



International College of Dentists

Australasian Section

Newsletter

APRIL, 1990.

FROM THE PRESIDENT.

I was privileged to represent our Australasian Section at the International Council Meeting held in Honolulu last November. While I had been an observer at a previous Council Meeting held in Sydney, this was my first participation as a contributor. I was most impressed with the friendly and warm manner of my acceptance at the Council table and the dedication of all Councillors to the objectives of the College.

I gained the overwhelming impression of the ethical standards demanded by all Section Officers; their commitment to increase the contributions which the College is able to make; to expand the growth and orderly development of the College and to induct into its rank dentists who are worthy of the honour and who uphold the College principles.

For many years the College has been moving further and further to becoming truly "International". This move is evident by the actions taken in Honolulu to hold the Council Meetings of the College in different Countries (basically every second is held outside the United States), to renaming the controlling body of the College to International Council and to the holding of regular multi-section Convocations. A Multi-Sectional Meeting of the College will be in Singapore 6th and 7th September, 1990 at the same time as the F.D.I. Meeting

The International Council established the "College Growth and Development" Committee under the Chairmanship of Irving Siegal (Canada). Specific objectives include - identifying areas of the world where a College presence could be established; assisting in sections in expanding their activities and to promoting continuing education. (Editors Note - Our President is a member of this Committee)

The College presence in South America is subject to a number of regional problems. President Paul Loflin visited the region and met with the majority of the College representatives and had submitted a positive plan to reunite the South American Fellows into a cohesive and working unit. This plan was endorsed by Council and the necessary finance allocated.

During the Council Meeting each Section presented details of its activities over the last twelve months. While these varied greatly each was playing its part in promoting dentistry within its own Section. One Section was holding regular continuing education sessions while another in co-operation with other educational organisations was conducting a two day international seminar. It is pleasing to report that the activities of the Australasian Section compared very favourably.

On behalf of our Section, I express our thanks for the assistance and co-operation we receive from the College's Central Office and in particular Dr. Richard Shaffer the Secretary-General.

The Regents and I appreciate the support each Fellow has given in the past and with its continuation we can extend our activities into new areas.

ROBERT Y. NORTON
PRESIDENT.



Bob Norton, Myra & Keith Ericksen, Cairns 1989.

"THE CAIRNS DINNER"

The Far North Queensland Convention was it's usual great success despite the Airlines strike commencing on the 2nd day. Eleven College Fellows and their guests ate heartily of disgustingly lavish and exotic fare. Rumour has it that Bob Norton, Syd Dobbin, John Dale, Keith Erickson, Dennis Hagarty, David Thomson, Rick Olive, Geoff Heithersay, John Kidd, Peter Martin and our organiser Mike Bennett all fronted early the next morning which says something for their constitutions.

Prawns, Coral Trout, Barramundi, Macadamia Pie were just starters and I understand there was so little time for other than eating, the speeches were real Readers Digest condensed type - one minute each.

As Mike Bennett commented "Eat your heart out".



Betty Norton, Michael & Miriam Bennett, Cairns 1989.

NEWS OF FELLOWS.

VICTORIA.

Syd Warneke recently completed a successful second year as President of the A.D.A. (Victorian Branch). Some tiger in his tank.

Fred Widdop was appointed Honorary Secretary of A.D.A. (Victorian Branch) and is on the Executive of the Federal A.D.A.

Ross Bastiaan has completed a two year term as Chairman of the Victorian Committee of the R.A.C.D.S.

Don Behrend is the Chairman of the Victorian Committee of the R.A.C.D.S.

Dick Hardman, the Federal President, was recently made an Honorary Life Member of the Victorian Branch of the A.D.A.

Bill Chalmers received the 'Award for Distinguished Service' to the profession at the Annual General Meeting of the A.D.A. (Victorian Branch). How is your super Bill?

Doug Loader, Lloyd O'Brien and John Harcourt were recently elected to the Dental Board of Victoria.

