



# International College of Dentists Australasian Section

## Newsletter

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The record of the Australasian section of the College over recent years has been one of steady growth in numbers of Fellows, and continued performance in support of oral health related projects in the Southern Pacific area and South East Asia.

Many of these projects are driven by Fellows of the College and it is gratifying to be able to support these generous Fellows of our section of the College. The list of these projects appears in the Registrar's report.

Recent activity by the Board has centered on planning for the next Convocation of the College in Christchurch, NZ on 19<sup>th</sup> of August 2010 and this has now been finalized. It will fit within the program of the NZDA Conference.

The invitation and registration form appears in the newsletter and I commend the meeting to all Australasian fellows – noting that it is the ski season in the South Island.

International President Dr. Manfred Seidemann of Chile will attend and address the Convocation.

Preliminary planning for the following Convocation in Brisbane during the 34<sup>th</sup>

Australian Dental Congress (planned for the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre in late March 2011) is underway. Details will be provided in future newsletters.

I look forward to seeing many fellows in both Christchurch and Brisbane, and to meeting newly inducted fellows at both meetings.

Dick Cook  
President

#### Australia Day Honours

Since the last newsletter, Dr John Fricker was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2010 Australia Day Honours for his services to dentistry. Congratulations to John on this well deserved recognition.

#### Project Support

Section V111 is committed to supporting the development of Oral Health services and education in underserved areas within its region and encourages members to consider applying for project support for worthwhile projects such as those described in this newsletter.

#### International College

The newsletter contains a message from the International President, Dr Siedemann. Fellows are encouraged to visit the ICD website at [www.icd.org](http://www.icd.org).

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# REGISTRAR'S REPORT

## 2009 - 2011 Board of Regents

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## Membership of the Australasian Section (Section VII I)

The Australasian Section of the International College of Dentists currently has 539 Fellows comprised of:

Active Members	441
Retired Members	86
Honorary Life Members	9
Honorary Members	3

469 Fellows live in Australia; 61 in New Zealand and 9 in other parts of the world (Cambodia, Eritrea, Fiji, France, Malaysia, Singapore, USA).

Honorary Life Membership is one of the highest honours awarded within the International College of Dentists. The Australasian Section is proud to have nine Honorary Life Members:

- Emeritus Professor Kenneth Sutherland AM of Western Australia
- Dr Maurice Dingle of Queensland.
- The Honorable Dr Derek Freeman AM of New South Wales
- Dr Geoffrey Hall AM of South Australia
- Dr Donald Heffron CBE of New South Wales
- Dr Neil Henry AM of Queensland
- Dr Peter Ryan OAM of Queensland

- Dr Tom Speed of Auckland, New Zealand
- Dr Sydenham Dobbin AM of New South Wales.

The status of "Master" is zealously guarded and few members are awarded this honour. Dr Sydenham Dobbin AM is the only member of the Australasian Section who currently holds this title.

## 2010 Induction of New Fellows

The next induction of new Fellows into the Australasian Section of the International College of Dentists will be held in Christchurch, New Zealand on Thursday, August 19 at the time of the New Zealand Dental Association Biennial Conference. An invitation with details is included in this newsletter.

## 2011 Induction of New Fellows

The next induction ceremony to be held in Australia will be the evening of Friday, 1 April 2011 in Brisbane at the time of the Australian Dental Association Biennial Congress. Mark your diaries now!

Further details of the 2011 Brisbane induction will be advised through newsletters and mailings to members closer to the time of the induction.

## Vale

Sadly since the last newsletter was published John Hawke ONZM BDS FICD, Hospital Dentist and Oral Surgeon passed away after a long illness. He graduated 1954 and after some years in private practice, entered full time public hospital practice and remained there for the rest of his long career. He served as President of the Auckland Branch of the NZ Dental Association and the NZ Hospital Dentists Association and was awarded Officer of the NZ Order of Merit for services to dentistry in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in 1998.

