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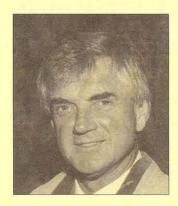
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YOUR NEW REGENTS

Following the retirement of Regents Spiros Halikis, Peter Ryan and Tom Speed, 3 new Regents were elected at convocation in Perth.



Gerald (Gerry) R. Dickenson MDSc,LDS, FRACDS graduated from Melbourne in 1963. After a period in General Practice 1964–66 he restricted his practice to Orthodontics following the completion of the MDSc in 1968. He retained his contact with the University as a demonstrator, later lecturer in the Anatomy School. A keen member of the ADA (Victorian Branch) he was a member and chairman of the Fluoridation Committee from 1967–78. He served on the Publication Committee of the 1982 ADA Congress in Melbourne and as Treasurer of the 27th Congress in 1993.

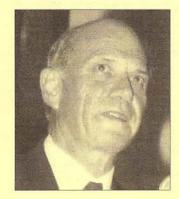
He served on committees of the ASO being State President, Chairman of the 10th ASO Congress in 1985 and Federal President in 1993. He was a member of Victorian Committee RACDS. Since 1980 he has been a Trustee of the Professional Provident Fund and in 1994 became Chairman of its Policy Advisory Committee. He has many skills to contribute to your Board.



Richard (Dick) G. Cook. MDSc FRACDS graduated from University of WA in 1968 and served four years in the RAADC as a dental officer in Victoria and Singapore. He continued his army service becoming Lt. Col in 1987 He commanded the 16th Battalion of Royal West Aust Regiment from 1992–94. Presently he is SOI (Dental) for the Western Region RAADC.

In 1976 he completed his MDSc in Perth and practices as an Orthodontist in Perth & WA Country. Currently he is a clinical lecturer in Orthodontics. He was Federal President of the ASO 1989-91. He remained a councilor 1993-96.

Dick served on WA State Council from 1978 to 1990 being State President in 1982-83. He served on Federal Council from 1981-88 and was Chairman of the recent 29th ADA Congress in 1998. He has also served on the WA Regional Committee RACDS from 1984–91 and has been a Councillor since 1996. The board will welcome his organisational skills.



Clive Bentley Ross CNZOM, BDS, FDSRCS Eng, FRACDS, FRACGP, FICD, FADI graduated from Otago N.Z. in 1961. He is a private practitioner with specialist registration in Restorative Dentistry.

Clive has had a remarkable career of service to dentistry and the community. He was a member of the Council of the NZ Dental Association for 10 years and chairman for 4 years. Also he was a member of the NZ Dental Council (the legislative and disciplinary body) for 12 years, chairman for 6.

His lengthy service in the FDI commencing in 1965 culminated in his service on the FDI Council for 8 years and the Presidency from 1991–1995. He is still active as chairman of the WHO/FDI Working group on Planning and Oral Health.

He chaired the Scientific Programme for the 1992 Asian Pacific Dental Congress in Auckland. In 1998 he was made a Companion of the NZ Order of Merit in the New Year Honours list for his service to dentistry. He is a life member of the Australian Dental Association, the American Dental Association and was International Dentist of the year in 1996.

A remarkable dentist with a unique record of service, he will be a great value to the Board of Regents.

RICHARD. G. SHAFFER - SECRETARY GENERAL'S FINAL MESSAGE

International Councillor Syd Dobbin reminds us that Dick Shaffer retires this year after 10 years as Registrar (Secretary General) of the International College.

In his last message to the International Council he states — "It is incumbent on each Section to maintain the strength of the ICD. The Central Office is not in position to cause or implement actions for the College around the world. The total active dedication of the Sections must be present. With the organisation growing older in the age of the Fellows, we must understand that even though we are elite and do invite our colleagues to Fellowship,we must be more proactive to pursue the many potential candidates we are now overlooking. That is up to the Sections. We need to go out there and get the job done. Yes we have been growing nicely in quality numbers in most Sections, but we must continue in this very important direction to stay strong.

There is still so much to do. We will face many challenges from other organisations. We need to expand into other countries who are facing very difficult social and economic situations. This will take some very deep thought. I am confident my replacement, Bob Brady will approach these situations with vigor and enthusiasm when you give him the wonderful support you so generously gave to me.

