



INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS  
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## President's Message



*President Keith E Watkins*

The Adelaide ICD convocation which was held on May 3rd was attended by 178 Fellows, partners and guests and celebrated the induction of 49 new members. Welcome and congratulations to all new Fellows on their well-deserved honour of ICD Fellowship. Congratulations also to Professor John McIntyre for receiving a Meritorious Award and to Dr Ron Robinson on being awarded Honorary Life Membership in recognition of their invaluable services in their respective fields.

Our recent inductees are from a broad cross section of the dental community. Coming from private practice, teaching institutions and government service, they admirably reflect the College's guidelines for nomination of excellence and service to the dental and general community. Membership to the College is an honour in acknowledgement of outstanding contributions to our profession and to the communities we serve. The strength of our College lies in the quality of our members.

Who would have thought that the vision 100 years ago of our two Founders, Louis Ottofy and Tsurukichi Okumura, of forming an International College of

Dentistry comprised of outstanding dentists and dedicated to the dissemination of the most current dental knowledge and information throughout the world, would have reached such mammoth proportions. Internationally, there are now over 12,000 ICD Fellows representing over 121 different countries.

It is pleasing to note that over the past 54 years Section VIII has grown to a current membership of 766 which means that our Section is now the third largest Section outside of North America. 4.7% of registered dentists in Australia and New Zealand are Fellows, which is a higher percentage than any of the other Sections. As a result of our growth, we are currently able to support 12 humanitarian projects throughout our region.

Section VIII of the College is capably supported by an active and responsible Board of Regents who have initiated and maintain a strong, enthusiastic direction for the College. The 2015 strategic plan, sound governance and financial structures have steered our Section along a well-managed and coordinated path. I congratulate previous members of the Board on their foresight.

We are in an excellent position for looking towards the future with a series of 100th anniversary gala celebrations being planned for 2020 - firstly at the MCG in Melbourne in August followed by Christchurch in October and culminating in Nagoya, Japan in November.

We look forward to a particularly exciting future. It is an honour and a privilege to be entrusted with this high office.

Dr Keith E Watkins, President

President: Keith Watkins  
Registrar: Tom Tseng  
International Councillors:

President-Elect: Rick Sawers AM  
Regents: Ian Meyers OAM, Graeme Ting  
Clive Ross CNZM, Jackie Robinson

Immediate Past President: John Owen AM  
Regent-Elect: Jenny Ball  
Editor: Petrina Bowden

## Registrar's Report



Registrar Tom Tseng

### ICD Membership

The Australasian Section of the International College of Dentists now has a total membership of 766 comprised of:

- 670 Active Fellows
- 83 Retired Fellows
- 8 Honorary Life Fellows (including 1 Master)
- 5 Honorary Fellows

663 Fellows are from Australia and 84 from New Zealand. Fellows of our Section have spread to many parts of the globe with Fellows now living in Cambodia, Eritrea, Fiji, Hong Kong, Qatar, Timor L'este, Papua New Guinea, the UK and the United States.

The Board was very pleased to admit in February 2019 the first two dentists from Tonga to ever be admitted to the International College of Dentists, Dr Sisilia Fifita and Dr Amanaki Fakakovikaetau.

Seventy nine percent of Section VIII Fellows are male and 21% are female. Fifty nine percent of our Fellows are in the 55-75 age range.

### 2019 Australian and New Zealand Honours

I am pleased to report that in the 2019 Australia Day Honours, the following ICD Section VIII Fellows received awards:

- Dr Werner Bischof AM (VIC) for significant service to dentistry and to professional dental organisations
- Dr Stephen Chen AM (VIC) for significant service to dentistry, to dental education and to professional groups
- Dr Russell Lain OAM (NSW) for service to dentistry.

In the 2019 New Zealand New Year Honours, Dr David Crum was awarded an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM).