## Treasurer's report

The Financials for the year ending the 30th June 2009 have been audited and indicate a significant increase in members funds carried forward. This has been in part due to a doubling in the amount of donations received which is a great credit to our fellows. The college is therefore well positioned to provide financial aid to worthy projects in our region.

## Project Support

Although our funds for sponsorships are limited, our Section has generously supported a number of worthwhile projects that improve oral health in underserved communities and enhance dental education. These projects have included:

- Endodontic education for Dr Arpana Devi, Fiji School of Dentistry
- Oral Health Education program in Nepal
- Travel fellowship for teaching in the Dental School in Papua, New Guinea
- Projects within the Fiji School of Dentistry
- Treatment of preschool children and oral health education in Long Tan, Vietnam
- Paediatric dentistry course at the Faculty of Dentistry in Cambodia

Our ability to fund worthy projects has been extended considerably by the generosity of Fellows who make contributions towards these projects with their annual membership renewal. In 2009 Fellows generously donated \$4,000 through this avenue.

All requests for support for dental projects are considered at the annual Board meeting. The next meeting of the Board will be held on August 18 in Christchurch. If you wish to submit a request for funding support, please contact the Registrar ([jackie\\_robinson@iinet.net.au](mailto:jackie_robinson@iinet.net.au)) for an application form. Requests must be received by mid-July in order to be included in the agenda for the Board meeting.

## Nepal - Bhattedande Village School Program.

### The Place

This is the second report on the school oral health program in a village in the foothills of Nepal. The village of Bhattedande is not far from a major administrative centre in Kavre District, however the people are poor and marginalised. They belong to the Tamang ethnic group and practise Buddhism in a country that is predominantly Hindu. The main income source is agriculture which also provides a subsistence lifestyle for the population of 400.



### The School Children

The village children attend the local school, built in 2004 from funds raised by a visiting English couple. The school population fluctuates, however it hovers around 200 comprised of enrolments both from the village and from the surrounding area. My village "brother" Prem Lama has personally taken on the responsibility of making sure all children attend the school once they achieve school age, by gaining sponsorship from "foreigners" for the poorer children whose families struggle to pay the school fees. As in many places education of the children is strongly supported by the local community, so that future generations can move beyond the high levels of illiteracy in their parents and create opportunities for their own development and hopefully contribute to improvements in their community.

## The Oral Health Program

Our school oral health program commenced in 2007, focussing on supervised school based toothbrushing with fluoride toothpaste and twice yearly dental camps conducted in the school, providing mainly preventive and restorative care. A dental team from the local non-government organisation (NGO) Community Health Development Society (CHDS) Nepal coordinates the program by arranging the supply of toothbrushes and toothpaste, providing oral health awareness sessions for teachers and students and conducting the dental camps

Toothpaste delivery Nepal style



*Toothpaste delivery Nepal style*

We worked together in 2008 to conduct an oral health survey in the school which found that decay rates in the children were higher than the national average. This has given us a benchmark for running our program as well as for future evaluations and assessments.

## Some of the Strengths and Challenges

An essential element in the program is the development and nurturing of relationships with both the school and the village community. CHDS operates very well in this regard and works with the partners to tackle the range of ongoing issues such as low/no water supply in the months before the monsoon rains, maintenance of plumbing at the school sinks, turnover of teaching staff, competing interests in the school, as well as developing a program training manual and addressing the growing interest in sweet foods and drinks.

However we persevere, with the support of the school's management committee, and are grateful to the International College of Dentists for

continued funding support. In 2009 the program supplied 474 toothbrushes and 1269 tubes of fluoridated toothpaste, enough for the children, staff, and "extras".

We have also provided dental camps for adults in the village, and hope to expand the oral health awareness sessions into working with families, which will be more easily facilitated once we have built a community meeting room in the centre of the village.



