

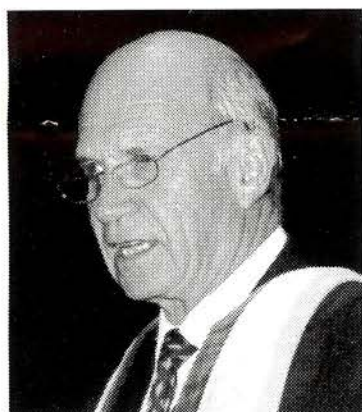


# International College of Dentists Australasian Section

## Newsletter

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT



**T**HE year is already nearly a quarter way through and I hope all Fellows have managed to get a good New Year break and are enjoying the closing months of the summer.

The year promises to be a busy and

exciting one with the induction ceremony and dinner in Melbourne on Friday 26th May, the NZDA Biennial Conference in September and a number of local initiatives in the third and fourth quarter of the year.

It was most encouraging to see the enthusiasm and commitment of those dedicated Fellows who gave a "snapshot" of their activities at the dinners held in Sydney and Brisbane. This followed a similar successful event in Adelaide. The effort put in to holding these very successful dinners was really appreciated by those attending and gives an indication of the depth of commitment and passion to their causes that reside within our membership.

The evening in Brisbane was particularly significant in that it honoured one of our most dedicated Fellows, a man who has dedicated his professional life to the advancement of dentistry and well-being of the profession—a Past President of ICD and Honorary Life member of the ADA, Neil Henry. Neil's contribution to such a broad spectrum of dentistry epitomises the ideals and aspiration of our College and we are privileged to have had him as one of our leaders. Congratulations again, Neil, and a thank you to the Queensland members for showing their respect and affection in this way.

It is also very pleasing to see recognition of our Fellows in the National Honours list. Congratulations on the well deserved awards.

On the International scene we continue to be very well represented by Geoff Hall. Geoff gives his personal time and commitment on our behalf and provides a strong voice to the International body on our behalf.

The newsletter, The Globe, is under the new editorship of John V. Hinterman, DDS, Michigan, USA

who is working hard to produce a publication relevant and of interest to the international readership.

At local level our section continues to support worthwhile Oral Health projects and aid initiatives to less fortunate communities. We are also open to approaches from Fellows in Australia and New Zealand who feel they have a worthy project for support and need.

While our financial resources are not great we can give some financial support and we certainly have a huge resource of expertise and knowledge which can be made available to assist Fellows who are interested in developing a project or need some help or advice in their professional careers and working life.

For those Fellows in Victoria who are thinking of attending the induction and dinner and others from outside the state, remember the 26th May, put the evening aside to spend time and enjoy the collegiality of the induction and welcome new Fellows to our College, it's always a great function.

I am looking forward to renewing friendships and meeting you there.

Clive Ross  
President

**President:** Clive Ross  
**Treasurer:** Gerald R Dickinson  
**Regents:** Peter Noblet, Jackie Robinson, David Thomson

**Past President:** Rob Butler  
**International Councillor:** Geoffrey C. Hall AM

**Vice President:** Clive B. Ross CNZM  
**Editor:** Dick Cook AM RFD  
**Registrar:** Braham Pearlman



## Registrar's Report

The Australasian Section (Section VIII) of the ICD is currently comprised of 526 fellows. Of these, 362 are active members, 163 life members and 1 honorary member. 318 of the active members are from Australia, 40 from New Zealand, 2 from Fiji, 1 from Malaysia and 1 from France. Of the life members 26 are from New Zealand, 1 from the United Kingdom and the remaining 136 from Australia. The Australasian Section continues to grow from year to year.

At the 2005 Convocation in Adelaide, the following members of the profession were admitted to the College:

From NSW/ACT: Dr James Auld  
Dr Carmelo Bonanno  
Dr Richard W Chan  
Dr Peter Dennison  
Dr Chris Wilson

From SA: Dr Stephen Bajada  
Dr Craig Dreyer  
Dr Mark Hutton  
Dr Anthony W Lake  
Dr Wayne Sampson

From Victoria: Dr Werner Bischof  
Dr John Chrystie  
Dr David J Fuller  
A/Prof Michael Morgan  
Dr Paul Schneider  
Dr Michael G Woods

From WA: Dr Neil Burman  
Dr Dennis J Gregory  
Dr David F McDonald  
Prof John McGeachie

## Honours and Awards

Since publication of the last newsletter, the following fellows of the Australasian Section have received special honours or awards.

