

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dr Jackie Robinson

First and foremost, I want to congratulate and welcome the 31 new Fellows who were inducted into our Section at the dinner in Melbourne on April 5. I hope that all of you enjoy and appreciate the honour of being part of the world's oldest and largest international honorary dental society.

I am very privileged to be writing this message as the newly appointed President of the Australasian Section (Section VIII) of the International College of Dentists. I joined the Board in 2003 when Rob Butler was President and Braham Pearlman was Registrar. Subsequently, I have had the pleasure of serving as Registrar for four Presidents – Clive Ross CNZM, Braham Pearlman, Dick Cook AM and David Thomson. The ICD Section VII Board is a dedicated group of professionals from whom I have learned a great deal. I especially want to acknowledge the recent loss of our good friend and esteemed colleague, Braham Pearlman, to whom I owe so much. There is a tribute to Braham in this newsletter. I, like so many others, miss Braham greatly.

At this time there is a changing of the guard within the Board. Our longest serving member is Clive Ross who joined the Board in 1998. Clive has served as Regent, Editor, Vice-President, President and Immediate Past President. Since 2008 Clive has been our International Councillor and is currently Treasurer of the International Council where he is highly regarded and serves as a worthy ambassador for our Section. Dick Cook departed the Board after our recent Board meeting having served, like Clive, for fifteen years in a variety of positions. A vote of well-deserved thanks is given to Dick in this newsletter. His wise counsel has served the Board well and will be missed.

Then there are the “new kids” on the Board: our current editor, Jenny Smyth AM, who joined the Board in 2008; David Crum (2010), John Owen and Keith Watkins (2011), Rick Sawers (2012) and Tom Tseng who joined the Board in April as our new Registrar. The tradition within the Board of dedication and cohesion is assured with our current mix of “corporate” knowledge and new perspectives.

As would be expected for an organisation that in 2013 will grow to have more than 600 members, there is a lot of work for the Board to do! At the April Board meeting, we approved revised ByLaws of our Section to align with recent revisions to the Constitution of the International College. Our revised ByLaws are currently being reviewed by the President and Secretary General of the College and will be published on our Section website once ratified.

The Board is also busy preparing for the 50th anniversary of our Section which will be celebrated next year. Mark this date on your calendar: Friday, 24 October 2014! As part of the anniversary celebrations, the International Council of the College will hold its annual meeting in Sydney and the Board is planning a special dinner and induction ceremony the evening of October 24. We will keep all members advised as the anniversary plans are confirmed and we hope to see all of you there!

In 2012 Ron Robinson was appointed as the first Administrative Officer for our Section. The creation of this position is another indication of the increasing workload required for a Section comprised of 600 members. Among other duties, Ron has been instrumental in developing the website for our Section which I am delighted to announce and launch with this edition of the newsletter. The website is intended to operate within a limited budget to make information about our Section more readily available to members of our Section and to ICD Fellows throughout the world.

## President's Report (cont)

The information on the website will include a calendar of events, links to recent publications of our Section and of the International College, a current events section and a repository of photos. The repository of photos is certainly a work in progress as Ron scans the large volume of non-digital photos that relate to the 50 year history of our Section. Please take a few minutes to have a look at our new website: [www.icdsectionviii.org](http://www.icdsectionviii.org). There are huge prizes to be won! (Not really – but have a look anyway and let us know if you have any suggestions for what you would like on the website!)

Before I close, I also want to acknowledge and thank the New Zealand Dental Association and David Crum, who is the CEO of NZDA, for their invaluable assistance with financial processes for our New Zealand members. The NZDA has provided this assistance gratis to our Section for many years and, after a brief trial of alternate arrangements in 2012, will continue to provide assistance to us.

Congratulations are also in order for David Thomson who has been appointed as the Chair of the Organising Committee for the ADA Congress to be held in Brisbane in 2015. We wish you and your committee every success, David.

Wishing all of you all the best in life!