### Vale Fellows

We were sorry to learn of the passing of Fellows Dr Vincent Amerena (VIC), Dr Syd Dobbin AM (NSW), Dr James Croker AM (QLD), Dr Stuart Gairns AM (WA), and Dr Raymond Owen OAM (WA) since publication of the previous newsletter. (See page 12 for a tribute to Past President Syd Dobbin AM, MICD)

### Project Grants Supported by our Section

Our Fellows continue to generously support oral health projects in under-privileged communities within our region by making donations with their membership renewals. Fellows donated almost \$13,000 with their 2018 renewal payments towards oral health projects

### State-based Committees

Local ICD committees were convened in 2016 following feedback from the 2015 survey of Section VIII Fellows. The local committees assist with nominations of new Fellows and with organising local ICD functions. Members of the local ICD committees for 2019-2021 are:

NSW & ACT: Tom Tseng (Chair), Deb Cockrell, Peter Duckmanton, Scott Davis, Stephen Dahlstrom (ACT)

QLD & NT: Ian Meyers OAM (Chair), Julee Birch, Michael Foley, Anders Blomberg

SA & TAS: Rick Sawers AM (Chair), Daniel DeAngelis, Sam Gue, Chris Pazios

VIC: Event Organising Committee: Keith Watkins (Chair), Rob Adams, Anu Polster, John Rattray

Nominating Committee: Keith Watkins (Chair), Eyrn Agnew, Warren Shnider, Felicia Valianatos

WA: Event Organising Committee: John Owen AM (Chair), Yee Sang Welten, Lyn Loreck, Michael McGuinness AM

Nominating Committee: John Owen AM (Chair), Andrew Heap, Simon Shanahan, Brian Koch

NZ: Graeme Ting (Chair), David Crum ONZM, Clive Ross CNZM, John Boyens

## Nominations for ICD Fellowship

I encourage all Fellows to consider nominating a colleague they consider may be worthy of Fellowship of the International College of Dentists. The Section VIII nomination guidelines and form can be downloaded from the Section website: (<http://icdsectionviii.org>) or requested from the Admin Officer at [admin@icdsectionviii.org](mailto:admin@icdsectionviii.org). For reference, a copy of the Section VIII database can be found on the website: (<http://www.icd.org>).

Dr Tom Tseng, Registrar

## Honiara National Hospital Dental Department, Solomon Islands - By Dr David Goldsmith



**L to R:** Charles Sulu (dental prosthodontist), John Hue (NRH Medical superintendent), Fellow David Goldsmith (Rotary Club of Ballarat West), Loreen Oti (Chief Dental Officer, Solomon Islands), Ellison Vane (Head of Population Oral Health & Research Unit)

The Solomon Islands has a population of 625,000 scattered over more than 900 islands and is internationally rated as one of the poorest nations on this planet. It has a high unemployment rate and a high incidence of tooth decay, gum disease and oral cancer. Currently, there are 40 qualified Solomon Island dentists working minimal hours due to lack of dental infrastructure in Honiara, the capital city. Each morning about 100 patients with dental emergencies wait outside the public dental clinic located in the police station. 30 patients are triaged for treatment and the others are told to come back the next day.

Fortunately, a major change is now happening! Fellow David Goldsmith and dental equipment engineer, Peter Copp, from Melbourne have just spent 5 days at the national hospital in Honiara delivering

nine Adec dental chairs, nine Adec operating units and other equipment donated by the Adelaide Dental School or purchased by Rotary. This heralds a new era for dental facilities in the Solomon Islands. A 2019 Section VIII grant will assist with installation of the equipment later this year. The full story will be published in the next newsletter.

## 2019 Annual Board Meeting



**Front Row:** Jackie Robinson (Councillor), John Owen AM (WA), Keith Watkins (VIC), Petrina Bowden (QLD)

**Back Row:** Ian Meyers OAM (QLD), David Crum ONZM (NZ), Clive Ross CNZM (Councillor), Rick Sawers AM (SA), Tom Tseng (NSW), Graeme Ting (NZ)

The Section VIII Board meets annually to progress Section business. Between Board meetings, several Board teleconferences are held throughout the year. The 2019 Board meeting was held on May 3rd in Adelaide.

The Section's strategic framework, developed in 2015, guides the Board in planning and enhancing the future of our Section:

- To foster collegial collaboration within the dental profession
- To recognise leadership within the dental profession
- To engage with and support Fellows and future leaders
- To support projects that improve oral health and education in underserved areas in our region
- To demonstrate good governance and uphold high ethical professional standards

The Board's Strategic Action Plan for 2019-2020 has been updated with actions agreed by the Board at the annual meeting in Adelaide.



Section VIII had a significant presence at International Council level over the past year with Clive Ross CNZM serving as International President, Jackie Robinson chairing the Membership Committee and David Thomas acting as Speaker at the 2018 Council meeting. The Board will continue to foster a strong presence for our Section at international level.

As always, nominations of new Fellows were considered by the Board in Adelaide. In addition, the Board reviewed statistics on Section VIII nominations over the past decade as shown in the table below.

