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I C D FELLOWSHIP - MEETINGS GALORE 1996

This issue of the Newsletter contains the details of four functions Induction ceremonies and meetings of Fellows and their partners for 1996.

It contains too the necessary tear off slips which must be returned to the respective organisers so that you can be properly welcomed and fed.

This innovative extension of our normal meeting calendar is to be applauded and we hope that a large number of fellows and their partners will attend these functions and participate in the conviviality they engender.

Elsewhere there is a situation report on College activities to date and an informative article on the new Dental School in Fiji by Jenny Smyth. Also International Councillor Syd Dobbin puts the Australian section in the world context.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With the involvement of the Australasian Section in the South Pacific basin our relatively small numbers are spread over a vast geographic area. It becomes difficult for Fellows to get together frequently even in Australia and New Zealand other than at times of National Congresses. These are quite limiting as they are often two to three years apart and they are not always appropriate for many of our specialist Fellows.

So 1996 promises to be a most rewarding one for your President. This year I have a number of opportunities to see more Fellows. We have three functions programmed this year when I will induct new Fellows and meet many of the local Fellows at the same time. These functions are to be held in Adelaide, Sydney and Rotorua.

In addition the far North Queenshd Fellows invariably organise a function during their convention, to take place in Cairns this year. I have only been to one Cairns Convention before and I can assure you they are not to be forgotten. They really know how to cook fresh barramundi. Unfortunately I doubt I will make it to Cairns this year but I am sure Michael Bennett will make it a party to remember.

With more and more commercialism in dentistry primarily due to political interferences, it is especially gratifying to me when I read the Curriculum Vitae of our Fellows and understand how much they give to their profession. Wouldn't it be wonderful if every Dentist was so dedicated and ethical that they all met the minimum requirements for admission to our College. Even if we were able to double our present 5% of dentists it would represent a major achievement.

To all our Fellows I extend best wishes for 1996 and I especially hope to meet all our South Australian, New South Wales and New Zealand Fellows at the respective functions.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Following telephone discussions last year it has been decided to offer an economy air fare for Dr. John McIntyre to lecture at the Fijian Dental School during the week commencing on May 6th.

1996. The School will take the responsibility for accommodation and living expenses.

Also it has been decided to continue the practice of providing sponsorship for the Dental Assistants Association to stage educational exercises in conjunction with the A.D.A. Congress in Perth in March 1998. A similar sponsorship in the form of financial assistance was granted to the Dental Assistants Association for the CPR demonstration at the Hobart Congress. The level of sponsorship to be offered is to a maximum of \$500.

1996 will see the staging of three College dinners at which new Fellows will be inducted. South Australian Fellows will be holding a dinner at the Adelaide club on 3rd May and it is expected that five new Fellows will be inducted.

On August 2nd at the Ritz Carlton in Sydney, a dinner will be held with Dame Leone Kramer, Chancellor of the University of Sydney, as guest speaker. Dame Leone is the sister of the late Dr. Hartley Gibson one of the "founding fathers" of the Australasian section.

The cost of the dinner will be \$75/head and the dress black tie (see the tear-off slip). The format will consist of pre-dinner drinks and canapes at 7.00 p.m. an induction at 7.30 p.m. and dinner at 8.00 p.m.

New Zealand Fellows will hold a luncheon and induction at the Biennial meeting of the New Zealand Dental Association on 4th September in Rotarua.

The President and Registrar will attend these three functions and a Board of Regents meetings will be held at the A.D.A. office on Saturday August 3rd following the Sydney meeting.

The section has agreed to sponsor at least one Australian Lecturer to the A.D.A. Congress in Perth. The offer is presently being discussed with the chairman of the Scientific Programme

A warm thank you has been received from Dr. Bob Von Doussa in acknowledgment of the gift of two composite lights to the Fiji Dental School - see Jenny Smyth's report.