## Officers for Section VIII (Australasian Section) 2013 – 2015



**Front Row:** Dr Jenny Smyth AM (QLD), Editor; Dr Dick Cook AM, retiring as Immediate Past President; Dr David Thomson (QLD), Past President; Dr John Owen AM (WA), Treasurer; Dr Jackie Robinson (NSW), President

**Back Row:** Dr Keith Watkins (VIC), Regent; Dr Rick Sawers (SA), Regent; Dr Tom Tseng (NSW), Registrar; Dr Clive Ross CNZM (NZ), International Councillor; Dr David Crum (NZ), Vice President

## Vote of Thanks to Dr Dick Cook AM



Dr Dick Cook, AM

Dr Dick Cook AM (WA) has departed the Board after fifteen years of continuous service. Dick first joined the Board of Section VIII as a Regent in 1998. Dick was the Editor of the newsletter 2003 – 2009. He served as President 2009 – 2011 and then as Immediate Past President until the recent Board meeting

held in April. On behalf of all Fellows of our Section, we thank Dick for his outstanding contribution over so many years.

## REGISTRAR'S REPORT



Dr Tom Tseng

## Membership Update

The Australasian Section of the International College of Dentists currently has 593 Fellows comprised of:

Active Members	501
Retired Members	82
Masters	2
Honorary Life Members	5
Honorary Member	3

517 Fellows live in Australia. 64 Fellows live in New Zealand and 12 Fellows live in other parts of the world (Cambodia, Eritrea, Fiji, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa, The Netherlands and the USA.)

Statistics kept on Section VIII membership over the past seven years show that the total membership has grown 6% from 560 in 2007 to

593 in 2013. There has been a shift in the percentage of retired members from 26% in 2007 to 14% in 2013. Currently there are 86 female members of our Section (14.5%) and 507 male members (85.5%).

### Retired Membership

A Retired Fellow is a member in good standing who has reached the age of 70 years and who no longer derives income from the practice of dentistry or any phase of dentistry that meets that definition such as teaching, research, dental administration or government service. A member forced to retire from practice due to a disabling medical problem or other extenuating circumstances may apply to the Board to change from Active to Retired Fellowship status regardless of age. To change membership status to that of a Retired Fellow, a member must apply to the Board in writing. Requests for changes to retired status are considered at the annual meeting of the Board.

### Our Masters Fellows

We are indeed privileged to have two Masters within our Section: Dr Syd Dobbin AM (NSW) and Dr Geoff Hall AM (SA). Masters are Fellows in good standing who at the time of their nomination have rendered extraordinarily conspicuous and outstanding service to the College and are duly approved by the Section and by the College. The awarding of the status of Master is considered a rare distinction. Approval of the International Council must be obtained before Mastership is awarded having received prior nomination from the Section.

### Our Honorary Life Members

Honorary Life Members are Active or Retired Fellows in good standing who have made an outstanding contribution to the College and to the profession as determined by the Board of Regents. Honorary Life Membership is conferred only after careful investigation has revealed such Fellow to be fully worthy of such a high honour. The five Honorary Life Members of our Section are The Honourable Dr Derek Freeman AM (NSW), Dr W Donald Heffron CBE (NSW), Dr L Peter Ryan OAM (QLD), Dr Tom Speed (New Zealand) and Emeritus Professor Kenneth Sutherland AM (WA).

### Our Honorary Members

The Board of Regents may confer Honorary Fellowship upon an individual, other than a member of the College and not necessarily a dentist, who has rendered conspicuous service to the cause of dental science, has contributed to the promotion of the dental profession or has otherwise significantly advanced the dental profession within the Section. Honorary

Fellowship is conferred only after careful investigation has revealed the said person fully worthy of such high honour. The three Honorary Members of our Section are Mr John Harrington (NSW), Mr Peter Lazar OAM (NSW) and Professor Eric Reynolds AO (VIC).

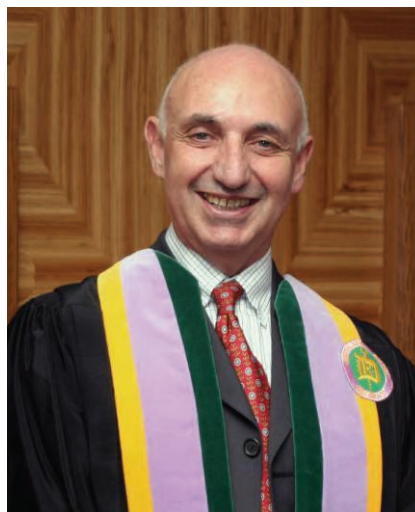
### Growing Our Future Membership

All Fellows are encouraged to nominate deserving dentists in our Region for Fellowship in the International College of Dentists. It is only with the assistance of all Fellows that we can ensure colleagues worthy of nomination are duly identified. Enclosed with this newsletter is an ICD nomination form. Please think about colleagues you know who deserve nomination and put their names forward to the Board. Contact the Administrative Officer, Dr Ron Robinson, for more information (email: [admin@icdsectionviii.org](mailto:admin@icdsectionviii.org)). Nominations will next be considered by the Board at a Board teleconference to be held in June.

