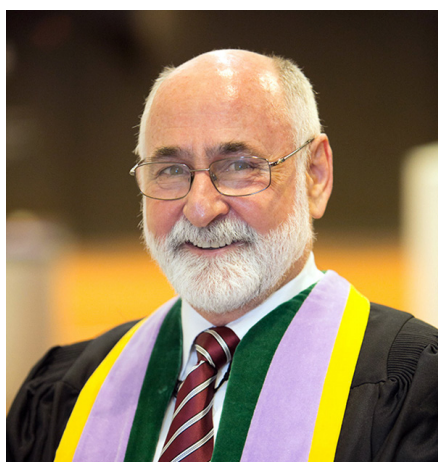




INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



President John Owen AM

Congratulations to the 60 new Fellows inducted at our most recent convocation in Melbourne on May 19th. This was the second largest induction ceremony in the history of the Australasian Section. Only the 50th anniversary ceremony in Sydney in 2014 was larger.

Thank you to all 194 Fellows, partners and guests who joined us to celebrate these inductees' exceptional achievements and contributions to our profession and our community.

Congratulations to Dr Jackie Robinson on receiving her Honorary Life Membership for her invaluable service to the ICD.

Thank you to our Administrative Officer, Dr Ron Robinson, who handles the day to day running of our Section beautifully.

To our departing Board members, Dr Jenny Smyth AM and Dr John Boyens, a sincere thank you for your contributions and a warm welcome to new Board Member and Section Editor, Dr Petrina Bowden.

After several years of strategic planning, establishing sound governance and financial management structures and developing communication

and action plans, the future of our Section of the International College of Dentists is very bright as we prepare for the 100th Anniversary of the College in 2020.

Every honour society or organization must have direction and purpose to survive into the future. We must strive to be relevant and purposeful and conscientiously work on our Section's aspirational goals.

Our Section aspires to be recognised for:

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

The Board has progressed significantly in pursuing these goals including the introduction of local committees which will assist each Regent on the Board in developing well researched, broad age and gender balanced nominations for presentation to the Board. Additionally, local committees coordinate local ICD functions and activities.

Our Section currently supports 12 national and international oral health improvement projects. We had a record number of applications for grants this year. However, we are not in a financial position to support all projects nor to the level of funding requested. Subsequently, we have prioritized projects in our immediate region.

Thank you Board members and Fellows for entrusting me with this high office.

Dr John R. Owen AM, President

Registrar's Report



Registrar Tom Tseng

Membership

The Australasian Section of the International College of Dentists now has a total membership of 695. This is comprised of:

- 605 Active Fellows
- 8 Retired Fellows
- 9 Honorary Life Members (including 2 Masters)
- 3 Honorary Members

607 Fellows are from Australia and 76 from New Zealand. Fellows of our Section have spread to many parts of the globe with Fellows now living in Cambodia, Eritrea, Fiji, Qatar, Timor L'Este, UK and the United States.

Eighty-two percent of Section VIII Fellows are male and 18% are female. Sixty percent of our Fellows are in the age range of 55-75 years old.

Local Nominating Committees

The Local Nominating Committees, a recent initiative of the Section VIII Board, continue to identify dentists worthy of ICD Fellowship.

The role of local nominating committees is:

- To encourage Fellows within their local area to nominate dentists worthy of nomination
- To identify and nominate dentists worthy of nomination (Note: nominations are not limited to the state/region of the local committee)
- To ensure nominations consider the full scope of practice amongst dentists in our Region which includes General Practice, Endodontics, Forensic Dentistry, Oral Surgery/Oral Maxillo-Facial Surgery, Oral Medicine/Oral Pathology, Orthodon-

tics, Paediatric Dentistry, Periodontics, Prosthodontics and Special Needs as applied within the settings of academia, the armed forces, private practice or the public service.

- To ensure nominations consider dentists who significantly contribute to enhancement of the dental profession and of oral health in the community through community service, volunteer work and/or are leaders in organisations within dentistry such as the ADA/NZDA, Dental Boards, Dental Councils, Professional Development, the RACDS or Societies/Associations
- To duly review nominated candidates and submit nominations to the Board for approval
- To follow up on nominations as requested by the Board.

