CONVOCATION PERTH 1998

An enthusiastic gathering of 160 Fellows and their guests gathered at the Hyatt Regency in Perth for the Convocation held on Friday 13th March 1998 prior to the 29th Australian Dental Congress.

32 new Fellows were inducted into the College at a very impressive ceremony presided over by Don Heffron - our retiring President.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Don inducted Geoff Hall from Adelaide as President for the next triennium 1998 - 2001. Geoff in his turn introduced his new officers and board of Regents. Their addresses and the Triennial Report by the Registrar Dr. Rob Butler are reproduced for the benefit of the many fellows who were unable to attend. The ceremony was followed by an excellent luncheon with great fellowship.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

The International College of Dentists is not new and I would like our new fellows and their guests to know something of its origins.

It was formed in 1920, 78 years ago, and subsequently incorporated with the full approval of the major World Dental Associations and the FDI in 1928.

Initially Australians were fellows of the American Section until an Australian Section was authorised in 1963 and formally inaugurated in 1967 by the then World President Dr. Gordon Agnew. Ten years later the name was changed to become the Australasian Section to incorporate New Zealand, New Guinea, Fiji and other small South pacific Countries. Apart from our recent activities the College seeks areas of need where we can provide assistance in furthering the goals of good dentistry. Over the years assistance has been given to Dental Libraries. We have provided Dentists to present special courses in South Pacific Islands, Northern Territory, and Tasmania. We have assisted in student exchange programmes, National Conventions of the D.A.A. and we always contribute to the Scientific Programme at each of the National Congresses of the A.D.A.

I urge you to read the history summarised in our publication “Know your College”. A history of our Australasian Section has been approved and hopefully will be published in the near future. For this we are indebted to several contributors but primarily to Ken Sutherland and Gordon Rowell with the final editing by our Registrar.

Once a year there is a meeting of the Central body which our International representative Syd Dobbin attended. It was gratifying when he was made a “Master” of the College in 1996 and last year he was elected to the position of Vice President. We may have our second World President in the near future.

During my Presidency, Fellow Regents have fulfilled their obligations with honour. Peter Ryan from Queensland, Tom Speed of New Zealand and Spiro Halikis from Western Australia have served for several years in various capacities and always unselfishly on behalf of the College - I thank them for their years of service and wish them the very best for their future. Neil Henry has been responsible for the production of our Newsletter for the past three years, and Bill Chalmers our everlasting Treasurer continues to manage our finances with enthusiasm.

Our section has no permanent office and staff, so the overall responsibility for maintaining the ongoing weekly functions fall on the Registrar’s shoulders. Rob Butler’s constant help during my Presidency was fabulous. For the edification of our Fellows from around Australia and beyond we are International because we are founded on criteria that in our profession are universal. We ensure it remains so by accepting only those who meet the worldwide precepts of our College and accept the future obligations attached there to. All our Inductees can be justifiably proud to have met these precepts.

On graduation some Dentists assume it is the end of their achievements - for our new fellows graduation was but a beginning to face many new challenges ahead ....... and our inductees did just that and they have the will to conquer them. With the acceptance of Fellowship today, your peers have recognised your past achievements (which are very briefly summarised in this Newsletter) but they also expect your leadership in dentistry and in your community to continue.

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Many Dentists do not care how nobly they live but for how long. Though it is not in one's power to determine to live long, it is within the reach of every dentist to live nobly and it is expected of all our fellows. Bryce Courtney said it well in his book "The Potato Factory"....."Principle is soon swamped by the gravy of greed". I worry about the commercialism of many new graduates and too often they take the position that if something is legal, it is also ethical and moral. This simply is not true. Legality embraces the lowest form of acceptable behaviour whereas ethicality and morality approach the highest and most noble standards. I believe the simplest way to depict our fellowship is it represents "dedication" at a level that is clearly "Special"! Today we congratulate and honour our new Fellows for their dedication and we look forward to their future for each in his own way will affect all our futures.

The strength of a profession can be measured in many ways: two I believe to be important are the skill of its leaders and the quality of its members. One must match and complement the other. All our 32 Inductees have inherited the final legacy nurtured over the past 78 years. It is now their responsibility to ensure the legacy they leave is bigger and better for those who follow.

Congratulations to all of you and welcome to our College.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT
Triennium March 1995 to March 1998

The Australasian Section remains strong with a membership of 390, including 62 Fellows from New Zealand and two from Fiji and one from Papua New Guinea.

Since the last Convocation in March 1995, there have been six resignations, two transfers to the US Section and one transfer into this Section from the European Section. Forty Fellows have qualified for and been awarded Life Membership.

It is with extreme regret that we have noted the sad passing since the last Convocation of Fellows Kevin Allen, Warren Berry, Peter Brothers, Peter Collins, Gordon Lonsdale, John Seward, Geoff Walker and David Watt.