Re John Waterson there is a dispute as to whether he is Victorian or South Australian. Both make strong claims. In this issue South Australia won - please refer to that Section.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Congratulations are extended to John Waterson who has been awarded the Meritorious Service Award by the Royal Australian College of Dental Surgeons for his outstanding contributions to dentistry over the years. He has also been appointed Emeritus Professor of the Melbourne University. I wonder where he will ultimately settle. If we had interstate passports he would have a dual one.

Videodisc technology is having an important impact on research and teaching in Australian Universities, and Owen Makinson has been involved in work to produce a worldwide dental videodisc.

Max Horsnell was invited to present the Annual Graham Mount Oration to the profession. This was followed by the Alumni Association Dental Clapton Dinner. Max, it's about time you visited Sydney!

"Speedie" John Day and Marg have been racing around U.S.A. and Hawaii. If there was an olympic event for use of the 4 legged walking aid, they would have to give a handicap to John or it would not be fair to the others. In 2 months he visited more cities than your Editor has even heard of. I hear they may even get back this year for another dose.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Ian Noble has left the Big Smoke and retired to Lennox Head. The fishing must be good there.

Keith Lester has extended his career and must be proud to be appointed Pro Vice Chancellor of the James Cook University at Townsville.

Rob Butler has been appointed Director Dental Services at Westmead Clinical School and is now responsible for the efficient running of the Institution. Congratulations!

NEW ZEALAND.

The Auckland games are over and didn't New Zealand do it proud! Congratulations to all concerned; as with our College, it is one more step in bringing the World together.

Our Fellow Peter Bolot recently reported to Council on the Peer Review System in New Zealand. It has now been functioning for some years and it appears to be well accepted by Patients, Government and the Profession. It is no "whitewash either". It is interesting to note of the last 13 cases, 7 were resolved in favour of the Dentist, 2 in favour of the patient and 3 shared responsibility.

The Regional Conference at Napier was a great success and our Fellow Murray Holland the Conference Organising Chairman and his team earn our congratulations for organising the very successful Regional Conference at Napier. These smaller Conferences offer so much more time to savour the delights of the Fellowship which is always overwhelming in New Zealand.

Congratulations to Fellow Gus Guise who was made an Honorary Life Member of the New Zealand Dental Association.

Derek Liggins has now relinquished his Chairmanship of the Dental Insurance Society and guess what presentation gift was given.....yes a "special" fishing rod.

Marsden Bell has his hands full of papers rather than 3rd molars at present. As the Chairman of the Education Committee of the Section of Oral and Maxillo Facial Surgery of the R.A.C.D.S. he was responsible for the success of the Inaugural National 3 day Scientific Meeting held in Sydney February 23-25. The Principal Overseas Lecturer was Professor Philip Worthington from Seattle.

Tom Speed's long and distinguished service has been officially recognised when he was made a Fellow of the N.Z.D.A.

Peter Sayers has completed his survey, report and Protocol on Independent Continuing Education.

A visit to Chile by Lawrie Croxson, launched a Gum Health Month for that Country.

Paul Swinburn is now Vice President of the A.P.D.F.

Ken Gillespie has retired as the N.Z.D.A. representative on the Dental Technician's Advisory Committee (after 15 years). He is replaced by Brett Stanley who is also Treasurer of the N.Z.D.A.

The New Dental Council which will register Dentists and administer the Act, has had one Meeting and elected the Chairman, Clive Ross. Clive is also a Vice President of the F.D.I., has just been to Ottawa to assist the development of a mission statement for the F.D.I.

Peter Collins made an extensive Northern Hemisphere tour this year, visiting Stuttgart, Rome, London, Moscow and the A.P.D.F. conference in Seoul. Most of this was business dealing with the F.D.I. matters, insurance matters, the promoting of the New Zealand A.P.D.F. Congress in 1992, and attending the E.R.O. Meeting. He is also Treasurer of the A.P.D.F.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

John Arnold was honoured to be the key-note speaker at the Royal Western Australian Historical Society Annual State Conference. It was the 100th Anniversary of the opening of the Great Southern Railway Company between Albany and Beverly.

