EDITORS COMMENTS - Mea Culpa
Not a good start to a new position to be late with the first publication! My apologies and now that I have the processes in place will endeavour to be more punctual.

Our dear friend and colleague Neil Henry is a hard act to follow as Editor. Neil has been, and continues to be an extraordinary selfless contributor to organised dentistry and in passing on his responsibility as Editor it is only to take on additional tasks for the College.

Thank you Neil, we look forward to your continued leadership, sincerity and dedication to the College and the objectives it stands for.

Clive Ross, Editor

THE PRESIDENT
My three years as President of the Australasian Section of the College will conclude in Brisbane in May and I have found it to be a most enjoyable experience. It has been a privilege to have had the opportunity to serve the College in this way. I have been able to attend meetings in Auckland, Sydney and Melbourne at which induction ceremonies were held to welcome new Fellows into the College.

In spite of the upheavals surrounding some of our Pacific neighbours, particularly Fiji and the Solomon Islands we have still been able to continue our support in the region in various ways and we hope to continue this support albeit difficult at times.

The success in the International College and the high regard in which it is held is a reflection of the outstanding contributions and achievements that its Fellows have made and attained over the years. To read the curriculum vitae of those nominated for Fellowship and submitted for consideration is quite amazing when one looks at the contributions they have made to the profession and the community and their enthusiasm for continuing education and service. We continue to seek colleagues worthy of nomination to Fellowship and the Brisbane Convocation is another opportunity to recognise and welcome new Fellows into the College. Please support your College by attending the Convocation renewing old friendships and making new ones. I look forward to seeing you there.

Geoff Hall

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FELLOWS
Congratulations are extended to Fellows Adrian Gaffney and Richard Sawers who have been awarded Distinguished Service Awards by the South Australian Branch of the Australian Dental Association for their services to the Branch and the profession.

Adrian is a Past President of the South Australian branch and is an inaugural member of the AMADA Quality Management Committee has served on numerous committees and has represented the Branch in submissions to the Government in relation to Health Funds Dental Technician Services and the proposed new Dental Act.

Richard is also a Past President of the South Australian Branch and has served on many A.D.A. committees. He was the founding Chairman of SADFEW and is currently Chairman of the SADS Board having been a member for 13 years. He was also a member of the SA Government review of Public Dental Services.

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS
I bring you greetings from the officers and staff of the Council and wish all of you a joyous and prosperous New Year and New Millennium.

During the International Council meeting in Chicago in October, the Constitution and Bylaws were brought up to date. Ninety percent of the preliminary correspondence was accomplished via the internet. At the Council deliberations many changes were made for example the delegates from Taiwan and the Philippines asked for and received changes whereby Sections may regulate terms of Office for their Councilmen other Councilmen asked for changes - some were accepted and some rejected. There was much discussion but I believe we finally arrived at a good working document that will serve us well. I want to thank the members of the Constitution and Bylaws committee and Council for the work and patience.

The electronic age is upon us and one of my main goals as President is to help bring the ICD as far as possible into this communication revolution. We have appointed an ad hoc committee with consultants from several Sections to review our web page and guide us in changes that can make us more functional as an international entity. The Council approved $2000.00 to assist the committee. The USA Section is joining us and hopefully give their assistance. Very soon we will be able to enter our ICD web site and read our publications to keep current on happenings in the ICD. We also appointed an ad hoc committee to study our Projects and Funding committee. Several of us feel that the Council could best be served if this committee were made an "as needed" ad hoc committee. Most feel ICD projects can be best carried out at the Section and Local level.

I encourage all of you who are not computer literate to please consider investing in a computer or e-mail vehicle. I believe that in the next few months the correspondence out of the central office will be on our web site.

The average age of our members is slowly coming down but more work needs to be done to select worthy younger members to keep the College active across all age groups. It is a pleasure to see more fellows being inducted into the College in Sections other than their own. I think this should be encouraged to further our fellowship across the world.

The central office has moved to a different floor in the same building. Our new suite number is 1400. At the Canadian Section meeting in April, several members of the Council as well as some officers of the USA Section will review the upcoming contract of our Secretary General, Dr. Robert Brady.