There were a record number of nominations made in 2018 (65). The Board is thankful to all members of local nominating committees and to all Fellows for their assistance in keeping our Section strong by nominating dentists who deserve the recognition of ICD Fellowship. The Board is also pleased to receive nominations of dentists working in the South Pacific islands, PNG and Timor Leste. To encourage recognition of dentists in our Region who live and work outside of Australia and New Zealand and to foster connections with these countries in our region, the Board is developing a "South Pacific Strategy".

SECTION VIII NOMINATIONS 2010 - 2019											
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019*	
ACT	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	4	1	0	<b>9</b>
NSW	15	2	1	20	11	9	8	11	18	6	<b>101</b>
NT	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	<b>3</b>
QLD	14	6	5	11	3	7	8	8	1	3	<b>66</b>
SA	6	4	3	4	2	5	1	2	4	13	<b>44</b>
TAS	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	6	2	<b>12</b>
VIC	8	1	1	3	13	10	8	2	6	0	<b>52</b>
WA	5	6	6	3	8	3	8	5	16	0	<b>60</b>
NZ	8	0	4	2	3	9	10	2	9	1	<b>48</b>
Cambodia						1		1			<b>2</b>
Fiji					1						<b>1</b>
PNG								1			<b>1</b>
Timor							1				<b>1</b>
Tonga									2		<b>2</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>402</b>
Inductions	NZ	QLD	NZ	VIC	NSW 50th	NZ & QLD	NZ	VIC	NZ & NSW	SA	

At the Adelaide Board meeting, the Board also conducted its annual review of applications for ICD grants. The Board approved 12 grants for 2019 for projects in Australia, Cambodia, Nepal, PNG, the Solomon Islands and Timor Leste, as well as grants supporting dental research through the ADRF and the NZDRF. For the first time, two ICD grants are designated to be named in honour of vale Fellows. The ADRF grant for 2019 will be named in honour of Past Section VIII President and Past International President, Dr Syd Dobbin AM, MICD of Yass. The 2019 KDT (Kimberley Dental Team) grant will be named in honour of WA Fellow Raymond Owen OAM, father of Section VIII President John Owen AM.

With great pleasure, the Board selected the inaugural recipient of the ICD Young Leaders Volunteerism Grant which was promoted through the NZDA and the ADA (federal and state branches). 43 expressions of interest were received which resulted in 22 applications. The winner of the grant is announced

on page 12 in this newsletter as well as on the Section website and Facebook page.

SUMMARY OF 2019 ICD GRANTS	
Project	Applicant
Adelaide Community Outreach	Adelaide Dental School
ADRF	ADRF
Cambodia Healthy Kids	Bethy Turton
Kimberly Dental Team (KDT)	John Owen AM
M'Lop Tapang	Petrina Bowden
Nepal Village Health	Sandra Meihubers
NZDRF	NZDRF
PNG Dental School	Len Crocombe
Project Yeti, Nepal	George Manos
Smiles for the Pacific, Fiji	Jonathan Cole
Solomon Islands	David Goldsmith
Timor Leste Dental Training	David Sheen

The Board continues to progress plans for celebrating

## Vote of Thanks to David Crum ONZM

The Board continues to progress plans for celebrating the 100th anniversary of ICD in Australia and New Zealand in 2020. Local committees chaired by Keith Watkins and Graeme Ting are organising 100th anniversary functions in Melbourne in August 2020 and in Christchurch in October 2020. International celebrations, including an international convocation, will be held in Nagoya, Japan on 13 November 2020. A communication plan for the ICD Centenary is being developed. All Fellows will be kept well informed as details of the anniversary events are finalised.

The Board finalised changes to the Section VIII Bylaws related to the review of Board structure and succession planning which was finalised and approved earlier this year. The revised Bylaws have been posted on the Section VIII website.

At the Board meeting in Adelaide, the Board reviewed processes related to our elder statement and to termination of membership. This review compliments and completes other reviews undertaken in recent years about the front end of Fellowship – the nomination process, the new Fellow process and the induction process. As a result of the review, the Board has approved introduction of a “Legacy Honour Roll” of Fellows. The honour roll will be launched next year as part of ICD’s 100th anniversary events and will be posted perpetually on the Section VIII website. The honour roll will contain the names of all vale Section VIII Fellows who were Fellows in good standing at the time of their passing.

