

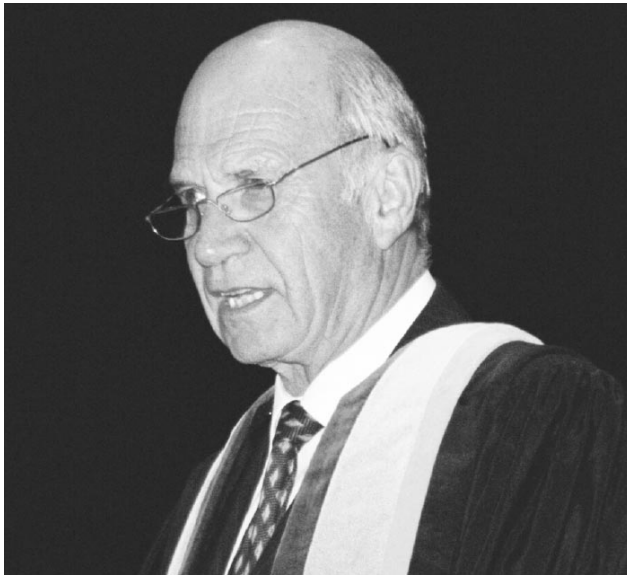


International College of Dentists Australasian Section

Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Greetings to all fellows of the College. It seems incredible that another year has gone by and the festive holiday period is here once again.

The year has been a productive one for our section. Our new initiates from both our Melbourne and Auckland inductions were of the highest calibre, representing the broad facets of our profession and it constantly amazes and humbles me when I read the CVs that support their sponsorship for membership. These new members constantly refresh and broaden the depth of resource within the College and also provide new impetus and direction in achieving our objectives; we welcome them.

I would like to give special thanks to the Board of Regents who take their responsibilities very seriously and work to uphold the principles of the College, providing their voluntary time to evaluate and promote the projects and ideals of ICD for the advancement of the profession.

I would also like to thank the real workers of the College: Jackie Robinson, our Registrar, on whom most of the real day to day work falls and who is so supportive of the Board and Fellows - thank you, Jackie!

And on the international front, Geoff Hall continues to represent us, bringing a wide breadth of experience and good "down under" commonsense to the International Board. We are very grateful to Geoff for giving his time to this.

I would encourage members to access the ICD website <http://www.icd.org/> to gain an overview of all the commitments the ICD regions are making to improve the oral health status of less privileged people all over the world and see some of the very interesting projects in hand to which we are contributing also, directly and indirectly.

We are very fortunate to be able to welcome the new International ICD President Dr Don Johnson to our Convocation in Sydney Friday March 16th 2007. This will be a splendid occasion and an opportunity for Fellows to hear first hand from our President some of the aspirations and directions the College is taking and I'm sure an occasion where we as a Region can give our input, through Don to the College. The convocation is also an opportunity to meet other fellows, renew friendships and keep in touch with leaders of our profession. It is, in addition, an opportunity to strengthen trans Tasman links (outside the realm of rugby and cricket!).

Thanks to Regent Dick Cook for putting this newsletter together and to you all, a happy festive season and holiday.

Clive Ross - President

President: Clive Ross
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Registrar's Report

The Australasian Section (Section VIII) of the ICD is currently comprised of 565 Fellows. Of these, 407 are active members, 145 are retired members, 2 Masters, 9 Honorary Life members and 2 honorary members. The classifications of retired members and Honorary Life members are explained below.

CHANGES TO BY-LAWS

At the last meeting of the Board of Regents, it was agreed to amend the by-laws to phase out the category of "Life Member" and to create a new category of "Retired Member". For current Life Members, this change will be introduced from 1 July 2007. All current Life Members may elect to become Retired Members. Retired Members will pay a reduced annual membership fee set at 50% of the normal membership fee. For 2007 the applicable fee for Retired Members will be \$A70.

These changes to the by-laws are necessary in order to cover the increasing administrative costs of the College, which includes distribution of the Globe and newsletters, and to ensure that the Australasian Section can continue to support worthwhile humanitarian dental projects in our Region.

In addition to the introduction of the category of "Retired Member", a new category of "Honorary Life Member" has also been created. This category will apply to Fellows of the Australasian Section who have rendered outstanding service over many years to the College itself. The criteria for this category will be strictly applied by the Board of Regents.

