



International College of Dentists

Australasian Section

Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

The Adelaide Convocation was a pleasant occasion. I am sure that all of those who attended must have felt as I did, that the dignity of the induction ceremony was in keeping with what is expected on such an academic occasion.

The reception and luncheon which followed allowed all of us to mix, to renew friendships and make new acquaintances in a very pleasant atmosphere.

For this organisation I must thank Past President Bob Norton, Past Registrar Don Heffron and, particularly, present Registrar Geoff Hall. Knowing these Fellows and their past achievements, it is not surprising that all went so smoothly.

We continually need new members to replace those Fellows who retire and go on the inactive list, so I would ask members to keep looking for suitable candidates. Should you find someone, please contact your state Regent and he will tell you what to do.

It is with regret that I have to announce the death of our colleague Dr. W.O. Read a short time ago. His passing is a great loss to our College, and the whole of our profession. Warwick graduated with Honours in January, 1950 and went on to become the epitome of what a professional person should be. Practising most of his career in Macquarie Street, Sydney he found time to become a member of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons by examination, and to become College President. He belonged to many dental societies and left a lasting impression on all.

Wal was very active in community affairs, particularly where his four children were involved. Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife Peg, and his children. He will be greatly missed by us all.

There is a meeting of the Asian Pacific Dental Federation in Auckland next March. An induction ceremony and luncheon is being arranged in conjunction. Anyone who intends going to the meeting in New Zealand is invited to attend and would be most welcome.

Sydenham Dobbin, AM
President

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N.S.W.

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Regent
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Peter Ryan
Editor
QLD.

CONVOCATION IN ADELAIDE

The ballroom of the Adelaide Hilton Hotel provided an appropriate venue for the Convocation of Fellows of the International College of Dentists held in conjunction with the 26th. Australian Dental Congress on 17th. March, 1991.

Following the entry of the official party, the President, Dr. Bob Norton OBE, extended a welcome firstly to the new inductees, who filled the first two rows, then to the official guests, ADA Federal President, Dr. John Southwick and his wife Cecily and New Zealand Dental Association President, Dr. Ted Simpson and his wife and also welcomed the many wives, friends and families in attendance.

Registrar's Report

The Registrar, Dr. Don Heffron, pointed out in his Report that the previous three years had been active ones. There were now some 260 Fellows (or 4% of registered dentists) in our Section which stretched from Perth to Cairns and "included the off-shore islands of Tasmania and New Zealand".

He reported that two Council meetings had been held by the Regents and that the President had also attended Council meetings of the central body in Hawaii and Singapore. A ceremony and reception had been held in Christchurch when one Australian and six New Zealand Fellows were inducted. In addition the President had attended less formal functions in Cairns, Darwin and Perth.

The Board of Regents was increased to eight with the addition of Dr. Tom Speed of New Zealand.

We exchange our Newsletter with those of European and North American Sections which allows for a comparison with those regions.

Our new Constitution, which now conforms to that of our central body has been circulated together with a brief history of the College.

The Projects undertaken by the College in the South Pacific Island area under the supervision of Fellow Terry Cuttress were extremely successful.

The 'hands-on' course in Darwin by Stephen Blackler was so successful that a further one is planned for Tasmania later in the year with Dr. David Southan as guide. In each case auxiliary staff are included in part of the course. New proposals are under consideration.

In closing, Dr. Heffron paid particular credit to the assistance provided by the President, Dr. Bob Norton.

President's Report

In his Report, Dr. Norton recalled the early days of the College in Australia when Dr. George Christensen of Brisbane, who had been inducted while overseas, determined to reactivate the College by submitting several names for Fellowship. By 1967 the Australian Section was formed which was renamed the Australasian Section in 1977. He indicated that, since that time, projects in Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Fiji and other South Pacific countries and Burma had been completed. While much had been achieved during his thirty years as a Fellow he felt that more yet could be achieved and asked all Fellows to consider any activities within our region whereby the College could further dentistry and to inform the Board.

Each inductee, with a record of pursuing excellence in one's career, can assist the growth of the College by dynamic personal enthusiastic participation. For our College to be recognised world wide as a showcase of professionalism we must build on our past successes through hard work, integrity and technical honesty.

He was confident that each would add to a Section which had earned and maintained a superb reputation for excellence and could now say, "I am a Fellow in the International College of Dentists".

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LIST OF FELLOWS

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NEW SOUTH WALES

Hon. D.D. FREEMAN, AM
EDGECLIFF

Dr. R.G. HENRY
PYMBLE

Sir Asher JOEL, KBE, AO
SYDNEY

Prof. N.D. MARTIN, AM
WAHROONGA

Dr. T. ROYSE SMITH, AM
DOUBLE BAY

VICTORIA

Dr. R.M. COOK, AM
MELBOURNE

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Dr. H.D. KENNARE, AM
BRIGHTON

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Prof. K.J.G. SUTHERLAND, AM
GOOSEBERRY HILL

CONVOCATION, ADELAIDE, MARCH 1991



1. to r. Phyllis Freeman, Derek Freeman, Bernard Lilienthal,
Stan Kings, Heather Kings.