2019 was the end of term for Office Bearers on the Board. New Officers for 2019 – 2021 were installed at the end of the induction ceremony at the ICD dinner in Adelaide:

President	Keith Watkins
Past President	John Owen AM
President-Elect	Rick Sawers AM
Registrar	Tom Tseng
Editor	Petrina Bowden
Regents	Ian Meyers OAM Graeme Ting
Councillors	Clive Ross CNZM Jackie Robinson

Jenny Ball of WA will join the Board as Regent-Elect for WA to replace John Owen AM when he retires from the Board in 2020. Sadly, the Adelaide Board meeting was the last meeting for David Crum ONZM.

An annual financial report is given on page 6 in this newsletter.



With the biennial changeover of Board Officers in Adelaide on May 3rd, Immediate Past President, Dr David Crum ONZM, departed the Section VIII Board. On behalf of all Fellows of our Section, we wish to acknowledge David’s service on the Section VIII Board over the past nine years. David joined the Board in 2010 as a Regent for New Zealand. He became the Board Vice-President in 2013, progressed to President in 2015 and became the Immediate Past President in 2017.

David’s management skills as the CEO of the New Zealand Dental Association have benefited our Section. Naturally, throughout his time on the Board, David has been a strong advocate for New Zealand Fellows. The New Zealand membership has grown by 40% during David’s years on the Board: from 60 Fellows in 2010 to 84 New Zealand Fellows in 2019. The largest New Zealand induction in the history of the Australasian Section was held in Auckland in August 2015 during David’s Presidency with 17 new Fellows being inducted.

As President, David fostered the Section’s first strategic plan, initiated in March 2014. Under David’s leadership, a survey of Fellows was conducted in July 2015 giving the Board insights into the opinions of the Australasian Fellows which have informed the strategic action plans developed by the Board over the past five years.

David is passionate about supporting young dentists and about ICD developing early relationships with young dentists in our Region. He initiated a Young Leaders Forum as part of our Section’s 50th anniversary events in Sydney in 2014. In 2017 and 2019 the Board gave support to a Young Dentists’ Speaker Development Day organised by the NZDA. The young leader pillar of the Section VIII strategic plan is very much David’s legacy.

Lastly, like all Fellows within the Australasian Section, David is passionate about supporting dentally

related humanitarian projects in our Region. David was instrumental in organising dental materials and equipment funded by our Section to be shipped to Fiji following the devastation of cyclone Winston in 2016.

Please join the Board in commending and thanking David for his strong leadership on the ICD Board over the past nine years.

## New Board Member, Jenny Ball



The Board is pleased to advise that Dr Jenny Ball has been appointed to the Section VIII Board as Regent-Elect for WA. Jenny will replace John Owen AM as the Regent for WA when John departs the Board in 2020.

Jenny is the Director of WA Dental CPD (a collaboration between ADAWA and the UWA Dental School). Jenny also demonstrates operative technique at the Oral Health Centre of Western Australia and is a Consultant Forensic Odontologist for the Sexual Assault Referral Centre, the King Edward Memorial Hospital, the Princess Margaret Hospital and the Perth Children's Hospital. Jenny is the current President of the ADAWA and is the first female to hold this position.

Jenny graduated from the University of Western Australia School of Dentistry in 1983. She subsequently completed a Bachelor of Arts degree, a Master of Forensic Science and a Graduate Diploma in Forensic Odontology at the University of WA. Jenny worked in private practices in Western Australia and in the UK for more than 30 years. She has been active in the WA Branch of the ADA since 1996 serving as Treasurer, Vice-President and now as President as well as serving on numerous committees and the ADAWA Council. In recognition of her outstanding service to the ADAWA, Jenny was made an Honourary Life Member in 2016. Jenny was the Vice Chair of the local organizing committee for the ADA Dental Congress held in Perth in 2009 and is a member of the organising committee for the ADA/FDI Dental Congress to be held in Sydney in 2021. She is a

founding member and has held executive positions in the Sally Joyston-Bechal Study Group of WA and is a founding Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Fellow in the Royal College of Pathologists in Australia. Jenny lectures to undergraduate and postgraduate students at Murdoch and Curtin universities and to dental nurses, dental therapists and dental hygienists on forensic odontology.

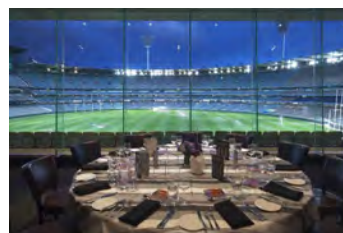


### Celebrating the first 100 years

2020 will be an extraordinary year for ICD as we celebrate our 100th anniversary around the globe. Here are some tentative dates for your diaries (final dates will be advised to all Fellows as event details are finalised).

