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CONVENTIONS AND CONGRESSES

Conventions and Congresses are the lifeblood of successful dentistry and Dental Associations. Congregations where friendships are made - ideas exchanged and discussed - opportunities for varied programmes of graduate education and because of their attractions to all dentists venues for the regular meetings of specialist and honour societies.

In the next twelve months we have four of these occasions.

Fellow Kerry Euprene will host the third Darwin Convention "Hot Topics in the Tropics" at the Darwin Entertainment Centre from 6th. to 10th. July, 1997.

The NSW Branch 20th. Country Convention will be held in Coffs Harbour from 1st. - 3rd. August 1997 at the Novotel Resort on the beach.

Finally for this year, the 85th. Annual World Dental Congress hosted by the FDI will be held in Seoul, Korea from 5th - 9th September. At this Congress there will be an International Convocation of the International College at which new fellows from a number of countries will be inducted by the International President. New Australian fellows who will be attending should contact the Registrar Robert Butler.

Next year from 14th. to 18th. March, Perth will host the 29th. Australian Dental Congress at the Burs wood Convention Centre. The triennial Convocation of the Australasian College will be held at a luncheon on Friday 13th. March 1998 - more on this congress later in this newsletter from chairman Fellow Dick Cook.

These are all occasions for the renewal of old friendships and the beginning of new ones within our dental community.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

"Our Envable Reputation"

In Australia and New Zealand, your College has 387 Fellows, less than 5% of the Dentists in our region; a relatively small number, yet it is jealously viewed by others. Why? Their average age is in excess of 50 years. Why? Because the criteria that have to be met before being offered Fellowship are considerable and include:

- High ethical standards with patients, staff and colleagues.
- Other services to the profession and or the community at local, national or international levels.
- When assessing someone's past services, we also consider their potential for future contributions.

Fellowship is not open to individual application, but is by selection and invitation. Existing Fellows have an obligation to read their Constitution which delineates many of the criteria and if they believe they know of anyone who meets the criteria stated therein, they should contact the Registrar (Dr. R J F Butler, c/- P O Box 520, St Leonards, NSW 2065),-obtain a confidential form, complete it, then submit it to the Board of Regents for consideration.

The life which is open to the opportunities of service will never be a victim of boredom. Such a person will always be finding causes and concerns which keep him or her busy and boredom never becomes a problem. Win or lose, their life is the richer for having attempted the challenges.

Many times a day I realise how much our lives are dependent on the labours of our fellow man (as in mankind) , both living and dead, and how earnestly we must exert ourselves in order to give in return as much as we have received.

Our Fellows have built an enviable reputation for our College and it is our responsibility to ensure it never falters. When asked to help the answer should be a formality. To enjoy the status of our Fellowship we must repeatedly undergo the effort of earning it. Make certain the legacy you have inherited is even better in the future by actively supporting your college in any of its endeavours.

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REGISTRAR'S REPORT

The membership of the Australasian Section stands at 387, and includes 63 Fellows from New Zealand and 2 from Fiji. The following Fellows have been elected Life Members since the publication of the last Newsletter: C G Black, D G Green, B M Henderson, K R Moore and A T C Smith. It is with extreme regret that we have noted the sad passing of Fellows Gordon Lonsdale and Geoff Walker.

Fellows Kevin Alderson and Herb Hammer are serving their profession as Presidents of the New Zealand and Australian Dental Associations respectively, while Fellow Patrick Dalton, Immediate Past President of the Australian Dental Association, had the honour of being elected as a Vice President of the Asia Pacific Dental Federation. Fellow Terry Pitsikas has succeeded another Fellow Brett Abbott as President of the W A Branch of the ADA, while Fellow David Houghton was elected last November to the Federal Executive of the ADA.

Recently, the ADA honoured Neville Hill, Bruce Noble and Andrew Trott, all Fellows of the College, with the award of the ADA Service Medallion for their contribution to the Federal body.

At its Annual General Meeting on 28th November 1996, the ADA (NSW Branch) elected Fellow John W Dale AM to Honorary Life Membership of the Branch for his outstanding contribution over many years to the advancement of the dental profession. John has recently been elected as President of the Australian

Dental Council and is President of the NSW Dental Board.

