



# International College of Dentists

Australasian Section

Newsletter

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## COLLEGE PROJECTS.

SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION. After lengthy negotiations with the Commission the College agreed to sponsor a course in Periodontology to the North Marianna Islands. This was presented by Dr. Graeme Sinclair of Auckland and was attended by 12 persons made up of dentists, hygienists and the Islands own dental auxiliaries. The course was well reviewed and apparently helped to fill a void in the continuing education of dental personnel.



Dr. Sinclair ( at the back ) with the course participants in the North Marianna Islands.

TONGA. This project in Tonga in conjunction with WHO, New Zealand Medical Research Council and others is continuing under the guidance of Robin Powell and Terry Cutress. The College is at present exploring ways of expanding and extending this project.

NORTHERN TERRITORY. Hands on Endodontic Course. The College is sponsoring a two day lecture and clinical participation endodontic course in Darwin later this year. It will be followed by a lecture programme in Alice Springs.

The Clinician is Stephen Blackler a Specialist Endodontist. This is a new venture for the College and the Darwin Dentists are to provide appropriate patients for the clinical activities.

The College is grateful that the Government Clinic is being made available where ~~the actual treatments~~ will be carried out.

### Convocation March, 1991.

How long since you have visited Adelaide?

Did you go to Victor Harbour? The Barossa? Hahn Dorf? It's probably time you went again.

Make a note in the back of your diary to transfer into next years that the I.C.D. Convention will be held at the time of the A.D.A. Congress in March, 1991.

It is in the very new Convention Facility that is available and it is adjacent to the Adelaide Railway Station. You can't get much more central than that.

### VICTORIA.

Richard Hardman - Has been elected President of the Australian Dental Association for the next two years. Congratulations Dick.

Fred Widdop - Has been elected an Executive Officer of the Australian Dental Association for the second time.

John Dawkins - Has retired as the Dental Director of the Royal Melbourne Dental Hospital.

It is with regret that the death of Professor Eldson Storey is reported. Tony passed away on 10th October, 1988.

Bob Cook - Has retired as Senior Oral Surgeon from the Royal Melbourne Hospital. He has been an oral surgeon at the Hospital for thirty six years. He is continuing his private practice.

Richard Case - Has retired from orthodontic practice.

Peter Finch and Laurie Williams - Were awarded Distinguished Service Awards at the Annual Meeting of the Australian Dental Association ( Vic. Branch ) in November for service to the profession.

John Harcourt, Syd Warneke and Barry Feiglin - Have been elected to the Council of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons. John Harcourt is now Censor in Chief and Syd Warneke is Honorary Treasurer.

John Waterson - Has retired as the Dean of Faculty of Dental Science and Professor of Restorative Dentistry from the University of Melbourne.

QUEENSLAND.

Ken Adkins - In addition to his many duties as Dean has the added responsibilities of editing papers for the A.D.J. and Chairman of the N.H. & M.R.C. Dental Committee.

Rod Brilliant - Has now assumed Treasurer duties following his year as State A.D.A. President.

At Federal A.D.A. Level - John Dann, Ron Denham, Denis Hagarty, David Thompson, Rick Olive and David Thompson are ensuring Queensland thoughts are expressed at the national level. Indeed Rick is now a member of the Executive.

Out of Hospital - It is pleasing to report that "Bud" Ford and John Muller have recovered from the knife.

As for that Perennial workhorse Neil Henry he will soon be back on the Golf Course and carrying on his duties as Chairman of the Dental Practice Commission of the F.D.I. - as for Neil's award of the A.M. in the Australia Day Honours, we all recognised his enormous contributions long before the Government. Congratulations Neil.

CAIRNS CALLING.

The 18th North Queensland Dental Convention is at the Park Royal Hotel, August, 21-25.

Fellow Michael Bennett is President of the Convention for the 3rd time, while Fellow Peter Martin is Convention Secretary for the 4th time in 20 years. Who can beat that? A strong team every time and this convention should even surpass the others. If registering write to Peter.

On Tuesday night 22nd they plan to take any College Fellows to a Special Seafood Night. As one who has wallowed in the delights of Barramundi at a previous convention in Cairns, I can attest it is the best fish I have ever eaten. If you want the Special Treatment at a Specially Selected Restaurant, complete the following pro forma.

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hereby solemnly swear that I wish to attend the Seafood Feast organised for the International College Fellows and that I will eat too much. Please reserve one large space for me.

Return to Mike Bennett- Post Office Box 323, Innisfail 4860. Queensland.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Gordon Rowell - Congratulations to Gordon Rowell who late last year was invited by the Senate of the University of Sydney to accept the honorary degree of Doctor of Dental Science. The degree was conferred at the University on 15th December, 1988. This is the first occasion on which an honorary degree of Doctor of Dental Science has been conferred upon any member of the dental profession by the University of Sydney. Gordon also received the Merit Award from the Alumni Society of North Western University. There could not be anyone more deserving.