Due to our present financial commitments, the College is unable to assist with student exchange between Hong Kong and Adelaide as we did last year.

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FIJI

In 1993 a course in dental studies commenced at the Fiji School of Medicine, Suva. This followed a request by the government of Fiji to the Western Pacific Office of W.H.O. to provide assistance in developing a new course. Professor George Davies was appointed by W.H.O. as a consultant and it was through his expertise and enthusiasm that the course, designed to meet the specific oral health needs of Fiji and the other Pacific Islands, was developed. The course enables dental personnel to proceed through a sequence of educational modules in a career path leading to a dental assistant, hygienist, therapist and dental officer. Dental technology is a side path.

I was invited to be external examiner to evaluate the progress of the course and first visited Fiji in 1993. I returned in 1994 and 1995 in a similar capacity and have thus had the opportunity to watch the development of the course and the progress of the teachers and students in a period which was demanding, frustrating and very exciting for all concerned.

Lack of sufficient funding would have daunted all but the bravest, but an amazing cooperative effort from individuals and organisations including the College has helped to support a course which is providing appropriate training for dental personnel not only from Fiji but also from islands such as American and Western Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu, Nuie, Kiribati, Cook Islands and the federated States of Micronesia.

A lack of facilities has been the major stumbling block - to such an extent that my reports have recommended that clinical teaching be suspended until such time as better facilities were available. This was not possible and both staff and students have soldiered on in a situation where equipment and materials were quite inadequate and infection control impossible to achieve.

Thankfully this is changing. While I was there in November work was under way for the new 10 chair clinic exclusively for the students. Equipment, materials and books were arriving, among them very much needed and appreciated curing lights from the College. The universities of both Queensland and Adelaide are offering support in the form of assistance in the development of teaching modules and staff training. It is hoped that funding for this will be forthcoming from Australian Agency for International Development (Aus AID).

I have nothing but admiration for the staff and students at the Fiji School of Medicine and it has been a privilege to work with them. They are all very proud of what they have achieved and are very keen for the new course to succeed. The staff are mainly Fijian at present, led by Jonacani Tuisuva, but the presence of Bob Von Doussa who arrived from Adelaide in July has been invaluable. The students are wonderful - articulate, intelligent, enthusiastic and a delight to meet.

The best thing that the College and members individually can do is to support the staff and students in developing their own Pacific Islands course. Books, videos and journals, particularly subscriptions to journals, would be much appreciated. Providing an opportunity for attendance at continuing education courses in Australia or New Zealand would allow staff members to extend their knowledge and to pass this on to their colleagues.

The course deserves to succeed and I am confident that it will. It is innovative, exciting and above all, responding to the needs of the Western Pacific community. I hope that the College will continue to provide positive support.

Jenny Smyth

NEW ZEALAND NOTES

Dr. Kevin Alderson, a general dental practitioner in Balmoral, Auckland, was elected President of the New Zealand Dental Association at the Annual General Meeting held in Palmerston North, 23 September 1995. Dr. Alderson graduated BDS (NZ) from Otago University in 1967.

Dr. Alderson has been a member of the NZDA Executive and Council since 1988 - as Treasurer and Vice President. During that time he was also President of the Auckland Branch NZDA in 1989, and a member of the organising committee of the very successful 1992 International Dental Conference held in Auckland. He is a Fellow of the International College of Dentistry.

Dr. Alderson's special interests have been in continuing education, especially for new graduates, the Association's accreditation programme, and in the development of the public awareness media campaign about to be launched.