I would encourage all Fellows to consider nominating a dentist whom they consider may be worthy of Fellowship of the International College of Dentists. A Nomination Form is available on the ICD Section VIII website (<http://www.icdsectionviii.org>) or from the Section VIII Administrative Officer (email address: admin@icdsectionviii.org)

Vale Fellows

We were sorry to learn of the passing of Fellows Ron Czernekzyi (SA), James Grainger (NSW) and Cathy Groenlund (NSW). Our deepest condolences are extended to their families and friends.

2017 Honours for ICD Fellows

The Board of the Australasian Section of the ICD and its members congratulate the following Fellows named in the 2017 Honours Lists:

Australia Day:

Dr Alain Middleton (NSW) was made an Officer (AO) in the General Division of the Order of Australia for distinguished service to dentistry as a forensic odontologist, as a global expert in victim identification, and through the development of international standards in disaster response.

Dr Peter Joseph Verco (SA) was made a Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia for significant service to paediatric dentistry through mentoring and advocacy roles, as a clinician, and to professional organisations.

Professor Ian Meyers (QLD) was awarded a Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia in the General Division for service to dentistry, to professional associations, and to tertiary education.

Queen's Birthday:

Dr Sandra Meihubers (NSW) was made a Member (AM) in the General Division for significant service to dentistry, to remote Indigenous communities, and through international humanitarian oral health care programs.

Dr Stuart Brendon Gairns (WA) was made a Member (AM) in the General Division for significant service to dentistry as a specialist periodontist, and to professional dental societies at state and national levels.

Dr Anthony William Lake (SA) was made a Member (AM) in the General Division for significant service to legal dentistry, particularly to forensic odontology, to disaster victim identification, and to professional dental standards.

Dr John Lindsay Brabant (NSW) was awarded a Medal (OAM) in the General Division for service to people who are homeless, and to dentistry.

Project Grants Supported by Our Section

Our Fellows continue to generously support oral health projects in underprivileged communities within our region by making donations with their annual membership renewals. Fellows donated over \$12,000 towards oral health projects in 2016. The "2017 ICD Grants" article in this newsletter gives an overview of the 2017 grants approved by the Board.

Tom Tseng, Registrar

Calendar of Section VIII Events

- 11 August, 2017 - Auckland, ICD luncheon at the NZDA Conference
- 13 September, 2017 - Brisbane, ICD Queensland dinner
- 24 March, 2018 - Sydney, ICD induction ceremony & dinner at the time of the ADIA Exhibition
- 16 or 17 August, 2018 - Auckland, ICD induction ceremony & luncheon at the NZDA Conference
- 3 May, 2019 - Adelaide, ICD induction ceremony & dinner at the ADA Congress

Invitations with details will be sent to Fellows in due course.

2017 Melbourne Induction Ceremony & Dinner

An ICD induction ceremony and dinner were held at the Melbourne Convention Centre on Friday, May 19th at the time of the ADA Congress. The evening was attended by 194 Fellows and guests making this the second largest ICD function ever hosted by the Australasian Section. Only the 50th anniversary dinner in Sydney in 2014 attracted a larger number of Fellows and guests.



ICD induction ceremony and dinner in Melbourne, 19th May 2017

A record number of new Fellows were inducted in Melbourne – 56 new Fellows attended in person and 4 new Fellows were inducted in absentia:

ACT: Anthony Dawson, Desmond Storey, Peter Walmsley.

NSW: Kate Amos, Theodor Baisi, John Coolican, Scott Davis, Tania Gerzina, Paul Hagley, Christopher Hardwicke, Alexandra Jones, Peter Lewis, Samuel Rosehill, Brendan White, Marcus Yan.

New Zealand: Winifred Harding, Mahendra Moopnar.

QLD: Mark Brown, Ross Dunn, Farid Khan, Hugh McCallum, Frank Moloney, Vincent O'Rourke, Michael Rutherford, David Symons, Sue Taji.

SA: Ian Bills, Arnis Lidums, Alan Mann, Marie Reichstein.

VIC: Denise Bailey, Stephen Brennan, Hanny Calache, Deborah Cole, Bob Cvetkovic, Ivan Darby, Diana Evans, Georges Fast, Sara Firouzabadi, Matthew Hopcraft, Christopher Murray, Christopher Olsen, Anu Polster, Patrick Russo, Warren Shnider, Jonathan Tversky, Jeyanthi Vasanthakumar.