Prof. Noel Martin - Long serving Dean of the Sydney University Dental Faculty retired last December. Noel graduated in 1944 and immediately took up a teaching position within the Faculty. He became the establishment head of the Department of Preventive Dentistry a position he held until retirement. Noel contributed to many other aspects of University life particularly The Sports Union of which he served as President on a number of occasions.

Noel was given a retirement Dinner in December which was attended by over 250 of his University and Professional colleagues.

The College records its appreciation of his outstanding services and wishes Noel and his wife Bernice well in their retirement.

Reg Hession - Has been made an Honorary Life Member of the N.S.W. Branch of the A.D.A. He is currently also active as the Registrar of the Royal Australasian College.

Eric Bevan, Mark Jolly and George Wing - have also retired from their respective departments - Eric and George are providing services in private practice. George has also been elected President of the R.A.C.D.S.

Keith Lester - Having accepted and mastered the challenges of Westmead, Keith is resigning to face new challenges, as yet unknown.

John Southwick - Congratulations to John on his election to the position of Vice President of the Australian Dental Association.

John Dale - Congratulations on the appointment as President of the Dental Board of N.S.W. It is a tough act to follow our President, Bob Norton.

TASMANIA.

Eric Canning - Has retired from practice but his astute assessments and comments will surely remain available to us.

NEWS OF NEW ZEALAND.

TERRY CUTRESS was presented with the Alan Docking Science Award during the 28th Annual Scientific Session of the Australia New Zealand Division of the I.A.D.R.

Currently the major activities in New Zealand revolve around the changes in the Dental Act. The original proposals were 19th Century Vintage where standards of any form were not required, these have been modified after enormous activity by the N.Z.D.A. and the Government has now recognised the need for standards. Never the less the changes are dramatic and sudden.

Slow and progressive changes give time to plan and implement proper programmes so that the profession and the community can adapt and accept these changes.

There is little doubt that the Government's belated recognition to have some standards has prevented total disaster, but the introduction of the new Act will not be without trauma and the N.Z.D.A. is to monitor each new aspect very carefully.

Some of the changes and attitudes will be of great interest to our Fellows in Australia.

ADVERTISING - The advertising regulations have been revoked. There are now NO regulations specific to dentistry.

To assist the transition, voluntary guidelines on advertising have been developed by the N.Z.D.A. as an interim code and will be further discussed at N.Z.D.A. Council - April, 1989.

OWNERSHIP - All controls on ownership have been revoked. Employment by non dental owners, companies etc should be by suitable contract and the N.Z.D.A. is investigating a protocol for such contracts.

OPERATING AUXILIARIES - There is provision for exemption to persons in respect of removing deposits from teeth and certain other work.

The N.Z.D.A. will establish a register or list of persons who are suitably qualified and are working under this section of the Act. The N.Z.D.A. intends

- to monitor need
- to facilitate future employment assistance
- to fulfil the N.Z.D.A. public assurances on quality care.

Interim proposals will operate from 1st January, 1989.

DENTAL TECHNICIAN - The Dental Act now makes provision for clinical Dental Technicians who can make and fit full and partial dentures. An Oral Health Certificate is necessary before supplying a partial denture.

Registration procedures, training and examinations for clinical Dental Technicians have yet to be determined.

SPECIALISTS - The Dental Council of New Zealand will be developing a specialist register.

EXTENSION OF SCHOOL DENTAL NURSES TO SECONDARY SCHOOLS - Section 7 of the Act enables an extension of school dental nurses into secondary schools in accordance with conditions approved by the Director General of Health.

One could write several volumes about the need or otherwise for these changes and more about the way such changes should be introduced and managed. The N.Z.D.A. has accepted its responsibility as guardian of the community as the Government appears only too ready to act on advice from non professionals on this very professional health area where standards should be the No. 1 concern.

All our N.Z. Fellows are going to continue to be active in these areas for some time in assessment, monitoring and seeking appropriate changes.

#### SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

John Myhill, Kevin Moore and Geoff Hall - Were recently elected to the Dental Board with John as President.

The Academy of Dentistry International has appointed Graham Mount as Chairman of the Australasian Section. Other members of the Academy include John Booth, Kevin Allen, John Lavis, Owen Makinson and Bruce Wark.

Alex Plummer and Ralph Annells-Have retired from active practice, but are still keeping in touch with colleagues through meetings and societies.

John Booth, Richard Sawers, Bryon Kardachi and our Regent Geoff Hall are Chairman of Divisions for the next Australian Dental Congress to be held in Adelaide in March, 1991.

#### WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Ken Sutherland - Ken is very busy in his retirement with trips overseas and to Melbourne and Sydney for meetings of the Australian Dental Examining Council, Pierre Fauchard Academy and he even attended the Farewell Dinner to Noel Martin.

Des Kailis - Retired from the Perth Dental School at the end of January.

Spyros Halikas - Has been appointed to the Dental Health Committee of the N.H. & M.R.C. for a three year term. Though no longer Federal President of the A.D.A. he continues as a Federal Councillor.

Brian Atkinson - Has been elected as the other Federal Councillor in place of Dick Cook, who filled the role with distinction for 8 years.