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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Samoan Appeal has been the most important matter occupying my mind over the last few months. It has gone well, and I would like to thank all of those Fellows who have sent in so many items. Of course, the response from our colleagues who are not members of the ICD has been more than generous. Parcels came from all over Australia.

I do not know how many individual instruments, materials, anaesthetics etc. I now have in store - several thousand.

Although I cannot mention everyone by name, I must say thank-you to Mr. Dick McKell of the Australian Capital Territory (formerly of Australasian Dental) who donated an X-ray machine. This was flown to Samoa by the R.A.A.F., who do not normally fly there, but "bent a flight" going past. It is now in use and much appreciated.

At the moment I am expecting 1000 boxes of amalgam and some composite resins generously given by Ivoclar. What more can we say but a hearty thank-you to Ivoclar; it is going where it is needed.

The whole cargo should be under way shortly. We are being helped by the Federal Government to send it over.

More of that later. The Appeal is now closed.

Do not forget, Fellows, we want to keep expanding the membership and I ask all of you to keep looking for likely candidates.

The next Convocation is in Melbourne in conjunction with the 27th. Australian Dental Congress. Keep it in mind - Friday, 26th. March, 1993. Try to be there and meet your fellow members - it is not boring. Formalities are kept to a minimum and this is followed by a reception and lunch. All in all, it will be a good function.

Congratulations to Dr. Keith Gray of Wollongong NSW who was awarded the Order of Merit by the NSW Branch of the Australian Dental Association for his services to the profession.

Trish and I had dinner in Amsterdam with Franz and Boujke Langhof. Franz was World President in 1988 and was here for the ICD meeting in Sydney at the Bicentennial Congress. They send their best wishes to their many Australian friends.

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28 July 1992

The President
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Dear Syd,

Talofa lava! Hello! O ā mai oe? How are you?

It was indeed a privilege to be able to talk to you over the phone the very day the X-ray was assembled and we were able to use it on patients.

It functions pretty well and that it's the very type that is more feasible here. I understand that there had been numerous appeals around Australia for assistance in nearly every field after Western Samoa was devastated by two cyclones, one after another and, as dental personnel here, are very grateful to having counterparts like the International College of Dentists who generously are very helpful to us here.

Fa'afeaiti! Fa'afetai! Fa'afetai tele! We certainly appreciate your generosity.

Alofa tele,

Manutai Saipele 11 Uaea

[ACTING CHIEF DENTAL OFFICER]

HONOURS

The Queen's Birthday List included Honours to two of our Fellows. Both are so widely known as to make comment almost superfluous.

Professor Ken Adkins AM.

Ken Adkins, Dean of the Queensland Dental School, has held so many appointments that the mere listing would fill the page. They range from Acting Pro-Vice-Chancellor to Dental Board President to Chairman of the Brisbane North Regional Health Authority to positions with the Dental Research Fund to committees of the National Health and Medical Research Council and the World Health Organisation to membership of the Editorial Board of the Australian Dental Journal. He is a Life Member of the Queensland Branch and has dedicated his extraordinary skills to his profession.

Dr. Peter Brothers OAM

Tasmanian dentistry and Peter Brothers are almost synonymous terms. He must surely be the longest serving Federal Councillor. His fight for fluoridation and the immense effort he injected into the Tasmanian Royal Commission Into the Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies will be long remembered. His long stint as Senior Dental Officer of Veterans' Affairs in Tasmania and his membership of the Medical Advisory Committee of the Mersey General Hospital and the North West Interhospital Liaison Committee all combined to earn the Australian Dental Association's Meritorious Service Award.

The College is rightly proud of these men and their achievements.

FEDERATION DENTAIRE INTERNATIONALE MERIT AWARD TO FELLOW DR. NEIL HENRY AM.

The Opening Ceremony of the Asian Pacific Dental Congress in Auckland was deemed a suitable occasion for the presentation of the Merit Award of the Federation Dentaire Internationale to Dr. Neil Henry, AM by the President, Dr. Kazuo Yamazaki.

The Citation, read on his behalf by Fellow Dr. Clive Ross, is as follows:

"DEAR NEIL: You are one of that particular breed of colleagues who have won international recognition in spite of adverse pre-conditions, if I may say so. One only needs to look at the world map and ponder upon the costs of constant intercontinental travel to realise that it takes that much extra to become elected to positions in a poverty-stricken non-governmental organisation, if you come from Australia.

You certainly have come a long way in more than one respect. As a Consultant from 1983, Member, Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Commission on Dental Education and Practice, you crowned that career by being elected Chairman of the Committee on Commissions.

The key-word behind your success is "methodical". As a leader of several studies on auxiliaries, their training and relation to the dental profession, you managed to bring some order and make positive proposals in these confusing, or should one say, confused, areas. More or less as a one-man-job you also produced the Technical Report on Infection Control which first took account of the emerging problems relating to HIV-infection and AIDS.

Neil, you have certainly well deserved the Merit Award which I now have the pleasure to present to you."

INTERNATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT

Following his solemn undertaking at the Adelaide Convocation not to accept any further senior positions, it came as no surprise to those who are acquainted with this human dynamo (and this includes all the Fellows of the Australasian Section) that Fellow Bob Norton was elected to the international vice-presidency of the International College of Dentists at the meeting in Vilamoura, Portugal, in June. The fact that he was also appointed Chairman of the College Growth and Development Committee would also come as no surprise.

His success at international achievement is exceeded only by his modesty about it. It can be predicted that his international colleagues will soon learn to appreciate his organisational skills as did his Australasian colleagues so long ago.

CONGRESS SPONSORSHIP

The Australasian Section of the International College of Dentists is to sponsor the cardio-pulmonary resuscitation classes at the 27th. Australian Dental Congress in Melbourne in March 1993. The College is pleased to be associated with such an important and practical educational project.

ELECTION

The biennial appointments of Regents of the Australasian Section of the International College of Dentists will take place on Friday, 19th. March, 1993 in Melbourne.

Any nomination for the position of Regent must be signed by the nominator and candidate and forwarded to the Registrar to be received not later than ~~30th. November~~, 1992.

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NEW ZEALAND

Our New Zealand Fellows were prominent in the recent elections for the New Zealand Dental Association.

Fellow Brent Stanley is the new President, Fellow Kevin Alderson the Vice-President and Fellow Robert Max the Honorary Treasurer.

Congratulations to each of them.

OBITUARIES

T.G. Goodall

Tom Goodall was born in Kalgoorlie, joined the RAAF as a technician and was persuaded to enter dentistry by his unit commander, Lou Vincent of Queensland.

Post-war, he matriculated and graduated from the University of Western Australia in 1952. After periods in the School Dental Service and private practice he was invited to join the Dental Faculty in 1968 where he remained until his untimely death.

His efforts in persuading local authorities throughout the State to support the Government legislation on fluoridation will be long remembered.

He served as both a State and Federal Councillor over many years.

He lectured and studied frequently overseas, notably at Northwestern, Chicago and just before his death was repeating a course at the Medical and Dental College of Fiji.

He was awarded his Fellowship in the International College of Dentists in 1972.

He is survived by his wife Rita and five married children to whom the College extends sympathy.

(We are indebted to his friend, Fellow John Prichard AM for the above material.)

John Forrest

Those Australasian Fellows who were so charmed by the witty speech and delightful personality of World President, Dr. John Forrest at our last Convocation in Auckland will be saddened by his death a few weeks later.

A detailed obituary will appear later in The Globe.