At the International Meeting held in Korea, in September last year, our International Councillor, Dr. Syd Dobbin, a Master of the College and Past President of the Australasian Section, was elected to the position of Vice President of the International College, a most distinguished honour.

A number of Fellows have received national honours since the Hobart Convocation. They Are:

In New Zealand,

Dr. Clive Ross C.N.Z.M.
Dr. Stewart Edward N.Z.O.M.

In Australia,

Commodore Michael Dowset A.M.
Professor Iven Klineberg A.M.
Dr. John Muller A.M.
Dr. Syd Warneke A.M.
Dr. Roger Hall O.A.M.
Dr. K.H. Franklin O.A.M.
Dr. O.F. Makinson O.A.M.

Fellows are currently serving in high office in a number of organisations, these include:

Dr. Jeff Annan President NZDA
Dr. Herb Hammer President ADA
Dr. Reg Hession A.M. Speaker of the FDI
Dr. Pat Colgan Vice President of the Asia Pacific Dental Federation
Dr. John Lockwood President ADA (NSW Branch)
Dr. Terry Pitsikas President ADA (WA Branch)
Dr. J. Dale A.M. President, Australian Dental Council
Dr. S. Warneke A.M. President, Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons

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 Pieres, Ian Stead and Brian Wheeler.

A Dinner and Induction was held at the Ritz-Carlton in Sydney on 2nd August 1996, at which Dame Leonie Kramer, Chancellor of Sydney University was the honoured guest. The following Fellows were inducted: John Keys, Tony McLaughlan, Graham Thomas and Robert Wright.

At this Dinner, the Certificate of Master of the College was presented to Dr. Sydenham Dobbin A.M. There was also a Luncheon in Rotarua in September 1996 at the New Zealand Dental Association Conference, at which three New Zealand Fellows were inducted - Karen Brook, David Crum and Paul Pound.

At the International Ceremony in Kwongji in September 1997, six Fellows from Australia and New Zealand were inducted. They were: Stephen Daymond, John Goodhart, Peter Kaleski, Ian McWilliam, Tji Srikanth and Clive Wright. The College is assisting the Perth ADA Congress by way of sponsoring a lecture.

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NEW FELLOWS

Brett ABBOTT

Paul ABBOTT
BDS (WA) MDS (Adel), FRACDS (Endodontics). Specialist endodontist in Melbourne. Former Senior Lecturer, University of WA. Former Tutor University of Adelaide. Tutor in Endodontics, University of Melbourne. Frequent national and international lecturer with over 25 scientific publications.

John CARR

Ian DINGLE

Stuart EDWARDS
BDS (Qld) 1967. General practice in Maroochydore. ADA (Qld) and Federal ADA Committees. President ADA (Qld) 1984. Queensland Dental Board Vice President 1997.

Patrick FIELD

Phillip GRAY

David HOUGHTON

Dell KINGFORD SMITH
BDS(Hons)(Syd) 1981, MDS (Syd) 1987, FRACDS 1990. Staff Specialist, United Dental Hospital, Sydney. Teaching and Examiner appointments, University of Sydney, RACDS ADEC 1985-. ADA Federal TIME Committee 1996-97, Assistant Registrar RACDS 1993-96. Registrar (General Stream) RACDS 1996-. Research and publication in dental materials science.

Geoffrey KNIGHT

Sybille LECHNER
BDS MDS FRACDS, Associate Professor/Prosthodontist, University of Sydney. Visiting Dental Officer (Specialist), United Dental Hospital, Westmead Dental Clinical School. Numerous lectures and published articles in prosthodontics. Co-author of published textbook on removable partial dentures 1994.

James LUCAS

Node Kibani Were MADU
BDS (PNG) MDS (Melb). Consultant Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon, Port Moresby Hospital, and Head, Division of Dental, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Hon Lecturer, Faculty of Medicine, University of PNG. Deputy Chairman, Medical Board of PNG.

Ian MARTIN
BDS (Syd) MDS (Syd) 1992. Section Head, Clinical Dentistry, Westmead Hospital Dental Clinical School, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Sydney, Clinical Tutor 1984-83, Senior Clinical Associate 1993-, Awarded Certificate of Merit for teaching, University of Sydney.

David MILLINGTON
BDS (Syd) 1982. General practice in Sydney. Part time Tutor in Operative Dentistry, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Sydney, 1986-87. Visiting Dental Officer and part time Tutor in Clinical Dentistry, Westmead Hospital Dental Clinical School 1990-.