WA: Timothy Clair, Gregory Doucas, Wendy Gill, Glen Liddelow, John Moran, Soniya Nanda, Clifford Owen, Steven Singer, Millicent Woon.

Inducted in absentia: Jacqueline Castro (WA), Matthew Chan (VIC), Fernando Jong (Timor Leste) and Greg Miller (SA).



56 new ICD Fellows inducted in Melbourne

The calibre of new Fellows being inducted into the Australasian Section of ICD continues to be exceptional. The range of outstanding contributions of the Melbourne inductees described by the Registrar, Dr Tom Tseng, included clinical expertise and leadership in all disciplines of dentistry, oral health education and clinical training, research, public health service, humanitarian volunteer work in many parts of the world, academic leadership and management, executive roles in dental and community organisations, scientific publications, mentoring, military service, participation in regulatory processes, innovations in dentistry and dental education and advisory and examiner roles. We congratulate all the new Fellows who were inducted in Melbourne on their well-deserved recognition of ICD Fellowship and thank them for their contributions to our profession and to the communities they serve.

Fellow Dr Jonathan Cole of New Zealand gave an inspiring and informative presentation at the induction dinner entitled “Fijian Health: Can we add value as good neighbours?” Jonathan is co-founder of the “Smiles for the Pacific” program, founded in 2012, which collaborates with the Ministry of Health in Fiji to deliver dental services in underserved communities in northwest Fiji and to train dental professionals. Jonathan described the devastation left by cyclone Winston in February 2016 and the work being done to rebuild dental services debilitated by the cyclone. Enormous interest was shown in Jonathan’s work and in opportunities to volunteer to work with the Smiles for the Pacific team in Fiji. More information can be found on the “Smiles for the Pacific” website: www.smilespacific.co.nz. Jonathan can be contacted at jcole@xtra.co.nz.



Guest Speaker, Fellow Jonathan Cole, Smiles for the Pacific

Photos of the Melbourne induction ceremony and dinner can be found in the History (photo albums) section of the website: <http://www.icdsectionviii.org>.

Vote of Thanks

The induction ceremony in Melbourne on May 19th included the biennial changeover of Board Officers. The Board Presidency transferred from David Crum (NZ) to John Owen AM (WA). David served as President of the Australasian Section from March 2015 to May 2017.

The Australasian Section Board regrets to announce the resignations of Dr Jenny Smyth AM and Dr John Boyens from the Board.



Dr David Crum, Outgoing President

Dr David Crum became a Fellow of ICD in 1996. In 2010 he joined the Board as a Regent for New Zealand.

land. David became the Board Vice-President in 2014 and progressed to President in 2015. He will continue to serve on the Board as Immediate Past President for the next two years.

David’s management skills as the CEO of the New Zealand Dental Association have served him well in his role as the Australasian President and have benefited our Section. Naturally, throughout his time on the Board, David has been a strong advocate for New Zealand as have Clive Ross CNZM and John Boyens. The New Zealand membership has grown by 21% during David’s period on the Board: from 60 New Zealand Fellows in 2010 to 76 New Zealand Fellows in 2017. The largest New Zealand induction in the history of the Australasian Section was held in Auckland in August 2015 with 17 new Fellows being inducted.

As President, David has passionately fostered and led the Section’s strategic plan which was initiated in March 2014. A survey of Fellows was conducted in July 2015 giving the Board insights into the opinions of the Australasian Fellows. Those insights informed the strategic action plans developed by the Board over the past two years. Within that strategic framework, local state-based and New Zealand based committees have been established to assist with nomina-

tions of deserving dentists within our Region and to assist with organising local ICD functions. In 2016 state-based functions were successfully hosted in Adelaide and Perth. An ICD luncheon will be hosted in Auckland on August 11. The Section nomination process has been revised to reflect and define the role of the local nominating committees. The process for introduction of new Fellows to ICD has been revised and implemented with introduction of an enhanced “Know Your College” booklet for new Fellows. As David departs his role as President, the Board continues work on a communication plan within the strategic framework.

