



# International College of Dentists

## Australasian Section

Newsletter

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### WELCOME NEW FELLOWS

The College is richer by the induction of six new Fellows following the meeting held at the Adelaide Club on Friday 3rd May under the chairmanship of Vice President Geoffrey Hall. In this issue of the Newsletter we join our South Australian Fellows in welcoming them into the College and presenting them to you with abbreviated Curricula Vitae.

Also we take this opportunity to congratulate Fellow Dr. Ken Franklin of Mackay, Queensland who was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the Queens Birthday Honours list for services to his community through the Ambulance, Rotary and Dentistry.

Dr. John Anker, Newcastle and Professor Godfrey, Sydney were the other dentists honoured with awards of A.M. on June 10th.

### PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

I recently attended the extremely pleasant evening in Adelaide. It was a delight to see so many of our Fellows and their partners. I had not been to Adelaide since our Convocation there in 1991. They are certainly wonderful hosts.

It was gratifying to induct six new Fellows, about whom you will read in this Newsletter. John McIntyre was one of the inductees and departed the next morning to fulfil our commitment in Fiji. I am eagerly looking forward to our Functions in Sydney in August and New Zealand in September which will provide similar opportunities to induct new Fellows and to meet with old friends and make new ones. Unfortunately, I am unable to fit in the meeting in Cairns, also in August this year, as it is always a most enjoyable occasion and well supported by our Fellows.

Arrangements for our next Convocation in Perth in 1998 and the form of our participation in the Scientific Programme are yet to be finalised but several alternatives are under consideration.

W D Heffron

### REGISTRAR'S REPORT

As at 31st May 1996, the membership of the Australasian Section stood at 358, and included 63 Fellows from New Zealand and 2 from Fiji. It is with extreme regret that we have noted the sad passing of Peter Brothers O.A.M. in January and Warren Berry in late May.

Two Fellows, Commodore M.H. Dowsett A.M. and Dr. R.K. Hall O.A.M. were honoured earlier this year in the Australia Day Honours List. Fellow Kevin Alderson is to be congratulated on his election as President of the New Zealand Dental Association, while Fellow Patrick Dalton, President of the Australian Dental Association, also has

been honoured in being elected as a Vice President of the Asia Pacific Dental Association.

A most successful Induction and Dinner was held in Adelaide, on 3rd May 1996. Six Fellows were inducted and the dinner at the Adelaide Club was excellent and enjoyed an excellent attendance. Those inducted were:

Elizabeth Coates  
Ross King  
John McIntyre  
Tilly Peters  
Ian Stead  
Brian Wheeler

A Dinner and Induction will be held on 2nd August at the Ritz-Carlton in Sydney at which Dame Leonie Kramer, Chancellor of Sydney University will be the honoured guest. There will also be a Luncheon and Induction ceremony in Rotorua in September 1996 at the New Zealand Dental Association Conference. The next scheduled Convocation will be held in conjunction with the Australian Dental Congress in Perth in March 1998.

As previously reported, the Australasian Section will be offering sponsorship for lectures at the March 1998 Australian Dental Association Congress in Perth and continues to forward journals and reference books to the Fijian Dental and Medical School, including the donation of an annual subscription to the Australian Dental Journal. In addition, further assistance has been provided to the Fiji School over the past six months by way of donation of curing lights and the sponsoring of a visit to the School by Dr. John McIntyre in May of this year.

The Section has also pledged \$500 sponsorship to the Dental Assistants Association of Australia to assist them in conducting educational activities in conjunction with Australian Dental Congress in Perth in March 1998. Fellows may recall that similar assistance was given at the Hobart Congress in 1995 in sponsoring CPR training.

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## INDUCTION AND DINNER MEETING ADELAIDE

A most successful dinner meeting held in Adelaide in May at the Adelaide Club, was attended by some fifty Fellows and their partners. The Vice President, Dr. Hall welcomed guests including the President, Dr. Donald Heffron, The Registrar, Dr Rob Butler and International Councilman Dr. Syd Dobbin and Mrs. Dobbin.

During pre dinner drinks a short but formal induction ceremony was held to induct five new South Australian Fellows and one Victorian Fellow into the College. The President addressed the candidates and presented them with their certificates and gold pins following a short curriculum vitae presentation of each inductee to the gathering.