**7 or 14 August 2020**

**Melbourne Induction Ceremony & Dinner, MCG**



**1, 2 or 3 October 2020**

**Christchurch Induction Ceremony & Dinner  
(at the time of the NZDA Conference)**

**13 November 2020**

**International Convocation & Dinner  
Nagoya, Japan**

We hope to see you at one or more anniversary events!

Please direct enquiries to: Ron Robinson,  
Section VIII Administrative Officer, [admin@icdsectionviii.org](mailto:admin@icdsectionviii.org)

## Financial Report

### Renewal Payments and Donations

\$114,617 AUD was collected in 2018 membership renewal payments. By comparison, 2017 membership renewal payments totalled \$98,266 AUD. At the Board meeting held on May 3rd in Adelaide, the Board approved holding the annual membership renewal fee at \$180 AUD. The Board noted advice



from the International Treasurer indicating that annual capitation fees paid by all Sections to the College Office will be increased by at least \$5 USD from 2020.

Donations made by Fellows with the 2018 membership renewal payments totalled \$12,938 AUD. By comparison, donations totalled \$13,020 with 2017 renewal payments. 28% (201) of fee paying Fellows made donations in 2018 compared to 29% (185) in 2017. Donations ranged from \$10 to \$500.

We again thank the NZDA and Jill Watson for collecting annual membership renewals and donations from New Zealand Fellows.

### **New Fellow Fees**

As at the end of April, \$27,600 AUD had been collected in payments from new Fellows in this financial year. This compares to \$19,745 collected from new Fellows at the end of April last year.

### **Capitation & Initiation Payments**

This financial year \$45,013 AUD in capitation fees and \$4,944 AUD in initiation fees were paid to the International Council Office.

### **Grant Payments**

ICD grants totalling \$44,200 were paid in the last

financial year. Total expenditure of \$50,200 AUD in grants was approved by the Board at the recent Board meeting in Adelaide.

### **Cost of Newsletters**

The cost of the June and November 2018 newsletters was \$1.62 (12 page newsletter) and \$2.25 (16 page newsletter) per member respectively. Expenses for production of newsletters has been dramatically reduced thanks to Fellows who elect to receive only electronic copies of the newsletters. Currently 55% of Fellows receive only electronic newsletters.

### **Audit FY2018**

The annual audit conducted for FY2018 confirmed income of \$155,673 for the year and expenses of \$140,088 resulting in a net profit of \$15,585.

### **Capital & Budget**

At the end of April 2019, capital funds of Section VIII totalled \$317,181. \$140,000 is held in reserve. The FY2020 budget was approved by the Board in Adelaide with projected net profit of \$11,945. The draft budget for FY2021 was reviewed by the Board as FY2021 will be an extraordinary year due to the 100th anniversary events in Christchurch, Melbourne and Nagoya which fall within the 2021 fiscal year.

## **2020 ICD YOUNG DENTISTS VOLUNTEERISM GRANT**

The Australasian Section of the International College of Dentists is pleased to announce the second "Young Dentists Volunteerism Grant" which will be awarded in March 2020. The grant is a collaborative initiative with the New Zealand Dental Association (NZDA) and the Australian Dental Association (ADA).



**New Zealand  
Dental Assoc.**



The grant is awarded annually to a dentist in the Australasian region with less than 10 years' experience in clinical practice since graduation from dental school.

The value of the grant is up to \$3,500 AUD to cover airfares, accommodation and other expenses directly related to a one or two week volunteer experience as approved by the ICD Board. In the first instance, the volunteer experience will be arranged with leaders of projects supported by the Australasian Section of ICD.

Enquiries and requests for applications: Dr Ron Robinson, ICD Admin Officer, [admin@icdsectionviii.org](mailto:admin@icdsectionviii.org).

Applications will close on 14 February 2020 and will be considered by the ICD Board at its annual meeting on 28 March 2020.