Although I realise this is repeating what each President before me has said we must continually emphasise the objectives of the College especially in cultivating and fostering cordial relations within the profession in advancing the science and art of dentistry internationally and by maintaining the highest standard of ethical and professional conduct of all members.

In reflection, I sometimes wonder what Drs Otoff and Okumura would think if they could see "their" International College of Dentists today reaching around the world with over 9,000 fellows and the dental programs and fellowships that take place I believe they would be very pleased.

I am looking forward to serving the College as your President this year and meeting as many of you as I can. The European Section will hold its Annual meeting and the International Council meeting in Munich, Germany in June. Munich is a beautiful city in the heart of Bavaria and all ICD members are welcome. The USA Section is having its Continuing Education Conference in Charleston, SC the third weekend in July and the invitation is open to all ICD members and their families. Charleston is a charming southern city. More news of the Munich and Charleston meetings will come from the central office.

Richard J. Schoessler.
SECRETARY GENERALS ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

Our immediate Past President Dr Sydneham Dobbin (President in 2000) was not able to be with us for the Council meeting in Chicago due to a prolonged illness following surgery. He is doing much better now, his spirits are good and he is making plans to be with us in Munich for the Council meeting on 15 June 2001. We will have an opportunity to see him again and present him with his Past President's pin.

There were significant changes to the International College of Dentists in the year 2000 and particularly since the last Central Office Notes. At the International Council Meeting in Chicago, Illinois, USA the Council deliberated at length over the revised Constitution and Bylaws. There was lively discussion some give and take and at the end the Council passed the Constitution and Bylaws as a working document. I will send all of you a copy when it is properly printed without any spelling errors. I will summarise some of the important points later.

As you realise, the Globe was not published in 2000. That was a conscious decision made by the Council in Santiago, Chile in November 1999. They wanted to put the Globe on a yearly basis consistent with the calendar year. For each Section and Regions of the International Section that meant being able to tell what took place in 2000 and have it published in the first two months of 2001. Dr Hawkins, our Editor has told me the Globe will be about half the size it was in the past. That alone will save the Council a great deal of money and allow it to operate a positive budget instead of a negative one into which we were heading.

Along with that down-sizing the Council through the efforts of our President Dr Schoessler wants to explore the use of a web page for the ICD. The uses of that are unlimited. It could allow an international roster to be placed on it, each Section could put their meeting schedule on it - and it would be current and accurate: the information could be updated on a regularly scheduled basis and each Section would have an opportunity to do that. We are on the verge of exploring something that maybe the most important things we do to bring us together.

December 2000 and January 2001 were traumatic times for the office. We were unable to renew our lease for Suite 1501. However, we were able to lease space in Suite 1400. The square footage is almost the same but the layout is different. We moved during the week of 15 January and Mary Jo thinks we have it under control. Time only will tell.

The College is growing slowly. We are currently 9,273 fellows strong. The questions each Section must ask itself are What is the number of Life Fellows we have? Did we induct more Fellows in 2000 than we lost to life status or resignation? Have our number of Fellows increased significantly over the past five years? If not, why not? Has the Section reduced the average age of its Fellowship? These questions are necessary if each Section is to grow and not become complacent with itself. Enough said on that subject for now.

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FUTURE ICD EVENTS AROUND THE WORLD

USA SECTION
27 - 29 July 2001 - Charleston, SC USA
11 - 12 October 2001 - Kansas City,USA

CANADA SECTION
12 - 21 April 2001 - Toronto, Canada

EUROPE SECTION
15 - 17 June 2001 - Munich, Germany

AUSTRALASIAN SECTION
May 2001 - Brisbane Australia

PHILIPPINE SECTION
March 2001 - Manila, Philippines

MIDDLE EAST SECTION
11 May 2001 - Beirut, Lebanon
10 May 2001 - Beirut, Lebanon

INTERNATIONAL SECTION
2 - 4 November 2001 - Bangkok, Thailand
September 2001 - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

MEETING OF THE CHIEF DENTAL OFFICERS FROM THE PACIFIC REGION

The 2001 Pacific Oral Health Summit "A Call for Action" was held in Noumea, New Caledonia from 12 - 15 February 2001. The Summit was hosted by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) in the Fiji School of Medicine (FSM) and was sponsored by the New Zealand Overseas Development Agency, (NZODA). In attendance were Chief Dental Officers from America Samoa, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Kiribati, Republic of the Marshall Islands, New Caledonia, Nauru, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Republic of Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Wallis and Futuna Islands.

