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PRELUDE TO 2001

Following a successful meeting in Sydney in July with the induction of eleven new Fellows who are welcomed in this Issue, we are planning for our next Convocation in Brisbane on Friday 4th May 2001 prior to the 30th Australian Dental Congress.

The College will continue to grow as we will again welcome new Fellows who will uphold Dentistry's traditional values and ethics in a sadly degenerating professional society. We must fight to maintain our direct relationship with and responsibility to our patients eschewing all the blandishments and flawed proposals from the managed care fraternity.

As our last Newsletter this year we would wish you a prosperous 2001 despite the vagaries of GST. We also send our hopes and prayers for a speedy recovery to two of our senior Regents, *Syd Dobbin* and *Bill Chalmers* who are battling serious illness at this time.

N. Henry, Editor.

THE PRESIDENT

The Induction meeting and Dinner recently held in Sydney was a most successful occasion with eleven new Fellows receiving their certificates and pins from the International President of the College.

Election to Fellowship of the College is not taken lightly, with certain standards and requirements necessary for entry. This again brings the realisation of just how much one admires the achievements of all our Fellows and to acknowledge just how much they are prepared to give to their profession and to the community.

One of the objectives of the College is to sustain and raise the dignity of the profession by maintaining the highest of ethical and professional standards through its members. With the advent of more and more commercialism becoming apparent in dentistry and the continued political interferences by both governments and health funds, we must ensure that the standard of dental health services does not fall.

Corporatisation of health care and the demand for more public dental health care leading towards nationalised dentistry will also cause dissatisfaction and frustration, and we should be committed to accepting responsibility for our profession in all areas, and to maintain the esteem, built up over many years, in which it is held.

The profession must uphold its strength and its integrity to resist the winds of change forever lurking in the shadows.

GEOFF HALL

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

At 31st July 2000, the membership of the Australasian section stood at 410, and comparison with the previous year is as follows:

	1999	2000
Active	255	270
Inductees	42	21
Life	123	118
Honorary	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	421	410

The Section includes 343 Fellows from Australia, 63 from New Zealand, 2 from Fiji, one from Papua New Guinea and one from South Africa. One Fellow is currently semi-permanently residing in Malaysia and several are living temporarily in UK, USA and Malaysia.

An Induction Ceremony for eleven new Fellows was held in conjunction with a formal Dinner in Sydney on 21 July 2000.

A further Induction Ceremony will be held with the Convocation and Luncheon of the College at the Australian Dental Association Congress in Brisbane on Friday 4 May 2001.

A meeting of the Board of Regents was held in Sydney on 20 July 2000 and items included:

- ◆ invitations issued to 30 candidates for Fellowship in the College
- ◆ annual subscriptions to be maintained at \$90
- ◆ confirmation of the income tax exempt status of the College
- ◆ reports received from the students involved in the exchange between the Fiji and Queensland schools, for which the ICD provided sponsorship
- ◆ a report received from Dr John McIntyre following his lecture tour in the Solomons, sponsored by the College
- ◆ a report was provided on the recent provision of computer support for Samoa
- ◆ in view of the political instability in Fiji and the Solomons, it was decided to defer further assistance for the present.

Robert J F Butler, Registrar

PRESIDENT:
Geoffrey C Hall

PAST PRESIDENT:
W. Donald Heffron CBE

VICE PRESIDENT:
Neil L. Henry A.M.

TREASURER:
William E. Chalmers

INTERNATIONAL COUNCILLOR:
Syd Dobbin A.M.

REGENTS:
Gerry R Dickinson;

Richard G Cook A.M.

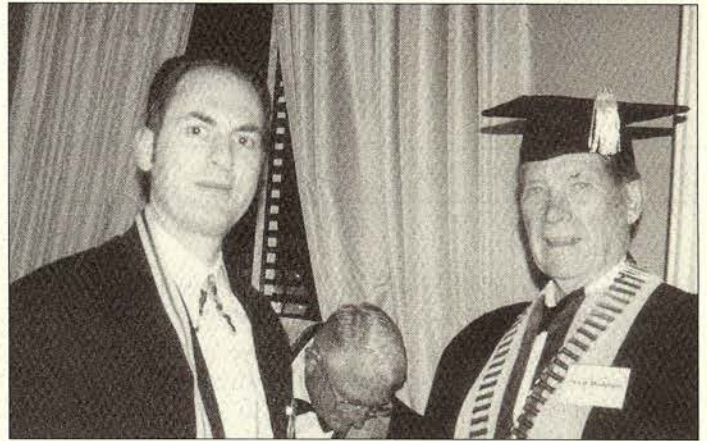
Clive B Ross CNZM

Graham Pearlman

REGISTRAR:
Robert J.F. Butler

Eleven new Fellows were inducted into the College in a ceremony prior to the Dinner at the InterContinental Hotel, Sydney, on 21 July 2000.

They were formally introduced by the President of the Australasian Section, **Dr Geoff Hall** and their pins and certificates were presented by the International President, **Dr Syd Dobbin A.M.**



Michael F Burrow, BDS(Adel), MDS(Adel), PhD(Tokyo). Senior lecturer in Restorative Dentistry, University of Melbourne. Numerous publications in the field of dental materials, with a specific interest in resin-based, tooth coloured materials.



