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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

I wish to thank Dr. Dobbin for his kind words in his introduction of me and wish to thank the members of the Board of Regents for the faith they have in me in electing me President of this College for the following two years. It is my privilege to serve the members during that time.

I am fortunate in having a very capable team supporting me and I would like to introduce them to you at this time. I ask these members to rise and be recognised as I call their names.

- Our Vice-President has served dentistry for many years and in many capacities - Dr. Don Heffron.
- Dr. Geoff Hall has served as our Registrar these past two years and I am pleased to announce that he has accepted the position for another term.
- Dr. Bill Chalmers has again accepted the position of Treasurer for the next two years. We thank him for organising today's function and yesterday's meeting.
- Dr. Peter Ryan, from Queensland, has been our Editor these past two years and has accepted this position for the coming term.
- Last term, Dr. Tom Speed was the first Regent to be elected from New Zealand and he will be with us for the next two years.
- Dr. Robert Butler is a newly elected Regent from New South Wales and we welcome him among us on the Board.

Last, but not least, I introduce our Immediate Past President, Syd Dobbin. Under his leadership during the past two years the College has prospered and made great progress. The members should be proud of a man who has represented them so capably. When cyclone 'Val' struck Western Samoa in December 1991, destroying hospitals and dental clinics in the area, Dr. Dobbin organised a dental relief program through the College which made it possible to collect monies, equipment and dental supplies for shipment to the islands. Many cartons were packed and stored on his premises and eventually, through his contacts, were transported - at no cost to the College - by the Foreign Affairs people and the RAAF. Have no fear, we will not be losing his services. Not only does he remain on the Board as Immediate Past President, but he has also been appointed International Councilman. His contributions will not only be on the local arena, but world wide. To follow in his footsteps will be very difficult, but I am proud to have that opportunity.

I am delighted with the team with which I will be working for the next two years and I am sure the members have as much confidence in them as I have.

Syd Dobbin
President
N.S.W.

Spyros Halikis
Vice-President
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Tom Speed
Regent
N.Z.

Peter Ryan
Editor
QLD.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

This Report covers the twelve months since Auckland.

The Australasian Section now totals 305 Fellows including 47 from New Zealand and today's inductees.

Sadly we have lost 6 Fellows in the last twelve months - Lloyd Carr, Tom Goodall, George Leslie and Sandy Macalister, both from New Zealand, Bob Norton and Alan Watson.

The Queen's Birthday and Australia Day Honours Lists have included awards to five Fellows and the College is rightly proud of these men and their achievements. They are John Dale, George Wing, Ken Adkins, Ross Bastiaan and Peter Brothers.

A most successful Convocation was held in Auckland in March 1992 to coincide with the Asian Pacific Dental Federation meeting and was attended by some 100 people including, as guests, several international leaders of dental organisations from around the world. The highlight was the presence of International President John Forrest who addressed the gathering and presented certificates to 18 inductees from Australia and New Zealand. Sadly, John Forrest died three months later.

The Australasian Section continues to support various projects. A list of needed supplies from the High Commissioner of Western Samoa after the dental clinics were devastated by cyclone 'Val' brought an immediate response to an appeal by the College from the profession as a whole. With the assistance of the Department of Foreign Affairs and the RAAF, 20 cartons of supplies were flown in. An X-ray machine donated by Australasian Dental Supplies and a quantity of amalgam and composite donated by Ivoclar were also added to the collection that the President, Dr. Syd Dobbin, had stored at his residence. He deserves special commendation for his efforts in co-ordinating the whole operation.

At the 27th. Congress in Melbourne the Section is sponsoring the cardio-pulmonary resuscitation classes which are part of the scientific program.

The Section has also decided to sponsor a half-day seminar on infection control and clinical efficiency in practice. This will be held in Sydney on 27th. August for both dentists and chairside assistants and could well be repeated in other states.

Other projects have included the supplying of dental education material and journals to the Dhankawadi Dental College in India and also to the Cook Islands.

Our twice yearly newsletter is now widely distributed to other English speaking Sections of the College and it is interesting to see that they seem to have membership levels and activities similar to ours.

I wish to thank our Victorian Treasurer, Bill Chalmers, for all the Convocation arrangements. When all goes smoothly it is a sure sign of forethought and preparation.