The goal of the meeting was to establish a Pacific regional initiative for a sustainable development in Oral Health. The objectives were defined as:
1. To define national and regional profiles of oral health.
2. Formulate and endorse strategies and actions plans to address key issues for sustainable development.
3. The chair of the Summit was Dr Joanna Tuisiupu, Head of the School of Oral Health, FSM.
4. Forty eight resolutions were endorsed and these revolved around 4 essential themes that were:
   1. Preventative Health Care and Development
   2. Curative Health Care and Development
   3. Organisational Management and Workforce Planning
   4. Policy and Strategic Planning

The resolutions passed provide a definite way forward for the improvement of oral health in the Pacific Island Countries and Territories. It is hoped that the Dental Advisory Board, which was established during the meeting, together with the FSM, will form the networking nucleus to ensure that the resolutions endorsed will proceed to implementation.

Present at the meeting was Dr Misi Tuaila, Chief Dental Officer for Samoa. It was pleasing to hear that six computers, which were jointly donated by the Academy of Dentistry International and the International College of Dentists were made available and provide valuable assistance for the administration and curriculum development of the Samoan School of Dental Nurses (Therapy).

Dr Bob von Douss.

DONATION OF COMPUTERS TO SAMOA

Through the initial efforts of Fellow Bob von Douss and with the assistance of our Vice President Neil Henry, six computers, jointly donated by the International College and the Academy of Dentistry were sent to the Samoan School of Dental Nurses (Therapy). Rotary also was involved and organised servicing the computers, loading the software and packaging them for delivery to Apia.

The Dental Service in Samoa is currently upgrading its training programme for Dental Nurses and Hygienists as well as improving its information services. Dr Miel Tuiula, Director of Dental Services, has expressed his appreciation to the College for their assistance in providing the computers, which are already up and running and providing valuable assistance.

Bob recently attended a meeting of Chief Dental Officers from the Pacific Region in Naueme, the Chairman being Fellow Jonacon Tuilovu from Fiji. The goal of the meeting was to establish a Pacific regional initiative for a sustainable development in oral health in the Pacific Island Countries and Territories.

Thank you Bob and Neil for your efforts and hard work on this project, it takes a lot of personal time and commitment, we appreciate it - Ed.

DENTIST`S BRINGS CHEER TO VILLAGERS

Suburban Malvern must have seemed a million miles away as Richard Hardham waded through knee-deep mud populated with hungry crocodiles and water-borne parasites.

Dr Hardham, a retired dentist, was invited to travel to the remote western province of Papua new Guinea in 1998 as part of a health survey of 11 villages along the Fly River - a region accessible only by air, boat or on foot. Most of the villagers, traditional hunter gatherers, had never seen Europeans.

"They are the most beautiful people I have seen. They were primitive and untouched and full of respect. They expected nothing and were grateful for everything they got," he said.

Dr Hardham said he was impressed by the dental health of the young children and teenagers, which he attributed to the fact they had not been exposed to a western diet. However, the health team was appalled at the condition of the local hospital in Daru.

After returning home, Dr Hardham asked the Rotary Club of Prahran, of which he is a member, to help upgrade the hospital.

He obtained a "wish list" of equipment, which included dental forceps,
autoclaves and stainless steel trolleys. The club then canvassed hospitals manufacturers, government agencies and private practitioners, gathering equipment and pharmaceuticals valued at more than $100,000.

Dr Hurdham said the goods arrived in Daru in July and construction of a new hospital was under way. "This project will not only benefit the recipients but has also been a good experience for our club."