David is passionate about supporting young dentists and about ICD developing early relationships with young dentists in our Region. At the 2015 induction ceremony in Auckland, Dr Assil Russell, the NZDA Young Dentist of the Year, was the invited speaker and gave an inspirational presentation. In February 2017 ICD gave support to a Young Dentists’ Speaker Development Day organised by the NZDA. (See article in this newsletter.)

Lastly, David, along with Jenny Smyth AM, was instrumental in organising dental supplies funded by our Section which were shipped to Fiji following the devastation of cyclone Winston.

Please join the Board in commending and thanking David for his strong leadership on the ICD Board during his presidency.



Dr Jenny Smyth AM

Dr Jenny Smyth AM has been a Fellow of the Australasian Section since 1990. She became a Regent representing Queensland on the Board in 2009. Always an active and enthusiastic member of the Board, Jenny distinguished herself further by taking on the role of Editor for our Section in 2010. Jenny filled the role of Editor until the end of 2015 when she handed the position over to Petrina Bowden, our current Editor.

During her five years as Editor, Jenny diligently co-

ordinated the bi-annual publication of the Section newsletter and made substantial improvements. During Jenny’s time as Editor, the ICD newsletter became a full colour publication. Jenny ensured that reports on all projects financially supported by our Section were included annually in the newsletters. These reports raised the profile of projects led by Fellows of our Section and fostered the generous donations made by our Fellows each year with their membership renewal payments. These newsletter reports, as well as project reports provided for the international publication, *The Globe*, have established the Australasian Section as a leader in supporting dentally related humanitarian projects within ICD.



Dr John Boyens

Dr John Boyens has been a Fellow of the Australasian Section since 2010. He became a Regent representing New Zealand on the Board in 2015. Although John’s tenure on the Board has spanned only two years, his contribution has been significant. John is the quiet voice of reason in all discussions. His high ethical standards and support for young dentists who are the future of our profession are always evident and serve as an example for us all.

We wish Jenny and John well as they depart the ICD Board and thank them for their contributions to the governance of our Section.



Section VIII Board of Regents 2017 - 2019



Outgoing President, David Crum, presents the President's badge to incoming President, John Owen AM

The Section VIII Board of Regents for 2017-2019 is comprised of:

- Dr John Owen AM (WA), President
- Dr David Crum (NZ), Immediate Past President
- Dr Keith Watkins (VIC), Vice-President
- Dr Tom Tseng (NSW), Registrar
- Dr Richard Sawers AM (SA), Treasurer
- Dr Petrina Bowden (QLD), Editor
- Prof Ian Meyers OAM (QLD), Regent
- Dr Clive Ross CNZM (NZ), International Councillor
- Dr Jackie Robinson (NSW), International Councillor



Back row (L to R): Rick Sawers AM, Clive Ross CNZM, Tom Tseng, Ian Meyers OAM

Front row (L to R): Keith Watkins, Jackie Robinson, David Crum, John Owen AM, Petrina Bowden

Newsletter Survey

A one question survey was conducted in mid-May with all Fellows who have email addresses in the ICD database. The purpose of the survey was to

reduce the postage and printing costs for the biannual Section VIII newsletters by identifying those Fellows who wish to receive the newsletters only electronically. A total of 280 Fellows (40%) indicated they wish to receive only electronic versions of the newsletters. If you did not receive the survey and wish to only receive electronic copies of the newsletters, please advise the Admin Officer at: admin@icdsectionviii.org.

Honorary Life Membership

The membership classification of "Honorary Life Member" was introduced by the Section VIII Board in 2006. Honorary Life Members are active or retired Fellows in good standing who have made an outstanding contribution to the College and to the profession as determined by the Board of Regents.



*HLM presentation to Jackie Robinson
in Melbourne, 19th May 2017*

Section VIII currently has 8 Honorary Life Members: Robert Butler (VIC), Dick Cook AM (WA), Syd Dobbin AM (NSW), Derek Freeman AM (NSW), Don Heffron CBE (NSW), Peter Noblet AM (SA), Clive Ross CNZM (NZ) and Tom Speed (NZ). Dr Jackie Robinson (NSW) is now the ninth current Honorary Life Member of the Australasian Section.