Following the induction ceremony a very pleasant dinner was held and enjoyed by all. Dr. Hall introduced Dr. Heffron who spoke informally on a variety of subjects in a most entertaining and humorous way, his address being enthusiastically received.

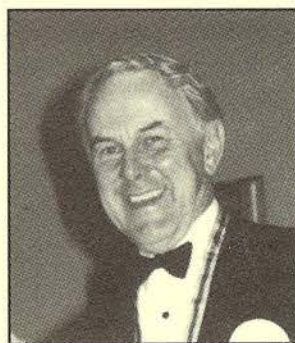
The following Fellows were formally inducted into the College :-



**Dr. Elizabeth Coates :**  
B.D.S.(Adelaide) 1971, Senior Dentist, South Australian Dental Service, Head of Clinic for medically compromised patients including HIV infection, head and neck cancer, transplant and cardiac problems. Vice Chairperson, AMADA Quality Management Committee, Member A.D.A. Infection Control Committee, Fellow Pierre Fauchard Academy, Distinguished Alumni Award (University of Adelaide) 1994, lectured nationally and internationally.



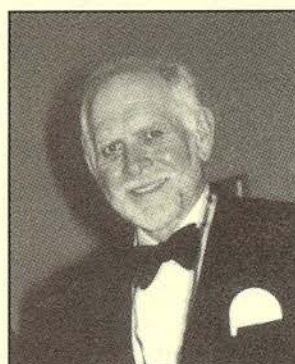
**Professor Tilly Peters:**  
Professor and Chair of Restorative Dentistry, University of Adelaide 1994 - , D.M.D. University of Nijmegen, 1975, Ph.D. in Medicine 1982. Associate Professor University of Nijmegen 1981-94. Visiting Fulbright Scholar, University of Michigan 1982, Lasby Visiting Research Professorship, University of Minnesota 1990-91. President, South Australia Section I.A.D.R./ANZ 1994 - , A.D.A. Time Committee 1995 - , Editorial Board, Journal of Dental Research, and Journal of Operative Dentistry. Published widely and lectured internationally. Active clinician and specialist prosthodontists.



**Dr. Ross King :**  
B.D.S. (Melbourne) 1960. General practice 1962-1988. Head ,Undergraduate Teaching Clinics, Royal Dental Hospital, Melbourne since 1988 Council, A.D.A. Victorian Branch 1984-92, Dental Board of Victoria 1993 - , Deputy President 1996 - ,Member, Ministerial Review Committee of Dental Auxiliary Workforce 1994 - 95, Ministerial Dental Advisory Committee 1995 - , President, Rotary Club, Altona 1977-78.



**Dr. Ian Stead :**  
B.D.S. (Adelaide) 1965. School Dental Service. Established School of Dental Therapy in Adelaide 1967, Director School Dental Service 1982 -87. Chief Executive Officer, South Australian Dental Service 1987 -94. Member, Dental Board of South Australia 1987 -94.



**Dr. John McIntyre :**  
B.D.S.(Queensland) 1960, Ph.D. Microbiology (Adelaide) 1970. Research in Germany 1971-72, U.S.A. 1985, United Kingdom 1989, Vietnam 1995. Director, Dental Health Unit, Royal Adelaide Hospital 1975 -78. Dental Academic, Preventive and Conservative Dentistry, University of Adelaide 1978-95. Dean, Faculty of Dentistry for 4 years, Head, Department of Dentistry for 3 years, Member Dental Board of South Australia 1991-1993.



**Dr. Brian Wheeler :**  
B.D.S. (Adelaide) 1969. General Practice. President, A.D.A. (South Australian Branch) 1990, Various committees of South Australian Branch 1978 - 94 . Secretary/Treasurer South Australian Foundation for Dental Education and Research 1991 - 94, Coordinator, R.F.D.S. Dental Panel since 1978. Member R.F.D.S. Council (Central Section) since 1978, President 1991 - 94. Member Australian Council R.F.D.S. since 1995.

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Fellow John Myhill has received the A.D.A. South Australian Branch Association Distinguished Award for his outstanding contribution to dentistry and the profession, including over twenty years service on the Dental Board, the last six years President.

The Dental Board of South Australia has honoured the Moore Family for their outstanding contribution to dentistry over many years by awarding a silver medallion, known as the Moore Medallion to the best all round final year dental student.