Our Section has no permanent office or staff, so the organisation and running of the Section falls on the shoulders of all board members. My task has been eased by the help and of the President and other Regents.

Finally I extend my personal congratulations to those who are being inducted. In a variety of ways they have all contributed greatly to their profession and the community. I trust they will all find fellowship of the College most rewarding.

**Colin Hart
WALL**

Colin Wall graduated from Sydney in 1954. He became a Fellow of the ICD in 1972 and was awarded the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in 1983 for his services to dentistry.

From 1968-74 he was Director of Dental Services in the Northern Territory and at the same time the ADA representative.

In 1975 he was appointed Executive Director of the Federal ADA which he still holds.

He has chaired or had membership of an extensive number of important committees and councils etc. He has also been an examiner for Master Degrees in Public Dental Health.

His involvement at international level has been very wide-ranging. He has lectured in Tokyo and Manila and served as a consultant and as a member of many committees and has been chairman of the Committee of Chief Executive Officers since 1986.

The American Dental Association in 1986 made him an Honorary Life Member - a rare honour.

He developed the Federal Office computer system and was responsible for the News Bulletin whose success has led to its emulation by overseas organisations.

His extraordinary depth of background knowledge of ADA affairs is unmatched and the more difficult to replace on his retirement later in the year.

**Lloyd Meally
CARR**

Lloyd Carr graduated from Sydney in 1944 and gained his MDS in 1953. In the United Kingdom he obtained a Diploma in Public Health Dentistry in 1959. He was an inaugural Fellow of the RACDS and in 1973 was elected a Fellow of the International College of Dentists.

In 1950 he joined the recently formed ACT School Dental Service and became its Director. His appointment to the Dental Health Committee of the NH&MRC from 1973 introduced him to the mainstream of national scientific policy making bodies. In 1973 he was seconded to the Commonwealth Department of Health as Assistant Director-General of Health (Dental Services).

He later became a consultant to the Department as well as many overseas bodies such as WHO and FDI.

He made a very substantial contribution to the advocacy of fluoridation of public water supplies.

His collation and publication of the information recording the outstanding success of his Australian Preventive Dentistry programs is his legacy to his country.

Regrettably, the awarding of the ADA's highest honour was presented posthumously due to his untimely death at sea.

OBITUARY Dr. Frank Jordan DIGWOOD

Frank Digwood passed away peacefully on 22nd March 1993 following illness.

After wartime service as a Commissioned Midshipman he graduated from the University of Western Australia in 1951. He did further naval service as a reservist.

In 1975 he was appointed Forensic Odontologist in the State Health Laboratory Services on a sessional basis and this became his consuming interest. In 1983 he was elected President of the Australian Forensic Science Society in the year that the eighth International Forensic Science Symposium was held in Perth.

He retired from general practice in 1992.

Deepest sympathy is extended to his wife Thelma and daughter Joanne.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

At the Opening Ceremony of the 27th. Australian Dental Congress no less than five of our Fellows were awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Australian Dental Association.

The following brief summary of the Citations gives but little indication of the immense contribution to their profession and their College afforded by these distinguished gentlemen.

**Richard George
HARDHAM**

Dick Hardham graduated from Melbourne in 1980, obtained his DDS from Toronto in 1964 and his Fellowship in RACDS. As well as his FICD he has an FADI and membership of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. He is a General Practitioner.

His twenty-one years as a Councillor of the Victorian Branch included a term as President in 1977-78 and concluded with the conferring of Honorary Life Membership of the Branch.

He was a Federal Councillor from 1979-92 and President from 1988-90. He is currently a member of the Dental Practice Committee.

It was during his term that the move to St. Leonards was completed, giving the ADA a new home with no debt burden.

He is a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow and sometime Honorary Dental Surgeon to Royalty.

**John Havelock
SOUTHWICK**

John Southwick graduated from Sydney in 1955, obtained a MDS in 1963 and Fellowship of Racds in 1965. He is a General Practitioner.

He was a NSW Branch Councillor from 1972-92 and Branch President in 1977. He has also been president of the Northern Suburbs Dental Group and the NSW Association of Health Professions.

He has been a Federal Councillor since 1980 and was Federal President from 1990-92. He is Treasurer of the Australian Council of Professions.