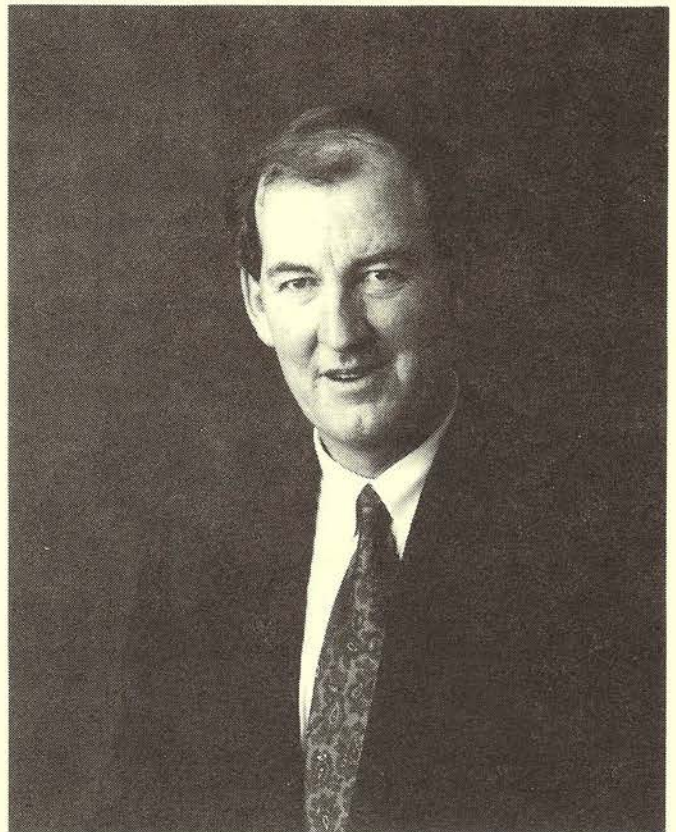
Dr. Alderson regularly attends International Dental Conferences, particularly the World Congress and Asian Pacific meetings and as President he will lead a large New Zealand contingent to the October 1995 FDI meeting in Hong Kong.

Dr. Alderson is one member of a three dentist group practice in suburban Auckland known for its innovative and excellence of dental care, management and administration. He is married, wife Sharon, has four children, is a keen yachtsman, skier and fisherman.

Also at that meeting, the retiring President Dr. Brent Stanley presented awards to two long serving and respected Fellows.

Dr. John Sinclair MDS, FDSRCS(Eng), FRACDS, FICD, FADI was elected an Honorary Life Member of the NZDA for his exceptional service to the Association and its Council.

John has been a specialist Oral and Maxillo-facial Surgeon since 1971 and a consultant to Canterbury Health since 1978. He has been involved with the teaching of students at the Otago Dental School since 1989 as an external examiner in Oral and Maxillofacial surgery, clinical lecturer and Director



Dr. Kevin S. Alderson

of National Training. Also he has been associated with the RACDS since 1978 and a member of its council since 1988. He became a member of the NZ Dental Council in 1992.

His service to the Association began as a representative of Canterbury branch in 1984 and progressed through the presidency of the branch to executive representation on NZDA Council. He served on Conference Committees in Christchurch being chairman of the 1988 Biennial Conference. He has been the NZ Councillor on ANZOMS 1982-87 and is married to Gay. They have three children.

Dr. Warren Hawke BDS, FICD received his Fellowship of the NZDA for distinguished service to the Association and the promotion of dental and allied sciences. After two years service as a Dental Officer at the School Dental Nurses Training School in 1958-59, Warren proceeded to the Adolescent Dental Clinic in Palmerston North in 1960 before setting up in private practice there in 1961.

He was a branch Councillor 1977-80, Oral Health Committee Chairman 1989-1992 and is the Regional Peer Review Chairman.

He is NZDA representative on the Dental Technology Advisory Committee and the A.C.C. Medical Misadventure Advisory Committee. He is a member of the Dental Technicians Board. Also he has been Regional Conference Chairman in 1985 and 1995. He is married to Margaret and they have four children.

Fellows Brian Dowling of Christchurch and John Plimmer of Wellington have both completed their 6 year terms as members of the Disciplinary Tribunal of the Dental Council of New Zealand. Six years is a long term of service in this, at times, difficult position.

