President’s message

September was a most active period for the College with a successful Convocation and Induction of new Fellows and the hosting of several events for the International Council of the College, that was meeting in Sydney at that time.

The Convocation and Luncheon were extremely well-attended with 225 Fellows and their guests being present. The Convocation was enhanced by the induction of forty Fellows of the Australasian Section and two from the Japan Section of the College. We were also honoured by the presence of the International President, Dr Minoru Horiuchi, the Secretary General, Dr Bob Brady, and members of the International Council. The Immediate Past International President, Dr Vic Lanctis, was the guest speaker at the luncheon and delivered what was a most memorable and inspiring address which, hopefully, will encourage all of us to strive for excellence in our future endeavours. We have asked him for a copy of his speech as there have been a number of requests for it. Unfortunately, due to illness, our own President, Dr Neil Henry, was unable to be present but the good news is that he is now well on the road to making a full recovery.

In the four days prior to the Convocation, the Australasian Board hosted a number of events for the visiting International Councilors who were meeting in Sydney. At a Dinner for the Council on 15 September, several Past Presidents of the Australasian Section were invited guests, two of whom – Drs A Gordon Rowell and Syd Dobbin – were also Past Presidents of the International Council. Dr Rowell is, in fact, the most senior living Past International President and was duly honoured at the Dinner. The occasion also offered an opportunity for the presentation of a Past President’s plaque to Dr Dobbin.

The Board of Regents of the Australasian Section of the College met on 14 September in Sydney. A number of nominations of New Fellows were considered and those who were approved will be invited to accept Fellowship in the College, with a view to their induction in 2004. The Board will also welcome two new Regents, following the most recent election, Drs Jackie Robinson (NSW) and David Thomson (Qld). Future activities of the College were discussed and it was decided that, whilst continuing to look for opportunities for assistance to Pacific nations, there would be a focus on aid to East Timor and the indigenous health needs of Australia and New Zealand. Consultations are being progressed with a view to development of proposals for aid in these areas.

In accordance with current practice, it is intended to continue to hold an annual dinner, with the facility to induct new Fellows. In 2004, this event will be conducted in Melbourne at the time of the ADA (Victorian Branch) Convention. Details of this function will be circulated in due course.


Membership

The Australasian Section remains strong, with a total membership of 473. That total includes 293 active members from Australia, 39 active members from New Zealand, and two from Fiji in the Pacific Islands. Of the total Fellowship, there are 131 Life Members, comprising 109 from Australia and 22 from New Zealand.

Awards

Several Fellows have received national Australian or NZ awards since the last Convocation. Most recently Pat Colgan of WA was honoured with an AM, and David Marshall received the ONZM.

International Meeting – Sydney, September 2003

An International Convocation was held in Sydney on September 17th, just prior to the commencement of the FDI Congress.

The Convocation was preceded by a meeting of the International Council of the College. This took place on Tuesday September 16th plus an early morning session on Wednesday 17th, and was held at the Intercontinental Hotel, Bridge Street. That meeting was conducted by the International President, Dr Minoru Horiuchi from Boston USA. It was attended by the Secretary General, Dr Robert Brady, and international representatives from Korea, Peru, Chile, Holland, Taiwan, UK, Japan, Canada and USA, as well as by our Australasian representative, Dr Geoff Hall AM.

Most of the International delegates arrived in Sydney a few days prior to the meeting, and the Board of Regents of the...
Australasian Section were hosts at several functions. A dinner was held in the Intercontinental Hotel and several past presidents of the Australasian Section attended, including Dr Gordon Rowell AO CBE ED, a past International president. The Secretary-General of the College, Dr Bob Brady, took the opportunity to present Dr Syd Dobbin AM with his badges of office as a recently retired International President. In response, Syd characteristically gave a short but inspiring address, challenging the assembly with the ideals and aspirations of the ICD.

Past and Future Convocations
Prior to the September Convocation in Sydney, the most recent previous Convocation was held in Auckland, NZ, in September of 2002, concurrent with the Biennial Conference of the NZDA. At that time five new fellows were inducted by the Australasian Section President, Dr Neil Henry AM, assisted by the NZ Regent, Dr Clive Ross CNZM. The Vice-President and Registrar were in attendance.

Future Convocations: The Board is considering plans to hold ICD Convocations during 2004 at two venues. Firstly in Melbourne, in association with the Conference of the ADA Victorian Branch Convention that is scheduled for 6th and 7th August. Subsequently, a Convocation will be held in Christchurch NZ in association with the NZDA Conference which runs from 25th to 28th August.

Aid Grants
The Australasian Section, as a matter of International College of Dentistry policy, concerns itself with support of dental communities of need. A substantial donation was recently made to Tonga through Dr David Goldsmith, for preventive dentistry measures in that country. Under the authority of Dr Jamie Robertson, financial support was granted for the transport of autoclaves to Cambodia. In 2002 a grant was made available to enable dental students of the Dental School in Dunedin NZ to attend the NZDA Conference in Auckland.

