



International College of Dentists

Australasian Section

Newsletter

January, 1991

FROM THE PRESIDENT.

MARTIN HALAS HONORARY FELLOW.

On Wednesday, 29th August, 1990, it was my privilege to confer Honorary Fellowship on Martin Halas at his home in Darling Point. It was a brief but significant occasion to honour a man who has made a very major contribution to International dentistry, but in particular in the Australasian scene.

Martin and his wife Dagmar, since 1950 have devoted their lives to the Dental Trade and thereby brought to Australia and New Zealand many items of European origin previously unavailable. The profession owes much to them for pioneering many new concepts and products.

Lustre was added to the occasion by the presence of two Past Presidents, Gordon Rowell and Derek Freeman and our only other Honorary Fellow, Sir Asher Joel. I must thank our Registrar Don Heffron and his wife Betty, for organising the ceremony.

Martin, sincerest congratulations from our Fellows of the Section, we are proud to have you with us.

ADELAIDE CONVOCATION AND RECEPTION.

Enclosed with this Newsletter there is an application form for our Adelaide Meeting and Reception.

Please assist our Honorary Organisers and return your form as soon as possible.

Robert Y. Norton O.B.E.
PRESIDENT.

SINGAPORE MEETING

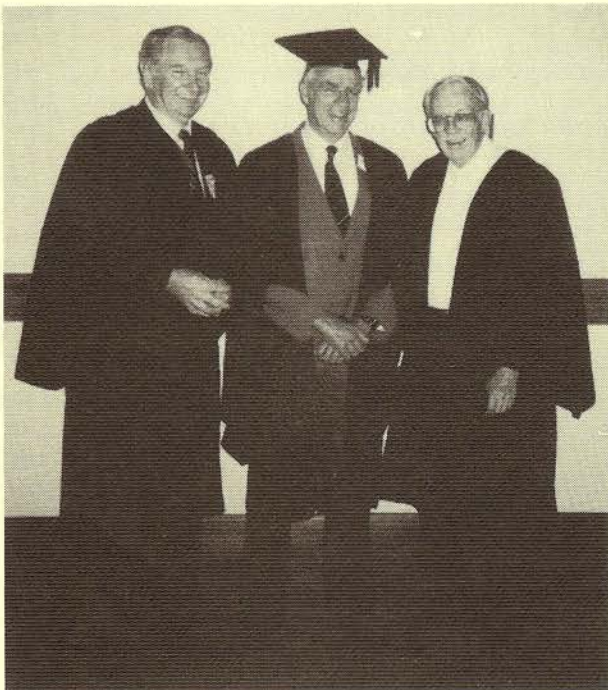
Our President, Bob Norton has just returned from the truly International Meeting of the College held in Singapore, at the Orient Hotel, in conjunction with the 78th World Dental Congress of the F.D.I. The International Council held its Business Session during the day of 6th September and that evening the Japanese Section of the College hosted a Reception for Fellows and their guests. This was a most gracious, but informal function which allowed for excellent Fellowship and opportunities to meet Fellows from other countries.

Friday 7th was all go - Scientific papers in the morning, an abbreviated luncheon and more papers up to 2.30 p.m. Our own Vice President, Syd Dobbin was on the programme and as expected he was a credit to the Section. At 5.00 p.m., a full International Induction took place, some 34 Candidates from six countries were inducted by President Sadakatsu Sato of Japan. Our President presented one Candidate from our Section, Alex Noble (Tamworth, N.S.W.)

The Meeting concluded with a formal Banquet in the Oriental Hotel, with over 260 in attendance, including 8 from our Section. The two day meeting, was an outstanding success and allowed for a true spirit of international understanding through the Fellows of the College.



ABOVE left to right.
Fellow Alec Noble,
President Bob Norton,
Vice President Syd Dobbin,
Fellow Mike Bennett at the
Singapore Convocation.



LEFT left to right.
Bob Norton, Alec Noble,
Bill Spence (Canada) at
the Induction Ceremony,
Singapore.

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS
(AUSTRALASIAN SECTION)

CONVOCATION AND PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION.

BALLROOM C
ADELAIDE HILTON HOTEL
VICTORIA SQUARE
ADELAIDE.

SUNDAY 17TH MARCH, 1991.

11.00 A.M. - 2.00 P.M.

BRING YOUR LADIES AND RE-NEW FELLOWSHIPS.

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I will be accompanied by.....

My cheque made out to the INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS for
\$.....(A\$55 per person) is enclosed.

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Rockdale 2216
New South Wales



By 23rd February, 1991.

PACIFIC ISLAND PROJECT.

Our Fellow Terry Cutress of New Zealand has provided an extensive report of one of the projects we have supported in the Pacific Islands. Following is a brief summary.

A field trial of a community programme for preventing and controlling periodontal disease was carried out in geographically remote, unsophisticated rural communities in a South Pacific Island.

The 3 year project involved 3 village communities (population size about 1200) Village N received free supplies of brushes and toothpaste, health education (videos, talks, posters) and dental scaling (ultrasonic). Village K received same as N except that scaling was not provided. Village E received no programme care but routine 'on demand' dental care.

Baseline and 3 year examinations were carried out by the same two examiners. A baseline CPITN score was recorded for all villagers (aged 20-45) offering for examination. At completion, a full examination recorded data for all available villagers for the following criteria - dental plaque, gingival bleeding, supra and subgingival calculus, pocket depth, total attachment loss. A relatively small number of adults were examined on both occasions.

Apart from 'outside' assistance for ultrasonic scaling for 3 weeks each year, all activities and services were provided through village women's committees and the local dental service.

The actions showed that primary selfcare, non-supervised, utilising daily brushing with toothpaste was adopted by sufficient adults in each of the test villages to produce a change and improved pattern of periodontal health. The villages offered dental scaling showed the better improvement in plaque, bleeding & pocketing.

It was concluded that under a valid programme of introduced primary health that the improvements observed warrant a move to increase use of simple tooth cleaning and reducing disease development. Dental scaling appeared an important factor in the improvements observed. However, the demands on dental services of regular scaling for subgingival scaling appear unsustainable except at the trial level.

The Australasian section of the college was pleased to be able to provide some support for this project and we are indebted to Terry Cutress.

NEWS OF FELLOWS.

Fellow Fred Widdop has now become Vice President of the Federal Australian Dental Association.

The new Federal President of the Australian Dental Association for the next 2 years is Fellow John Southwick. Congratulation John. You have a hard road ahead but we know you will give it your best.