Fellow Kevin Moore has ensured the continuity of this medal through an endowment from his family. Kevin's father the late Dr. Arthur Moore was a former State Branch President and Dental Board President and was most influential in guiding dentistry in South Australia in the earlier years. Kevin was also a State Branch President and served on the Dental Board

for some twenty years.

Fellow John McIntyre recently spent a week in Fiji lecturing to students and dentists at the School on Medicine and Dentistry. His visit was sponsored by the College.

### IN MEMORIAM DR. PETER BROTHERS O.A.M.

Dear Dr. Butler,

Please know how much your letter of condolence meant, as I try to accept the loss on my truly beloved Peter.

I, am strengthened by his life's achievements, and knowing he had quality of life, humane and total control until the end.

Please pass my thanks to all members,  
Most sincerely, Phillipa Brothers.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### NEW ZEALAND

The New Zealand Dental Association Board (formally the NZDA Council) has organised a "Call Your Dentist" programme to increase public awareness of the need for good oral health. The programme involves TV commercials to promote awareness and newspaper advertisements inviting the public to reply. Those replying are sent information on the programme, topic sheets and a list of participating dentists in their area. The participating dentists are given A4 mailers to send to the callers with self assessment sheets and an invitation to call on their dentist. It is funded by participating dentists with a generous sponsorship from Colgate and is now financially sound.

The Health and Safety in Employment Act and establishment of the Occupational Safety and Health Service (OSH) with its inspectors who can and have been visiting dental practices for random audit has prompted the NZDA to arrange seminars through the country to explain to dentists their responsibilities under the act.

At its Board Meeting in April the NZDA elected Fellows Lawrence Croxson and E.(Ted) Simpson to Honorary Life Fellowship in the Association, the highest award it can make.

Fellows David Marshall and Neil Ewart were made Fellows of the NZDA.

These honours will be conferred at the Biennial Conference of the NZDA to be held in Rotorua in September this year.

An ICD Luncheon and Induction Ceremony will be held on Wednesday 4th. September, the first day of the NZDA Biennial Conference to be held in Rotorua 4 - 8 September 1996. 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.

The cost for the sit-down luncheon including wine and fruit juice will be NZ \$35.00 per person.

It would help catering arrangements if those wishing to attend would advise Tom Speed 351 Remuera Road, Auckland 5, NZ. Phone 64 9 524 7429 Fax 64 9 5244113 by 16th. August, 1996.

### FIJI

#### Greetings from Suva.

I am writing to express the sincere appreciation of the staff and students at the Fiji Dental School for the gift of composite curing lights provided by the International College of Dentists.

The new dental studies curriculum, which commenced in 1993, now moves into its fourth year. You may be aware that Professor George Davies from the University

of Queensland designed the program specifically to meet the needs of Pacific Island communities.

This year there will be students from eleven Pacific Island countries involved in the program. Sixteen students will commence their fourth year BDS studies.

Poor clinic facilities and absence of modern day materials have severely hampered the students' acquisition of clinical skills and the patient pool has unfortunately been confined to those presenting for relief pain. So, to this point students have excellent exodontia skills but have had little opportunity to put into practice the theory of clinical prevention and conservation. This situation will change as from this year. A new ten chair clinic, funded by AusAID, is nearing completion. Chairs and mobile carts, together with some materials and essential equipment items were part of the funding package however lights and light curing materials were not included. As luck would have it we became aware in December last year, of a significant sum of unspent Government money which had to be used by the end of the Calendar year. This has provided the opportunity to purchase light curing composite resin and glass ionomer cements as well as additional lights. All will be put to very good use.

Further, we wish to convey to the International College the deep appreciation of the Dental Faculty of the Fiji School of Medicine for having sponsored the visit of John McIntyre.

John returned to Adelaide last Saturday after what was quite a hectic week. John delivered an excellent lecture series which centred around primary prevention, minimum intervention dentistry and the use of adhesive materials. He placed emphasis on the application of the topics covered to the provision of dental care in Pacific Island Countries.

There were also student activities which John found of great interest and which I am sure he will mention to you. Students were given the task of assessing the general and oral health needs of a large village community some distance from Suva. There were 74 students over four years of the BDS program involved in various activities including the taking of blood pressures, assessing the adequacy of sanitation and the provision of dental care. Oral health activities involved dental health education, oral examinations, scaling and cleaning, extractions and the restoration of teeth using the Atraumatic Restorative Technique (ART).

