



**INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS  
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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Fellows,

### **This edition of ICD Newsletter**

As you read through this newsletter you will get a glimpse of who is on your Board of Regents (and welcome to new Regents – Dr John Boyens and Prof Ian Meyers), the recent and very well attended ICD Induction Ceremony in Brisbane, the highly interactive Young Leaders Program ICD held in Sydney, the ICD work in Fiji, and several reports from a few of the many overseas aid projects your ICD Section assists with.

My thanks, as always, to Jenny Smyth for bringing this newsletter to fruition.

### **New President and it's a New Zealander!**



David Crum

I very much look forward to my term as President of our ICD Section and hope for your feedback and contribution regarding the direction I am presenting in this column. The clear place to begin is to thank Immediate Past President Jackie Rob-

inson for her huge achievements within our Section both as Registrar and more recently as President. She has led the construction of an accurate membership database, detailed financial reporting and of course, the highly engaging and successful 50th year celebrations in Sydney last November.

### **To the immediate future**

We have all been told that the International College of Dentists is a *leading honorary dental organisation dedicated to the recognition of outstanding professional achievement and meritorious service and the continued progress of dentistry for the benefit of all humankind.*

For me, yes it's nice to be invited to join a College (our College) with those ideals...but what then?...once a member where does the 'metal hit the road'? What direct, what tangible and what practical action can we, as Fellows, participate in and what actions can we observe as to the substance of the above statement?

My impression is that ICD may well be another 'add on' activity....somewhat down the 'immediate' individual and collective list of professional actions and interests of its membership; a membership who have, after all, been selected for professional contribution (wide and varied) already achieved. Most are very busy and highly successful colleagues.

The facts are that our Section has healthy financial reserves but I suspect our most significant resource is the huge leadership expertise and the commitment to and the understanding of our profession that exists within our collective membership. So my real interest

is how we utilise that collective resource to pass skills onto aspiring younger members of our profession.

In these times of increasing competition for our time, the proliferation of electronic interaction, the uncertainty of secure employment and the wider diversification of backgrounds of those entering our profession, a focus on collegiality is a very good start.

With these types of issues in mind, in what direction is our Board taking us?

Particularly over the last 6 months the Board has, without external help, drafted our 5 year strategic plan; our strategic direction until 2020. Where we want to be (describing our specific aspirations) and most importantly stating how we plan to get there and what tangible active things we can do to support the College's higher aspirations.

### The Strategic Plan

The following summarises the plan and describes to you the specific actions (and who is responsible for each) that we have allocated to the coming year.

The Board is articulating to you that our Section aspires to:

- Recognise leadership within the dental profession
- Engage with and support future leaders within the dental profession
- Support projects that improve oral health in underserved areas in our region
- Foster collegial collaboration within the dental profession
- Demonstrate good governance and upholding high ethical professional standards

We are stating that we plan to get there by:

- identifying leaders within the dental profession in our region and ensuring they wish to become Fellows
- identifying young dentists in our region with leadership potential and supporting their professional leadership development
- identifying effective oral health projects to sponsor
- encouraging our Fellows to be involved with oral health projects
- engaging more Fellows to play an active

role within ICD

- developing strategic relationships and enhancing professional networks
- ensuring our governance is of the highest standard
- managing the business of the ICD to achieve our strategic goals.

In striving for these things, this year we have prioritised the following:

1. To foster collegial collaboration within the dental profession this year we will:

- Conduct a survey of our membership in order to find out the engagement levels of our members and the extent to which they wish to be engaged or involved with the ICD. Jackie and Ron Robinson will run this survey project. The survey will be electronic - **PLEASE respond to it.**
- Following the survey the results will be collated and we propose to engage a communications specialist to assist with the engagement framework and plan. The aim is to support more Fellows into active involvement in the Australasian Section of ICD.

2. To recognise leadership within the dental profession this year we will:

- Prepare a new nominations process and prepare a new induction process and these will be submitted to this year's September Board meeting.