### Vale Fellows

Sadly we have learned of the passing of a number of Section VIII Fellows since the November 2012 newsletter. These include Alistair Devlin (WA), Stuart Edwards (QLD), Geoff McKellar (QLD), Alan Parker OAM (VIC) and Braham Pearlman (NSW). Braham Pearlman was a past President of the Board of Regents for our Section.

### In Memory of A/Prof Braham Pearlman



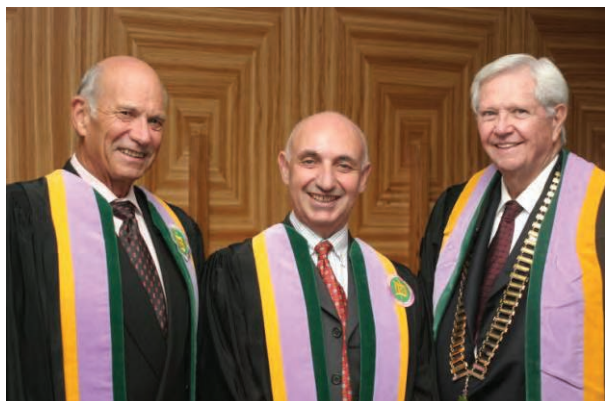
Dr Braham Pearlman

It is with great sadness that we advise that A/Prof Braham Pearlman passed away on Sunday, 24 February 2013. Happily Braham's last days were at home with his devoted family.

Braham was inducted as a Fellow of the International College of Dentists in 1993 and served on the Board of Regents of the



Australasian Section (Section VIII) for 10 years. He joined the Board as a Regent in 2000 then was appointed to the position of Registrar in 2002. Subsequently, Braham served two year terms as Vice-President, President and Past President before leaving the Board in 2010.



2007 - Braham with Clive Ross CNZM and Don Johnson, International President

Braham was a guiding influence in shaping the Australasian Section. In particular, Braham was a strong advocate for the Dental School in Fiji and, with Deborah, made several trips to the School to lecture to students and to local dentists on periodontology.

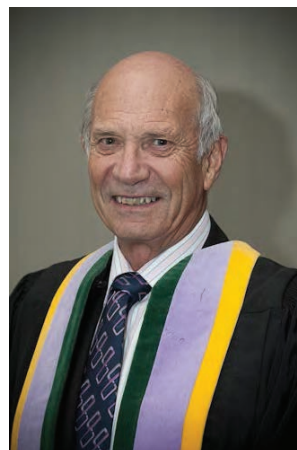
Braham was born in 1939 and gained his professional qualifications through Sydney, Leeds and Boston. He was actively engaged in clinical practice from his early days in partnership with John Cooney in Double Bay. In the 1990s Braham served as the Head of the Periodontal Unit at Westmead Hospital Dental Clinical School. In early 2000 Braham opened a periodontal practice in Adamstown, NSW where he continued to practice until late last year.

Braham was appointed as President Elect of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons, but was unable to assume this office in 2012 due to illness. Braham contributed significantly to the dental profession throughout his career and mentored many young dental professionals. He was an inspiration and a loyal friend and colleague.



Braham and Debra Pearlman

## INTERNATIONAL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT



Dr Clive Ross CNZM

As Fellows of the International College of Dentists, we are part of the world's oldest and largest international dental honorary society with over 12,000 dentists located in 122 countries throughout the world. The Council Office and the International Council of the College are working diligently to fulfil the mission of the College "to recognise outstanding professional achievement and meritorious service and to progress dentistry for the benefit of humankind".

As the International Councillor for the Australasian Section, I attended the International Council meeting in October 2012 in San Francisco. We were fortunate to also have the President of our Section, Dr David Thomson, attend one session of the Council meeting while he was in San Francisco.

This meeting was significant in that the College Council meeting reflected the very determined effort to modernise, be more responsive to the needs of Sections and Regions and reflect the objectives of the College in today's modern context.