No John hasn't gone off the rails, he just knows his Western Australian Railway History. Good for you, John!

David Booth has now commenced in private practice but retains a part time activity at the Dental School.

Ken Sutherland continues to confound everyone. He recently returned from Asia where he was amazed at the obvious caries in children's anteriors - it needs fluoride to provide the "magic" of disappearing caries. At the same time Newsletter has no doubt he added to this own "magic lore" for his entertainment and that of his friends. He has things up his sleeve other than Dental.

Brian Atkinson In the re-organisation of the Health Department of Western Australia, Brian has been appointed to a Senior Executive position as "Manager, Hospital Dental Services".

Ray Owen has been elected President, Australian Dental Association, Western Australian Branch. They breed them tough in W.A. as he already served in 1978 and 1979.

The Minister of Health of W.A. has set up a ministerial committee involving all aspects of Dental Health. Lloyd Trotter has been appointed Chairman and Harry Lamplough the ministerial nominee to the Committee.

The grapevine tells us that Tom Goodall has been living a most mundane existence, eating, sleeping and fishing. Boy, I hated to hear this.

Frank Digwood continues to enhance his reputation as a forensic dentist, being recognised by the Coroner's Office as the W.A. expert on the subject.

TASMANIA.

Eric Canning topped the poll at the recent Dental Board election. His campaign manager, Herb Hammer, issued a victory statement. "Eric is recognised throughout the state as a capable Board Member working tirelessly at the job. The fact that he distributed liberal quantities of his delicious self caught, home smoked trout to the voters had no bearing on the result". Unnamed sources suggested that being unopposed might have contributed, also.

Tasmania's Mr. Fluoride, Peter Brothers is Australia's longest serving Federal Councillor. During the pilots' strike, Peter took long service leave, left days early, and somehow crossed Bass Strait in time to keep his Federal Council Meeting attendance record intact. I Think it is now 21 years. Perhaps his swimming has improved.

ARMED FORCES.

Michael Dowsett has set new parameters by being promoted to the rank of Commodore and being appointed the Director General of Naval Health Services.

QUEENSLAND.

Hearty congratulations are in order for Fellow John Pearson, a Queenslander practising in Tenterfield who was presented with the National Medal for Service by Parliamentarian, Ian Sinclair. This recognition was for his 29 years as local controller of the emergency service. John's appointment dates back to May 1960, in Civil Defence and subsequently as controller of the local State Emergency Service. The awards are made with the approval of the Governor General. If this is not a record, it must be close to it.

George McKelvey of Brisbane has retired as State Director of Dental Services, after 16 years in office. George served concurrently as the President of the Dental Board of Queensland. His services in both posts were dedicated to the best traditions of public Health Dentistry. Now-a days George may be found engaged in woodwork, fishing or touring in and about.

Fellows Ken Adkins and Denis Hagarty have been made Life Members of the Australian Dental Association (Queensland Branch) for their services to Dentistry. To read their full Curricula Vitae is a privilage and makes one wonder how they can fit so many activities into a working life.

Rupert Dingle has been busy analysing the numbers of College Fellows who are currently active in A.D.A. (Queensland Branch) affairs. Eighteen I.C.D. Fellows are serving their Association. Two who must be named are David Thomson who serves on six Committees and Peter Ryan who has Chaired the Fluoride Committee since 1901 (I think). The total list reads like a "Who's Who of Dentistry in Queensland".

B.H. ("Bud") Ford, formerly of Miles, has trekked further eastwards and is settling to life-style of a retired dentist-cum-Red Devon Champion breeder, on the outskirts of Toowoomba.

Bill Murison recently retired with dignity and decorum, but without successor, after many years of practice and service "extra ordinaire".

Neil Henry continues in inimitable, indestructible and invaluable service on the International Scene. His latest honoured appointment as F.D.I. Commission Chairman and resultant seat on their Council as Commission Representative, will provide him with a couple of feathers in his many, many hats!

"ANYONE FOR DARWIN COLLEGE DINNER JULY, 9"

The 2nd Darwin Convention is being held July 8 - 13. If any Fellows of the College will be in attendance, Kerry Eupene is organising an informal dinner for Fellows and their guests on Monday, July 9.