**I would invite Fellows to provide ideas to Tom Tseng via our administration officer: ([admin@icdsectionviii.org](mailto:admin@icdsectionviii.org)).**

3. To engage with and support future leaders this year we will:

- Work with representatives from the ADA and NZDA as to how ICD can support leadership programs they have in place - such as the NZDA Young Leaders Program. Open discussions with these organisations to develop effective ways to support the professional leadership development of young leaders. David Crum is to initiate this discussion and bring back ideas to the September ICD Board meeting.

4. To support projects that improve oral health and education in under-served areas in our region

this year. As the first step we will:

- Review the existing criteria for ICD grants and develop revised criteria for Grants. Jackie Robinson will coordinate this review and report back to the September Board meeting.
5. To demonstrate good governance and uphold high ethical professional standards we will:
- Conduct an annual strategic planning workshop to discuss strategic issues and confirm priorities on an annual basis.
  - We will develop an Action Plan which aligns with the Strategic Plan and allocates time-lines for completion on an annual basis.

Our Section of ICD has healthy financial reserves and it is the Board's desire to carefully review, engage with membership and in year two be in a position to responsibly prioritise and support a range of activities that fit within the above plan.

Supporting all the above, is the need for the development and action of a communication plan so that membership are aware of, and have the opportunity to participate actively in our activities.

I believe results are highly dependent on you - the membership - to engage with us in direct feedback. Your first opportunity will be the upcoming membership survey.....please participate.

Beyond that, expressing your ideas within this newsletter, or directly to any member of the Board, is also much encouraged.

Kindest wishes,

David Crum

## REGISTRAR'S REPORT

### Board of Regents 2015 - 2017



At the Board of Regents Meeting held in Brisbane on March 27th, the following Board of Regents was elected:

President:	Dr David Crum (New Zealand)
Vice-President:	Dr John Owen AM (WA)
Registrar:	Dr Tom Tseng (NSW)
Treasurer:	Dr Keith Watkins (VIC)
Editor:	Dr Jenny Smyth AM (QLD)
International Councillors:	
	Dr Clive Ross CNZM (NZ)
	Dr Jackie Robinson (NSW)
Regents:	Dr Richard Sawers (SA)
	Dr John Boyens (New Zealand)
	Prof Ian Meyers (QLD)

## Welcome to New Board Members

### John Boyens



John graduated from the School of Dentistry, Dunedin, Otago in 1977. He returned to Hawkes Bay to practise general dentistry until 1986 when he completed a Diploma in Clinical Dentistry (Periodontology) at Otago. On his return to Napier he continued to work in general practice with a particular interest in Periodontology. John completed his MDS (Periodontology) in 2001 and then established a specialist practice limited to Periodontics and Dental Implants.

In February 2009 John was appointed the Colgate Senior Lecturer in Periodontics and Oral Health at the School of Dentistry, University of Otago, a position he maintained for two years. He currently works in private specialist practice in Dunedin and Hawkes Bay, soon to be limited to Hawkes Bay. He is currently President of the New Zealand Dental Association.

### Ian Meyers



Ian Meyers is currently in general dental practice at Indooroopilly in Brisbane, Australia, and has honorary professorial positions with The University of Queensland School of Dentistry, and James Cook University School of Medicine and Dentistry. He has worked in

both public and private practice dental clinics and at The University of Queensland, School of Dentistry.

Prof Meyers has also held positions as the President of the Queensland Branch of the Australian Dental Association, and as Chief Dental Officer for Queensland Health. He is a member of the International Association for Dental Research, Immediate Past Chairman of the Australian Dental Research Foundation and Chair of the MRACDS Examinations Committee and member of the Continuing Professional Development

Committee with the RACDS.

He is a long standing member of the ADA Dental Instruments, Materials and Equipment Committee and a member of the editorial board of The Australian Dental Journal and several other international journals. He is an ADAQ Executive Officer and is Director of Continuing Professional Development at ADAQ, and was Chairman of the Scientific Program Division for the 2105 Australian Dental Congress.