John H Anker AM, BDS(Syd), MDS(Syd), FRACDS. Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon. Past Chairman ANZAOMS(NSW). Honorary Life Member ANZAOMS. Consultant Emeritus in OMFS to Wollongong and Port Kembla Hospitals.



Joseph (Joe) A Chan, BDS(Qld). Private practice. Long service on ADA (Tas) Council and Federal ADA Committees. President of ADA (Tas) 1982-84. Treasurer of ADA Congress (Hobart) 1993-95.



Roland W Bryant, BDS(Syd), MDS(Syd), PhD(Syd), FRACDS. Professor of Conservative Dentistry, University of Sydney. Eminent researcher and teacher, with particular interest in restorative dental materials and their clinical performance.



Donald K Chandler, BDS(Adel), FDSRCPs (Glas), FRACDS. Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon, Member of Dental Board of SA. Past Secretary of ADA (SA Branch). President of ANZAOMS 90 - 91.



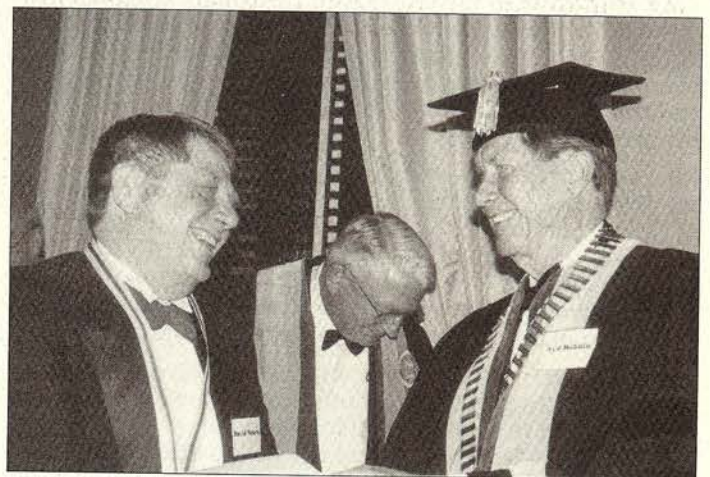
Peter D Ferguson, BDS(Hons)(Qld), MDS(Syd). Specialist orthodontic practice. Contribution to undergraduate teaching and has served as an external examiner for postgraduates. Past President of the Australian Society of Orthodontists (Qld).



Susan P Upham, BDS(Qld). Private practice. Part-time lecturer and demonstrator, University of Queensland Dental School. Chairman of ADAQ Auxiliaries Committee and ADAQ Councillor since 1996. Member of Dental Board of Queensland.



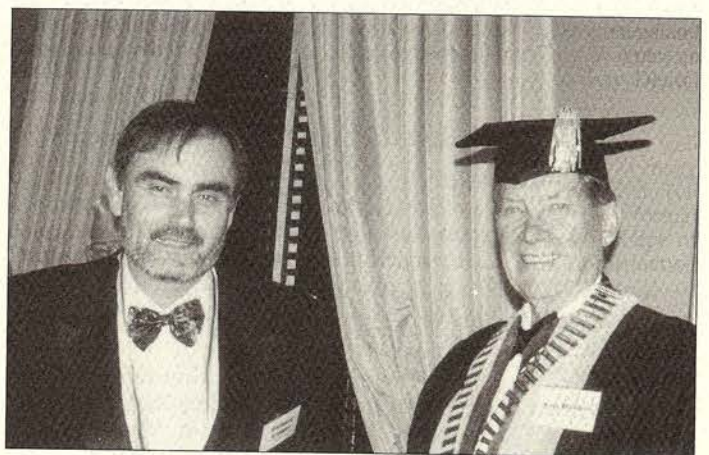
Robin Hawthorn, BDS(Hons)(Syd), MDS(Syd). Specialist prosthodontic practice. Numerous contributions to undergraduate and postgraduate teaching. Particular research and clinical experience in the field of TMJ dysfunction.



David J Wearn, BDS(Syd). Private practice. Contributions to undergraduate and post graduate teaching and also to continuing education. Special interest in endodontics, occlusion and TMJ dysfunction.



Graham C Southwell, BDS(Syd). Private practice with a special interest in dental anaesthetics and sedation. Pioneer of sedation techniques in Australia, notably relative analgesia, and has made extensive lecturing contributions in this field.



Richard P Widmer, BDS(Melb), MDS(Melb), FRACDS. Specialist paediatric dentist. Adjunct Associate Professor, University of Sydney. Head, Dental Department, New Children's Hospital, Westmead. Significant contributions to the teaching and practice of paediatric dentistry.

MILTON R SIMS A O

Milton Sims was honoured in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, becoming an Officer in the Order of Australia for his service to Dentistry particularly in the field of Orthodontics and education. He established the two year full-time MDS orthodontic specialty training programme at the Adelaide Dental School in 1969, and between then and 1992 there were 37 local, interstate and overseas MDS orthodontic graduates.