JAMES FERRIS FULLER
Companion of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire
Officer in the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire
The Efficiency Decoration
Brigadier
Honorary Dental Surgeon to His Majesty the King
Honorary Dental Surgeon to Her Majesty the Queen
Bachelor of Dental Surgery.
Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh
Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons
Fellow of the International College of Dentists.

He was born at Westport in 1913. Later the family moved to Kakariki, a little settlement in the North Island on the Ragotaki River. There Ben attended primary school where there was a 50/50 of European and Maori children. The experience gained from this mix Ben maintained was of great help in the subsequent relationship with the many diverse peoples of the countries he would meet in his later years. He received his secondary education at Waiake Boys High School under the regime of Frank Milner (known as "the Man"). His dictum "For God, For King and for Country" was something young Fuller was to follow throughout his life. Upon leaving Waiake he then attended Otago University entering the School of Dentistry from which he graduated in 1935 and which included the Senior Scholarship in Dentistry. This was followed by two years of teaching and research at the Dental School as Demonstrator in Operative Dentistry, acting Honorary Dental Surgeon to the Dunedin Public Hospital and senior Research Scholar. He then worked as an Instructional Officer in the School of Dental Service, entered private practice in Masenon, joined the New Zealand Dental Corps as a Territorial Officer, enlisted at the outbreak of war and was posted to Trentham Mobilisation Camp in October 1939 as a Lieutenant at the age of 26. He was promoted to captain almost immediately and when four officers were selected to sail with the First Echelon he was, despite being the youngest of four, appointed Assistant Director of Dental Services in the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force (NZEF) a position he held from 1940 to 1945 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

In the light of his subsequent career it is interesting to note the criteria for his selection as Assistant Director as set out in the Official War History of the New Zealand Dental Services. They "needed someone with some knowledge of past organisation and administration" Someone with initiative and organising ability fit enough to withstand the rigors of a campaign in a difficult climate, someone who was energetic enough to pioneer an efficient service and impress on all concerned its necessity; tactful if known and unknown antipathies were to be overcome, young enough for a young man's war but sufficiently mature to have his judgement respected and his authority unquestioned.

As the History records the choice was wise and fully justified by the excellence of Fuller's organisation. The story of the New Zealand Dental Corps with the 2 NZEF in the Middle East and Central Mediterranean reflects the greatest credit on him personally. He had a flair for reducing intracies to a common denominator and always a clear view of the objective. He redesigned the foundations on which the Organisation was built and vigorously defended them against all opposition. His reward was a civil service award to move covering all contingencies and running as on oiled wheels"

On his return to New Zealand on the 12th March 1945 he made a statement to the New Zealand Press Association in which he described the appalling state of oral health of the troops in 2 NZEF - 50 percent were wearing dentures, the average number of decayed, missing and filled teeth was 22, of the remaining 11 much treatment was required at each six monthly review and the prevalence of diseases of the periodontal tissues was high. From this state of affairs he drew two conclusions. First, despite the fact that the efficient school dental service had provided regular dental care for children over 20 years there had been a new attack on this problem. Fillings treated the effects of disease and it was only through prevention that the prevalence of oral disease could be reduced. Secondly, radical changes needed to be made in the system of delivering dental services.

With respect to the first conclusion he resolved to take an active role in the promotion of community water fluoridation. Indeed he could be dubbed the Founding Father of fluoridation in New Zealand. With respect to the second he had already, while on service in the Middle East drawn up a lengthy report on the creation of a dental health program for New Zealand in which he advocated a dual service in which the private sector and the public sector should compete for patients with equal financial assistance to each. The report was not accepted but its principles were revamped and was drawn up and presented to the Minister of Health. More importantly he became determined to take a prominent and active role in promoting both objectives at national and international levels. But firstly he had to earn a living, and so he undertook post-graduate study in Melbourne and Sydney following which he established a specialist practice in prosthodontics on The Terrace in Wellington, which continued until his retirement. In addition he was appointed part-time Director of Defence Dental Services (Army, Navy and Air) from 1949 to 1973 during which he was promoted to the rank of Brigadier. For both these activities he was of course, eminently qualified by training and experience and one would have thought that the demands of both activities would have satisfied any rational person, but Ben Fuller. Such was his commitment to selling his ideals and ideas on preventive dentistry and the delivery of dental services that he became heavily involved both within New Zealand and internationally. He served as Secretary, Treasurer and President in 1966 of the New Zealand Dental Association; as a member and later Chairman of the Dental Research Committee of the Medical Research Council for 22 years; a member and as Chairman of the Fluoridation Committee of the Department of Health from 1950 for more than 50 years; an advisor to the Western Pacific Regional Office of the World Health Organisation on the development and implementation of oral health services for Australia and New Zealand, a member and later Vice-Chairman of the Commission on classification and statistics for oral conditions of the International Dental Federation; and as the driving inspiration for the re-establishment of a dynamic and effective Asian Pacific Dental Federation as a Regional Organisation of the International Dental Federation, his pioneering work and the high regard in which this activity may be garnered from consulting more than 8 metres of documents in the Alexander Turnbull Library, part of the New Zealand national library in Wellington.