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## 2015 Induction Ceremony and Dinner in Brisbane

The Australasian Section of the International College of Dentists conducted an induction ceremony in Brisbane on the evening of Friday, March 27 at the time of the ADA Biennial Congress. The induction and dinner were attended by 120 Fellows and guests. 31 new Fellows were inducted into the International College.



New Fellows inducted into the Australasian Section of the International College of Dentists

New Fellows (alphabetical order):

Chrys Antoniou (NSW), Ramesh Balasubramaniam (WA), Thomas Berekally (SA), Mina Borromeo (VIC), John Brabant (NSW), Penny Burns (NSW), David Figdor (VIC), Patricia Gerish (QLD), Max Guazzato (NSW), Robert Hazlewood (QLD), Raymond Heffer (QLD), Jeffrey Hislop (QLD), Christopher Ho (QLD), Steven Kazoullis (QLD), Kang Kim (WA), Poon Lai (QLD), Mark Leedham (NT), Thomas Lind (NSW), Michael McCullough (VIC), Paul McHugh (SA), Stephen Routley (WA), Lakshman Samaranayake (QLD), Jocelyn Shand (VIC), Murray Thomas (ACT).

Inducted in absentia were Manish Arora (USA), Justin Boulton (QLD), Mark Evans (VIC), Pauline Ford (QLD), Ross Fulcher (QLD), Mohammed Mansour (QLD) and Patrick Tseng (NSW).

Dr Petrina Bowden was the guest speaker at the induction ceremony. Petrina gave an inspiring presentation about her volunteer work in Cambodia over the past ten years. We are very proud that Petrina's work was featured in the 2015 edition of The Globe– and it also made the front cover! Fellows can contact Petrina at [petrinabowden@gmail.com](mailto:petrinabowden@gmail.com) if they are interested in volunteering with the M'Lop Tapang Program.



Patrina Bowden, March 2015

## Membership

Including the new Fellows listed above, the Australasian Section of the International College of Dentists now has a total membership of 644. This is comprised of:

- 552 Active Fellows
- 80 Retired Fellows
- 8 Honorary Life Fellows (including 1 Master)
- 4 Honorary Fellows

557 Fellows are from Australia and 63 from New Zealand. Fellows of our Section have spread to many parts of the globe with members now living in Cambodia, Eritrea, Fiji, Malaysia, Northern Ireland, Qatar, Singapore, South Africa and the United States.

Eighty Four percent of Section VIII Fellows are male and 16% are female. Sixty percent of our Fellows are in the age range of 55-75 years old.

## Thanks to David Thomson



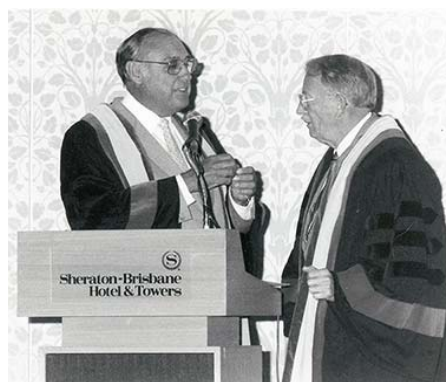
Dr David Thomson (QLD) departed the Section VIII Board when his term as Immediate Past President ended with the installation of new Board Officers in Brisbane. David was admitted to the International College of Dentists in 1988. He served on

the Board of Section VIII from 2003 in the positions of Regent, President and Past President. David's organisational skills contributed significantly to the Board and are well recognised within the International College. David served as the inaugural Speaker for the International Council meeting in Sydney in October 2014 and has been asked to serve as International Council Speaker at the 2015 meeting of the Council in Dublin in October. The Board thanks David for his contribution to the Board and to our Section.

## Vale Fellows

We were sorry to learn of the passing of Fellows Roger Smales (SA) and Emeritus Professor Ken Sutherland (WA).

