



International College of Dentists Australasian Section

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



This year has seen a changeover in the executive of the Australasian Section of the College. After two years of strong and directed leadership, Clive Ross (NZ) has completed his presidential term. Clive ordinarily would remain on the Board of Regents for a term as Immediate Past

President, but we have additionally secured his continued service in the post of International Councillor following the resignation of Geoff Hall. Clive brings to the Board a wealth of experience in dental administration, from both the NZDA and FDI arenas.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Geoff Hall has been one of the most outstanding contributors in the story of our Section. Though we accept his resignation as International Councillor, and thus as a Board member, with regret, it is also marked with appreciation for, and recognition of the major part he has played in this Section for many years. Geoff's quiet demeanour is a foil to his depth of intelligence and leadership. He has



been an 'anchor man' of good counsel and encouragement for many years. As International Councillor he forthrightly represented our area in the labyrinthine workings of the International Council, not an easy task, considering the complexity of factions of this world College. At the March Convocation, his achievement was marked by presentation of a unique Certificate of Appreciation.

As incoming President, I am delighted to have a most able executive team in Gerry Dickinson (Vic) as Vice-President, Peter Noblet (SA) as Treasurer, Dick Cook (WA) as Editor and Jackie Robinson (NSW) our ever consistent and industrious Registrar. Gerry has served as Treasurer since 2001, an appointment he has conducted with his characteristically thorough and dependable ability. Jackie Robinson, as Registrar, is the 'engine room' of the Section, contributing her organisational skills and creativity to bring a new dimension to that position.

We welcome Jenny Smyth, as a second Queensland representative, to the Board. Jenny has profound and recognised experience in both dental education and administration. Her presence on the Board will add perspective together with her very individual enthusiasm.

The Sydney Convocation marked a dramatic and perhaps unanticipated elevation in its success. This was due to the attendance of the International President, Don Johnson, from the United States. Don is a towering figure, both in his stature - he has a tall and commanding presence - and in the strength of his dedication to the progress of the College. Earlier in the day he participated in the Board of Regents meeting. He presented a

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Treasurer: Peter Noblet AM
Registrar: Jackie Robinson

Past President: Clive Ross CNZM
International Councillor: Clive Ross CNZM
Regents: David Thomson, Jennifer Smyth AM

Vice President: Gerald R Dickinson
Editor: Dick Cook AM

'dissertation' on the aims and processes of the US Section and the International Council that was nothing short of inspiring. He is a patrician in the best sense, in that he has ultimate respect for past achievements, but is courageous and resolute in initiating overhaul and restructure of the International Council. One of his priorities in the reorganisation of the international office is to reform its communication with and support of the constituent Sections.

In concluding this report I want to pay tribute to the contribution of Rob Butler, who now leaves the Board at the end of his term as Immediate Past President. I have had a long association with Rob, not only in the ICD, but also at Westmead Hospital where both Jackie Robinson and I worked under his Directorship. He then of course broadened his experience as CEO of ADA Inc.

As a member of the Board, and in the positions of executive responsibility, Rob has been a source of consistent, sound and educated advice. His leadership and guidance in all matters will be missed, but I imagine we will still call on him from time to time.

I look forward to a productive term, particularly in the support of those who take dental health and education to people of need, particularly to Australian Indigenous communities and to those of Asia and the Pacific.

Braham Pearlman

President - Australasian Section

Dr Geoffrey C Hall AM
In appreciation for outstanding service
Australasian Section Board of Regents
1985 - 2007

Geoff has been a Fellow of the Australasian Section of the International College of Dentists since 1976. He was elected to the Board of Regents in 1985 and has served on the Board continuously since that time.

1985 - 1988	Regent
1988 - 1990	Treasurer
1991 - 1998	Registrar
1999 - 2001	President
2001 - 2003	Immediate Past President
2001 - 2007	International Councillor

Registrar's Report



2007 Officers

President	Braham Pearlman
Vice President	Gerald Dickinson
Imm Past President	Clive Ross, CNZM
Secretary/Registrar	Jackie Robinson
Treasurer	Peter Noblet, AM
Editor	Dick Cook, AM
International Council:	Clive Ross, CNZM
Regents:	David Thomson
	Jenny Smyth, AM

Membership

At the May 2006 annual Board meeting, changes were made to the By-Laws regarding the category of "Life Membership" in our Section. New categories of "Retired Members" and "Honorary Life Members" were introduced in place of the "Life Members" category. Consequently, the membership statistics for our Section now number:

- 402 Active Members
- 144 Retired Members
- 12 Honorary Life Members
- 2 Honorary Members