A/Prof James Kell Hawkins was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in the 2005 Queens Birthday Honours List for his service to dentistry, to professional development and to the community.

## MEMBER IN THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA (2006)

Dr. Ross Bastiaan of Merricks North, Victoria

Ross is Past President of the RACDS and a trustee of the Australian War Memorial.

Dr. Ken Brown of Kent Town, SA

Ken has been the Senior Forensic Dentist in SA for 20 years.

Prof. Terry Freer of Ferny Hills, Queensland

Terry retired as Professor of Orthodontics for UQ in 2003 and is an Honorary Life Member of the Australian Society of Orthodontists.

Dr Jennifer Smyth of Fig Tree Pocket QLD

Jennifer has been involved in Dental Education at the University of Queensland for many years and has served on the ADA Qld Branch.

## MEDAL OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA (2006)

Dr Peter Kaleski of Lindfield NSW

AProf. Geoff Stacey of Killara NSW

## State ICD Dinner Meetings

A successful regional dinner meeting was held in Brisbane in May 2005 with over 40 attendees. The evening was organised to acknowledge the outstanding contribution of Dr Neil Henry, Past President of the Australasian Section, both to the College and to the dental profession. Proceeds from the evening were donated to the University of Queensland Alumni Association.

A successful regional dinner meeting was held in Sydney in October 2005 with presentations on oral health programs in East Timor, Nepal and Cambodia which have been supported by the College. The presentations were given by Dr David Sheen, Dr Sandra Meihubers and by Dr Paul Kotala respectively. David, Sandra and Paul all play a significant part in the success of the programs. It was an inspiring evening of fellowship for all who attended.



## **Forthcoming Inductions and Convocation**

### **MELBOURNE, 26 May 2006**

An induction ceremony and dinner will be held in Melbourne on Friday, 26 May at the Athenaeum Club. Details are given elsewhere in the newsletter.

### **AUCKLAND, 8 September 2006**

An induction ceremony and luncheon will be held in Auckland on Friday, 8 September at Rydges Hotel. The luncheon will be held in conjunction with the ADI.

### **SYDNEY, March 2007**

The next convocation for the Australasian Section will be held in Sydney in March 2007 to coincide with the next ADA Congress.

## **EDITORIAL NOTICE**

The Newsletter editor welcomes contributions from fellows which can be sent to:-

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68 St Georges Tce

PERTH WA 6000 (Hard copy)

OR

dick@orthodonticclinic.com.au

(emailed copy -photographs acceptable)

## **Email Addresses**

In common with many organisations, the Australasian Section of the ICD can foresee cost savings and increased convenience to fellows by electronic distribution of the Newsletter.

While this may not happen in the life of the current Board of Regents it is planned to add emails of fellows to the address database.

To this end fellows are asked to forward their email addresses to either of the above addresses to start this process.

## **ORAL HEALTH PROJECT SUPPORT**

The Australasian Section of the International College of Dentists supports many worthwhile oral health related projects throughout the Asia-Pacific Region. Due to the increasing number of requests for ICD support, criteria have been introduced to assist the Board of Regents in comparing the wide variety of requests and to assist the Board in making informed decisions on which projects can be supported. The Board seeks to support those projects which are most likely to achieve a sustainable improvement in oral health and which, of course, are within the financial means of the Section to support.

For further information or to request an application for ICD project sponsorship, please contact the Registrar - email: jackie\_robinson@iinet.net.au.

All requests for project support will be considered at the annual ICD Board of Regents meeting.

## **INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 2005**

The Council of the International College of Dentists met in Taipei, Taiwan on 8th and 9th September, 2005.

The meeting was chaired by President Lon Carroll with a high proportion of International councilmen present. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Taiwanese Section meeting at which five new Fellows were Inducted into the College.

Members of Council were extremely well looked after by the Taiwanese Section, attending banquets held for the Council and at the Section meeting.

Much fruitful discussion took place over two days of meetings involving the growth and development of the College, communications, the Globe magazine, capitation fees College projects and a review of the various Regions.

Due to two years of budget deficits, mainly because of problem encountered with the disruption and production of the Globe where costings were not followed through, Council approved an Increase in Capitation Fee of



USD15. This increase will overcome the deficit and help to build up the depleted reserves, putting the College in a much stronger financial position. The new publisher for the Globe will save the College money compared to what the Globe has cost in the past.

Council has appointed Dr. John Hinterman as Editor of the Globe and he has already commenced work.