Vale College Fellows

It is our sad duty to note the deaths of the following fellows during the year:

- Prof Milton R Sims AO of Urrbrae SA
- Prof Noel D Martin AM of Martinville, NSW
- Dr Ian E Crapp of Malvern, Victoria
- Dr John S Kinross AM of Burradoo, NSW

Honours and Awards

Since publication of the last newsletter, the following fellows of the Australasian Section were recognized on the 2006 Queen's Birthday Honours list for their contributions to dentistry and to the community:

- Dr John F Arvier OAM Oral Maxillofacial Surgeon of Brisbane
- Professor John McGeachie OAM of the University of WA
- Dr William F Mitchell OAM of Nightcliff, Northern Territory
- Dr Brent E Stanley ONZM of Christchurch, New Zealand

In recognition of their service to the Australasian Section of the International College of Dentists, the title of "Honorary Life Member" has been awarded to:

- Dr Maurice W Dingle
- The Honorable Dr Derek Freeman, AM
- Dr Spyros E Halikis, AM
- Dr W Donald Heffron, CBE
- Dr Neil Henry, AM
- Dr John F Lavis, AM
- Dr L Peter Ryan
- Dr Thomas N Speed
- Prof Kenneth J G Sutherland, AM

Two Fellows of the Australasian Section are recognised as "Masters" within the College: Dr Sydenham Dobbin, AM and Brig A Gordon Rowell, AO, CBE, ED

Induction of New Fellows

Two ceremonies have been held this year inducting a total of 21 new Fellows into the College. The first of the ceremonies was held in Melbourne the evening of Friday, May 26 at the Athenaeum Club in Melbourne. More recently an induction was held in Auckland on September 7 at the time of the New Zealand Dental Association Biennial Congress. Details of these events are given elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Next Convocation

SYDNEY, March 2007

The next convocation for the Australasian Section will be held at a dinner meeting in Sydney the evening of Friday, 16 March 2007 to coincide with the ADA Congress. It was originally planned to hold the Convocation as a luncheon within the convention centre. However, due to the number of new Fellows to be inducted and the limited time within the ADA program on Saturday, the ceremony has been moved to the Friday evening. The dinner will be held in the beautiful Blaxland Ballroom of the Swissotel, which is located in the heart of the city at 68 Market Street (at George Street near the Queen Victoria Building).

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING 2006

The International Council met in Las Vegas, Nevada on 12th 1 3th October, 2006 under the Chairmanship of President Chao Chang Chan from Taiwan. All sections of the College were represented by some 28 Councilmen and the Secretary-General Dr. Robert Brady.

Membership of the College has now passed the 10,000 mark with over 6000 fellows coming from the USA Section.

On a percentage basis of the number of fellows per number of dentists in each Section, the Australian Section is on a par with the majority of the other sections.

Membership and communications were again widely discussed. Each Section must be encouraged to look for future leadership by seeking out potential younger dentists who are actively involved in the profession and nominal them for Fellowship at an appropriate time. To maintain members' interests in the College they must be kept well informed about the College at large, the activities of all sections and be encouraged to participate in College affairs.

Much of the Information can be found on the College website (itd.org), so each Section must be responsible for keeping this up to date. and Fellows encouraged to use the website to keep abreast of College matters.

Publication of the Globe is now back on track thanks to the efforts of our new Editor, Dr John Hinterman and will be published annually. He has also been instructed to produce a trial newsletter, details of which are almost finalized.

Each section reported on their activities with much Interest being shown in the humanitarian projects and forms of communication to their Fellows.

- The USA undertakes many and varied projects including student awards, student exchange programmes, journalism awards and humanitarian assistance. Canada has formed a Foundation to support humanitarian projects of a dental nature, mainly by funding organizations involved in various assignments.
- South America has an exchange academic program between Fellows from the various regions as well as supporting programs for the underprivileged. They also publish a scientific journal.
- The Philippines has been involved in the construction of an artesian well for a remote village with no water supply. thus enabling 600 families and over 600 school children to have access to a proper water supply.
- The European Section is attempting to expand into Eastern Europe and has established contact in some of these countries. They also publish an ICD Digest twice a year.
- The Australasian Section can be well pleased with its efforts with sponsorship and assistance in humanitarian and oral related projects in Cambodia, Papua New Guinea and Nepal.