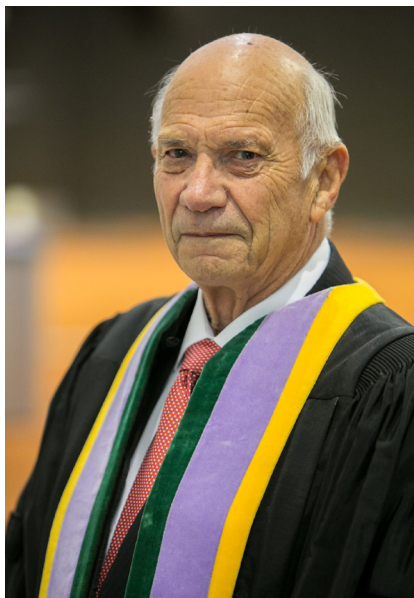
Jackie became a Fellow of Section VIII in 1994. She joined the Section VIII Board in 2003 as a Regent for New South Wales. In 2005 Jackie was appointed Registrar, a position she held for eight years until 2013. During her time as Registrar, Jackie made significant improvements in administrative, financial and reporting procedures as the Section membership grew and as the needs of the Section changed. She has subsequently served in the positions of Vice-President, President and Immediate Past President.

Jackie was President during the 50th anniversary of Section VIII and played a major role in coordinating the 50th anniversary events which were held in Sydney in October 2014.

In 2015 when Section VIII membership growth qualified our Section for a second International Councillor position, Jackie was appointed our second International Councillor serving with Clive Ross CNZM. She currently continues in this position on the Board.

It should be noted that Jackie was the first female Fellow appointed to a Board position in Section VIII. Consequently, she was the first female Fellow to serve in the various roles she has held on the Board and is the first female Fellow of our Section to be awarded Honorary Life Membership.

International President Elect



Dr Clive B Ross CNZM, MICD

At the 2016 International Council meeting in Denver, Colorado, Dr Clive B Ross CNZM was elected to the office of International President Elect. Clive will progress to the position of International President at the 2017 Council meeting this November in Taiwan. Only two Fellows of Section VIII have previously served as International Presidents: Gordon Rowell (NSW) in 1978 and Sydenham Dobbin (NSW) in 2000. Clive will be the first Fellow from New Zealand to serve as International President.

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. Clive has served as an International Councillor for Section VIII since 2008.

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 International Council of ICD. Clive served as the International Treasurer until October 2014 when his term of office concluded and he became the International Vice-President.

Clive was awarded the status of ICD Master at the 2015 Section VIII induction ceremony in Brisbane. The awarding of the status of Master is considered a rare distinction. There have been only four other Section VIII Masters: Gordon Rowell CBE, Richard Setright, Syd Dobbin AM and Geoffrey Hall AM. Clive and Syd Dobbin AM are the only current Masters in Section VIII.

Financial Report

Renewal Payments and Donations

\$94,799 AUD was collected in 2016 membership renewal payments. By comparison, membership renewal payments in 2015 totalled \$90,863 AUD. At the Board meeting held on May 19th in Melbourne, the Board approved maintaining the annual membership renewal fee at the 2016 level.

Donations made by Fellows with the 2016 membership renewal payments totalled \$12,050 AUD. By comparison, donations totalled \$10,875 with 2015 renewal payments. 28% (176) of fee paying Fellows made donations in 2016 compared to 27% (166) in 2015. Donations ranged from \$5 to \$500.

A big thank you is extended to the NZDA and Jill Watson for their assistance in collecting annual membership renewals and donations from New Zealand Fellows.

New Fellow Fees

At the end of April, \$15,530 had been collected in payments for new Fellows in this financial year. The new Fellow fee was increased from \$500 AUD to \$525 AUD effective from November 2016 to cover increased costs associated with new Fellow processes.

Capitation & Initiation Payments

This financial year \$38,733 in capitation fees and \$5,075 in initiation fees were paid to the International Council Office.

Grant Payments

\$45,000 in ICD grants were paid in the last financial year. An equivalent amount for grants was approved by the Board at the recent Board meeting held in Melbourne. The number of grant applications has increased year on year making it necessary to review the criteria used to prioritize and approve grants. Where applicable, additional funding through the Global Visionary Fund of ICD is sought for projects led by Section VIII Fellows.

Cost of Newsletters

The cost for the June 2016 newsletter was \$3.09 per member. The November 2016 newsletter cost \$4.80 per member due to the size of the newsletter and inclusion of nomination forms with the newsletter. In the interest of containing printing and postage costs of the biannual newsletters, Fellows have recently been surveyed to identify those Fellows who wish to receive only electronic copies of the newsletters.