Brian MOR
BSc (Qld) 1968, MDS (Melb) 1975. General practice in Canberra. Lecturer, University of Melbourne, 1970-77. Senior Lecturer, University of PNG, 1977-78. Senior Lecturer University of Otago, 1978-83. Member ACT Dental Board 1986-95. Chairman 1995-. 
NEW FELLOWS

Roger MORTON

Allan NIXON

Geoffrey PARSONS
BDS (Syd) 1977. General practice in Sydney. Clinical Tutor, Fifth Year, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Sydney. Visiting Dental Officer, Westmead Hospital Dental Clinical School, 1994-. Part time examiner, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Sydney.

Terence PATSIKAS

Jonathan ROGERS

Gregory SEYMOUR
BDS (Hons) (Syd) 1971, MDS (Syd) 1974, PhD (Lond) 1978, MRCPath 1984. Dean, Faculty of Dentistry and Professor of Oral Biology, University of Queensland. Prominent researcher with numerous lectures and published articles. Deputy President, Dental Board of Queensland 1994-97. NHMRC Committees 1982-.

Peter SUTHERLAND

David SYKES

Albert TAN

Glen TOMKINS

Ronald TOWNSEND

Andre VILJOEN

Anne-Marie VINCENT

Leslie WALDON
BDSc(WA) 1966. General practice in Perth. ADA (WA) Councillor 1976-82, Vice President 1984, President 1985. Past President of ASAAASD (WA). Member of Board of Studies, School of Dentistry, University of WA. Dental Board of WA Member 1979-, President 1993-.

Laurence WALSH
BDSc(1st CI Hons) 1983, PhD 1987, DDSc 1994 (Qld). Associate Professor, University of Queensland. Dental consultant, Bone Marrow Transplant Unit, Royal Brisbane Hospital. Numerous research awards and activities, lectures and publications. ADA (Qld) Councillor.

Phillip ZOLDAN
BDSc (Syd) 1969. General practice in Sydney. Senior Clinical Tutor, Westmead Dental Clinical School. A Senior Clinical Associate and Lecturer, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Sydney. ADA (NSW) Committees, Councillor 1996. Extensive lecturing activities in restorative dentistry.
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 Perth Congress. Similar assistance was given at the Hobart Congress in 1995 in sponsoring CPR training.

An annual subscription to the Australian Dental Journal is provided to the Dental School in Fiji and it has also been supplied with educational equipment, for which grateful acknowledgment has been received. Reference books have also been forwarded to this School. In addition, further assistance has been provided to the Fiji School by way of donation of curing lights and sponsoring of a visit to the School by Fellow Dr. John McIntyre.

Following previous sponsorship of undergraduate exchange between Adelaide and Hong Kong schools, the Board of Regents of the College 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. Encouraging reports have been received from the participating students.

Dental equipment for Tonga has been purchased and transported by Sydney dental undergraduates who travelled there as part of an elective project. They report that the equipment has been put to good use in the local hospital. The College is continuing to explore further opportunities to aid our colleagues in the Pacific area with sponsored lecture tours and provision of educational material and clinical equipment.

Robert J F Butler, Registrar.

YOUR NEW PRESIDENT

Our new President graduated from Adelaide University in 1958 and since 1964 when he became a State Branch Councillor he has given amazing service to his Profession. He has served on committees and the organising committee of two National Congresses. He has given honorary service to a Boy’s Home and to the Royal Flying Doctor Service. He has served as a Federal Councillor on the A.D.A. as a member of the Dental Faculty and for twelve years on the South Australian Dental Board.

The time and effort he also expended on our behalf is testimony to the understanding and tolerance of his wife, Nonie, but I am sure she recognises his endeavours have benefited his peers far in excess of most and we his peers appreciate it.

Within the I.C.D. Geoff has been a Regent since 1985 and during those years he has contributed at various times as Treasurer, Registrar and for the last three years as Vice President. His wise counsel and practical support have always been given unhesitatingly and generously whenever sought.

A NEW TRIENNIALM - PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS

It is a great honour to have been elected President of the Australasian Section, and I must thank my fellow Regents for giving me the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

My predecessors have set extremely high standards which have enabled the Section to grow from strength to strength, and I shall endeavour to maintain those standards and to further enhance the status of the College. We shall continue to support various projects, those already in progress and new ones as they arise, as this is one important way the Section has of assisting the more needy areas particularly in the South Pacific region. Further assistance and sponsorship can be given to both graduate and undergraduate projects.

We as a College do not have the opportunity to meet that often, so I hope to visit various areas within the region and see as many Fellows as possible, as not everyone is able to attend each National meeting.

I know I speak for all Fellows in expressing our appreciation to our I.P.P. Dr. Heffron who with his capable leadership and great enthusiasm and efficiency has allowed the Section to further prosper and progress over the past three years. He has given invaluable service to the College and the Board of Regents for many years, and we have been most fortunate to have had someone of his calibre and with his wealth of experience in all facets of dentistry to lead it. Fortunately Dr. Heffron remains on the Board so his advice and experience will still be eagerly sought.

