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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Jackie Robinson

This has been a particularly active period for our Board as we prepare for our Section's 50th anniversary celebrations in October in Sydney. The invitation and registration form for the 50th anniversary were distributed to all Fellows in March. We hope the "package" of activities planned around the gala anniversary dinner will encourage all Fellows to come to Sydney for the biggest event in the history of our Section! The occasion will be one for all of us to be proud of and to remember for a long time! We are very privileged to have the International Council celebrating with us. For more information about the 50th anniversary events, please visit our Section website ([www.icdsectionviii.org](http://www.icdsectionviii.org)) or contact our Admin Officer, Dr Ron Robinson, at [admin@icdsectionviii.org](mailto:admin@icdsectionviii.org).

I want to acknowledge and thank Jill Watson of the New Zealand Dental Association for her assistance with the 2013 membership renewals from our New Zealand Fellows.

Thank you to all Fellows for their generous support for oral health projects in underserved areas in our region. Our Fellows gave close to \$12,000 in dona-

tions with their 2013 membership renewals. Donations ranged from \$10 to an incredible \$1000 from one of our Fellows!

We are proud to be supporting a range of outstanding projects in our region. The leadership of our Section in humanitarian oral health projects is recognised globally within ICD. We congratulate Dr John Owen AM and the Kimberley Dental Team on their well deserved recognition in the Impact section of the 2014 edition of The Globe which was distributed in March. A number of other projects sponsored by our Section and led by our Fellows have featured in previous editions of The Globe.

In his Registrar's report, Tom gives you an update on our membership statistics which show that our Section continues to grow. Membership growth is not to be taken for granted. Some Sections of ICD are not showing positive growth. Growth in our Section is testimony to the calibre of dentists in our region who exhibit leadership within our profession and is testimony to our Board and our Fellows who nominate worthy candidates. We encourage all Fellows to actively engage in nominating colleagues who meet the criteria for ICD Fellowship. The Board will next consider nominations at the June Board teleconference. We look forward to receiving your nominations!

We are pleased to advise that the Board has awarded Honorary Fellowship status to Dr Laynesh GhebreHiwot of Eritrea. There is a brief article about Dr GhebreHiwot in this newsletter. If you attended the induction ceremony in Perth 2009, you will undoubtedly remember Laynesh's inspiring presentation about her work. Laynesh is one

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of four current Honorary Fellows of our Section.

On March 7 the Australasian Section Board held its first ever strategic planning session. Although our Section is strong, the Board felt that it was essential to formulate a plan to ensure the continuing development of our Section as we move towards “2020”. There is further work to be done by the Board to finalise the strategic plan and the details will be shared with all Fellows in due course. The Board has agreed on the following five pillars as the priorities for our Section at this time:

- providing leadership within the dental profession
- developing future leaders within the dental profession
- supporting projects that improve oral health in under served areas in our region
- fostering collegiate collaboration within the dental profession
- demonstrating good governance and upholding high ethical professional standards

These five pillars build on current strengths and define new emphasis in areas important for the future of our Section to fulfil the aims of the International College of Dentists.

I thank the Board for their continuing dedication to our Section. I look forward to seeing all of you at the 50th anniversary celebrations in Sydney in October!

## REGISTRAR’S REPORT

### Membership Update

The Australasian Section (Section VIII) of the International College of Dentists is currently comprised of 612 Fellows:

Active Members	526
Retired Members	76
Master	1
Honorary Life Members	5
Honorary Members	4

542 Fellows live in Australia; 58 Fellows live in New Zealand; 12 Fellows live in other parts of the world (Cambodia, Eritrea, Fiji, Hong

Kong, Malaysia, Northern Ireland, Singapore, South Africa, The Netherlands and the USA.)

Statistics on our membership show growth of 11% over the past 8 years. 60% of our members are in the 50s and 60s age groups; 11% in the 70s age range; 19% in the 40s age range. 15% of our Fellows are female; 85% are male.

Dr. Tom Tseng April 2014

## New Section VIII Honorary Fellow

### Dr Laynesh GhebreHiwot



The Board is pleased to advise that Dr Laynesh GhebreHiwot has been made an Honorary Fellow of the Australasian Section of the International College of Dentists. Many Fellows will remember Dr GhebreHiwot’s inspiring presentation at the 2009 induction ceremony in Perth. Dr GhebreHiwot is the fourth of

our current Honorary Fellows, joining Eric Reynolds AO, John Harrington and Peter Lazar AM.