Audit FY2016

The annual audit conducted for FY2016 confirmed income of \$122,374 for the year and expenses of \$128,322 resulting in a net loss of \$5,948. Use of MYOB for Section VIII accounting was implemented in 2014 as recommended by the auditor.

Capital & Budget

At the end of April 2017, capital funds of Section VIII totalled \$338,783. \$130,000 is held in reserve. The Board has approved budget expenditure for FY2018 to reduce accumulated funds above the reserve. Excess expenditure is primarily dedicated to financial support for dentally related humanitarian projects led by Section VIII Fellows.

Speaker Development Training for Young Dentists

Section VIII helped sponsor a Speaker Development Day for young dentists on February 18th in Auckland. The program aimed to enhance the speaking and presentation skills of future leaders within the dental profession. The training was organised by the New Zealand Dental Association and conducted by Influence Consulting.

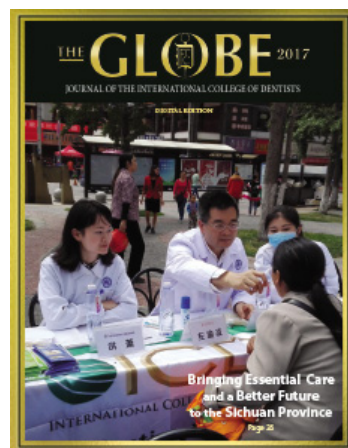
The speaker development training was part of a two day meeting of the NZDA Young Dentist Action Group (YDAG) which was established in 2015. The YDAG is composed of dentists in their first five years of practice. The group facilitates communication amongst

young dentists in New Zealand and assists the NZDA with development of services aimed at young dentists.



The young dentists who attended the two day program rated the program as highly valuable. One of the young dentists who attended gave this feedback: "It was hugely valuable not only to establish the 2017 goals of the YDAG but also to meet the team with which we will be working and establish some collegiality. I think the brainstorming session allowed development of ideas to resolve common problems the young dentists were facing and brought out some excellent ideas that likely would have been missed or forgotten if the meeting had not been in person or if the discussion was carried out via email."

Experience the Amazing Digital Globe 2017



As of the 2017 edition, the College's award-winning flagship publication, the GLOBE, is being published in an all-digital format only. The new, interactive GLOBE, is part of the International Council's recently approved Digital Strategy for the College. Much of

the decision to go digital was based on survey results (over 70% of Fellows worldwide prefer to receive their journal in a digital format), a growing multi-cultural and multilingual organization with widely differing reader preferences that print communications cannot possibly accommodate, as well as the financial inefficiency and burden of producing a print publication for a global audience.

The all-digital 2017 GLOBE significantly enhances your favorite ICD reports and humanitarian stories, which have been formatted for convenient viewing on desktops, laptops, tablets and smart phones. As noted by College Editor Dov Sydney, "With a click of the mouse, Fellows can now discover hundreds of embedded hyperlinks loaded with enhanced media throughout the journal, including videos, photo albums, reference material and supplemental articles. We could never have provided so much diversity and content in the print format."

100th Anniversary of ICD

The 100th anniversary of ICD will be celebrated in 2020. The International Council is developing plans for a global event. Closer to home, a working party of Board members is developing a preliminary proposal for anniversary events within our Region. Please forward any ideas you may have to: admin@icdsectionviii.org.

Invitation to Auckland Luncheon

The Australasian Board of ICD invites all Fellows and their guests to attend an ICD luncheon in Auckland, New Zealand on Friday, August 11, 1:00 – 2:30 pm.

Where: SKYCITY Convention Centre,
Epsom room, Level 4

Dress: Business attire

Tickets: \$60 NZD per person

Registrations for the ICD luncheon: Fellows attending the NZDA Conference, use the registration link at www.nzdaconference.org.nz. Fellows not attending the Conference, notify number of tickets, names of attendees and credit card details to Jill@NZDA.org.nz.