### In Memory of Emeritus Professor Kenneth Sutherland AM



Emeritus Professor Ken Sutherland passed away on 1st November in his 97th year. Ken was the Professor of Dental Science at the University of

Western Australia from 1953 to 1982. He served as Dean of the Faculty of Dental Science for 23 years and was an inspiring and innovative teacher, clinician and researcher. He was awarded a UWA honorary degree, Doctor of Dental Science in 1982 and recognised with a Member of the Order of Australia.

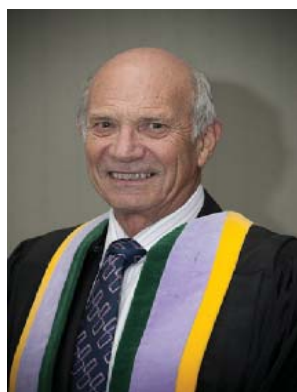
Professor Sutherland was an inaugural Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons and served as Examiner for 15 years from 1969. In 1983 he was awarded Honorary Fellowship of the College in recognition of his contributions. His generosity established the Sutherland Prize which has been awarded to 22 of the highest achieving candidates in the Final Exam since 1988.

At the time of his death, Ken was the longest continuous Fellow of Section VIII having been admitted in 1954 and was an Honorary Life Member of Section VIII. Ken served as a Regent on the inaugural ICD Board of Regents of Section VIII which formed in 1971 and served on the Board until 1988. He was President for the 1982-1985 term.

## 2015 Australia Day Honours

Congratulations to ICD Section VIII Fellow Rhys Thomas (QLD) on his well-deserved recognition in the 2015 Australia Day Honours. Dr Thomas received the Public Service Medal for “outstanding public service to the Queensland Community through the provision of public health services”.

## Award of Master of the International College of Dentistry



In recognition of his services to the International College of Dentists, Dr Clive Ross CNZM (New Zealand) was made a Master of ICD at the induction ceremony held in Brisbane on 27th March 2015

Master is the highest level of membership classification within the International College of Dentists. 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. During its first fifty years (1964 - 2014), there have been only four Masters appointed in Section VIII: Gordon Rowell CBE, Richard Setright, Sydenham Dobbin AM and Geoffrey Hall AM. At the induction ceremony in Brisbane, Clive Ross CNZM became the fifth Section VIII Fellow to be awarded the status of Master.

Dr Clive Ross has been a Fellow of the Australasian Section of the International College of Dentists since 1976. He was elected to the Board of Regents of Section VIII in 2001 and has served continuously on the Board since. During his years on the Board, Clive has served as Regent, Editor, Vice President, President and International Councillor.

In 2010 Clive Ross became the first Section VIII Fellow elected to the position of International Treasurer and the first Fellow from New Zealand to hold an Executive position on the Council. Clive served as the International Treasurer until October 2014 when his term of office concluded.

Clive was a NZDA Council member for ten years, serving as Council Chairman 1980 - 1984. In 1991 he was made an Honorary Life Member of both the New Zealand and the Australian Dental Associations. In 1996 he was named the Dentist of the Year by the Academy of Dentistry International. In 1997 he was awarded a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to dentistry.

## Next Section VIII Induction

The next Section VIII Induction ceremony will be held on the 20th of August, 2015 in Auckland at the time of the NZDA Conference.

## Position as Editor for Section VIII Publications

Expressions of interest are sought from Fellows for the position of Editor for Section VIII publications. While the Editor is not necessarily a Section VIII Board position, the Editor will be invited to attend the Board's meetings. If interested, please send an email stating why you wish to serve as the Editor and a brief CV to [admin@icdsectionviii.org](mailto:admin@icdsectionviii.org) by 17th July 2015.

Tom Tseng, March 2015

## International Councillors' Report

### International Council Meetings

The International Council and Council Executive have complimented Section VIII on its organisation of the 2014 Council meeting and the Section's 50th anniversary celebrations which were held in Sydney in October 2014. The 2015 Council Meeting will be held in Dublin, October 8 - 10. Section VIII will be represented by our International Councillors, Clive Ross CNZM and Jackie Robinson.