Sydney Convocation
In association with the recent FDI Congress held at Darling Harbour, an Australasian Section ICD Convocation was held at the Star City Hotel Ballroom on Wednesday September 17th. This was a massive function, because it included the International ICD representatives and guests. Forty New Fellows from Australia and NZ were inducted into the College. We were delighted to additionally induct two New Fellows from Japan: a large delegation from the Japanese Section of the ICD attended the Convocation and their Executive had requested inclusion of the two New Fellows for induction. Dr Minoru Horiuchi, the current International President, presided and conducted the Induction ceremony. Dr Horiuchi had served in the Japanese Air Force in World War II, and had undergone Kamikaze Pilot training before the war ended and so fortunately survived. He then migrated to the USA where he has had a distinguished dental and community career, having been decorated by the Japanese Government for community service in Japanese-American relations. Min Horiuchi was an impressively humble, charming and capable ambassador of the International Section.

Unfortunately, the President of the Australasian Section, Dr Neil Henry AM, had been struck by a debilitating illness some weeks before the Convocation and was unable to attend. Neil has been a masterly and dedicated president over his term, and it was most regrettable that he could not bring his office to its appropriate culmination by presiding at the Convocation. Dr Rob Butler, the current Vice President ably substituted in Neil's place.

The President's Luncheon took place immediately following the Convocation in an adjacent room. Dr Vic Jacott of Canada, Immediate Past International President, gave the address. He is a renowned orator, and presented a moving and challenging call to service and achievement within the College.

Dr Rob Butler deserves special mention: he shouldered the major responsibility for the organising and conduct of both the International Meeting and Section Convocation. It was a major meeting, with some 220 people attending the Convocation and President's luncheon. The Star City Hotel Ballroom was an excellent venue, providing an impressive environment for the proceedings. The International Delegates left Sydney having experienced an exciting and individual 'Aussie' meeting, commenting on our unique mix of informality, warmth and dignity.

New Executive
Following the recent election of the Board of Regents, Dr Geoffrey Hall AM, as International Councillor and Past President installed Dr Rob Butler (Vic) as President of the Australasian Section. The Board of Regents for the term 2003 - 2005 consists of Dr Clive Ross CNZM (NZ) Vice-President, Dr Gerry Dickinson (Vic) Treasurer, Dr Geoff Hall AM (SA) International Councillor, Dr Neil Henry AM (Qld) Immediate Past President, Dr Braham Pearman (NSW) Registrar, Dr Dick Cook AM (WA) Editor, Drs Peter Noble (SA), Jackie Robinson (NSW) and David Thomson (Qld) Regents.

Braham Pearman - Registrar

EDITORIAL NOTICE
This 20th issue of the International College of Dentists - Australasian Section Newsletter is the first to be produced in Western Australia following the election as Editor of Dr Dick Cook.

Because of the need to publish this issue before the end of 2003 it is thin on copy, but future issues will contain more material.

The editor welcomes contributions from fellows which can be sent to:-
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INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING – SYDNEY
SEPTEMBER 2003

History was made when the full International Council of the College met in Sydney for the first time in the Australasian Section’s forty years of existence. Both the meetings, the environment and the social gatherings were met with enthusiastic approval by President Horich and our overseas guests which made this a memorable occasion.

Following the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee on Communications at the 2002 council meeting and the guidelines since developed, the Council approved the following actions:

1. Maintain liaison with the Editor if the Globe magazine and the Information Technology Committee.

2. Encourage all Sections to produce regular periodic newsletters and either place them on their College website or send them to the IT committee for placement on the ICD website.

3. Encourage all Sections to identify their projects that serve humanity and the dental profession and to give adequate coverage to their projects.

4. The Committee will monitor the European Section In U Efforts to establish a Scientific Editor and a Coordinator to use the Internet for continuing education.

It is intended that all ICD web pages should be accessible through the College website at www.icd.org. Through the use of hyperlinks the College website would maintain a compendium of information including an updated worldwide events calendar. With the above aim in mind the issue of multiple languages becomes a focal point and the major challenge involved is obviously the extent to which Council can embark on such a venture and the potential costs that will arise.

The Council through its Growth and Development Committee continues to identify countries that are not participating in College activities and to encourage them to do so.

It may be of Interest to Fellows to know that the membership of the College now exceeds 9900 Fellows.

The following will hold office in 2004:

President Dr. Ramon Castillo (Peru)
President-elect Dr. Lon D. Carroll (USA)
Vice President Dr. Chan Chao Chang (Taiwan)

The European Section will be holding its annual meeting in Monaco from 10-12 June 2004, and the next international Council Meeting will be held in Orlando, Florida in September 2004.

Geoff Hall
International Councilman

NEW FELLOWS INDUCTED 17TH SEPTEMBER 2003 at the Convocation held before SYDNEY FDI MEETING

Dr Karin J Alexander BDS (Adelaide)
General Practitioner Adelaide SA, Visiting lecturer University of Adelaide & Tsenaya Vale, TAFE Dental Faculty, ADA (SA Branch) Councillor 1997 to present, President ADA (SA Branch) 2001, Member of various committees ADA (SA Branch), ADA (Federal) Councillor 2000 to present, Chair Goulbourn Group 2001 to present, Member ADA Working party on Professional Indemnity

Dr Peter T Boer BDS (Qld)
General Practitioner (Brisbane Qld), Dental Auxiliaries Cite Ada (Qld Branch) 1982 - 1997, Dental Assistant Association member National Cof iter Cites 1993 - 1998, Dental assistant training and Education (Qld) Secretary 1990 - 2000, Various lecturing posts in dental assistant training (TAFE) and Dental assistant radiography (DAESEA) 1982 - 2002, President Dental study Club of Brisbane 1995, Organising Citee Australasian Dental Congress Brisbane 2001.