Seven Fellows were nominated by their Sections and approved by Council to become Masters of the College for their service to dentistry and the College, the recipients coming from Canada, South America, Europe and Korea. Former Secretary - General of the College, Dr. Richard Shaffer received an Emeritus Recognition Award.

EUROPEAN SECTION 2007 Meeting

The European Section will be holding its annual meeting in Cardiff, Wales from 27th - 30th June, 2007. Further details can be obtained from the College website (icd.org)

APPOINTMENT of COLLEGE FELLOW to STANDARDS COMMITTEE

College fellow Professor Martin J Tyas of Victoria (University of Melbourne) has been appointed, by the Therapeutic Products Interim Ministerial Council, an Associate Member of the Joint Interim Expert Advisory Committee on Standards. This Committee has been established to consider, and provide advice on, harmonised standards for therapeutic products, to be applied by the new joint Australia-New Zealand therapeutic products agency.

MAY 2006 INDUCTION AND DINNER IN MELBOURNE

A very special evening was enjoyed by ICD Fellows in Melbourne in May at the time of the ADA Victorian Branch conference and the ADIA Exhibition. 16 new Fellows were inducted at a ceremony held at the Athenaeum Club the evening of Friday, May 26. The induction ceremony preceded a dinner attended by more than 80 Fellows and guests. Dr James Lucas was the invited dinner speaker and gave an informative and entertaining presentation on his dental experiences in Vietnam.

The new Fellows inducted in Melbourne were:

- James M AULD, BDS (Syd), MSc, DipSocSc (UNE), DipClinHyp (QUT) - General Practitioner, Inverell, NSW
- Stephen B BAJADA, BDS (Univ of WA), BSc (Adel), MDS (Adel) - Orthodontist, Rose Park, SA
- Werner H BISCHOF, MDS (Melb), FRACDS - Periodontist, Geelong, VIC





- Carmelo BONANNO, BDS (Syd), Dip Clin Dent (Syd) - General Practitioner, Woden, ACT
- Neil T C BURMAN, LDSRCS (Eng), BDS (Lond), BA (OU), FRACDS, Grad Dip Bus Admin (WAIT), MDSc (WA) - General Practitioner, Perth
- John A CHRYSTIE, BDS (Melb), LDS (Vic), BSc Dent (Hons) (Adel); FRACDS (SND), AGDP - Specialist in Special Needs Dentistry, Melbourne
- Peter J DENNISON, BDS (Otago), DPH (Dent) (Syd), MComDent (Otago) - Faculty of Dentistry, Uni of Sydney & Staff Specialist, Westmead
- Craig William DREYER, PhD (Adel), BDS (Adel), MDS (Adel), FRACDS - Orthodontist, Adelaide
- David J FULLER, BDS (Melb), LDS (Vic), FDSRCS (Eng), MDSc (Melb) - Orthodontist, Brighton, VIC
- Dennis J GREGORY, BDS (WA), MDSc (WA), FRACDS - Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon, Leederville, WA
- R Mark HUTTON, BDS (Adel) - General Practitioner, Mount Gambier, SA
- Michael MORGAN, BDS (Otago), MDSc (Melb), Grad Dip Epidemiol (Melb), PhD (Melb) - Faculty of Dentistry, Uni of Melbourne
- John F O'GRADY, BDS (Melb); MDSc (Melb), FRACDS - Specialist in Oral Medicine and Oral Pathology, University of Melbourne
- Paul M SCHNEIDER, BDS (Melb), MS - Pediatric Dentistry (Minnesota), Cert Ortho (Louisiana), Diplomate, American Board of Orthodontics - Orthodontist, Hawthorn East, VIC
- Christopher S WILSON, BDS (Syd) - General Practitioner, Raymond Terrace, NSW
- Michael G WOODS, BDS (Melb), MDSc (Melb), DSc (Melb), FRACDS, FRACDS (Orth), DOrthRCS (Eng), CertOrth (Oklahoma), Diplomate American Board of Orthodontics - Orthodontist, Malvern VIC and Chair of Orthodontics, The University of Melbourne

September Induction and Luncheon in Auckland

Five new Fellows were inducted at a luncheon held at the Rydges Hotel in Auckland on Thursday, September 7. The luncheon was co-hosted with the Academy of Dentistry International (ADI). ICD President, Dr Clive Ross NZOM, presided over the induction ceremony.