Enquiries: Megan@conference.co.nz or telephone +64 (03) 379 0390

2017 ICD Grants

The Australasian Section supports many worthwhile oral health related projects throughout Australasia and the Asia-Pacific Region. This is core to our identity. Our Section seeks to support those projects which are most likely to achieve a sustainable improvement in oral health in underserved communities with the greatest need. The grants provided by ICD only partially fund any program. The success of these projects depends on volunteers who dedicate many hours of their time.

Australian Dental Research Foundation (ADRF)

ICD grants to the ADRF aim to support population oral health research to improve oral health in communities. ICD grants have been awarded for these studies in the past few years:

- *"Impact of Oral Health on Nutrition Intake and General Health of Older People - A Longitudinal Study"*, Ms Saima Islam, Prof David Simon Brennan and Prof Kaye Roberts-Thomson
- *"Explaining the links between mother's and child's oral health - a prospective cohort study"*, A/Prof Loc Giang Do, E/Prof A John Spencer and Dr Diep Hong Ha
- *"Maternal and perinatal factors associated with early childhood caries"*, Dr Gloria Mejia and Dr Wendy Cheung

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Community Outreach Dental Program (CODP), University of Adelaide

The Community Outreach Dental Project (CODP) has been in operation for five years. The program aims to provide timely dental care for some of the estimated 7,500 homeless people within Adelaide and surrounds. As part of the Final Year Dental Students Program, students are rostered through the clinic where they are mentored by experienced volunteer private dentists and university staff.

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Healthy Kids Cambodia (HKC)

One-2-One Cambodia has been providing dental treatment for disadvantaged groups since 2008, starting with delivery of dental treatment using mobile clinics in schools, communities and prisons. The next phase, SEAL Cambodia Project saw 60,000 6-to 8-year old children receiving GIC fissure sealants on

their first permanent molars in a school setting. The Healthy Kids Cambodia (HKC) strategy provides a graduated approach to preventive health strategies and dental treatment for Cambodian children. By June 2017 it is expected that approximately 10,000 children will be participating in the program. The project aims to build a strong network and upscale to 20,000 participants over the next 2 to 5 years.

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M'Lop Tapang, Cambodia

The M'Lop Tapang program operates from a dental surgery located within a medical centre. The program provides dental treatment for street children and their families, dental prevention and education to the families and communities of M'Lop Tapang and training of local Cambodian medical staff regarding oral health. The program also mentors final year dental students and new graduates to promote volunteering amongst younger dentists. Dr Petrina Bowden sources dental volunteers and dental students and dental materials for the program as well as providing dental care during her regular visits to M'Lop Tapang. The ICD grant will be used to purchase consumables, to replace minor aging equipment and to help sponsor dental students or new graduates.

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PNG Dental School & Dental Association

The Dental School in Papua New Guinea was established in 1998 and has trained over 100 dentists largely through the efforts of visiting academics and dentists from Australia coordinated by Prof John McIntyre AM of the University of Adelaide. The ICD grant will support a visit by A/Prof Len Crocombe to conduct staff development at the PNG Dental School and to assist with development of a viable Dental Association. Len is actively involved with mentoring some of the top graduates and helping them develop public health research projects which are critical in the planning of future oral health services in PNG.

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Kimberley Dental Team (KDT)

The Kimberley Dental Team, comprised of volunteer dental and allied health professionals, commenced

operating in 2009 and operates in the remote Kimberley Region of Western Australia and in Perth.

The KDT mission is to improve the wellbeing and oral health of Aboriginal children and communities in the Kimberley and of disadvantaged people in the Perth area, thereby reducing the long-term cost and suffering dental disease inflicts. The team provides both oral health education and dental treatment. Over the past eight years KDT professionals have mentored and supervised 27 final year dental students of which four have gone on to undertake postgraduate studies in public health dentistry, orthodontics or paediatric dentistry. The ICD grant will be used to support volunteer participation in the KDT excursions into remote areas.

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Mobile Dental Unit for Project Yeti, Nepal

Project Yeti commenced in 2012 and focuses on the provision of quality dental care, both preventative and restorative, to the underprivileged people of Nepal. Project Yeti operates on minimal costs thanks to the support of volunteers, including the Kopan monastery which offers free accommodation and meals for volunteers. The ICD grant will be applied towards the purchase of a second mobile dental unit which will be used in Kathmandu and will allow the project to extend the provision of care to orphanages in the Kathmandu valley as well as further afield to the Tibetan settlement in the country district of Solukhumbu. Additional funding is being sought through the ICD Global Visionary Fund (GVF).