## 2019 ICD Induction Ceremony and Dinner, Adelaide



**New Fellows inducted in Adelaide (alphabetical order):** Dominic Aouad, Andre Bendyk, John Berketa, Robyn Boase, Jo-Anne Cherry, Ian Chiswell, Jonathan Christo, Gino Cirillo, Ashley Freeman, Mark Galaz, Geoffrey Harvey, Paul Heijkoop, Jasmine Holgate, Omar Ikram, Con Laparidis, Sara Li, Stephen Liew, Christopher Lloyd, Kavita Lobo, Troy Longbottom, Michael Malandris, Steve Mason, Melanie McAlpine, Malcolm McLean, Tino Mercado, Peter Munt, Khash Nassery, Mark Newman, Jessica O'Neill, Eleanor Parker, Jilen Patel, Bernadette Pilkington, Alan Reid, Clive Rogers, Gitika Sanghvi, Chris Sanzaro, Gautam Sridhar, Jeff Swann, Blanche Tsetong, My Anh Vu Thanh, Michael Walker, Judith Werner, Chris Wholley, Susan Wise, Sobia Zafar  
**Inducted in absentia:** Jamil Alayan, Paul Hogan, Estie Kruger, Ian Trantor

The 2019 ICD induction ceremony and dinner were held in the ballrooms of The Playford Hotel in Adelaide on May 3rd. The evening was attended by 178 Fellows and their guests. 45 new Fellows from throughout Australia were inducted on the night, with another four new Fellows inducted in absentia. The Playford ballrooms provided a spectacular setting for this special occasion.

Long Tan Dental Program, Vietnam; Greg Miller, the new Coordinator of the Long Tan Program; David Goldsmith, South Pacific Islands programs and Len Crocombe, PNG.

Registrar Tom Tseng opened the induction part of the evening with the Registrar's report. President John Owen AM then briefly addressed those in attendance. Immediate Past International President, Clive Ross CNZM, delivered an address to the new Fellows on the meaning and honour of ICD Fellowship.



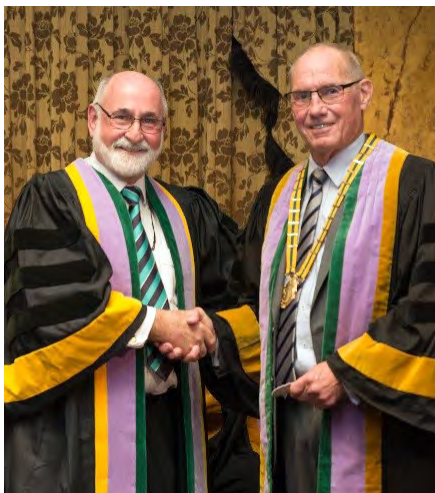
Special guests at the dinner included Murray Thomson, President of the Dental Board of Australia; Deb Cockrell, President of the Australian Dental Council; Kate Miranda, Head of Communications and Public Affairs, ADANSW; Robert Love ONZM, Dean & Head of School, Griffiths University; Peter Noblet AM, Past Treasurer of Section VIII; David Thomson, Past President of Section VIII; Loralie Lowder, PFA Executive Director and Cheri Newman, PFA International President. We were also honoured to have a number of Project Leaders at the dinner – David Sheen AM, Timor Leste; Colin Twelftree OAM,

Following the induction of the new Fellows, special presentations were made to Fellows John McIntyre AM and Ron Robinson. John was presented with an ICD Meritorious Award in recognition of his 61 years of extraordinary dedication to dental education and improving oral health in Papua New Guinea. The ICD Meritorious Award is presented to Fellows in recognition of lifetime commitment and achievement. This was the first Meritorious Award ever presented



to a Fellow of Section VIII. Ron Robinson was made an Honorary Life Member in recognition of his service to our Section as Administrative Officer over the past six and a half years and as our Section VIII website developer and manager.

The induction session ended with the changeover of Board officers. Incoming President Keith Watkins briefly addressed those in attendance after receiving the Presidential chain of office from outgoing President John Owen AM.



John McIntyre AM (SA) contributed significantly to making the ICD evening in Adelaide an extra special occasion. We were very pleased to have many long-term colleagues of John's from Adelaide, Len Crocombe from Tasmania and Geoff Knight from Victoria present to share the evening with John. During the dinner, John gave a presentation on his work in PNG and the oral health needs of the country. New Fellow Jilen Patel of WA also gave an inspiring presentation at the dinner, "*Volunteering: a life course journey*". Jilen described his volunteer experiences with the Kimberley Dental Team and how volunteering has impacted him personally and shaped his outlook on life.



## Report on 2018 Council Meeting

The 2018 International Council meeting was held in New York city on November 26 – 27. Section VIII was represented by our International Councillors, Clive Ross CNZM and Jackie Robinson. David Thomson acted as Council Speaker. This report gives some key points from the meeting.