### Key Council Decisions 2014

Of particular note for Section VIII are the following decisions approved by the International Council in 2014. It was agreed that:

1. The words 'honor society for dentists' be approved to replace 'honorary dental society' as the preferred description of ICD in our communications, and that use of the same be encouraged throughout the College.

2. The Bylaws requirement for ICD membership in one's national dental organization be removed and that the ICD Bylaws Committee review the ICD Constitution and Bylaws in cross reference to any related language needing amendment as a result of this action, and further, that in the event that the removal of the International Bylaws requirement for ICD Fellows to be members of their national dental organization be accepted by the International Council and that each Section have the right to retain or modify this requirement as they see fit.
3. The Council Office create a standard script to be used at Section and Region convocation ceremonies.
4. The Executive Officers' installation ceremony will be held at the annual meeting of the International Council and their terms of office will commence at the end of the meeting at which they were elected.
5. Project 55 be renamed 'International College of Dentists Global Project Registry'.
6. The ICD OSAP Committee develop a plan to create an ICD Global Dental Safety program. NOTE: The program is aimed at improving infection control in some Sections and with volunteer projects. It is planned to launch the program in China.
7. The Bylaws be amended to direct the Executive Committee to advise the Council annually on the need for, or advisability of, electing a Speaker of the Council to preside at the next annual meeting of the International Council.

The web-based Fellow Directory is still under development and will be launched to Fellows only. For the first time, the ICD international publication "The Globe" was distributed to all Fellows digitally in 2015. Hard copies of The Globe continue, at this time, to be distributed.

The ICD Global Visionary Fund (GVF) currently has funds of \$200,000 from private donations. In addition, Henry Schein Halas has pledged donation of materials valued at \$100,000. Section VIII Fellows who are leading projects can apply to the Council Executive for access to funding from the GVF.

The Council Executive has requested each Section to appoint a Project Liaison Officer to assist with coordination of information for the ICD Global Project Registry on humanitarian projects supported by the various Sections of ICD. Registrar, Tom Tseng, will serve in this capacity in the short term for our Section.

The Council Executive conducted a member survey in 2014 regarding "connectivity" amongst Fellows. The highest percentage of responses was from Section VIII Fellows. Although results of the survey are not yet available by Section, the survey indicated that some Fellows wish to more actively participate in ICD activities. The Section VIII Board is currently developing actions related to our strategic direction with this in mind.

Clive Ross and Jackie Robinson, March 2015

## Key Issues at International Level

Of prime concern at international level is static membership numbers in some Sections. Section VIII is not of concern as our membership numbers show a modest increase year to year. All Sections are encouraged to review their membership recruitment and retention processes. It is noted that although the Council Executive can make recommendations, decisions on issues such as membership drives must be made locally by each Section.

Council income is historically reliant on membership dues. In recent years Diamond Sponsorships have enhanced communications with ICD Fellows globally. Henry Schein-Halas is the only Diamond Sponsor in our region. The Council is actively seeking meaningful ways of recognising sponsorships and of attracting new sponsors.



## ICD Young Leaders Program Sydney November 2014

After a magnificent night at the ICD 50th Anniversary Induction Dinner, surrounded by inspirational stories of so many dental professionals giving their time, dedication and skills to the community and to better the profession, the spotlight fell on young leaders for the ICD Young Leaders Program. The program was designed to engage young leaders in a discussion about the future of dentistry and their role in it as well as to foster a spirit of mentorship between experienced leaders and individuals who will hopefully be dentistry's future leaders. There were lessons learned on both sides.

The young leaders learned that:

- There can be lessons learned and much gained from present and past leaders
- Past and current leaders are ready and willing to listen to the views of younger professionals
- There can be different styles of leadership and certain styles may be more suited to particular times and challenges than others
- Young leaders need assistance and encouragement to pursue leadership roles AND should be encouraged to actively pursue these roles
- There are a number of challenges facing today's potential leaders including increased public scrutiny and the perception of dentistry by the public, the impact of various media and technologies which can pose both opportunities and challenges in today's environment, gender roles and a plethora of environmental and individual factors.

