Dental Profession, as well as those personal achievements outside of Dentistry.

One of the basic drives of human nature is the desire to be wanted and needed. We also desire to be appreciated. The International College of Dentists enters into this picture by providing one form of appreciation. The officers, councilmen, and regents of the I.C.D. recognise those abilities that drive all of us to do our best for our patients and for our communities. More than that, they culminate that appreciation in Fellowship with a Convocation, a diploma, and a gold key.

It is a distinct pleasure to welcome you into the I.C.D. It is my profound wish that you shall always cherish this recognition and treasure it with respect and dignity.



International College of Dentists

Australasian Section

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Robert Y. Norton

REPORT COVERING PERIOD JUNE 1986 TO MAY 1987

1. Meeting of Regents - While no meeting of Regents has been held in the period under report the President, Treasurer and Registrar have met informally while business has been progressed through telephone and postal contact.

2. Projects - Two service projects have been continued -
TONGA - This project is now in its second year and is making excellent progress. While the College's financial involvement is small A\$1000 one of our Fellows is very heavily involved. A recent progress report states -

"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-up, 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."

FIJI - The College supplied five instrument cabinets for use in mobile dental clinics. These mobile units travel by road (usually very rough) and boat to service outlying villages. The Section has received a request for three extra cabinets.

3. Inductions in Wellington and New Zealand - The New Zealand Dental Association held its biennial Conference in August 1986 in Wellington New Zealand. The College arranged a Luncheon and Induction Ceremony at which nine New Zealanders and two Australians were admitted to Fellowship. This also provided an opportunity for President Rupert Dingle and Registrar Bob Norton to make known the Section's activities and plans for future activities.

4. Section Membership - Membership at May 1986 was 202 since that time six Fellows have died.

Membership at May 1987 Full Dues paying - 163, Life Members - 32, Honorary - 1

5. Meeting Sydney May 1988 - Australia celebrates its Bi-centenary in 1988 and also hosts for the first time the Executive Council Meeting of the College. The section is privileged to have been invited to host this prestigious meeting and extends a warm welcome to all Fellows and the accompanying persons who will be on this historic trip "Down Under". We assure you all a warm welcome - please join us and visit.

At the same time the Section will hold its own Convocation on Sunday 15 May at the Sheraton-Wentworth Hotel. We anticipate a good attendance to honour the twenty or so inductees.

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