The Council Office of the International College has undergone significant revitalisation in recent years. In 2012 the Council Office transferred from its co-location with the office of the US Section to new headquarters in Flint, Michigan. At the same time, Chelsea White replaced Kathleen Bula as the Executive Assistant for the Council Office.

Jack Hinterman, the current Secretary-General, is demonstrating exceptional leadership and skill in guiding the College through this period of transition.

The Council Office has a strong focus on improving communications with all Fellows globally. Towards that end, social networks such as Facebook are being used for the first time within the College, electronic communications such as the "The College Today" are distributed widely and the ICD website ([www.icd.org](http://www.icd.org)) has been given new emphasis.

New tools such as Google Hangout are being used to facilitate communication amongst Council members spread around the world. Dov Sydney is to be given credit for leading and organising the new communication initiatives. Importantly, a Diamond Sponsorship program now provides valuable financial support for the new communication strategy. Dov is also instrumental in raising the calibre of the annual publication of The Globe which is distributed to all ICD Fellows throughout the world.

Behind the scenes the Council is working to update the internal structure and administrative processes of the College. For example, a position of Speaker was introduced at the 2012 Council meeting to improve conduct of the Council meetings. This will facilitate the management of the formal Council meetings particularly for those future Presidents who have English as their second language. This initiative will also allow the President to participate more freely in debate of issues. It is no small task to conduct a Council meeting of 40 representatives from the 15 different Sections of the College who speak many different languages.

Another example of changes being introduced to unite the Sections is implementation of a central database of all Sections through the College website. The centralised database is planned to be launched in 2014. We are very fortunate to have Ron Robinson assisting our Section to integrate this with the Council Office.

High priority within the College, as it is within our Section, is support for humanitarian projects throughout the world. Our Section is held in very high regard by the Council for the contribution we make to humanitarian causes in our region. The Impact section of The Globe highlights outstanding projects supported by various Sections of the College and our Section always features prominently. "Project 55" led by Charley Siroky collates profiles of ICD sponsored projects from all Sections. For more information on ICD global humanitarian and other service projects visit the ICD website ([www.icd.org](http://www.icd.org)) or contact the ICD Media Centre at [media@icd.org](mailto:media@icd.org).

Leon Aronson from the USA is the current International President. Woong Yang of Korea will be the next President following the International Council meeting to be held in Chengdu, China in November this year. Woong Yang will be President in 2014 when the International Council meets in Sydney as part of our Section's 50th anniversary celebrations. I hope as many Fellows of our Section as possible will take the opportunity in 2014 to meet members of the International Council and participate in recognising our College achievements over 50 years.

## Mobile Dental Clinic Donated to Fiji

Report by Dr David Goldsmith



Two ICD Fellows have combined to donate a fully equipped mobile dental caravan to the Fiji National University Department of Oral Health. Dr David Goldsmith in Ballarat Australia and Dr Bernadete Pushpaangaeli in Fiji (both Rotarians) have liaised to provide a new treatment facility for rural Fijians. The University Faculty trains the majority of dental professionals working in the Pacific Islands including Dental Therapists, Dental Hygienists and Dental Prosthetists as well as dentists. The dental caravan was donated to Rotary by Dental Health Services Victoria. The caravan has been completely renovated, converted to single phase power and a second dental chair, mobile cart and operating light added. Donations of dental supplies and equipment were accumulated over the past 12 months from local dentists and supply companies and were transported inside the van. In addition to the normal instrumentation, the inside of the caravan was packed with dental, orthopaedic and gastroenterology donations. The project has taken three years to come to fruition and the Fiji University has costed the total value of the dental caravan and its contents at \$350,000.

## SECTION VIII ICD FUNDING GRANTS

Again Fellows of our Section were very generous with donations given with their membership renewals. The 2012 donations totaled more than \$10,600. 150 Fellows (27.5% of our membership) made donations with their membership payments with some Fellows donating as much as \$300.

Our Section is currently supporting the following oral health projects thanks to the generous support of our members!