The ADA (QLD Branch) also awarded a number of honours at its last Annual General Meeting. Fellow John Dann was elected to Life Membership of the Branch while Fellow David Thomson received the Distinguished Service Award. Fellow L Peter Ryan, is well known for his efforts in promoting the benefits of fluoridation over many years. As the current fight proceeds to have Brisbane's water supply fluoridated, he has been prominent with his colleagues in the Queensland ADA in ensuring good media coverage of the the debate.

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. Following previous sponsorship of undergraduate exchange between Adelaide and Hong Kong schools, the Board of Regents of the College have approved a grant of \$1000 to assist the initiation of a similar programme of exchange between undergraduates of Sydney and Singapore. Fellow John Booth of Adelaide has been the driving force behind these excellent initiatives. The Section has also pledged \$500 sponsorship to the Dental Assistants Association of Australia to assist them in conducting educational activities in conjunction with the Australian Dental Congress in Perth in March 1998.

29th. AUSTRALIAN DENTAL CONGRESS PERTH 14 - 18TH MARCH 1998.

The 29th. Australian Dental Congress on 22nd May 1997 will present a unique blend of programme, planning and venue which will combine to make the Perth Congress the most exciting and memorable Australian Dental Congress for many years.

The programme is innovative in a number of areas and will enable participants to make this congress "The Ultimate Learning Endeavour"

- World class principal speakers who have not been heard in Australia previously
- The Clinical Day - Aesthetics 2000, an on-stage extravaganza of clinical demonstrations and entertainment which will have something to appeal to every attendee
- An entertainment programme with flair and innovation.

Our three Keynote Speakers are leading clinicians, researchers and educators who will present information in a fresh and exciting manner that is directly applicable to general dentistry. Dr. Cheryl Sheets, from Newport Beach, USA, will focus on the "California Smile" covering aesthetic treatment options, bonded porcelain restorations. The development and management of the multidisciplinary plan for complex cases will be emphasised. Professor Jean-Francis Roulet from the University of Berlin will address controversial issues in contemporary operative dentistry.

Dr Ted Croll from Doylestown, USA, will discuss recent developments in dentistry for children and adolescents.

The highlight on the final day of the Scientific Programme is an on-stage clinical treatment extravaganza entitled "The Clinical Day - Aesthetics 2000".

The venue is the Burswood complex, which is unrivalled in Australasia as a convention and exhibition centre for a congress of this size.

Both the convention centre with its main auditorium the showroom and the Burswood Dome, Perth's most successful and utilised exhibition centre, are ideally suited to their respective purposes - the Scientific Programme and the 8th. Australian Dental Industry Exhibition.

The convocation of the International College will be held as a luncheon on Friday 13th March 1998.

Congress Chairman Dick Cook and Vice Presidents Stuart Gairns and John Owen are fellows of International College and look forward to welcoming all fellows of the College to the 29th. Australian Dental Congress in March 1998 in Perth.

DICK COOK.
Chairman.

AUSTRALIAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION VICTORIAN BRANCH (ADAVB) CONVENTION - ADIA EXHIBITION 14 - 16 March 1997.

The Victorian Branch held a two day convention in conjunction with a three day National ADIA Exhibition. Both events were held in the relatively new Melbourne Exhibition Centre that is situated next to the yet to be completed Crown Casino on the banks of the Yarra river. The centre known locally as "Jeffs Shed" provided a fantastic venue for the largest ever dental trade exhibition to be held in Melbourne. The exhibition could have been even bigger as unfortunately several companies had to be refused admission as space allocation was fully booked out. The ADIA were very pleased with the large numbers of dentists, staff and others who attended the exhibition, especially on the two days that coincided with ADAVB Convention.

The convention, despite relying only on Victorian ADA Members and one international registrant was over subscribed. In all over 400 attended the two day program, which proved to be very successful, even though

there were a few problems relating to the limitations of the venue.

The first day was made up of Key Note Presentations, from international speakers. Professor Golf Burnets spoke on Adult Facial and Dental Development and Characteristics of Expertise. Dr. Kevin Lewis on Dentolegal Pitfalls and Professor Urs Bragger on Bone Physiology and Development and Dental Implants in the Growing Patient. A short presentation on the ADAVB's educational CD ROM - 'Megabyte: An in Your Face Journey' was given by Dr Pam Dalgiesh.

The program for the second day had a special emphasis on dentistry for the developing dentition. There were three sessions with three concurrent presentations in each session. All sessions were presented by panels of local Victorian dentists. The standard of presentations was excellent and many were booked out.