Turning to the future, he explained that the International Council of the College was presently examining ways of expanding the influence of the College and extending activities into additional countries and regions. Assistance to organised dentistry is being arranged in some of the lesser developed countries while at the same time the established sections are being offered assistance in improving their organisational activities and continuing education is being encouraged and promoted.

Whilst other well-organised highly-motivated and principled organisations also operate in areas of activity similar to those pursued by the College, he did not see them as a threat but rather a stimulus to Fellows to strengthen and further the influence and good works of the College. There was no monopoly in serving dentistry and promoting improved dental health and we should work together and set each other an example of excellence and service to the community.

He felt that while the future of our Section was challenging it was in excellent hands.

In closing he repeated a promise that he had made to his wife Betty that this would be his last senior dental position. He thanked her for all her assistance and support since his first such position in August, 1950. He concluded by thanking all Fellows for the privilege of serving them as President.

INTERNATIONAL MESSAGES

From the International President

Dr. Harold S. Eberhardt, our International President, sent a message of congratulation on our excellent progress. When practically all Sections of the College succeed in gathering highly qualified dentists for induction, there can be no doubt that the College will continue to occupy its pre-eminent position.

He hoped that the Gulf War would not interfere with the planned Middle East induction ceremony after a lapse of some years.

The reports from the various Sections were optimistic and indicated progress and enthusiasm. He was impressed with our own ventures such as improved communications and "Adopt-A-Village" plan.

He regretted his absence but offered all the new Inductees his heartiest congratulations and a warm welcome to the International College of Dentists.

He concluded by congratulating the Officers and Regents for a successful year.

From the Secretary General

The Secretary General, Dr. Richard G. Shaffer, sent greetings and congratulations to all present at the induction ceremony of the Australasian Section.

A sense of honour and satisfaction should be felt by all who have been recognised and extended fellowship by the elite of their colleagues in the profession.

The few chosen each year have been so because of personal excellence, ethics, professionalism and integrity which satisfy the purpose and objectives of the College to "... recognise conspicuous and meritorious service to the profession of dentistry".

Because of the corporate experience of the Fellows of the College, the future is bright and can be defined as we confront the issues facing our profession world wide.