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Village School Oral Health Program, Nepal

This project, located in remote village schools in the Kavre and Sindhupalchok Districts of Nepal, aims to improve the oral health and health of children in poor and marginalised rural communities through the provision of a school and community based preventive oral health program. Dr Sandra Meihubers of New South Wales assists with fund raising, planning and coordination of the program and provides professional support to the Nepalese dental personnel. The program includes dental screening and appropriate dental care of all children in the schools. A daily school toothbrushing program is delivered to students in Classes KG/1 to 6. Dental information training sessions are conducted for teachers and senior

students to enable them to become dental trainers.

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National Oral Health Survey (NOHS), Vanuatu

The oral health burden of children in the islands is known to be high. External funding is required for a comprehensive oral health survey using WHO measures over a six month period. The survey has the endorsement of the Ministry of Health Vanuatu. The results of this NOHS will inform development of an inaugural Oral Health Policy by the Vanuatu government and facilitate potential funding from other sources for development of sustainable oral health facilities and programs in Vanuatu. The survey team will also provide relief from pain through extractions and ART treatments and will provide community oral health education. The ICD grant will be applied to a New Zealand led phase of the survey concentrating on the more remote islands in the north and south of Vanuatu.

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Long Tan Dental Project, Vietnam

The Long Tan Dental Project led by Colin Twelftree in Vietnam has provided dental care and oral health education for the Long Tan community for over 20 years. The program operates out of the Australian Vietnam Volunteers Resource Group Dental Clinic in the village of Long Tan. Portable equipment is used for school and orphanage visits. Treatment is given by teams of dentists and dental assistants who visit regularly. Treatment is mainly provided to young children in the form of ART restorations, extractions for adults and aesthetic anterior fillings for adolescents are also offered where needed. The ICD grant will be used to purchase consumables and equipment for the program.

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Smiles for the Pacific Dental Project (SFTP), Fiji

SFTP was formed in late 2012 by Dr Jonathan Cole and Dr Mahendra Moopna of New Zealand with the aim of training, upskilling and mentoring Fijian health professionals to meet complex dental needs in underserved Western Fiji. The program operates with the support and collaboration of the Fijian Ministry of Health. Lautoka Dental Hospital serves as the treatment and training base for the program. The

program depends on volunteer dental professionals from New Zealand and Australia who are willing to share their knowledge and skills by treating cases beyond the skill of local dental practitioners during training sessions. Volunteers may also conduct free lectures and workshops for the benefit of local dental professionals. All treatment provided is free of charge to patients. The ICD grant will be used to purchase basic equipment such as bone plating, bone screws and surgical handpieces for the newly appointed oral surgeon at the Lautoka Hospital. Additional funding is being sought through the ICD Global Visionary Fund (GVF).

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2016 ICD Grant for Fiji Disaster Relief

A special ICD grant of \$10,000 was approved by the Board in 2016 for Fiji disaster relief following the devastation of cyclone Winston in February 2016.

Thanks to the efforts of David Crum and Jenny Smyth AM, consumables and minor dental equipment were purchased with the ICD grant, partially in 2016 and completed in 2017. Jonathan Cole was instrumental in shipping the goods to Fiji in "Smiles for the Pacific" containers. Ivoclar New Zealand generously donated additional equipment for this cause. Allocation of funds from the ICD grant was coordinated with the Fijian Ministry of Health.

Grant Applications

As would be expected, an increasing number of grant applications are being submitted to the Board. Although individual applications are modest in the level of funding requested, collectively the applications are now exceeding the financial means of the Section. For that reason, when the Board met in Melbourne in May, no funding was approved beyond 2017. Where appropriate, the Section VIII Board is seeking support for applications submitted for 2017 projects through the ICD Global Visionary Fund.

The Board is currently reviewing the criteria used to prioritize grant applications and the approval process to ensure our Region is gaining maximum benefit from projects supported by the Australasian Section. The Board will next consider grant applications for 2018 and beyond when the Board meets in Sydney in March 2018. The revised guidelines and application form for Section VIII ICD grants will be posted on the Section website (<http://www.icdsectionviii.org>) in due course. The revised application form will be sent to all Fellows who submitted applications for 2017 grants.