*Water is often scarce towards the end of the dry season*

## Working Together on Teeth and Toilets

Gaining credibility and support is not always easy and I am very grateful to the leadership shown by the village school management committee and am very much in awe of the commitment and skills shown by Mr Bishnu Shrestha, a highly gifted dental worker and the Director of CHDS Nepal. Together for the last 3 years we have also been installing toilets in the village - biogas systems where possible and feasible, and septic systems in the rest of the houses - again using local expertise, and raising funds from private donors and Rotary in Australia. For without better overall health due to improved sanitation, our oral health programs would be working in a vacuum. But the sanitation program is another story..... Namaste and Lhaso!

Sandra Meihubers

April 2010

## Long Tan Vietnam Preventive Dental Program

In 2009/2010 the College has been providing ongoing funding for a project to provide support for treatment of preschool children and development of a preventive and oral health education program in Long Tan, Vietnam. Dr Colin Twelftree has provided the following progress report:

I am pleased to report that another very successful visit has been made to the Dental Clinic at Long Tan in South Vietnam. Fellows will remember that our college has provided support for the equipping and maintenance of this clinic providing preventive and comprehensive dental treatment to the children and adults of the village of Long Tan adjacent to the historic Australian battlefield.



In January this year a Vietnamese dentist from Adelaide together with a hygienist from Brisbane and a dental nurse spent two weeks at the clinic. They were able to complete the treatment of the pre-school children as well as provide treatment for a small adjacent Catholic school. Subsequently, treatment was provided for grade 5 of the primary school of Long Tan as this group of children will be leaving the school in the near future.

The dentist was Dr Oahn Ha who was born in Vietnam but educated in Australia. She is a fluent Vietnamese speaker and, consequently, was able to institute a dental health education and preventive program. She held discussions with the teachers of the pre-school children who are responsible for these children for three meals a day. She was also able to talk to and provide education for some of the parents of these children. This opportunity to

communicate directly with the local population will greatly improve the effectiveness of the whole program for the future.

The next visit to the clinic will be led by another of our Fellows, Dr Helen McLean, who will accompany the two hygienists who worked with me in November last year. This team will be able to consolidate the efforts of the previous teams as well as continue to treat the primary school children.



*Hygienists Lesley Mackrill and Hellen Checker*

At least two further visits have been arranged for later this year but I would be very pleased to receive offers from dentists to accompany hygienists and therapists at other times. In fact, the numbers of dental hygienists who wish to work at the clinic has overwhelmed us and it is the dentist's numbers that are lacking.

As always, the non government organisation (N.G.O) which provides the legal frame-work for these visits, (The Australian Vietnam Volunteers Resource Group) acknowledges the support of both the International College of Dentists and the Dental Hygienists Association Of Australia in the implementation of this program.

If any Fellows wish to contact me directly regarding a visit please feel free to telephone me at work (08)82967910 or email me at [twelftree@internode.on.net](mailto:twelftree@internode.on.net). I look forward to answering all your questions.

Colin Twelftree

April 2010

## Letter from the President of the International College of Dentistry

Dear Fellow of the International College of Dentists,

Today I am writing you regarding a very important task you can perform for our College. It is closely related to your Initiation in your International College of Dentists as well as to your personal and professional achievements. At the end of these Presidential Notes I remind you of two missions you can easily perform for your College.

The International College of Dentists is the oldest global, honorary, dental organization. Through the granting of Fellowships, our College honors those dentists who observe impeccable ethics and have distinguished themselves in their professional or academic, and communitarian lives. As a Fellow, you are aware that the *Honor of Fellowship in the International College of Dentists* is obtained solely through 'invitation'.

You are one of 11,642 Fellows spread throughout 101 countries. You are a significant component of our College. Therefore, you also have the opportunity to participate in our Institution's activities as well as in its development and growth. The latter is one of our College's Objectives and it was firmly acknowledged when you received *The Key to your College* as well as *The Hand of Fellowship*.