DAVID EDWARD BARMES (1931 - 2001)

David Edward Barmes, Special Expert for International Health, US National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, died at the age of 69 on January 13, 2001, while vacationing with his family at Marnaya, New South Wales, Australia. He was born on the 5th October 1931 in Rockhampton, Queensland, and educated in Maryborough and Brisbane, Queensland. He received his Bachelor of Dental Surgery from the University of Queensland in 1955. After matriculation in 1948, David obtained the degree of BDSc at the University of Queensland in 1953. After two and half years with the Queensland Department of Health and Home Affairs, he was appointed as a dental officer in the then Territory of Papua New Guinea in 1955. He served three years in Madang and then became Chief of Dental Services for Papua New Guinea in Port Moresby in 1958, and he held that post until 1967. During that period, he performed extensive baseline epidemiology and was awarded the BDSc degree from the University of Queensland.

He introduced an incremental school dental service, employing both dental therapists and dentists. He established a school for dental therapy, technologists and assistants which then added a course for dentists which was integrated with the other three courses. That school developed in later years to become the Dental Faculty of the University of Papua New Guinea. Many still cite his research publications describing disparities in dental caries prevalence among various areas of Papua New Guinea. During this high period of his life, he was appointed as the first Commissioner and then as the Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, performing much of the surgery himself. He served as a member of the Standing Committee on Dental Health of the National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia and additionally was Deputy Assistant Director of Dental Services for the Papua New Guinea command of the Australian Army. It was in this latter capacity that the Australian Army first utilized dental therapists. In 1954, he obtained the MPH degree from the University of Michigan School of Public Health.

David was known to many of us in the College and will be remembered not only for his contribution to Oral health worldwide but also for his compassion, his sense of humour his singing and as a true Australian for his passion for cricket.
CONVOCATION

As you will have read in the last Newsletter, the Australasian Section of the college will be holding a convocation and luncheon in Brisbane on Friday 4 May 2001, in association with the ADA congress.

The convocation will commence at 11.30am and will be followed by drinks and luncheon. It will be held in the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre and the cost will be $60 per head. Suit or jacket and tie would be appropriate dress for gentlemen attending.

Be there, bring your partners and take advantage of this opportunity to meet and renew friendships within the fellowship.

DENTAL JOURNALISM SEMINAR

The College jointly sponsors with the American Dental Association and the American Association of Dental Editors this seminar that provides an insight for participants in writing, editing, management, computer publishing and other phases of journalism. The Seminar is a motivating force for improved dental publications.

YOUR FOUNDATION AT WORK

It is difficult for us in our hi-tech world, to comprehend the obstacles our founding fathers had to overcome to create the International College of Dentists over 70 years ago. It was their vision and determination to promote the education and communication needs of their developing profession that has set the standard for its continuing success worldwide.

This year we celebrate its 71st anniversary and the 13th anniversary of the USA Section Foundation. Through the generosity of Life and Active fellows of the USA Section it has grown in assets.

The Foundation reflects the innovative spirit of the college and the fellows that have endowed it. A Foundation has remarkable flexibility because it can respond to a need as it becomes manifest, it can strike out quickly in a new direction, and it can give in a single community or throughout the world based on the action of its Trustees.