BOARD OF REGENTS, 1991



Back row

Dr. T.N. Speed
Regent
New Zealand

Dr. W.D. Heffron, CBE
Regent
New South Wales

Dr. R.Y. Norton, OBE
Imm. Past President
I.C.D. Councilman
New South Wales

Dr. L.P. Ryan
Regent
Editor
Queensland

Front row

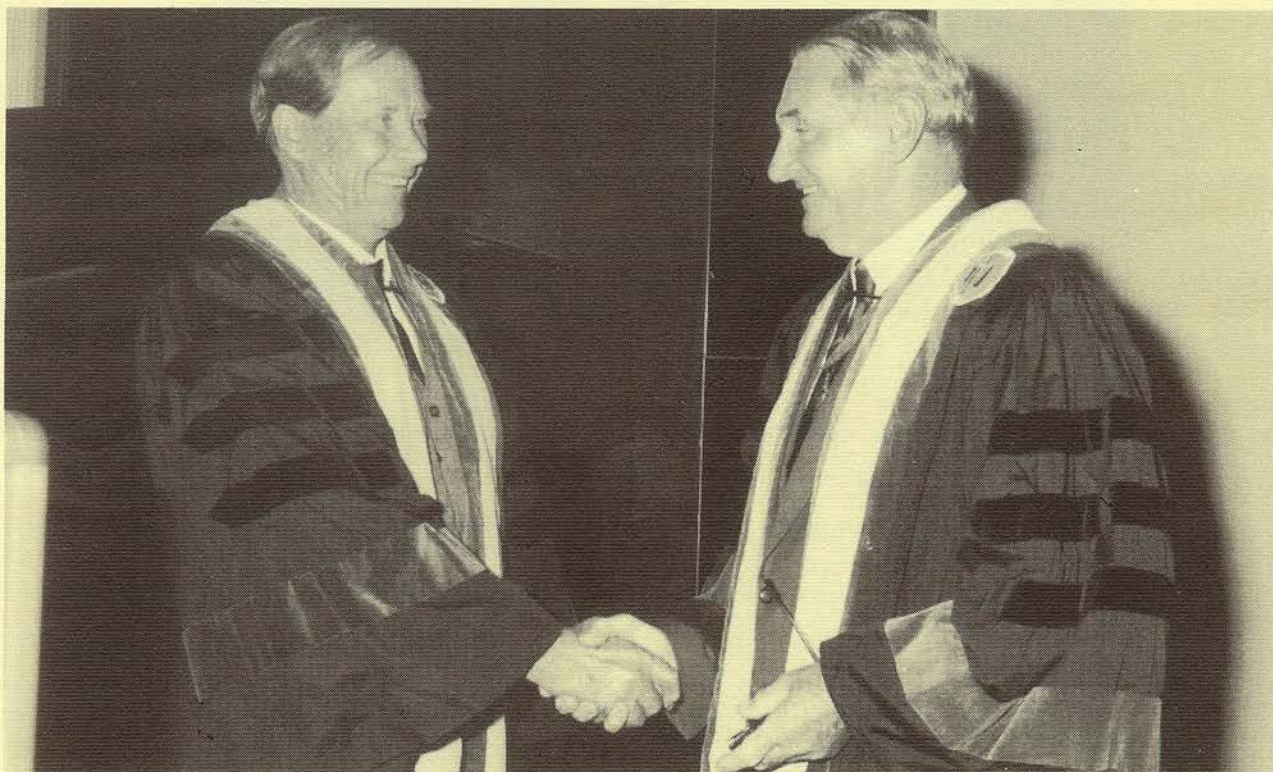
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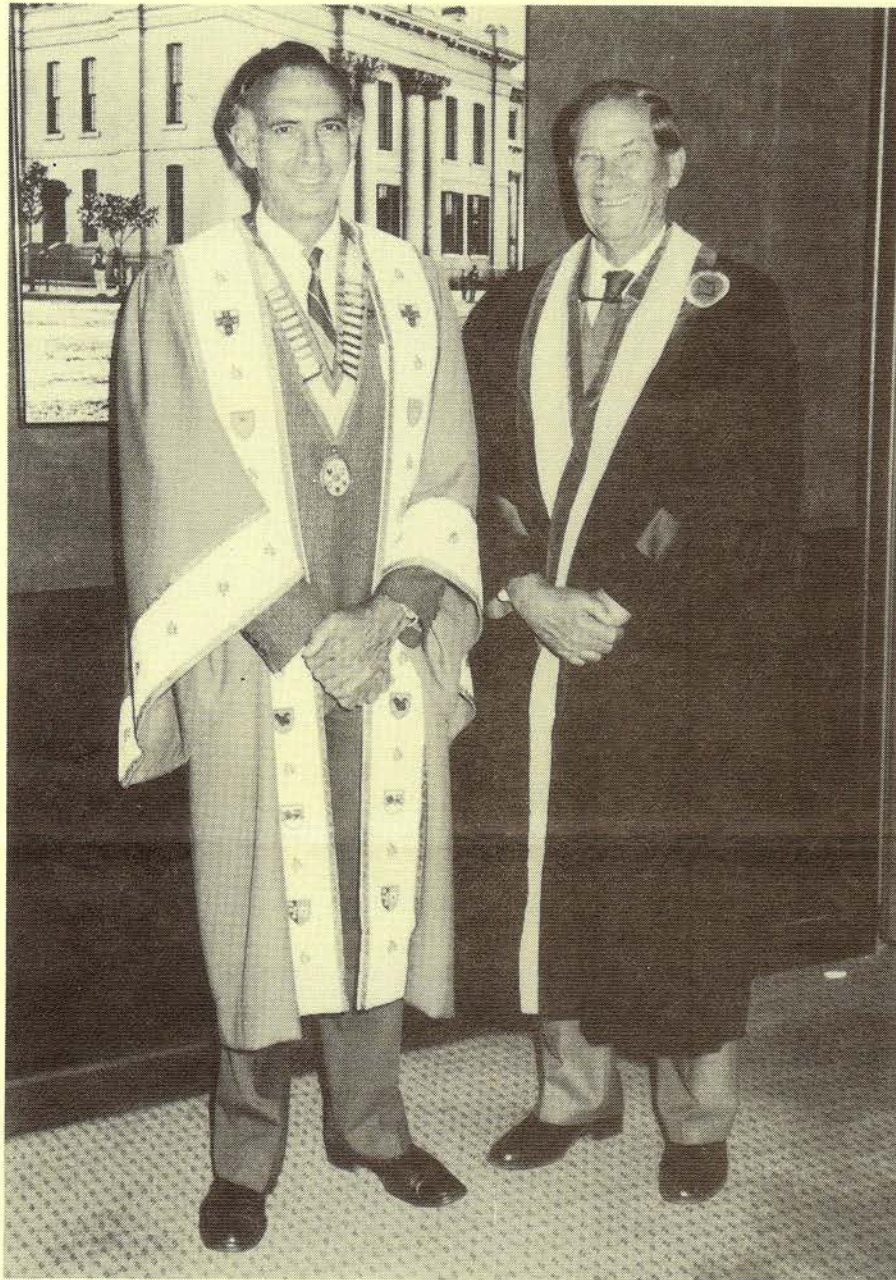
Dr. G.C. Hall
Registrar
South Australia

Dr. R.J. Dingle
Ret. Past Pres.
Queensland



CONGRATULATIONS!

Incoming President Syd Dobbin and outgoing President Bob Norton



TWO PRESIDENTS

John Southwick - Federal ADA

Syd Dobbin - Australasian ICD

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOUR

Congratulations to Fellow, Dr. John Dale, who was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) on the occasion of the Queen's Birthday.