During your Induction Ceremony, you were charged to also fulfill our College's 8th. Objective: "To accept the responsibility to evaluate other colleagues for their performance and, if appropriate, become a Sponsor for those who qualify for Fellowship".

The mission of our College is to elevate the standards of care delivered throughout the world. The I.C.D. is able to participate in this effort by expanding the network of Fellows. You have the opportunity to participate in this process by suggesting Candidates for *ICD-Fellowship*. You may also recommend for Fellowship colleagues from other Sections and areas without an I.C.D.

presence. Unfortunately, sometimes, highly ethical and qualified colleagues may be inadvertently overlooked. This process must follow a protocol:

### 1. Own District or region

The name of the "suggested colleague" as well as personal information and a description of the attributes that make said person worthy for the "recommendation for *ICD-Fellowship*" will be submitted in writing to the District's or Region's Regent. The information will be studied by the pertinent authorities. If appropriate, the process will proceed with its normal course

### 2. Other Sections, Districts, Regions or Areas without an I.C.D. Presence

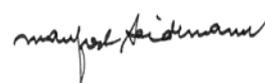
- a) To make the recommendation, you should submit, in writing, the name(s), postal address and all pertinent information to the "nearest competent authority"; i. e., Section President or Registrar, District or Region Regent or Secretary.
- b) The District or Region and Section to which the "recommended colleague" would belong, will determine the suggested person is worthy of *ICD-Fellowship*.

I invite you to participate in your College's growth and development. Our Founding Fathers, Fellows Louis Ottofy and Tsurukichi Okumura, believed that every highly ethical and outstanding dentist should be considered for the Honor of *ICD-Fellowship*.

Please send to your I.C.D. Central Office (sg@icd.org) suggestions that you believe will improve our International College of Dentists. Also, do not forget to favor, with your purchases, THE GLOBE magazine's Advertisers.

Wishing you, dear I.C.D. Fellow, all the very best, I remain,

With warmest fraternal regards,



Manfred Seidemann Santiago, Chile

# 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 below. It is recognised that some of the information may be irrelevant to an individual and some sections below may have insufficient space. If appropriate, provide further information as an attachment. As the form indicates, 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 to allow sufficient time for preparation for consideration at the meeting.**

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## CURRICULUM VITAE – CONFIDENTIAL

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

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

PRIVATE ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PRACTICE ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ PRACTICE PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

TERTIARY EDUCATION AND DEGREES: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

APPOINTMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS - POSITIONS HELD/SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

PUBLICATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENTATIONS/LECTURES TO PROFESSIONAL GROUPS: \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHING EXPERIENCE – UNIVERSITY/TAFE: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNITY SERVICE: \_\_\_\_\_

AWARDS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: \_\_\_\_\_

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PROPOSER:(Print name) \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDER:(Print name) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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# International College of Dentists Australasian Section

## INDUCTION CEREMONY AND LUNCHEON

Boaters Restaurant  
Christchurch Town Hall  
86 Kilmore Street, Christchurch

THURSDAY, 19 August 2010  
12:30pm – 2:00 pm  
\$60 (NZD)/\$50 (AUD) per person

Dress: Lounge suit

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If you are attending the New Zealand Dental Association Conference, please register for the ICD induction and luncheon as part of your conference registration.

- If you are NOT attending the conference, please complete and return this form to register for the ICD luncheon and induction.

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

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

Additional guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Special dietary requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Credit Card Payment:*  Mastercard  Visa  Bankcard Amount to be deducted: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not attending the NZDA Conference, please return this form **by 20 July 2010** to:

<p><b>New Zealand Fellows:</b> Dr David Crum NZ Dental Association PO Box 28084 Remuera, AUCKLAND 1541</p>	<p><b>Australian and other Overseas Fellows:</b> Dr Jackie Robinson, Registrar 10 Bendtree Way Castle Hill, NSW 2154</p>
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