Dr. Heffron has been a wonderful servant to dentistry, nationally and internationally, from a successful and busy private practitioner to administrator to educator. Having supposedly retired recently I find it difficult to think that he still will not have some interest or involvement somewhere.

Don, you have served the College and dentistry with great distinction and dedication, and we all say thank you for a job well done.

I would ask you to come forward and accept your Past Presidents badge.
A New Triennium ...continued
I am fortunate to have a dedicated and experienced Board of Regents as announced by the Registrar and I would like to take a few moments to introduce them:-

Our ex-officio members are Dr. Heffron as I.P.P. and our International Councilman Dr. Syd Dobbin who is a Master of the College and as you know is currently Vice-President of the International College.

The Vice-President is Dr. Neil Henry, a former President of the Australian Dental Association, who is also well known internationally, and has agreed to again take on the mantle of Editor of the Newsletter.

Dr. Robert Butler, I am pleased to say has accepted another term as Registrar, despite his many commitments and workload as the Executive Director of the ADA.

The Treasurer is again the evergreen Dr. Bill Chalmers who does an admirable job as keeper of the purse and is relentless in his pursuit of Fellows subscriptions.

We also have three new Regents elected to the Board.

Dr. Richard Cook, from W.A. is President of the current 29th Australian Dental Congress, and has found time in his busy schedule to be here today. He has been very active in dental affairs both at State and Federal level.

Dr. Gerry Dickinson from Victoria is a Past-President of both is State Branch and the Australian Society of Orthodontists and is currently Chairman of the Professional Provident Fund.

Dr. Clive Ross is from N.Z. and he brings a wealth of experience to the Board, having served dentistry with great distinction in N.Z. and internationally, culminating in his Presidency of the Federation Dentaire Internationale from 1992 - 1995.

Finally may I add my congratulations to our New Fellows who have been inducted today - you all have well deserved this honour and I trust that your Fellowship of the College will be both enjoyable and rewarding.

Geoff Hall

NOTES FROM THE BOARD OF REGENTS' MEETING

A meeting of the Board of Regents of the Australasian Section of the College was held in Perth on 12 March 1998. Fellows may be interested in the following items from this meeting:

- Several changes were made to the By-Laws in order to ensure an even spread of Regents covering the Australian States and New Zealand. The effect of these changes is that, in future, the Board must include at least one Regent from each of New Zealand, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria and Western Australia. This has, in fact, been practised for some time but was not enshrined in the By-Laws. The Registrar now also becomes an ex-officio member of the Board, thus allowing for an extra Regent position.

- The Section now has a membership of 389, including 113 Life Members, 1 Honorary Life Member and 1 Honorary Member.

- Life Membership has been granted to the following, who have satisfied the relevant Constitutional requirements: R. Setright, M. Sims and M. Seymour. The Registrar reported that he has a stock of ties which were available for sale at a price of $25. Fellows who wished to purchase a tie could contact him c/o the ADA Federal office.

- The Board resolved to maintain the annual subscription at the present level although it was noted that some elements of the amounts payable to the headquarters in the USA had increased. The current charges, applicable to new Fellows were as follows:

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- The Board was conscious of the need to provide opportunities for Fellows to meet and also of the requirement for conducting more frequent Induction Ceremonies for new Fellows. There will be an Induction and Luncheon in conjunction with the NZDA meeting in Wellington on Friday 28 August 1998.

- The Registrar announced the results of the election of the Board of Regents which had been published in the January Newsletter. The Board then proceeded to elect its office bearers for the period 1998 - 2001 and make the necessary appointments.

The following were elected:

- President: G.C. Hall
- Vice President: N.L. Henry A.M.
- Treasurer: W.E. Chalmers

- The following appointments were made:

  - Registrar: R.J.F. Butler
  - International Councillor: S. Dobbin A.M.
  - Editor: N.L. Henry A.M.
  - The Past President, Dr. W.D. Heffron C.B.E. continues on the Board of Regents.

- Appreciation was expressed to the retiring Regents Dr. S.E. Halikis A.M., Dr. I.P. Ryan and Dr. T. Speed who had contributed so much during their terms of office.

NEWS FROM NEW ZEALAND

COLLEGE LUNCHEON - N Z BIENNIAL CONFERENCE - WELLINGTON

The luncheon for the ICD is booked in the Lion Harbourview Lounge on Friday 28 August 12.30 - 2.00 p.m. The venue is within the Conference venue, a part of the Michael Fowler Centre. This Function includes an induction for people elected to membership but not yet inducted. The cost is presently being negotiated.

Tom Speed.