Of the total membership of our Section -

- 484 from Australia
- 70 from New Zealand
- 2 from Fiji
- 4 living other overseas countries

Vale College Fellows

Sadly since the last newsletter was published, we have received notification that a number of Fellows have passed away:

- John F Burrow, Hazelwood Park, SA
- Lloyd M Crawford, Sydney, NSW
- Kenneth Franklin, Mackay, QLD
- D Roger Gain, Palmerston North, NZ
- Neville Hill, Newcastle, NSW
- Douglas Loader, North Balwyn, VIC
- Owen Makinson, OAM, Adelaide, SA
- Richard Setright, Balgowlah Heights, NSW

Honours and Awards

Congratulations to the following ICD Fellows on their well deserved recognition through the 2007 Australia Day and Queens Birthday honours.

Fellows of the Australasian Section named in the 2007 Australia Day honours were:

- Peter Barnard OAM (NSW)
- Peter Lazar AM (NSW)
- Rick Olive AM (QLD)

Fellows recognised in the 2007 Queen's Birthday Honours list for their contributions to dentistry and to the community:

- Alan G Parker OAM (Vic)
- Terry R Walton AM (NSW)

2007 Convocation in Sydney

A dinner and induction ceremony were held in the beautiful Blaxland Ballroom of the Swissotel in Sydney on the evening of March 16. All ICD inductions are special events, but there were a few touches to this evening which contributed to making it an especially memorable occasion. More than 175 Fellows and guests attended the induction and dinner.

We were privileged to have the International President, Dr Don Johnson and his wife Jan join us. Don had attended the annual Board of Regents meeting earlier in the day and addressed the audience during the dinner.

Outgoing President, Dr Clive Ross announced new office bearers on the Board of Regents for 2007 - 2009 and acknowledged Rob Butler and Geoff Hall who were leaving the Board after their years of significant service. Incoming President, Dr Braham Pearlman, presided at the dinner which followed the induction ceremony.

We were pleased to have five of our twelve Honorary Life Members attend the dinner - Syd Dobbin, Derek Freeman, Neil Henry, Peter Ryan, Tom Speed. Dr Johnson presented the Honorary Life Membership certificates as Braham highlighted the outstanding contributions that each recipient had made to our Section over many years.



At the dinner special tribute was also paid to Dr Geoff Hall who stepped down from the Board of Regents after 22 years of continuous service. Geoff's contribution to the Australasian Section was acknowledged by Braham. Geoff was presented with a commemorative plaque and with Honorary Life Membership. Dr Johnson also presented Geoff with a plaque in recognition of his service to the ICD Board as International Councillor. During the induction ceremony, Geoff addressed the new inductees for the last time as the International Councillor.

Braham also acknowledged the presence of Dr Fernando Jong of East Timor as our guest for the evening.

And, of course, the most important part of the evening was the induction of new Fellows to the College in recognition of their contributions to our profession and to the community.

New Fellows inducted at the March 2007

Convocation:

- Ross APPLEGARTH, Endodontist, Brisbane
- Jenny BALL, General Practitioner, Kallaroo, WA
- William G BOWLES, Endodontist, Brisbane
- David CABLE, Endodontist, Sydney
- Richard W CHAN, Restricted Practice (Implants and Prosthodontics), Sydney
- Tony COYNE, Prosthodontist, Gold Coast
- Bradley CURTIS, Academic, University of Sydney
- Ali DARENDELILER, Academic, Hospital Practice and Specialist (Orthodontics) Practice, Sydney
- Malcolm DEALL, General Practitioner, Erina, NSW
- Alistair DEVLIN, General Practitioner, Karrinyup, WA
- Paul W DRUMMOND, Prosthodontist, Kent Town, SA
- Paul DUKE, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon, Wayville, SA
- Wendell EVANS, Academic, University of Sydney
- Jeremy GRAHAM, General Practitioner, Caulfield, VIC
- Kerrod B HALLETT, Academic and Hospital Specialist (Paediatric Dentistry), Royal Children's Hospital, Brisbane and Griffith University
- Suzanne HANLIN, Prosthodontist, Melbourne
- Sally HIBBERT, Hospital Specialist (Paediatric Dentistry), Westmead Centre for Oral Health
- Bernard KOONG, Specialist in OMFS Radiology, Perth
- Paul KOTALA, General Practitioner with Justice Health
- Anthony W LAKE, General Practitioner, Adelaide
- Geoffrey McKELLAR, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon, private practice Westmead, NSW and Westmead Hospital
- Patrick J MEANEY, General Practitioner, Moss Vale, NSW
- Kareen MEKERTICHIAN, Paediatric Dentist, Chatswood, NSW
- Paul MONSOUR, Specialist (Dento-Maxillofacial Radiologist), Brisbane
- Alex MOULE, Endodontist, Brisbane
- Peter PARASHOS, Endodontist, Melb
- Scott W PARSONS, Periodontist, Canberra
- Christos PAZIOS, General Practitioner, Adelaide
- Lindsay RICHARDS, Hospital Specialist (Prosthodontics) and Academic, University of Adelaide
- Mark SCHIFTER, Specialist in Oral Medicine, Westmead Centre Oral Health
- Bradley SHEPHERD, Prosthodontist, West Perth
- Anthony SHIELDS, Orthodontist, Brisbane
- Geoffrey D STACEY, Prosthodontist, Royal Australian Army Dental Corps
- Anne SYMONS, Academic, University of Queensland
- Peter D WONG, Paediatric Dentist, Canberra
- Stephen YEUNG, Periodontist, Sydney and Gosford, NSW
- Hans ZOELLNER, Academic (Oral Pathology), University of Sydney