Those experienced professionals in the room who have served and continue to serve as leaders of the profession also took away some new perspectives including:

- The important role they can play in mentoring and shaping the leaders of the future
- The importance of listening and engaging with younger professionals to better understand the challenges and factors influencing the profession today
- The changing landscape of dentistry especially with regards to social media and public perception.

As a participant in the program, it was a true hon-

our and pleasure to be involved in such an honest and frank discussion about dentistry as a profession and the existing and future challenges facing the profession and the community.

Norah Ayad, March 2015



*Dr Norah Ayad graduated in Dentistry from the University of Queensland in 2012 and works in Private Practice on the Gold Coast. She is an active member of ADAQ serving as the chairperson for the Recent Graduates & Students Committee for the last 2 years.*

*She also serves on the ADA Federal advisory panel for recent graduates. Norah is currently the President of the ADAQ Gold Coast Sub-branch.*

## Visit to Fiji

Shortly after the 50th Anniversary celebrations of ICD in October 2014, I was on my way to Suva, Fiji. I had been invited by Dr Leenu Maimanuku, the Head of



the Department of Oral Health, and the Fiji National University to be the external examiner for both their Dentistry and Oral Health programs. I was also asked to observe progress of the programs since my last

visit in 1997 when the first graduates completed the new program. While I was there I also had the pleasant task of inducting Leenu as a Fellow of the Australasian Section of the ICD, the fourth dentist from Fiji to be so honoured.

Our Section of ICD has had a close relationship with the School over many years and has provided financial support and support through involvement by many ICD Fellows such as the late Dr Braham Pearlman who made many visits there and Paul Abbot who has contributed to the endodontic program. More mature Fellows may remember that the five year program was developed in 1993 by Professor George Davies at the request of the World Health Organisation. I went to Fiji from 1993 to 1997 as their external examiner so was in a good position to assess the progress of the program.



It was evident that the program retains its strong community orientation and relevance to the pattern of oral diseases in the Pacific Islands and it has remained flexible. Exit is available in Year 2 for oral hygiene for employment in the public sector only. Exit at Year 3 (Bachelor of Oral Health) and Year 5 (Bachelor of Dental Surgery) allows for re-entry to the dental program for the Graduates of the Bachelor of Oral Health program at a later time. The undoubted success of the program is demonstrated by the achievements of the first graduating year of 1997 who have acted as role models for their profession and for those graduates following them.

Graduates from the first year of the new program have become the Head of School, Program Coordinators, Year Coordinators, Course Coordinators and senior educators of the dental program in Fiji today leading a team of Fiji trained graduates. Apart from some Block teaching from specialists, most the staff are entirely trained and from the regions. This is a magnificent outcome.

Many graduates have received qualifications in a wide range of postgraduate programs. These include certificates, diplomas, Masters and Doctorates from institutions worldwide including UK, USA and Australasia. Some of these successful graduates were those who graduated from the Dental Therapy program, worked in the public sector and returned later to complete their dental degree.

The majority of graduates have remained in the region serving their community. Graduates of this program have become leaders in the delivery of Public Dental Services to the communities throughout the Pacific.

I am sure that the College will continue to support both the Department of Oral Health and the wonderful team of dentists who teach there.



Dr Pushpaangaeli, Dr Maimanuku, Dr Smyth, Dr Singh

It was an honour and a privilege to induct Dr Leenu Maimanuku as a Fellow of ICD in the presence of two Fellows, Dr Vikash Singh, President of the Fiji Dental Association who chaired the session and Dr Bernadette Pushpaangaeli, Senior Lecturer in Dental Public Health as well as many colleagues, students and her husband Petaia.

Dr Maimanuku is currently the Head of the Department of Oral Health Fiji National University and a member of the University Senate. She is on the Executive Management Committee and Academic Board of the College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences FNU. She is a member of a Committee for the Fiji Dental Council and is currently Vice-president of the Fiji Dental Association and on a number of their Committees. She is a Councillor and President of the ANZ Division, Oceania Division of the IADR.