Dr GhebreHiwot was born in Eritrea and educated at a French High School in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. She completed her studies in Dental Surgery at the University of Sofia in 1974 and returned to war torn Eritrea in 1975. Laynesh was the sole dentist in her part of Eritrea at that time, with no equipment and few supplies for her work. Trained as a general dentist, she was required to treat victims of facial trauma with injuries caused mainly by gunshot wounds. She developed great expertise in this area with support from her Eritrean surgical colleagues and with occasional assistance from visiting OMF surgeons.

Dr GhebreHiwot trained 20 “dental nurses” to deliver routine restorative care and provide emergency pain relief as well as to stabilise facial fractures in the field.

Dr GhebreHiwot’s name was brought to the attention of Dr David Sheen by ophthalmologist, Fred Hollows. David organised support for Laynesh’s work after an initial visit to Eritrea in 1990. Aus-

tralian support (from the ADA, AusAID and AUSTCARE) for the Eritrean Maxillofacial and Dental Program commenced in 1992 and continued until 1997. During this period, the Australian volunteers in Eritrea witnessed Laynesh's extraordinary skills in maxillofacial and cleft palate surgery, in restorative dentistry, in prosthetics and as a teacher, administrator and manager.

Dr GhebreHiwot's efforts continued in peace time after Eritrea gained independence in 1991. She was instrumental in building oral health services for the future of her country. Laynesh continues to work as a maxillofacial surgeon and as a clinician in restorative/prosthetic dentistry and is the principal teacher/trainer/mentor of the Eritrean dental workforce to this day. She is indeed an inspiring example of working with the minimum to achieve the maximum! We are proud to have Dr GhebreHiwot as an Honorary Fellow of our Section.

### **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 identified. A nomination form is included with this newsletter and is also available on the website. Our Fellows may contact our Admin Officer, Dr Ron Robinson, for a nomination form or 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 2014. New Fellows who accept nomination will then have the opportunity to be inducted in October as part of the 50th anniversary celebrations of our Section.

### **Future Section VIII Inductions**

March 2015 – ADA Congress (Brisbane)  
August 2016 – NZDA Conference

### **Appointment of Dr Clive Ross CNZM as International Treasurer**

We are very proud to advise that our Section International Councillor, Dr Clive Ross CNZM, has been re-appointed for another term as Treasurer of the International Council. Congratulations and well done, Clive!



### **2014 ICD INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS**

(standing L. to R.) Dr. Clive Ross (Treasurer), Dr. I. Leon Aronson (Past President), Dr. Dov Sydney (Editor), Dr. John V. Hinterman (Secretary General).

(seated L. to R.) Dr. Phillip Dowell (Vice-President), Dr. Woong Yang (President), Dr. Joseph Kenneally (President Elect)

### **50th Anniversary of Our Section Honouring the Past, Building the Future**



In case you haven't yet heard . . . the Australasian Section of the International College of Dentists (Section VIII) will celebrate its 50th anniversary in Sydney this October. We encourage all Section VIII Fellows to join in the biggest event in the history of our Section!

The 50th anniversary invitation and registration form were sent to all Fellows in March.

The 50th anniversary events include:

- International Council meeting, October 24 - 25
- 50th Anniversary Gala Dinner on the evening of Saturday, October 25
- Induction of New Fellows
- Special rates at the Shangri-La Hotel; must book and pay by June 24th (terms & conditions apply)
- ADA NSW CPD Course, Saturday, October 25
- Group Tours In & Around Sydney
- Exclusive (and limited!) “Make Me a Chef” Session at Shangri-La Hotel

The invitation and registration form can be found on the website: [icdsectionviii.org](http://icdsectionviii.org). For further information, please contact our Admin Officer, Dr Ron Robinson: [admin@icdsectionviii.org](mailto:admin@icdsectionviii.org).

We hope to see you in Sydney in October!

## INTERNATIONAL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The International Council of ICD held its 2013 annual meeting in Chengdu, China in September. Dr Leon Aronson presided as International President. Other members of the Executive Committee were Dr Woong Yang (President Elect), Dr Joseph Kenneally (Vice-President), Dr Dov Sydney (Editor), Dr Clive Ross (Treasurer) and Dr Jack Hinterman (Secretary General). Chelsea White, the recently appointed Executive Assistant, was also in attendance.

Sadly, the meeting commenced with an acknowledgement of the sudden passing of Past President Charles Siroky, a tireless and dedicated ICD personality, who was due to undertake the newly created role of Speaker at the 2014 Council meeting in Sydney. Dr David Thomson of Queensland will be the Acting Speaker for the 2014 Council meeting in October.