Session one was a choice of:

Dealing with Dental Trauma or
Oral Infection: What we Now Know or
Infection Control for your Growing Practice
Session two: Early Management of Class 11 Malocclusions or
Aesthetic Dilemmas - Minimum Intervention,
Maximum result or
Behaviour Management
Session three: Planned replacement of missing teeth or
The Impact of impacted wisdom teeth or
Early management of crowding.

Session three had an additional presentation of Risk Management given by Dental Protection Australia.

The ADAVB was pleased to give the Perth Congress Organising Committee the opportunity to promote the March 1988 Perth Congress.

Thanks and congratulations go to the members of the ADAVB's Graduate Education Committee for their numerous hours of hard work and expertise that made this Convention such a success.

Dr. Neil D Hewson.

AUSTRALIAN DENTAL COUNCIL

The present membership of the Australian Dental Council is

<i>President</i>	John Dale	NSW Dental Board
<i>Vice President</i>	David Thornton Taylor	ACT Dental Board
<i>Executive Secretary</i>	Vin Amerena	
<i>Treasurer</i>	Peter Noblett	SA Dental Board
<i>Past President</i>	Lloyd O'Brien	Vic Dental Board
	Les Waldron	WA Dental Board
	Des Innes	Tas Dental Board
	Rick Olive	Qld Dental Board
	Agnes Westwater	N T Dental Board
	Pat Colgan	A D A
	Bruce Taylor	A D A
	Prof Iven Klineberg	Dean Sydney Dental School
	Prof Greg Seymour	Dean Qld Dental School.
	Reg Hession A M	RACDS

John Dale has submitted the following article on the history, objects and functioning of the A D C.

The Australian Dental Council (ADC) was formed following an initiative of the Australian Dental Association Inc., as a reaction by the profession to the Federal government policy of competency standards. A meeting which included all sections of the profession (the faculties, the dental boards, the health departments and the ADA and its branches) unanimously rejected the concept of competency based standards for entry and progress in the profession.

The idea of an Australian Dental Council had been around for some years, but had not been progressed for lack of finances. The possibility of having assessment of all professional standards by bureaucrats and non dental professionals prompted the profession to form a council which could administer standards and be available to advise government.

With no hope of receiving government financial support, in the short term at least, the ADA Inc. provided \$10000 to start the Council and the dental boards agreed to contribute on a levy per registrant.

In 1993 with representation from all the dental boards, the dental faculties, the Australian Dental Examining Council (ADEC) and the Australian Dental Association Inc. the first meeting was held in Melbourne at the invitation of Victorian Dental Board and its then President, Dr. Lloyd O'Brien.

The Victorian Board provided office space and assistance and the services of its registrar, Dr. Vin Amerena.

At the first meeting it was decided that the role of the Council should be initially to develop an accreditation process for the dental schools and when called upon advise the Commonwealth on dental matters. A constitution was developed which included these objectives and as well included a role of assessment of overseas trained dentists. An executive committee was elected which represented ADEC (Noel Martin), the faculties (Clive Wright) and the dental boards (David Thornton Taylor, Lloyd O'Brien and John Dale). Dr. O'Brien was elected the inaugural President and the Council started operations in Melbourne. The New Zealand Dental Council sent an observer.

The accreditation process was started, under the direction of Professor Wright, with all the faculties co-operative and the Royal Australian College of Dental Surgeons expressed an interest in joining the Council was invited to do so.

For the initial year or so of the Council's operations the Victorian Board had provided services free of charge and it was decided to call upon the boards for finances. Each board originally contributed \$6 per registrant and later this was increased to \$10 and as the work of the Council increased it became obvious that a higher contribution was needed. (It is currently \$15 per registrant).

In 1995 the Commonwealth's Department of Education and Training,

which had the responsibility of the assessment of overseas trained dentists through NOOSR and ADEC, indicated to the ADC that the role of ADEC was to be abolished and it would be appropriate for that function to be taken over by the ADC.

ADEC had been functioning well, and the ADC was unsure, that at such an early stage of its development it had the expertise and the administrative strength to do the job. The Commonwealth made it very clear that if ADC did not take over examinations, it would find a body that would.