Jenny Smyth, March 2015

## Reports from Projects

### Cambodia Smile Project



Training midwives in Cambodia

Caries experience in Cambodia is very severe and it starts at a very young age. By age six the average Cambodian child has nine untreated decayed teeth.

ICD generously supports the 'Cambodia Smile' project which is a pilot study to determine the effectiveness of a community based program to reduce dental caries experience from birth. Since January mothers attending selected Community Health Centres have begun receiving oral health education along with their pre-natal checks. When the child is 14 weeks of age they will receive further oral health education along with their routine vaccinations. Later they will be given topical fluoride varnish applications.

The feedback from the midwives providing the in-

tervention has been positive. It is reported that the mothers are very happy that now they get more at each midwife visit and they do not have to attend extra appointments to get information and resources relating to oral health. The program will continue to be evaluated with the view of extending this program to many other Community Health Centres across Cambodia.

Bethy Turton, March 2015



*Dr Turton is a specialist in public health dentistry from New Zealand, currently living in Cambodia and teaching at the University of Puthisastra with Callum Durward. In May, she will start a PhD through the University of Melbourne on the topic of 'Cambodia Smile'.*

### Long Tan Project



**AUSTRALIA VIETNAM VOLUNTEERS  
RESOURCE GROUP INC**

The Long Tan Dental Project has extended its services. Commencing at my last visit in January, we started providing English lessons to general nurses. This will be continued by our next team led by Fellow Helen McLean.

In June, we will start providing dental treatment to an orphanage in Long Hai. This team will be led by Fellow Steve Langford. This orphanage supports over 200 street kids and is run by an Australian/Vietnamese lady who came to Australia on the airlift in 1975 and has recently relocated to Vung Tau.

Colin Twelftree OAM, March 2015

### Smiles for the Pacific



Bula from Fiji. SFTP opened their clinic on the 2nd of September 2014 with a traditional lovo dinner for 120 guests in the grounds of the local hotel in Lautoka.

The NZ standard surgery is fully equipped and operational and volunteers from NZ are lining up ready to come and treat, teach and mentor to all and sundry. So far we have had six dental specialists and generalists giving lectures to dental professionals who attended. We are having great success bringing together health professionals from the Ministry of Health, Fiji National University, Fiji Dental Association and Fiji Oral Health Workers Association. We had two more Specialists giving lectures over Easter and another conference planned for October 2015.

We have about 15 volunteers planning to come up over the rest of 2015 so it is full steam ahead and we feel we are making good progress. The Fijian community is making us feel very welcome. The focus is on more Fijians retaining their teeth and treating a lot of undiagnosed pathology here in the western division where resources are more scarce.

We plan to be involved in community oral health programs as time allows especially with the schools where early education can make a big difference.

We would love to hear from anybody who would like to be involved in some way.

Please visit our website:

[www.smilespacific.co.nz](http://www.smilespacific.co.nz)

or email: [smilespacific@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:smilespacific@hotmail.co.nz)

Jonathan Cole, April 2015

### M'Lop Tapang Update

The ICD funding has recently provided a new Durr suction unit so now the permanent dental chairs in the clinic have better suction.

The clinic has a volunteer dentist for a week every month. This allows continuity of dental care. We are now treating the families of street children. Most children come from single-parent families, mainly single mothers who have had no dental care available to them previously.

As our number of volunteers has increased we plan to mentor a small number of final year students or recent graduates. This is a clinically-based volunteering experience. We have received valuable input from ICD members and look forward to continued involvement.

Patrina Bowden, March 2015

The patients we see are usually barefoot which allows us to observe the universal language of dental feet.



**All good**



**Getting nervous**



**One toe lift off, not happy**



**What the...?**



**Not sure about this**



**Glad that's over**



**Relaxed but optional escape plan**



**Wow, that was a surprise!**

**NOMINATION TO AUSTRALASIAN SECTION 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 Administrative Officer:

Dr Ron Robinson  
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.

**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**

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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