At international level he has been a consultant to FDI has led the Australian delegations to FDI and Asian Pacific Dental Federation. He was made an Honorary Life Member of the American Dental Association in 1992. On his final day in office he steered through the new Constitution of the ADA on which he had spent so much time and skill.

**John Kenneth
HARCOURT**

John Harcourt graduated from Melbourne in 1954, gained a MDS in 1956 and a DDS in 1968. He gained Fellowship in RACDS in 1965.

He is Associate Professor and Reader in Restorative Dentistry in the University of Melbourne where has held the positions of Assistant and Deputy Dean and Chairman of the Restorative Dentistry Department.

Overseas he taught at Northwestern University in Chicago in 1967-69 and in 1979-80. He was Honorary Reader at the University of Hong Kong in 1990-91.

He has been a Victorian Branch Councillor from 1969-87, President in 1975 and Honorary Secretary 1982-85.

He has been a Federal Councillor from 1976-86 and on the TIME and Education Committees.

His Association with the Australian Dental Journal goes back fifteen years. From Editorial Assistant in 1977-85 he became Acting Editor in 1985 and Editor since 1986.

He has been a member and office bearer of several research organisations. He is also a Fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, the Academy of Dentistry International, the Academy of Dental Materials as well as the International College of Dentists.

He has been an elected member of the Dental Board of Victoria since 1987.

He has published over fifty-five articles, five text books and numerous editorials.

He has represented the ADA at international level at various meetings.

YOUR NEW BOARD OF REGENTS

BACK ROW	Syd DOBBIN IP Pres	Peter RYAN Editor	Tom SPEED Regent	Rob BUTLER Regent
FRONT ROW	Don HEFFRON V-Pres	Spyros HALIKIS President	Bill CHALMERS Treasurer	Geoff HALL Registrar



FELLOWS TO THE FORE

From New Zealand Fellow Clive Ross attended the 16th. Asian Pacific Dental Congress in his new position as President of the Federation Dentaire Internationale and chaired the FDI Council meeting in London. He was awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Auckland Branch of the NZDA.

Fellow Paul Swinburn was also in Kuala Lumpur for the APDC as the Retiring President of the Federation to which he was elected at the Congress in Auckland in 1992.

Fellow Dick King of Dunedin was elected to Honorary Life Membership of the NZDA and Fellows David Marshall and Peter Sayers were elected Fellows.

A further honour was awarded to Fellow Marsden Bell who was made Vice-President of the Asian Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Association.

REMINDER

The Infection Control Seminar is to be held at Westmead on Friday, 27th. August. Contact Don Heffron on 567-6002 or Box 970 ROCKDALE NSW 2216. (See February Newsletter for details).

OUR NEW FELLOWS

Bruce BARBLETT, Stephen BLACKLER, Patrick COLGAN, Ronald DOBINSON, Graeme DUNNE, Dinah FITZGERALD, Peter FUREY, Stuart GAIRNS, John GODFREY, Alastair GOSS, George GOW-GATES, James GRAINGER, John HIGHFIELD, Neville HILL, Peter JOHANSEN, Bruce KIDD, Angus KINGON, Ian LANDER, Anthony LANGFORD, John MAYNE, Barry MOLLENHAUER, Roger NEWBURY, Peter NOBLET, John OWEN, Colin RENDELL, John SHEEDY, Geoffrey STACY, Raymond SWANSON, Martin TYAS, Bruce TAYLOR, Robert WEIDENHOFER, Tom WILKINSON, Graham WILSON.



CARDIO-PULMONARY RESUSCITATION COURSE

As part of its continuing brief to assist the dental profession, the College was invited to sponsor a series of cardio-pulmonary resuscitation courses run by the St. John Ambulance Association at the 27th. Australian Dental Congress in Melbourne.

Opening the course, the President, Dr. Spyros Halikis AM, reminded the audience that there was a rising awareness of cardio-pulmonary diseases and their complications from new drugs which may react adversely with routine dental drugs and procedures. The dental practitioner and his staff must recognise and react to emergencies in the surgery.

He expressed thanks to the Congress Committee and the St. John Ambulance Association experts and was sure the benefit of the courses would be well received by the participants.