The Projects Committee is compiling a summary of each Section's projects which it is envisaged will lead to an exchange of Ideas and Information between the Sections and the possible use of such Ideas by other Sections whom appropriate.

Recommendations from the Communications Committee have Included the sending of an official ICD representative to fill a non-voting seat at on the FDI General Assembly due to the College's affiliate membership of the FDI. This will enable the College to have input into a significant world organisation, acquire information and obtain public relations exposure for the College.

An accurate mailing database is nearing completion in the Central Office, the aim being to maintain this accuracy by requesting each Section to update regularly its own database and inform the Central Office accordingly.

The fourteen Regions of the College (International Section 20) have had only one Councilman on the College Council. It has been recommended and agreed that Council elect four members of the International Section as Councilmen to represent their respective Sections, these Sections to comprise Asia, Africa, English speaking Caribbean and Spanish speaking Caribbean. Each Councilman will be appointed for a three year term and must attend at least one of every two Council meetings.

Council has established an Emeritus Recognition Award for Councilmen who have given outstanding service to the College, this award being restricted to living individuals who have retired from the Council. The first to receive this honour are Dr. William Hawkins, a former Editor of the Globe and former Deputy Secretary General George Selfridge.

*The Officers of the College for 2006 will be:-*

President	
Dr Chao Chang Chan	Taiwan
President-Elect	
Dr Donald Johnson	USA
Vice-president	
Dr Norinaga Morlyama	Japan
Treasurer	
Dr James, Kerrigan	USA
Editor	
Dr John Hinterman	USA
Secretary-General	
Dr Robert Brady	USA

The next meeting of the College Council is to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, in October 2006

Geoff Hall  
Australasian Section Councillor

## **ORIGINS OF THE COLLEGE AND ITS AUSTRALASIAN SECTION.**

with acknowledgment of the recollections by  
A Gordon Rowell AO, CBE, ED (RL) and Emeritus  
Professor Kenneth JG Sutherland AM

In November 1920, an eminent dentist, Dr Louis Ottofy was the guest of honour at a dinner in Tokyo. Dr Ottofy was a past President of the Chicago Dental Society and a former Dean of the American College of Dental Surgeons which later became the Dental School of Northwestern University, Chicago. The presiding officer at the dinner, Dr Tsurukichi Okumura, the then President of the Japan Dental Association, made the point that, although the Federation Dentaire Internationale (FDI) provided opportunities for representatives of national dental associations to meet to discuss matters of mutual concern, very few individual dentists knew a great deal about dentistry as practised in countries other than their own. In his response, Dr Ottofy suggested that (we form some kind of an organisation with the aim of learning what progress our profession is making in all parts



of the world. The discussion concluded with the promise that upon his return to the USA he would give serious consideration to the proposition.

Some of those who had met in Tokyo again assembled at a FDI Meeting held in Philadelphia in 1926 and this stimulated further action, culminating in the formation of the International College of Dentists and its incorporation under the laws of Washington D.C., in February 1928. According to Dr Ottofy, (the issue was to make contact with the leading dentists everywhere, and to have an organisation which would permanently cement them together, and which at the same time would secure some service for members. In the first place it was necessary to see who the leaders were and then to interest them in the organisation. I devised a plan and set it in motion. The result was the International College of Dentists.) Ottofy did not seek the position of President of the College, initially, and was happy to accept the position of Registrar, from which, with his international contacts, he was able to make recommendations for the candidature of overseas dentists.

Originally the College was established with the restriction that the total membership was to be no more than 300. However, every country in the world was to be represented by at least one dentist, with a maximum of 50 from the USA - one from each State. It soon became obvious that the foregoing restriction made the task of selection of suitable candidates impossible. So the original quota for the USA was amended to permit 200, with a total membership of 500.

The first Convocation of the College was held on 22nd July 1930 to coincide with an Annual Meeting of the American Dental Association in Denver, Colorado. Dr Weinberger was chosen to be President. At the meeting in 1930 it was approved that the number of Fellows in the USA be limited to 500.

Elmer S Best became Registrar of the USA Section in 1935 and, in that year, presented the view that Sections of the College should be organised in those countries where there

were a significant number of dentists. The Sections were authorised to set fees, establish entrance requirements and set out rules and regulations on the understanding that they would be in harmony with those of the parent body. Approval was to be obtained from the College for the establishment of a new Section and, ultimately, its Constitution.

Following this decision, the American Fellows were banded together as the USA Section, thus becoming Section Number 1. Dr Best, now the Registrar of the USA Section, reported that membership of the College had grown to 266 representing 174 countries, States and provinces.