Fellows inducted in absentia:

- Kathryn ARNEMAN, Orthodontist, Hobart
- Gerard CLAUSEN, Prosthodontist, Melbourne
- Peter DUCKMANTON, Senior Staff Specialist (Endodontics), Sydney Dental Hospital
- Chris GRIFFITHS, AM; Staff Specialist, Westmead Hospital
- Wayne SAMPSON, Academic (Orthodontics), University of Adelaide
- W. Kim SEOW, Academic (Paediatric Dentistry), University of Queensland
- Marcus TOD, Orthodontist, Upper Mt Gravatt, QLD
- Grant TOWNSEND, Academic, University of Adelaide

PROJECT SUPPORT

At the Board of Regents meeting held in Melbourne on 26 May, approval was given to support a number of humanitarian dental projects in the Asia-Pacific area:

- School based preventive dental care in Nepal
- Visiting lecturer in paediatric dentistry at the Faculty of Dentistry in Cambodia
- Teaching support for the new dental school in Papua New Guinea

Reports on these projects are highlighted in the enclosed copy of The Globe.



We were also pleased to provide support for Dr Fernando Jong of Indonesia to attend the 2007 ADA Congress. Dr Jong is the Senior Dentist in the Ministry of Health in East Timor and President of the East Timor Dental Association.

Future Australasian Section Meetings and Inductions

- August 2008, Melbourne
- September 2008, Rotorua, New Zealand - at the time of the New Zealand Dental Association Biennial Conference
- 13th March 2009, Perth - at the 33rd Australian Dental Congress.

Details will be advised to all Fellows prior to these events.

Nominations for Fellowship and Requests for Project Support

The Board of Regents of the Australasian Section meets annually in conjunction with convocations and induction ceremonies. At the annual Board meeting nominations for new Fellows and proposals for project support are considered, in addition to other business being conducted. All Fellows are encouraged to nominate dental colleagues whom they know to be contributing to dentistry and to oral health above and beyond their normal roles. Nomination forms and requests for project support can be requested from the Registrar:

Dr Jackie Robinson
Registrar
10 Bendtree Way Castle Hill, NSW 2154
AUSTRALIA
Email: jackie_robinson@iinet.net.au

Project Support East Timor

Sandra Meihubers and David Sheen whose overseas projects are supported by the College, advise that they can also use professional support from dentists for a two week period.

Volunteers can contact Sandra by email on sm495@ozemail.com.au or David Sheen on dashingdave@bigpond.com.

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ADA(Inc)

In recognition of their outstanding service to the Australian Dental Association, Honorary Life Membership of the ADA Inc has been awarded to fellows:

Dr Bill O'Reilly NSW immediate past President of the ADA Inc

Prof Martin Tyas VIC

Martin has also been awarded the Alan Docking IADR Science Award for outstanding scientific achievement in dental research over a long period

The College congratulates all these awardees.

ICD BEST PRACTICES Section VIII AUSTRALASIA in the 2007 GLOBE

Fellows are directed to the 2007 Edition of the College's publication "The Globe" which reflects College President Don Johnson's intention to produce a more readable journal which presents the College's dental humanitarian efforts throughout the world.

In particular, the excellent report produced by our Registrar Jackie Robinson shows how the Australasian section is performing in this area of humanitarian dental projects.

Please take the time to read the excellent reports on projects in PNG, Nepal and Cambodia supported by our section of the International College. It shows us very favourably in relation to other sections and reflects very well on those selfless dentists from Australasia who give their time and effort to these projects.

Editorial Notice

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

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Email Addresses

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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.