Dr How Kim Chuan was welcomed as the new Councillor from Malaysia.

Key Points from the 2013 International Council Meeting:

- Leon Aronson described his visits to Asia and Europe over the course of his Presidential year and the benefits of such visits in fostering the Sections and encouraging membership growth.
- Garry Lunn has been very active in developing an ICD presence on Facebook.
- Dov Sydney has made tremendous strides forward in ICD communication with enhancements to The Globe, improvements to the ICD website and increased use of electronic communications. Dov advised that over 80,000 email messages had been launched from the new ICD email server.
- There has been an increase in the number of Fellows from the regions under the broad category of Section XX. With support and encouragement from Jack Hinterman, Section XX has gained some very enthusiastic Fellows from regions including Africa, the Bahamas and other areas with very high levels of inductions and interest.
- Financially, funds from 8 Diamond Sponsors have been directed towards more effective communication and the appointment of Dov Sydney.
- In order to adequately finance Council business, annual capitation fees are to be increased by \$3 per Fellow from January 2015.
- Jack Hinterman has demonstrated strong leadership in the role of Secretary General. His two major initiatives thus far have been:
  1. The establishment of the Global Visionary Fund which has attracted some significant donors; and
  2. The development and implementation of a web based ICD database
- For the first time in ICD history, two Fellows were simultaneously recognised with the prestigious OTTOFY-OKAMURA award in 2013: Manfred Seideman and Don Johnson. Both are past Presidents of ICD.
- Considerable discussion was had around the need to have a strategic plan. This topic will be explored further at the 2014 Council meeting.

The 2014 meeting of the International Council will be held at the Shangri-La Hotel, Sydney on Fri-

day, October 24 and Saturday, October 25. The International Council is meeting in Sydney as part of the 50th anniversary celebrations of our Section. I hope many members of our Section will attend the 50th anniversary celebrations and welcome the International Councillors to our region!

Clive Ross April 2014

## ORAL HEALTH PROJECTS

Our Fellows continue to generously support oral health projects in under privileged communities within our region by donating with their membership renewals. Fellows donated almost \$12,000 towards oral health projects with their membership renewals in 2013. At this time, our Section is supporting the projects listed below.

- Kimberley Dental Team (John Owen)
- Community Outreach Dental Program (University of Adelaide)
- Smiles for the Pacific Dental Program in Fiji (Jonathan Cole)
- Generator for dental mobile van in Fiji (David Goldsmith)
- ADRF Community Oral Health Award (Ian Meyers)
- Purchase of WHO probes\* (David Goldsmith)
- One-2-One Oral Health Projects in Cambodia (Callum Durward)
- School Oral Health Demonstration Project in Timor Leste (Callum Durward)
- Nepal Bhattendande Village School Program (Sandra Meihubers)
- Vietnam Long Tan Preschool Children & Oral Health Education (Colin Twelftree)
- Maubara Outreach Program in Timor Leste (David Sheen)
- M'Lop Patang Student Scholarships in Cambodia (Petrina Bowden)

*\*available for use by Fellows for oral health surveys (please contact David Goldsmith)*

We are very proud that the 2014 edition of "The Globe", the international publication distributed to all ICD Fellows worldwide, featured the oral health work in aboriginal communities provided by The Kimberley Dental Team. Congratulations to Dr John Owen AM and his team!

Guidelines and application forms for Section VIII grants can be requested from the Administrative Officer, Dr Ron Robinson (email: admin@icdsectionviii.org).

## PROJECT UPDATES

### Australian Dental Research Foundation (ADRF) Community Oral Health Award

The ICD Community Health Award for the period 2014 - 2106 has been granted to Dr Gloria Mejia and Dr Wendy Cheung from the University of Adelaide.

The population based case control study examines maternal and perinatal factors associated with early childhood caries. The study will be carried out among children aged two to four attending child care centres in the Adelaide metro and inner regional area. Data will be gathered through dental examination and a parental questionnaire.



Dr Gloria Mejia is Senior Lecturer in the Australian Research Centre for Population Oral Health (ARCPOH), School of Dentistry, University of Adelaide. She is a dentist with training in public health (MPH) and epidemiology (PhD). Prior

to joining ARCPOH, Gloria was Assistant Professor at the University of California, San Francisco, Center to Address Disparities in Children's Oral Health. Her research focuses on the oral health and oral health care of vulnerable populations, in particular, children and minority groups.