When you Register add a note to the form so that Kerry will know you want to attend the Dinner. No black ties in Darwin and in my experience you can't better Darwin or Cairns for hospitality plus.

COLLEGE TIES

The new International College Ties are available at \$25 each, postage paid for the first 20 Fellows who send their cheques to the Registrar. Beyond that they go on to a back order list which hopefully can be filled late 1991 at a cost dependent on exchange rates etc.
Go to it Lads!

FUTURE ACTIVITIES.

Your Council is keen to progress the "Adopt a Village" concept in the South Pacific Islands as it's next major project. Currently we are waiting on the completion of preliminary investigations and planning. This is not simple. It involves Terry Cuttress as our Principal Advisor as he knows the areas, the people involved and the problems. Preliminary advice indicates a lead time of over a year to delineate the programme, budget, base line study etc, then a 3 year programme for implementation and assessment. Terry is off to the U.S.A. for some months but will address the next stage on his return.



Sonita Moui, Kolonga Health Centre, Tonga.

In the interim the Tongan Project has come to a successful conclusion and one of the villages used in the Periodontal Project is likely to be appropriate for our 'Adopt a Village' pilot. A graduate of Brisbane, Makasini Malilo is now in Tonga and is especially interested in progressing this project. At the same time Council is considering another project in Australia following the great success of our Northern Territory one.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS.

Under the terms of our Constitution the Council can agree to a request for Life Membership from Fellows who have retired from active practice and who have been Fellows for not less than ten years. Newsletter is pleased to record that Council agreed to Life Membership for the following Fellows.....

Eric Canning
Brian Ford
Dick King

Noel Martin
Bill Martin
Bill Murison

Ian Noble
Bob Sharp
David Watt

"Cut Here, Or Here, or Here"

Your Editor's attempt at humour with the Subscription notice was rewarded with 15 special responses from Fellows. The first (24 hours) was by our President Bob Norton, the 2nd (48 hours) by Arthur Meyers of Brisbane. Some decided to cut in all 3 places, others selected their own. The ingenuity of the responses made the Editor's task a little less like work.....thanks to all 15.

SINGAPORE CONVOCATION.

In the spirit of progressing the International activities of our College a Convocation will be held in Singapore at the time of the Federation Dentaire Internationale Congress.

All Australasian Fellows who will be in Singapore for this Congress should share the occasion with our President Bob Norton, the officers of the Central Body and Fellows from other Countries who will be present.

It is also possible for our recently appointed new Fellows to be formally Inducted at this time. This is earlier than our next Australasian Ceremony to be held in Adelaide in March, 1991.

MULTI-SECTION INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE CONVOCATION.

6th and 7th September, 1990.

ORIENTAL HOTEL, SINGAPORE.

(Meeting immediately prior to F.D.I. Meeting 8-14 September)

PROGRAMME

6th September - p.m. - How to cope with Dental Treatment for the Aging Community by Singapore.

7th September - a.m. - How to cope with Dental Treatment for the Aging Community (continued)
Australia and Japan.

4.00 p.m. - Convocation and Induction Ceremony
(Fellows and guests)

6.30 p.m. - Reception followed by Banquet 7.30 p.m.
(Fellows and guests)

If you will be in Singapore and can attend, but want more information contact.

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ADELAIDE CONVOCATION.

This will take place on Sunday, 17th March, 1991 at 11.00 a.m. and will be followed by a luncheon.

More details will be provided in our September Newsletter but the arrangements are well in hand thanks to Geoff Hall our resident Regent. Make a note of the date and share the occasion with "old" Fellows and the "new" Fellows who will be inducted and of course we welcome the Ladies.

SUBSCRIPTION DILEMMA.

The Registrar hates having to write letters reminding Fellows if they have not paid their subscription on time.....What a shock to his system to find that New Zealand Fellow Brett Stanley paid twice.....but it was a pleasure to write about that.

*Brent
Hardham*