Milton furthered his studies overseas, being an Australian Fulbright Scholar at St. Louis and Boston Universities, and he has lectured extensively both here and overseas at various Universities and Congresses for many years.

A lecturer and clinician at the Adelaide School for more than thirty years he has also served as Acting Superintendent of the Royal Adelaide Hospital Dental Department for eight years, been the Associate Dean and was Reader in Orthodontics for twenty-nine years.

He has served on the ASO and its Education Committee and more recently was Professor of Orthodontics at the University of Sydney. He is a Fellow of the RACDS and received his FICD in 1978. Currently he is a Visiting Research Fellow at the University of Adelaide.

Dr. ERNEST JOHN WILKINSON A O

Fellows would have been pleased to have seen the name of **John Wilkinson** in the last Queen's Birthday Honours List. John is very well known to the profession in New South Wales and to many others throughout Australia as a result of his outstanding career in dentistry. He was appointed as an Officer in the Order of Australia for his services to the profession, especially in the field of infection control.

John's career spans periods in private practice and the public sector where he recently retired from the position of Director of Dental Services at the United Dental Hospital of Sydney and Director of Dental Services for the Central Sydney Area Health Service. As an administrator, he oversaw the development of UDH as a centre of excellence providing services to many disadvantaged members of the community.

He has contributed to the profession through a long commitment to the ADA at both Branch and Federal level. He served on Branch Council for a number of years and, as First Vice President, would have normally assumed the office of President were it not for his commitments to his position in the Central Sydney Area Health Service, which took precedent. He has served on numerous Federal and State ADA committees, where his particular expertise in infection control made a significant contribution to the profession at large.

John has been actively involved in the NSW Council of Professions and served as President of this body from 1991 to 1993. He is currently President of the Faculty Foundation, University of Sydney.

BOARD OF REGENTS

The next Convocation of the College will take place in Brisbane on 4th May 2001, immediately prior to the ADA Congress. The current term of the Board of Regents will conclude at that Convocation and, in accordance with the By-laws of the College, nominations for the Board, suitably seconded, are to be forwarded to the Registrar in writing at least sixty days prior to this meeting.

The Board of Regents is composed of seven members which include at least one Regent from each of New Zealand, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria and Western Australia. In addition, the Immediate Past President, the ICD Councilman and the Registrar serve as ex officio members of the Board.

The Current Board of Regents of the Australasian Section of the College is:

Geoffrey C Hall	SA	President
Neil L Henry A.M.	Qld	Vice President
William E Chalmers	Vic	Treasurer
Richard G Cook A.M	WA	
Gerald R Dickinson	VIC	
Braham A Pearlman	NSW	
Clive B Ross CNZM	NZ	

Ex Officio:

W Donald Heffrom CBE	NSW	Immediate Past President
Syenham Dobbins A M	NSW	International President and ICD Councilman
Robert J F Butler	NSW	Registrar

NEW ZEALAND NEWS

Health services in NZ are in the throes of a major legislative change yet again as the new Labour Government seeks to change the delivery and funding mechanisms

The Health and Disability Act will fundamentally change the management of Health Authorities returning them to a mixture of elected and appointed representatives. The Treaty of Waitangi will also be enshrined in the legislation which is a new departure in the recognition of Maori rights.

The Dental Council has had new members appointed and the Minister has confirmed the reappointment of Past President of the NZDA **Dr Geoff Annan** to the Dental Council, a Dental Therapist has also been appointed as a layperson.

All members of the Association are sorry to lose **Dr Lawrie Croxson** as Executive Director of the NZDA, he has retired to Turangi near Taupo to improve his golfing and fishing skills. Lawrie has made a very significant contribution to New Zealand Dentistry in a wide capacity not only as Executive Director but with Dental Protection, President of the Periodontal Society and many other affiliations to organised dentistry. His successor is **Dr Robin Whyman** previously Clinical Director of Wellington Hospital Dental Services. While it is a very hard act for Robin to follow, the NZDA is in good hands.

Lawrie also made a major contribution to a recently held Oral Health Forum 2000 at Massey University. This Forum chaired by Clive Ross and facilitated by **Prof Clive Wright** from Melbourne was designed to bring together all members of the dental provider and consumer groups to examine key issues facing oral health delivery across the private and public sectors. Generous support was given through the encouragement of both **Dr Stewart Edward** President of the NZDA and his Board and **Dr David Marshall** Chairperson of the NZ Dental Council and his Council. Assistance was also provided by the NZ Dental Therapists, Health Funding Authority and the Dental Faculty. Lawrie Croxson has since been appointed Project Manager to further the recommendations of the Forum. We aren't going to let such a wealth of expertise and ability go to waste!

Many of our members are active throughout the NZDA branches and continue to make a positive contribution to Oral Health and Dental Education.

The NZDA is holding its Biennial Conference in Dunedin from 4th - 8th October but new initiations to the College will be held over until the Brisbane meeting.

Clive Ross CNZM
New Zealand Regent