Dr Wendy Cheung is a paediatric dentist and lecturer and course co-ordinator in Paediatric Dentistry at the University of Adelaide. Wendy has been involved in clinical teaching and research in ARCPOH for over ten years, while continuing clinical work at the South

Australian Dental Service, Adelaide Women's and Children's Hospital, and private

practice. She is currently involved in several projects relating to child oral health and has an interest in children with special needs.

## **Kimberley Dental Team Update 2014**

The volunteers of the Kimberley Dental Team (KDT) will soon be departing again to provide free dental care to people of the Kimberley region. Planning for all three 2014 trips this year was quite a feat as there will be a total of 10 weeks clinical work involving approximately 60 volunteers.

New links are being established with West Kimberley communities and a working relationship is being developed and nurtured with the Broome, Derby and Fitzroy dental clinics (GDC's), community medical clinic staff and community schools. As well as our usual towns and communities we will be visiting the communities of Imintji, Mowanjum and Jarlmadangah for the first time in May.

Meanwhile, during the summer months, KDT Southern is active around Perth and surrounds providing a dental service to the Uniting Care homeless shelter and The Forgotten Australians at Tuart Place and oral health packs on request to homeless shelters, health centres, playgroups and schools.

The scope of care provided in May, June and August 2014 will increase on previous years with the use of the KDT vehicles and the KAMSC Dental Truck. Why not follow our travels and adventures on the 'Craig the Croc' Facebook page?

*Jan and John Owen Kimberley Dental Team*  
www.kimberleydentalteam.com

## **Community Outreach Dental Program Adelaide**

As we forge rapidly into 2014, I am delighted to report the following:

- We are providing research opportunities for our students with an Honours project almost completed
- We are working together with the Red Cross to provide care for refugees and to work together to seek funding opportunities

- Collaboration with National Dental Foundation to provide opportunities for dentists who don't have their own practice to provide an after-hours/weekend service for the same group of individuals
- A newly formed relationship with an Aged care group to have our Oral Health students work with nursing staff and residents
- Early discussions with a community council looking at providing dental health education and information sessions for elderly and socially isolated people
- We continue to provide a dental service at Common Ground facility with the generous support of our volunteer dentists and students
- Our students from the AUDSS will host another sleep-out for Homelessness in September this year, which is looking to be an event more successful than last year.

*Margie Steffens, Manager,  
Community Outreach Dental Program*

## **M'lop Tapang, Cambodia**

*Petrina Bowden* has just returned from Cambodia and a tally from the dental score sheet shows that from April 2 – 6 110 patients were seen and 362 treatments provided. For the first time, the team did more restorative work than extractions.

She reports that: "the second dental chair has been a huge success both for the patients and the volunteering dentists. Dentists seem to be more likely to volunteer if they go 'with a friend'. Once again, thank you to ICD."

## **Nepal Bhattendante Village School Program**

*Sandra Meihubers* visited Nepal in April to provide some dental work, to finalise the current stage of the sanitation project and to make new plans for the future. She will provide a more detailed report in the November newsletter.

NOMINATION TO AUSTRALASIAN SECTION  
INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS

All nominations are considered at the annual Board of Regents meeting. Completed nomination forms may be given to any member of the Board or may be sent to the Administration Officer:

Dr Ron Robinson  
ICD Administrative Officer  
10 Bendtree Way  
Castle Hill, NSW 2154  
AUSTRALIA  
Email: admin@icdsectionviii.org

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.

When requesting CVs from a nominee, please be discrete and do not inform the nominee that the CV is being requested for the purpose of nomination for ICD Fellowship. This will avoid potential embarrassment should the nomination not be approved by the Board.

Nominations must be received in time to allow sufficient preparation for consideration by the Board.

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TITLE:           NAME:

DATE OF BIRTH:

PRIVATE ADDRESS:

PRACTICE ADDRESS:

HOME PHONE:

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EMAIL:

TERTIARY EDUCATION AND DEGREES:

CURRENT POSITION:

APPOINTMENTS:

PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS - POSITIONS HELD/SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

PUBLICATIONS (abbreviated):

PRESENTATIONS/LECTURES TO PROFESSIONAL GROUPS (abbreviated):

TEACHING EXPERIENCE – UNIVERSITY/TAFE:

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

AWARDS:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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PROPOSER:

Email address:

Telephone:

DATE:

SECONDER:

Email address:

Telephone:

DATE:

*\* Nominators must be current Fellows of the Australasian Section of ICD.*