Once again thank you for enabling John to visit Fiji. His contribution to student education here in Suva was considerable and the School is most grateful to the College for providing the finance necessary to fund his visit.

Once again thank you for your generosity and be assured there will be a warm welcome here in Suva when you or any College member pass this way.

Bob von Doussa

# INTERNATIONAL

## A CHALLENGE FROM THE COLLEGE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

At the 1st meeting of the International Council in Las Vegas, I became the Chairman of the Growth and Development Committee.

It is a challenge to me. I have long felt that we need to increase our membership considerably. The barriers have come down between nations and there are thousands more dentists to be considered for membership.

At the same time this "opening up" has revealed that many countries need help. The two go hand in hand. We can now communicate and visit more easily. This will enable us to help our less fortunate colleagues bring their standards up to where they all want them to be.

Those of us who are fortunate to have been invited to Fellowship in the College should not be selfish and try to keep the membership small. True scientists are always willing to share their knowledge and the rewards of achievement.

Growth in membership is the responsibility of each and every one of us. Until now, those who hold office in the College both nationally and internationally have been the main ones to seek out new members! This has to change! All members should look for other colleagues to nominate.

One thing that is very obvious is that there is an age barrier. We do not give enough credit to the young. It seems that we believe that the young cannot achieve very much. As a result our organisation is growing old. We need to stop this thinking now, or we will not be able to keep up or present rate of progress.

Growth will not affect the quality of our organisation.

An increase in membership will improve our influence and effectiveness.

This year the I.C.D. Board of Regents meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th. September 1996 at the Peabody Hotel in Orlando U.S.A. The International Council meeting will be held on Thursday 26th. September, 1996, and the annual convocation will be held on the Friday. A banquet will be held on Friday night 27th. September 1996.

If anyone who will be attending the F.D.I. meeting and might like to arrive a day early, they could attend the banquet. Please contact Dick Shaffer at the Peabody Hotel. It would be better of course if you book ahead and pay, to make it easier for catering. You can write to Registrar Richard Shaffer at Suite 1501, 51 Monroe St., Rockville. M.D. 20850 - 2408 USA.

President Herbert Yee of San Francisco has been evaluating the position in Vietnam and it seems likely that he will recommend that a Section will be inaugurated there.

Syd Dobbins A.M.  
Councilman, Australasia  
Chairman, College Growth and Development Committee.

### THIRD DARWIN CONVENTION

#### "HOT TOPICS IN THE TROPICS"

Planning for the Third Darwin Convention is well under way. It will be held from Sunday 6th. July, 1997 until Thursday July 10th. The venue will be the Darwin Entertainment Centre which will also house the Trade Display.

We have obtained an outstanding group of lecturers led by Professor Rory Hulme. They include Drs. Alton Lacy (materials) and Dorothy Perry (preventive Dentistry) from the University of California, San Francisco plus Professor John Osborne from the University of Nevada.

The weather will be perfect and an I.C.D. dinner will held on Tuesday night July 8th. Bookings for the Convention are expected to be heavy so get your enrolment forms early to the secretary.

Dr. Fred Mitchell  
24 Cavenagh Street  
DARWIN N.T. 0800

#### D.A.A. SAYS THANK YOU

On behalf of the Executive of the Dental Assistants' Association of Australia Inc., I would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for the help your

International College of Dentists, Australasian Section has given us.

Because of your Section's generosity our 8th. Convention held in Hobart Tas., was able to conduct a very informative Workshop on C.P.R. and Emergencies in the Dental Practice. About fifty of our Delegates received their St. Johns Ambulance First Aid Certificate and returned to their practices more informed and qualified than when they came to the Convention

Our special thanks must go to Dr. W.D. Heffron for his support and perseverance.

Anne Fahey

#### NORTH QUEENSLAND NEWS

This will be a final reminder for the 21st. N.Q. Dental Convention which will be held at the Cairns International Hotel from Monday to Friday 19th. to 23rd. August. 1996.

The programme of lecturers will include Professor Roland Bryant, Professor Harold Messer, Associate Professors Terry Walton and Dimitris Orbell as well as other associated professional experts.

On Monday 19th. August Professor Branemark will deliver the George Christensen Memorial Oration. A dinner for I.C.D. members and guests will be hosted on Tuesday 20th. August by Fellow Mike Bennett Please contact him before August 1st. if you wish to attend this function.