### Centennial Committee

- The centennial website [www.ICD100.org](http://www.ICD100.org) has been launched and is being promoted through communication channels with all Fellows.
- The centennial functions in Nagoya in November 2020 will include a half day symposium on ICD humanitarian programs.

### Finance Committee

- Treasurer, Richard Smith, advised that an increase of at least \$5 USD to annual capitation fees will be introduced in 2020.
- The College is seeking more corporate sponsorships and requests that any Fellows with contacts in the dental industry who may assist with developing new partnerships advise the College Office.

### Membership Committee

The 2018 Membership Committee report filed by Jackie as Chair of the committee highlighted issues of delinquency and discrepancies in database management and reporting. Jackie opened a discussion session on membership by briefly recapping why the Membership Committee was formed in 2015 and the key activities of the Committee since 2015. There was consensus during the discussion session that membership statistics are important to the College and issues with database management and reporting need to be addressed. It was also noted that more data on attrition and recruitment is needed to fully understand changes in membership within each Section.

Statistics on the ratio of ICD Fellows to registered dentists in each Section were suggested as a frame of reference for membership within the College. Updating WHO figures on registered dentists in each Section is a work in progress. The variation in ratios as shown in the table on the next page highlights some differences in nomination perspectives and policies across the College Sections. As shown in the table, currently Section VIII has the highest ratio of Fellows to registered dentists. As the table also indicates, Section VIII is currently the third largest Section within the College.

SECTION		Fellows	Reg Dentists	%
8	AUSTRALASIA	725	15,264	4.7%
1	USA	6592	188,970	3.5%
2	CANADA	754	22,869	3.3%
13	CHINA	694	51,012	1.4%
3	MEXICO	101	14,494	0.7%
11	KOREA	149	24,150	0.6%
9	PHILIPPINES	176	45,903	0.4%
7	JAPAN	282	99,686	0.3%
6	INDIA, SRI LANKA, NEPAL	440	155,820	0.3%
10	MIDDLE EAST	133	57,037	0.2%
5	EUROPE	643	390,914	0.2%
4	SOUTH AMERICA	149	334,926	0.0%
12	CHINESE TAIPEI	150		
20	REGIONS	480		

## Meritorious Award, John McIntyre AM



The Section VIII Board was pleased to present Fellow John McIntyre AM with an ICD Meritorious Award on behalf of International President, Clive Ross CNZM and Secretary General, Jack Hinterman at the ICD induction ceremony held in Adelaide on May 3rd. ICD Meritorious Awards are presented to Fellows in recognition of lifetime commitment and achievement. This is the first Meritorious Award ever presented to a Fellow of Section VIII. The ICD Meritorious Award was presented to Prof John McIntyre AM of South Australia in appreciation and recognition of his 61 years of extraordinary dedication to dental education and improving oral health in Papua New Guinea.

### Projects Committee

Clive noted that the interactive projects map is a flagship activity for ICD. The interactive projects map is accessible through the ICD website (<http://www.icd.org/projects-2/>). It was advised that each Section may have its own interactive map produced and linked to the respective Section's website. At present the map can display up to 100 projects. Expansion of the capacity is being explored.

### Secretary General Search Committee

As Secretary General Jack Hinterman has indicated his intention to retire after the 2020 Council meeting. A Secretary General Search Committee has been established chaired by Vice-President Richard Smith. Clive is a member of the committee.

### APPOINTMENTS & ELECTIONS

Clive addressed the Council as the outgoing International President and his significant contribution and leadership over the past year were acknowledged.

### Elected Officers for 2019:

President	Betty McKaig (USA)
President-Elect	Akira Senda (Japan)
Vice-President	Richard Smith (USA)
Treasurer	Keith Suchy (USA)
Editor	Dov Sydney (Israel)

David Thomson's tenure as inaugural Council Speaker concluded at the 2018 Council meeting. William Cheung has been appointed as the new Speaker for Council meetings for a four year term commencing in 2019. David's service as the inaugural Council Speaker was acknowledged.



John has been traveling to PNG since 1958 when he first provided services in Port Moresby. A report in 1997 painted a grim picture of declining dental services in PNG with the dentist/population ratio of about 1:500,000 and a dental therapist/population ratio of 1:50,000. Consultants

were enlisted by AusAid to make recommendations to address the crisis. It was from this time onward that Prof McIntyre made his greatest contributions to dentistry and oral health in PNG.