The NZDA has set up an Oral History Committee to record interviews with senior members of the Association. The tapes and written abstracts of the tapes will be preserved as part of the historical records of the NZDA. Fellow Paul Swinburn is the chairman of the committee.

Stewart Edwards is the chairman of the organising committee for the NZDA Biennial Conference to be held in Rotorua 4-7 September this year. He is arranging for an ICD Luncheon to be held on the Wednesday 4 September, the first day of the conference. An Induction Ceremony will be held prior to the luncheon and our President Donald Heffron and Registrar Robert Butler will be attending. Other Australian Fellows who make the trip across to the meeting in this interesting part of New Zealand will be warmly welcomed.



Dr. Warren Hawke, Dr. Brent Stanley, Dr. John Sinclair

21ST NORTH QUEENSLAND DENTAL CONVENTION

CAIRNS 19th. -23rd. AUGUST 1996

In 1989, at the 18th. N.Q Convention in Cairns, the ICD Fellows of North Queensland began the practice of organising a private dinner party for Fellows and their guests. 34 people attended. Another such dinner party was arranged during the 20th. Convention in Townsville with a similar number attending.

In Cairns at the 21st. Convention, the third ICD dinner party will be held on the evening of Tuesday, 20th. August, 1996. It will be an informal evening devoted to dining and fellowship. Guests, male and female will be welcome. The cost is to be determined, but about \$45/head, including drinks. Please return the enclosed application form to Fellow Mike Bennett before 1st. August.

The North Queensland Dental Conventions were the first non-metropolitan Dental Conventions to be held in Australia, beginning in 1938 in Townsville. The 1st. NQ Convention was organised by a group of enthusiastic NQ dentists, among whom were-

Claude Henry of Townsville, father of Fellow Neil Henry; Stan Martin of Cairns, father of Fellow Peter Martin who has been executive Director of all five Cairns Conventions since 1968;

J.Owen Pearm of Ingham who will be remembered by many as Reader in Operative Dentistry at the UQ Dental School.

The NQ Dental Conventions have been held continuously for nearly 60 years on a 2 or 3 yearly rotational basis in the order of Townsville, Cairns, Mackay ie., the 18th. was in Cairns in 1989, the 19th. Mackay 1992, the 20th. Townsville 1994. Attendances have been increasing as the years go by, and Cairns is expecting well over 200 dentists to register. There will be an extensive Industries Exhibition. For the first time there will be overseas lecturers - the George Christensen Memorial Oration will be delivered by Professor Pers Branemark, and Associate Prof Dimitris Tatakis from Loma Linda will be lecturing on Perio. Other lecturers will be Professor Roland Bryant, Professor Harold Messer, Assoc Professor Terry Walton, local specialists Drs John Ferguson and Michael Orbell, and two legal eagles, Messers Peter Lyons Q.C. and Bill Thompson from Brisbane. A week of academics, social events and sport.

CONVENTION APPLICATIONS may be obtained from:

Dr. Peter Martin,
Executive Director, 21st. NQ Dental Convention,
P.O. Box 388,
CAIRNS Q. 4870

ADELAIDE

I shall be attending the College dinner and Induction Ceremony to be held at the Adelaide Club on Friday May 3rd. 1996 for Fellows and their partners. Dress: Black Tie

Name

Address

Phone No.

Return to: Dr. G. C. Hall,
Qantas House, 144 North Terrace,
Adelaide S.A. 5000.

or Phone 08 231 2609 (surgery) RSVP 19th. April 1996.

SYDNEY

I shall be attending the College dinner and Induction Ceremony to be held at the Ritz Carlton on Friday August 2nd. 1996 at 7.00 p.m. Induction 7.30 p.m. Dinner 8.00 p.m. Dress: Black Tie

Name

Address

Phone No.

Return to: The Registrar, Dr. R. Butler,
P.O. Box 520
St. Leonards. N.S.W. 2065

or Phone 02 9906 4412 RSVP 19th. July 1996.