As my last official message to you, I would leave you with the following thought: I know and reconfirm the great need for the Sections to grow in numbers with quality candidates, to expand our horizons, to be idea people, to participate in organised dentistry, and to develop and participate in new projects for the good of our wonderful profession. These are concepts that are necessary, exciting, possible, and will be responsible for maintaining the status of the ICD as the preeminent International Dental Organisation worldwide. Only you as the leaders can allow this to happen. It will not happen if you are complacent, if you treat this as a good ole club, or sit on your hands but you must create in your Sections a contagious enthusiasm for the mission and objectives of the International College of Dentists. You must lead by example. We have been given by our predecessors a great heritage. We must not fail to do the same for future generations.

Thank you for your co-operation and your friendship. It has been a great experience for Barb and me. Thank you for touching our lives. God be with you."

R.G.Shaffer D.D.S., Secretary General.

INDUCTION AND LUNCHEON - WELLINGTON

The occasion of the recent New Zealand Dental Association meeting in Wellington provided an opportunity for Fellows of the College to meet. A luncheon was held on Friday 28th August and was very well attended by Fellows and guests. Immediately prior to the luncheon, five new Zealand Fellows were formally inducted into the College. The President of the Australasian Section, Dr Geoff Hall, addressed the gathering and presented pins and certificates to the inductees.



Roger Gain

Private practice in Palmerston North since 1969. President of the NZDA Manawatu Branch for two terms and chaired the NZDA Oral Health Committee from 1991-96. Member of NZDA Council for four years. Chaired Australia and New Zealand Standards Committee on mouthguards.



Private practice in Wellington. Past President of Wellington Branch of the NZDA. Recent Graduate Professional Development Facilitator. Member of Central Peer Review Committee. Member of Dental Research Foundation Board. Chair of Organising Committee for NZDA Conference in Wellington, 1998.





Cathrine Lloyd

Private Practice in Wellington. Past President of Wellington Branch of the NZDA. National Coordinator for Dental Chairside Assistants Course. Member of Peer Review Committee and NZDA Oral Health Committee.

Nick Nicholas

Hospital practice. Oral Health Unit, Auckland Hospital. Senor Dental Officer, School Dental Nurses 1975-77. South Auckland Health Office 1978-91. Auckland Hospital Board 1992-93. Received NZDA Biennial Award for Research 1988.





Euan Pearce

Dental Research, Deputy Director, Dental Research Unit, Health Research Council of New Zealand. NZDA Award for Research 1976 and 1978. Alan Docking IADR Science Award 1994. President, ANZ Division of IADR 1990-91.

ICD NEWS FOR NEW ZEALAND



From left: Fellows David marshall, David Crum and Brent Stanley at the ICD Luncheon

A most successful luncheon and induction was held on 28th. August this year in Wellington, New Zealand. This took place in the William's Foyer of the Michael Fowler Centre at the time of the New Zealand Dental Association's Biennial Conference. We were Honoured to have present the President Dr Geoffrey Hall who gave an address and the Registrar Dr Robert Butler who conducted the induction. They were introduced by the newly elected Regent from New Zealand, Dr. Clive Ross.

New Fellows inducted were; Dr Roger Gain, Dr Jane C Isdale, Dr Cathrine Lloyd, Dr Nick Nicholas and Dr Euan I F Pearce.

The Presidents of the Australian and New Zealand dental associations, Dr Herb Hammer and Dr Jeff Annan, both Fellows of the College were guests. This year, in the Queens Birthday honours Fellow John Hawke was made an Officer in the NZ Order of Merit. He has also become a Fellow of the NZDA.

Fellow David Marshall has been re-elected the Chair of the Dental Council of NZ and Fellow Brent Stanley is the Deputy Chair. Brent has been made an Honorary Life Member of the NZDA.

Fellows Stewart Edward, David Crum and Steve Simmons have been elected Vice President, Hon Treasurer and Assistant Hon Treasurer, respectively, of the NZDA.

Tom Speed

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN NEWS

Two WA Fellows have been nominated for honorary life membership of the ADA (WA Branch) by that body's council. John Owen and Stuart Gairns will be considered at the ADA (WA Branch) AGM on November 4 reflecting their long and fruitful service to the ADA. John is currently first Vice President of the Federal ASO.

Fellow Terry Pitsikas is completing the second year of his ADA (WA Branch) Presidency – term of office which he can review with pride. Pat Coglan, also a WA fellow, currently ADA Federal Vice President is expected to be nominated for the Presidency of that body at its council meeting in November.

WA fellows are confident Pat will become the second WA president of the ADA, the first of course, being past ICD Australian Section President, Spyros Halikis AM.



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