**Oral Health Projects in Cambodia**  
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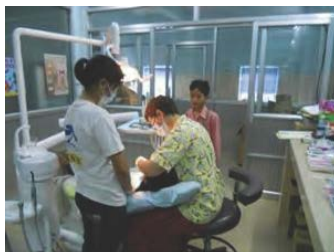
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Fellows are encouraged to contact the project leaders for more information about how to get involved! Details of these projects have been featured in previous newsletters and in the annual publication of "The Globe" which is distributed to all Fellows worldwide. Visit our new Section website ([www.icdsectionviii.org](http://www.icdsectionviii.org)) – Publications Section – to download a PDF of the Grant Funding application and to see copies of our 2012 newsletters and the 2012 edition of The Globe.



## 2013 Melbourne Induction and Dinner



### **New Fellows (names alphabetical):**

Eryn Agnew (VIC), Nick Albatis (WA), Don Anderson (VIC), Ross Bailey (WA), Fiona Bell (ACT), Julee Birch (QLD), Chris Callahan (VIC), Arabelle Clayden (QLD), David Hallett (WA), Steve Harlamb (NSW), Andrew Heap (WA), Elizabeth Holder (QLD), Danielle Layton (QLD), Jack Linn (SA), Tess Matias (QLD), Jane McCarthy (WA), Neil Meredith (QLD), Gerard Parkinson (WA), Angela Mary Pierce (SA), John Razza (WA), Vikash Jagat Singh (Fiji), Anthony Speed (QLD), Raul Taliana (NSW), Andrew Thomson (QLD), Felicia Valianatos (VIC), Raymond Williamson (WA), John Winters (WA), Simon Wylie (VIC)

## 2013 Melbourne Induction and Dinner

An induction ceremony and dinner were held in Melbourne on the evening of Friday, April 5 at the time of the ADA Biennial Congress. The induction and dinner were attended by more than 140 Fellows and guests (a record for our Section!). 28 new Fellows were inducted as listed above.

Martin Glick (WA), Russ Kendell (WA) and Andrew Smith (WA) were inducted in absentia.

Our Section President, Dr David Thomson, welcomed the new Fellows and bestowed College certificates and gold pins on each new Fellow. Our International Councillor, Dr Clive Ross CNZM, addressed the new Fellows emphasising the honour that Fellowship in the International College conveys.

Special guests at the dinner included Dr Bernadette Pushpaangaeli (one of our three Fellows from Fiji) and two Fellows from the US

Section of the ICD, Dr Steve Wilhite (Hawaii) and Prof Gene Roberts (Indiana).

### **Future Section VIII Inductions**

October 2014 – Sydney  
(50th anniversary of our Section)

March 2015 – ADA Congress (Brisbane)

August 2016 – NZDA Conference

The next ICD induction ceremony will be held next year in Sydney as part of the 50th anniversary celebrations of our Section. In honour of our 50th anniversary, the International Council of ICD will hold its annual Council meeting in Sydney. All Fellows will be duly advised of details of the anniversary celebrations well in advance of this special occasion. At this time, please pencil the evening of Friday, 24 October 2014 into your diaries for a gala dinner and induction ceremony.

## Note from the Editor



Dr Jenny Smyth

Thank you to all Fellows who completed the survey on preferences for communications that was part of the 2012 membership renewal form in October. Below is a summary of the results of the survey.

### Contact Preferences

No Preference Given	154	27%
Email Preference	238	42%
Active Members	220	
Retired Members	18	
Postal Preference	170	30%
Active Members	133	
Retired Members	37	
Total Members Surveyed	562	100%

We now have email addresses for 520 of our 593 members (88%) as compared to 419 out of 588 members (71%) in August 2012. Please advise us if there is any change to your details.

At the April Board meeting, it was agreed that we would distribute hard copies of this issue of our Section newsletter. In addition, we will trial electronic distribution of the newsletter as a PDF to all Fellows who indicated a preference for email communications. Your feedback is welcome!

## Note from the Administrative Officer



Dr Ron Robinson

I am very pleased to be working with the Board of Regents for Section VIII as the newly appointed inaugural Administrative Officer. My role is to support the Board with the considerable volume of administrative tasks required of an organisation with nearly 600 members. One of my first duties, as requested by the Board, was to explore development of a website for the Section. Please visit the new website at [www.icdsectionviii.org](http://www.icdsectionviii.org) which is being launched with this edition of the newsletter.

Your feedback on the website is welcome. You can email me at [admin@icdsectionviii.org](mailto:admin@icdsectionviii.org).

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