With support from all the constituent bodies, ADC decided to incorporate and reached an agreement with NOOSR to take over ADEC. The incorporated body took over the functions of the unincorporated association and in the Memorandum of Association the objects and purposes of the Council are listed as :

1. To advise and make recommendations to the State and Territory Dental Boards in relation to;
 - a. accreditation of dental schools and of courses leading to dental qualifications
 - b. assessment of the suitability for practice in Australia of persons with overseas dental qualifications; and
 - c. uniform criteria for recognition of qualifications for registration.
2. To maintain copies of the registers of the State and Territory Dental Boards.
3. To provide advice on matters concerning the occupational regulation, including general and specialist registration of dentists and para dental personnel.

Meanwhile, all the faculties were being assessed for accreditation. This was completed in 1996 and the results published by the Council. The accreditation process will be repeated every five years.

The ADC formed an examination committee under the chairmanship of David Thornton Taylor and with members of the ADEC team and others, they have successfully continued the examination process.

The Australian Dental Council is now over four years old and is functioning successfully. It is estimated that 80% of the administration is devoted to the examination of overseas dentists. The government is assisting in the financing of this function for an initial period, but the first examination ran at a loss of some \$35000 (which will be paid for by monies inherited from ADEC) and this cannot continue. The Council is not prepared to have the dentists of Australia pay for the assessment of overseas graduates and the newly appointed treasurer, Dr Peter Noblett (SA) is developing a budget to ensure the examination is self funding. This will mean a considerable increase in examination fees.

The Council will in the future commence the assessment of dental auxiliary training when a report from Dr Dan Hurley (VIC) is considered and the accreditation of post graduate degrees will soon be started by a committee chaired by Prof. Greg Seymour (Qld).

The Mutual Recognition Act has made the work of the Council even more important and the intended Trans Tasman Mutual Recognition will make it important to develop standards in association with the New Zealanders.

The success of the Council is directly linked to the work of the first President, Dr. Lloyd O'Brien and the Executive Secretary Dr Vin Amerena. The Council's credibility and stature will come with the accreditation work done by Clive Wright and his team of very hard workers. It will continue because of the examination process led by David Thornton Taylor.

All these people and all the members of the Council give their time for the success of the profession and to ensure that government can have confidence in the profession to self regulate and provide necessary services of quality to the community. They work hard and they are not paid. They deserve the thanks of all members of the profession.

John W Dale.

COLLEGE DINNER - DARWIN CONVENTION

It is planned to hold a Dinner for Fellows attending the Darwin Convention on Tuesday 8th July 1997. Further details will be supplied in due course. An Induction Ceremony may also be held. It is requested that those Fellows interested in attending contact the Registrar, Dr. RJF Butler (PO Box 520, St Leonards 2065 - Fax 02 9906 4676, Tel 02 9906 4412), prior to the end of May.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NEWS

Federal ADA Service Medallions have been awarded to South Australian Federal Councillors Bruce Noble and Andrew Trott for their services to the Australian Dental Association and their profession. They will be presented with their medallions in June by the Federal President, Dr. Herb Hammer.

S A Branch Life Membership was conferred on Kevin Allen for outstanding service to the profession nationally and internationally and to the State Branch.

Kevin Moore and Basil Phillips were awarded the S A Branch Distinguished Service Award for their contributions and service to the State Branch and to the profession over many years.

VICTORIAN NEWS

Dr. John Harcourt OAM was awarded an Honorary Fellowship in Dental Surgery of Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh. It will be conferred later in the year.

Fellow Ross Bastiaan has recently added a new plaque to his unique presentations at Australian war service theatres - that of Tobruk erected at the entrance to the war cemetery there.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF DENTAL SURGEONS

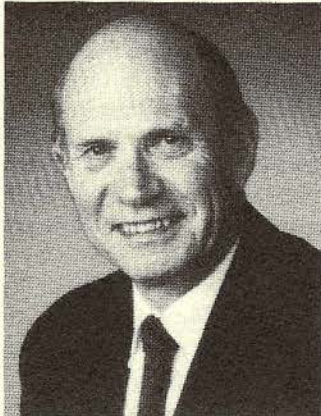
Dr. Syd Warnake has been elected president of the RACDS for 1996 - 98 and Dr. Ross Bastiaan OAM is the new treasurer. John Sinclair (NZ) is Vice President and David Thomson censor in chief.