John played a major role in re-establishing the PNG Dental School, after it had been closed for some years. John secured extensive funding and equipment through AusAid, the University of PNG, Port Moresby Rotary Club, Colgate PNG, the Rotary Club of Coromandel Valley and SDI Australia for the dental school. John negotiated with the PNG Senate to approve bylaws for the new curricula. Under John's influence, many dentists from Australia have



made frequent and often self-funded visits to the Dental School to contribute to the dental education programs. As a result, in 2005 the Bachelor of Dental Surgery and the new Bachelor of Oral Health courses commenced and the first dental therapists graduated in April 2007. A diploma in Dental Technology course and a postgraduate course in oral surgery have also been introduced and the PNG Dental Association has been established. Thanks to John and many others, 113 BDS students have graduated from UPNG since 1997 and most provinces now have at least two dentists in residence.

The commitment of John McIntyre AM to PNG continues. John recently arranged digital access to international dental journals for UPNG students and members of the PNG Dental Association through the ADA and is working with ADAQ to set up a dental nurse training program. He also continues to help current staff and postgraduate students plan research projects and publications. John is certainly a most worthy recipient of the ICD Meritorious Award. He exemplifies what ICD Fellowship means and sets an extremely high bar for the dedication that the ICD Meritorious Award acknowledges.

### Honorary Life Membership Ronald Q Robinson



The Board is pleased to present Fellow Ron Robinson with Honorary Life Membership in Section VIII. Ron has been a Fellow in good standing of the Australasian Section of ICD since 1994. In September 2012 Ron was appointed as the inaugural Administrative Officer for our Section, a position he has held continuously over the past six and a half years. As Administrative Officer, Ron is crucial to the day to day operations of Section VIII which includes correspondence, organising Board meetings and teleconferences, database management, collection of payments and donations from Fellows, new Fellow processes, assisting the Editor with production of the biannual newsletters and event management.

Above and beyond his role as Administrative Officer, Ron developed, launched and maintains the Section VIII website. As an example of the contributions Ron makes to our Section, Ron converted every Section newsletter dating back to 1976 to PDFs and posted these for historical reference on the Section VIII website. The website also features photo albums of all Section VIII inductions dating back to 1982 compiled and posted by Ron.

### IN MEMORIAM Dr Sydenham Dobbin AM, MICD 13 July 1924 – 22 February 2019



It is with great sadness that the Board of Section VIII learned of the passing of one of the Section's longest continuous Fellows, Dr Sydenham Dobbin AM, MICD of Yass, NSW in March.

Syd served on the Section VIII Board from 1985 to 2001 in positions as Regent, Treasurer, Vice-President, President and International Councillor. In 1998 he was elected as the International Council Vice-President and subsequently served as International President-Elect in 1999 and International President in 2000. He was the second Section VIII Fellow elected as President of the International Council.

In 1956 Yass became the first town on the Australian mainland to be fluoridated due to the efforts of Syd Dobbin, Noel Martin and one of the town's medical practitioners, Dr David Graham. Syd served on the Yass Council for thirty years - seven years as Mayor. Yass became known as the "Good Teeth Town" with a 60% reduction in caries in 5 year old children. Syd is considered to be the "Father of Fluoridation" in New South Wales.

Syd's presence and influence will be greatly missed within Section VIII and within our profession.



## Inaugural ICD Young Dentists Volunteerism Grant

The Board is pleased to announce that Dr Edward (Ted) Piercy of Nelson, New Zealand has been awarded the inaugural ICD Young Dentists Volunteerism grant.



Ted graduated from the University of Central Lancashire (UK) in 2014. After graduation he worked in the UK as a maxillofacial house officer and in general practice. In January 2017 Ted and his wife Amy, travelled to New Zealand on their honeymoon and decided that would be their new home! Ted currently works in the Nelson Hospital Dental Department and in private practice. Ted will be part of the Project Yeti team led by Fellow George Manos when the team next visits Nepal in April 2020.

22 applications were received for the inaugural ICD Young Dentists Volunteerism grant. We thank the New Zealand Dental Association, ADA Inc and state branches of the ADA for their assistance in publicising the grant to young dentists throughout New Zealand and Australia.

### New Coordinator Long Tan Dental Program, Vietnam

The leader of the Long Tan Dental Program in Vietnam, Colin Twelftree OAM, recently announced that he would retire after more than 20 years of coordinating the program. Colin is pleased to announce that Fellow Greg Miller (SA) has been appointed as the new coordinator. Congratulations to Colin on the success of the Long Tan Dental program and best wishes for his well-deserved retirement.



Greg Miller & Colin Twelftree OAM

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