The new Fellows (pictured left to right with Clive) inducted in September are:

- Dr Warren Bell, BDS (Otago) - General Practitioner, Remuera Auckland
- Prof W. Murray Thomson, BDS (Otago), MComDent (Otago), MA (Leeds) PhD (Adelaide) - member of the Faculty of Dentistry, The University of Otago
- Dr Keith Watkins, BDS (Melbourne), LDS, FRACDS - General Practitioner, Camberwell, Victoria
- Dr Brett Dorney, BDS (Sydney), FRACDS, FASD - General Practitioner, Sydney, NSW
- Dr Paul Scott, BDS (Otago), DipClinDent(Rest), FRACDS - General Practitioner, Havelock North

Editorial Notice

The Newsletter editor welcomes contributions from fellows which can be sent to:- 8th Floor, 68 St Georges Terrace, 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.

This is not imminent but 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.

NOMINATION TO AUSTRALASIAN DIVISION INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS

All nominations are considered at the annual Board of Regents meeting, to be held in March. 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@inet.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., early February) to allow sufficient time for preparation for consideration at the meeting.

A DENTAL OFFICER'S ANECDOTE ON THE BURMA THAILAND RAILWAY

This drawing by Fred Ransome Smith (formerly Lt F "Smudger" Smith 5th Suffolks) shows a dentist who Stuart Simpson thinks was Capt (later Major) John Rosson in what may be the old garage referred to in the article. Fred Ransome Smith, who has produced 2 books of drawings of conditions in Changi and on the Burma Thailand rail line, lives in Brighton Beach Vic and has given permission to reproduce the drawing.



AN ACCOUNT BY LT JOHN ROSS VX39036 ABOUT DENTAL OFFICER CAPT. JOHN ROSSON VX48269.

John Rosson was a dentist in Selarang Barracks(Changi). He managed to stake a claim to a one-car garage which, with a medical officer Capt. John Sierby, which they used as their surgery.

One day the Japanese Camp Commandant, Captain Takahashi, called on John Rosson in his 'dental surgery' and commanded him to attend a painful abscess in his tooth. When John inspected the abscessed tooth, his eyes boggled at the size of its huge gold crown. It looked very attractive to a half-starved dentist. The tooth would have to come out and John agreed to extract it the next day. He then laid plans to win the gold.

Captain Takahashi duly arrived at the surgery in the morning, his courage primed with saki. Drawing the tooth carefully with all his professional expertise, John casually tossed it into the spittoon beside the chair and down went the tooth with its crown of gold. The spittoon consisted of a heavy piece of rusty two-inch metal pipe with an inverted metal light shade on top to serve as a bowl. The pipe went through the floor, deep into the slushy mud below.

Captain Takahashi, startled to see his tooth tossed away so nonchalantly was about to comment when

John quickly placed a swab in his mouth and instructed him to bite on it to stop the flow of blood. He busied himself swabbing and attending the damaged gum for quite some time. "Taka"

could say nothing. When he had prolonged the task long enough to take Taka's mind off the subterfuge, he gave him a mouth rinse which, in due course, followed the tooth down the pipe.

By this time, with the help of John and the saki, Taka's pain had been relieved. He thanked John for his trouble and strutted out the entrance, making no mention of his tooth. After sufficient time had lapsed, John lifted off the spittoon, drew up the metal tube and recovered the tooth from the wad of cotton gauze he had plugged a little way down the pipe. John melted down the gold, into an unrecognizable lump, which he sold to one of the Korean guards for a fine price. A victory to the Allies!

This story was provided by John Ross who makes the following comment. "On my return home I studied dentistry and never for one moment have I regretted it". As at 2004 John lives at Bibra Lake WA. He has approved reproducing the, article as too has Colin Finkemeyer the author of the book "It Happened To Us".



INDUCTION CEREMONY AND DINNER

Blaxland Ballroom, Swissotel

**68 Market Street,
Sydney, NSW**

Friday, 16th March 2007

6:30 for 7:00 pm

\$110 per person

Dress: Lounge suit

**Please join us in welcoming our new Fellows.
Your attendance is greatly appreciated.**

I will/will not be able to attend the Induction Ceremony and Dinner in Sydney. ✂

NAME: _____

I will be accompanied by: _____
(preferred name)

I enclose \$ _____ in payment. (\$110 per person)

Cheques to be made payable to "International College of Dentists"

Responses must be received by **2nd March 2007**

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