Dr Angus C Cameron BDS (Sydney), MDSc (FRACDS)
Endodontist (Sydney NSW). Head of Department, Paediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics and Special Care Dentistry Westmead Hospital 1997 to present, Clinical Senior Lecturer Dental Faculty Univ of Sydney Visiting Dental Officer Children’s Hospital Westmead, Assistant Registrar FRACDS, Hon Secretary and Hon Treasurer Australian Academy of Paediatric Dentistry

Peter J Carr BDS, Qld, FRACDS
General Practitioner (Wilton Qld, Member since 1988 and President 1997 Coombs Society Dental Study Club, Manmore RADCQS (Qld) Regional Committee 1997 to present, President Brisbane Metropolitan Junior Chamber of Commerce 1999, Member Patient liaison Citee ADA (Qld Branch) 2001 to present, Examiner Affiliate in General Dental Practice RADCQS 2001 - 2003, Member Organising Citee ADA Congress Brisbane 2001, Demonstrator Dental School Univ Qld 1992 to present

Zophie Cominco Cerry BDS (Sydney), PhD (Sydney)
General Practitioner Newcastle NSW, Chair ADA (Newcastle Division) 2000 - 2002, Chair Organising Citee ADA NSW Convention Newcastle 2002, Univ Sydney Clinic Educ Citee, NSW Dental Board Dental Care Assessment Citee, Past Chair Univ Sydney Community and the Dental Curriculum Citee, Lecturer General Practice, Workshop Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences Univ Newcastle

Deborah J Cockrell BDS (Birmingham), FDSRCS (Gloucester), Grad Cert Higher Educ (Sydney)
Specialist Oral Surgeon Dover Court Dental Practitioner 1999 - 2000, Senior Lecturer Dental assisting. Associate Dean Univ Sydney 1999 - 2000, Councillor Amp Assistant President ADA (NSW Branch), Chair ADA (Federal) Rural Oral Health Panel, NSW Local Organising Committee Secretary Oral Health Foundation, Secretariat Committee of Oral Surgeons

Catherine J Collins BDS (Sydney), MSc (Sydney), FRACDS

Dr Stephen Cox OAM, BDS (Sydney), MSc (Sydney)
Dental Surgeon (Sydney NSW) Awarded OAM 1999 for services to the people of Nepal in oral health Lecturer OMFS Univ Syd, WINS Gosford District and Wyong Hospitals, Sub Dean (Curriculum) of Univ Sydney 2002, Visiting Professor to the Ministry of Health Nepal 1999 - 2000, Consultant to the Ministry of Health Nepal 1999 - 2000, Member Curriculum Chair, Sydney Graduate Dental Program, Vice Coordinator Graduate Dental Programs Univ Sydney

Dr Leonard A Crocombe BDS (Melbourne), BDS (Sydney), MB (Victoria), M Public Health (Tasmania), Grad Cert Dentistry (Adelaide)
General Practitioner (Geelong Vic), Councillor ADA (Tas Branch) 1994 to present, Hon Secretary ADA (Tas Branch) 1996 - 1999, President ADA (Tas Branch) 1999 - 2001, State Dental Coordinator Tasmanian Dental Service 1997, Oral Health Education Citee ADA (Federal) 1999 - 2002, Acting Chair Dental Health NSW Ite 1999, Chair Dental Education NSW 1998 - 2000, Member 1991 to present, Director 1997 - 2000 Acrobat of Southern Tasmania

Dr Peter H V Croser BDS (Sydney)
General Practitioner Waggas Waggas NSW, Councillor ADA (NSW Branch) 1985 - 1998, President ADA (NSW Branch) 1990 - 94, Acting Chief Executive Officer, ADA NSW (1986 - 94), Chair Constitution, Legislation & Ethics Citee ADA (NSW Branch), Peer Advisor of Dental Defence Advisory Service (ADA NSW Branch), State Risk Manager Global Insurance, Paul Harris Fellow & Hon Life Member ADA (NSW Branch)

Dr John W Curtin BDS (Melbourne), MDS (Melbourne), FRACDS

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Specialist Paediatric Dentist, Dental University of Auckland, NZ, Paediatric Dental Auckland District Health Board, Senior Lecturer in Paediatric Dental Practice Univ Otago 1994 - 1998, President NZPSD (NZ Branch), Vice President NZ School and Community Dental Services Society, Dental Aid work in Refugee Camps in Thailand and Malaysia and in East Timor and Cambodia, Manager NZ Sports Aerobics Technical Citee, National Gymnastics Coach Malaysia 1983.