PERSONAL

CLIVE B ROSS, CNZM

The many friends and colleagues of Dr Clive Ross were delighted to read in the New Year's Honours List that he became a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for Services to Dentistry. This is an honour that is well deserved, giving public acknowledgment of the outstanding service of Dr Ross to Dentistry, within New Zealand and internationally.

Graduating from the University of Otago in 1961, Dr Ross is a Fellow in Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of England and a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons. He is in specialist practice in Restorative Dentistry in Auckland. In a part-time capacity, Dr Ross had a long commitment to the public dental health services, and currently he is the Clinical Director of the Oral Health Unit, Auckland Oral Health Service. He is a Member of the World Health Organization's Expert Committee on Oral Health.



Dr Ross served for four years as the Chairman of the Council of the New Zealand Dental Association, and he was Chairman of the Dental Council of New Zealand from 1990 to 1995. His service to the New Zealand Dental Association has been recognised by election to Honorary Life Membership and he is an Honorary Member of Australian and American

Dental Associations. He is a Fellow of both the International College of Dentistry and the Academy of Dentistry International.

His service internationally has been exceptional, includes long involvement with the Federation Dentaire Internationale and also the Asian Pacific Dental Federation. His experience, commitment, and outstanding diplomacy and administrative skills were recognised by the FDI, and in 1991 he became President Elect of that body. He succeeded to the Presidency on the death of the then President, Dr Kazuo Yamazaki, in August of 1992; Dr Ross served the remainder of Dr Yamazaki's term of office, plus his own two-year term, due to have commenced in September 1993. His was a distinguished Presidency, during which a number of changes in the administration of the FDI were made, streamlining the organisation and increasing its efficiency and effectiveness.

The profession can itself draw great satisfaction from the honour Dr Ross has received. We congratulate him on this public recognition of his long and dedicated service.

TED SIMPSON

Honorary Life Membership is the New Zealand Dental Association's highest honour. It is awarded for exceptional service to the Association and to Dentistry. Tonight we honour two outstanding recipients. The first is Dr E F (Ted) Simpson.

Ted graduated BDS in 1965 and MDS with Honours in 1967. A Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons in 1968, and two years honing his crown and bridge skills in London, completed an action-packed decade and laid a sound foundation for specialist practice. Returning to Dunedin in 1971, Ted commenced specialist restorative practice in 1978. A half-time appointment in Conservative Dentistry at the School of Dentistry, University of Otago, was followed by appointments as External Examiner for both under and postgraduate degrees.

His service to the Otago Branch of the Association began on the committee in 1977. He was President in 1980 and Councillor from 1982 -84. Many areas of Association activity benefited from Ted's input and leadership, including practice economics, continuing education, peer review, and dental research. In 1984 he was elected to the NZDA Executive as Treasurer, and served two years each as Secretary, Vice-President, and finally President in 1990-1992.

Ted's term of office was marked by strong, decisive leadership and the ability to encourage the best from his executive and Council.

LAWRENCE JAMES CROXSON

I can think of no more deserving person to receive Honorary Life Membership than Lawrie Croxson. He may have been surprised by it, but those of us who constantly use the Association's greatest resource were not.

Gaining the BDS(NZ) degree in 1957, Lawrie spent time in Wellington teaching at the School for Dental Nurses and in the Royal New Zealand Dental Corps before heading for the Eastman Dental Hospital in London to study and teach periodontics from 1963-1965. He returned to Palmerston North in 1965 and in 1981 restricted his practice to periodontics.

Lawrie is a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons, the International College of Dentists, the Academy of Dentistry International, and the New Zealand Dental Association.

Twice President of the Manawatu Branch and its Councillor for seven years, he was Chairman of the NZDA Oral Health Committee for five years and was NZDA Assistant Honorary Secretary in 1986.

Posts as National Coordinator for the 1976 Survey of Adult Oral Health, Secretary-Coordinator of the National Periodontal workshop in 1982, and Chairman of the Special Advisory Committee on Dental Manpower demonstrate Lawrie's stature and his ability to take a broad view of oral health issues.

He has been equally successful in the roles of external examiner, lecturer, reviewer, and scientific author. Recognised for his work with FDI working groups, he was last year honoured with the Chairmanship of the Editors Section of the FDI.

Our Executive Director for the last decade, Lawrie is a superb administrator, editor, public relations expert, and telephone counsellor.

The editor thanks the N Z DENTAL JOURNAL for these items.