There was no provision for conferring Fellowships in foreign countries but, in accordance with a motion passed at the 1937 meeting, the Foreign Relations Committee of the USA Section was to have charge of all matters relating to College activities in the countries outside the United States of America and Regents were to be appointed in countries other than the USA as occasion demanded. It was not until 1948 that the decision to divide the College-at-Large into 30 autonomous Sections could be put into effect. In our part of the world, Section 29 was established, consisting initially of Australia, Borneo, Celebes, Fiji, Java, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Papua, Samoan Islands, Society Islands, Solomon Islands and Sumatra. Later, this was to be replaced by the Australasian Section. The Canadian Section was established as an autonomous Section in 1949 and the European Section was founded in 1956.

Documentation shows that the eminent Western Australian oral surgeon, Gilbert Dowling Henderson CBE, was elected to Fellowship in 1930 or, possibly 1928 (early records are unclear) and made a Regent in 1932. Several other prominent dentists from Australia and New Zealand had been admitted to Fellowship prior to the establishment of a local Section. In the early 1960's, it was considered that it would be advantageous to appoint another Regent from the eastern seaboard and Alan Grainger was chosen for this position.



It was foreshadowed in 1962 that there might be an application from Australia for the formation of an autonomous Section and, in 1963, the formal application came from the Regents for Section 29, Gilbert Henderson and Alan Grainger. This was approved and the new autonomous Section was established in 1964.

The Inaugural Meeting of the Section was held in Perth WA, on 30th May 1964, in conjunction with the Australian Dental Congress. In his report to the Council, Master Fellow Gordon Agnew stated "approximately 30 persons, including wives, attended the very sumptuous and artistically planned dinner which, with its warmth and spontaneity of good fellowship, established an appropriate setting for the cordial dignity of the inaugural and dedication ceremonies to follow. Many wives expressed their appreciation of being included in the ceremonies and entering into the meaning of this new experience and honour with their husbands.

The meeting elected an Organizing Committee to attend to the affairs of the Section until an election could be held for a Board of Regents at the next Convocation in 1971, by which time an election for officers could have been held. The Organizing Committee was made up of Alan Grainger (Chairman), Gordon Rowell, Derek Freeman (to act as Secretary), George Christensen and John Lavis. A draft Constitution was developed for consideration at the next meeting. The 1966 College Roster listed, under Section 29, some 39 names including those of the two Regents.

At the Convocation in 1971, the draft Constitution was accepted, pending its final approval at the next Convocation. The following were elected to be officers until the next Convocation:

President	Alan Grainger
Vice-President	Gordon Rowell
Registrar	Richard Setright
Treasurer	John Lavis
Regents	Derek Freeman, Kenneth Sutherland

In 1971, Alan Grainger sadly died and Gordon Rowell automatically, as Vice-President, became President. Derek Freeman became the Vice-President, with the other officers remaining unchanged.

On the international scene, in 1972, Gordon Rowell became a Councillor of the Board of the College and was the first Australian to be elected as College President, 1977-78. Some twenty years later, Syd Dobbin became the second to achieve this honour.

Today, the Australasian Section is thriving with over 441 Fellows in Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Fiji and Malaysia.

### **NOMINATION TO AUSTRALASIAN DIVISION INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS**

All nominations are considered at the annual Board of Regents meeting, which is generally held in March/April. Completed nomination forms may be given to any member of the Board or may be sent to the Registrar:

Dr Jackie Robinson  
10 Bendtree Way  
Castle Hill, NSW 2154  
AUSTRALIA

Email: jackie\_robinson@iinet.net.au

To make a nomination, please complete the details on the standard proforma-available from the Registrar.

Nominations need to be proposed and seconded by Fellows of the College.

**Nominations must be received at least one month prior to the Board meeting (i.e.1**

**early February) to allow sufficient time for preparation for consideration at the**



## International College of Dentists Australasian Section

### INDUCTION CEREMONY AND DINNER

Athenaeum Club - 87 Collins Street  
Melbourne, VIC

FRIDAY, 26th May 2006-6:30 for 7:00 pm  
\$100.00 per head

Dress: Lounge suit

I will/will not attend for induction at the Induction Ceremony and Dinner in Melbourne.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be accompanied by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(preferred name)

I enclose \_\_\_\_\_ in payment. (\$100.00 per person)  
*Cheques to be made payable to "International College of Dentists"*

Please return by **20th April 2006** to the Registrar:

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