ROTORUA NEWZEALAND

I shall be attending the College Luncheon and Induction Ceremony to be held at Rotorua on Wednesday September 4th. 1996 during the NZDA Biennial Meeting.

Name

Address

Phone No.

Return to: Dr. T. Speed
351 Remuera Road
Auckland 5 N.Z.

or Phone 64 9 524 7429 (surgery) RSVP 16th. Aug.1996

CAIRNS NORTH QUEENSLAND

I shall be attending the dinner party to be held in Cairns during the 21st. North Queensland Dental Convention from 19th to 23rd. August 1996.

Name

Address

No. and names of guests:

Phone No.

Return to: Dr. Michael Bennett
P.O. Box 196R,
Redlynch N.Q. 4870

or Phone/Fax 070 392 987 RSVP 2nd. August 1996.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

A College dinner will be held in Adelaide on Friday, 3 May 1996 at the Adelaide Club. The President and Registrar will be present and five new Fellows will be inducted prior to the dinner. The function is a mixed one and the dress - black tie.

If any Fellow is in Adelaide and wishes to attend, they could contact me by telephone (08) 231 2609 (surgery hours) or write to me c/- Qantas House, 144 North Terrace, Adelaide S. A. 5000.

Several Fellows have received recognition by the Australian Dental Association (SA Branch) for their outstanding service to dentistry, the profession and Association. Fellow John Irwin has been elected a Life Member of the Association and Fellows Ralph Annells, Fred Henning and Christopher Somerville have each been awarded the Distinguished Service Award.

The Dental Board of SA has honoured three Fellows for their service to the Board over many years. Silver Medallion Long Service Awards were presented by the State Minister for Health to John Myhill who served on the Board for twenty-three years, the last six as President, Kevin Moore for twenty years of service and Ian Stead who was a member of the Board for seven years.

Trevor Martin had by-pass surgery in the latter part of last year and has recovered well.

Kevin Allen and Graham Mount spent time in January lecturing at various Universities in India and presenting a course to the Indian Society of Pediatric and Preventative Dentistry.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Dr. John Noble OBE,ED was honoured by the A.D.A. (NSW Branch) on 30th. October 1995 with the granting of the Award of Merit in recognition of outstanding service to the Branch. John Noble served on the Defence Committee from 1961 to 1982 and was its Chairman from 1971 to 1977.

The Award, in the form of a certificate will be presented at a branch function during 1996.

INTERNATIONAL REPORT

This year the International Council Meeting of the College was held in Las Vegas. Dr. Herbert Yee of San Francisco was elected President for 1996. Herb is leading a team of Fellows to China later in the year and any member who would like to go with a dental team can ring me (06 2261010) and I will give them Dr. Yee's address.

Our Secretary, Registrar General Dr. Dick Shaffer gave notice that he will be retiring in 1999. A sub-committee was set up to find someone capable of taking his position.

A register of members will be published this year, and then it will be updated every five years.

The European section has been given sufficient funds to do a study of the countries which were behind the iron curtain. Most are in need of help equipment and lecturers.

Vietnam continues to occupy an important place in the list of those countries in need of help. The Asian nations are giving generously assisted by Japan. Some Australian dentists as College members have been up there giving lectures and advice on how to upgrade the dental schools and standards.

Mongolia is perhaps the most neglected country of all and Past President Jhee of Korea is organising help through the Korean section of the College.

South Africa is holding a Conference in August 1997. Helmut Heydt, one of the five College members in South Africa is the Secretary. He is also Executive Director of the South African Dental Association and Editor of their Journal. A busy man. Perhaps the College could organise a group to attend the Conference.

Money is of course one of the big problems facing the College, and the many demands for help. If it was not for the generosity of the American sections sharing the costs of running the International Office (and staff) we would not have an office at Rockville, U.S.A.

Syd Dobbin AM International Councillor.