Where have the USA Section Foundation Grants Been Made and Why?

Annual Free Continuing Education Conferences

There have been 16 well-attended free conferences held in various parts of the US staffed by current state-of-the-art speakers from regional dental schools. This was the first mission of the Foundation and recent conferences have been completely filled.

Career Options in Dentistry

This partnership between the UNC School of Dentistry and the foundation will allow those who seek dentistry as a career the opportunity to choose that facet of the profession which will permit them to contribute and thrive in tomorrow's radically changing health care environment.

Christian Dental Society

Funds to rebuild and upgrade dental equipment used by Christian Dental society volunteers who travel to remote areas around the world to provide dental treatment to people who have no access to dental health care.

Child Abuse Prevention Project

A three year speaker program sponsored by the Foundation and presented in different areas of the US and Europe by Dr. Lynn Mouden. This program continues under independent sponsorship.

Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry Internship

An annual grant to support a dental intern to organize and catalogue the multiplicity of archival items presented to the museum.

Savitarian Library Project

Providing dental books and periodicals to the Institute of Stomatology Library that was in desperate need.

St. Louis Health Center

An outstanding health centre of long standing that continues to grow.

Mongolian Dental Health Project

A country of three million people and one dental school. This was a joint project funded by the foundation and Past President of the college Dr. Heun-Talk Jhee of Seoul, Korea.

The North-South Dental Health Initiative

Funding the Task Force Representative, Dr. Lloyd Phillips, for travel to participate in the development of a dental education program in the Spanish-speaking world.

Clinical Scholarship to Brazil

The selection and funding of a dentist to travel and work in a Brazilian jungle dental clinic with other health care professionals. This is a cooperative project between the Michigan Constituent and the Foundation.

ICD Speakers for ICD South American ICD Continuing Education Update Program

Funding for travel by an ICD speaker twice annually to participate in an ICD-sponsored continuing education programs in three to four countries.

Community Dental Health Project in Cameroon, Africa

Assist in the funding of a dental treatment program for people there.

MISSION

The International College of Dentists is a not-for-profit organisation which awards fellowships to dental professionals for conspicuous and meritorious service to the profession of dentistry. Fellows in the College continually strive to maintain and elevate the dignity of the profession through the highest standards of ethical and professional conduct and are enjoined to recognize their responsibility to participate in the affairs of society as citizens in their community and throughout the world.

The International College of Dentists was formed to advance the science and art of dentistry for the health and welfare of the public; to bring together the world's outstanding members of the dental profession for the exchange of dental knowledge; to encourage the growth of the profession; and to promote cordial relations among dentists worldwide.

The objectives of the College and this Section as established are:

1. To advance the science and art of dentistry for the welfare and health of the public.

2. To encourage postgraduate study and research in the field of dental science and cognate subjects.

3. To endeavour to unite outstanding members of the dental profession of the USA for the purpose of fostering growth and diffusion of dental knowledge, and to encourage an exchange of goodwill among the members of the profession throughout the world.

4. To cultivate and foster cordial relations among those engaged in the profession of dentistry and other health professions.

5. To take whatever action possible to co-operate with dentists and various organisations for the prevention and control of oral disorders, and all other conditions for the betterment of oral health.

6. To maintain and elevate the dignity of the profession by the maintenance of the highest standard of ethical and professional conduct by its Members who are enjoined to recognize their responsibility to participate in the affairs of society as citizens of the community, to willingly accept responsibility for committee service in the fields of peer review, grievance, legislative, and the like, when requested and as appropriate.

7. To perpetuate the history of dentistry.

8. To recognize conspicuous and meritorious service to the profession and stimulate continuing efforts directed to the attainment of the objectives of the college by providing a method of granting Fellowship in the College.

TRAVEL IN MIND?

The College European section invites all members to their Annual Congress in Munich, June 14-15. An exciting clinical programme which is designed to provide a current update in adhesives, ceramics, aesthetics endodontics and prevention has been arranged. Munich is a beautiful city, why not travel and forget GST!!

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