**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

**Turning Thirty!**

The Academy of Dentistry International turned thirty this year with the celebration of its 30th Anniversary at the Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida on 29 September 2004.

The Academy of Dentistry International was founded by Dr Albert Wasserman of San Mateo, California on 17 October 1974. The first fellowships were conferred on the founding officers in 1975 and the first international convocation was held at the Palais de la Méditerranée in France a year later, on 14 May 1976.

From this humble beginning the Academy has since grown to become one of the three most influential international honour societies for dentists throughout the world. Currently the Academy has over 2900 fellows from over 63 countries. There are 11 sections distributed over Africa, Asia-Pacific, Australasia, Canada, Europe, India, Japan, Philippines, South America and the United States of America.

Dr. Wasserman conceived the Academy as a fraternity of altruistic humanitarian dental professionals dedicated to the advancement of dentistry throughout the world through the promotion of continuing dental education, the improvement of the oral health and well-being of people worldwide through the sponsorship of dental education and humanitarian service projects.

**Taking Stock.**

On our 30th Anniversary, it would be opportune for us to take stock and reflect on our past. Looking back over the last 30 years, I am extremely proud to report that the Academy has certainly lived up to its original concepts. It has organised countless educational projects, big and small, throughout the world and has even initiated a number of dental conferences in several developing countries of South East Asia and Eastern Europe that have since grown to become the major national dental conferences of their respective countries. It has sponsored and contributed to a notable number of charitable and humanitarian service projects in far-flung places of the world such as the Thousand Smiles Foundation in Ensenada, Mexico, the founding of the new Pioneer Dental School in Bangladesh, training and equipping of dental clinics in Brazil, Laos, Ukraine, Vietnam and Zimbabwe, voluntary dental projects in Vanuatu and initiating and stocking of dental libraries in Vietnam, Cambodia and Mongolia.

**What Now?**

The Academy will continue its steady growth. We will continue to seek out and honour those potential members who share our love for knowledge in the art and science of dentistry and our passion to improve the lives of the less fortunate among us through material contributions and by our professional skills in dentistry. We look forward to establishing new ADI Chapters in countries that have not yet joined our fraternity. We will be constantly alert to opportunities to help and share the goodness we enjoy with those in need of our assistance.

We plan to inaugurate two new ADI chapters, the Nepal and Mongolia Chapters, in 2005. Plans are already underway to induct some very outstanding Nepalese and Mongolian colleagues into our fraternity.

For 2005, the Academy and the ADI Foundation will continue its sponsorship and support of The Thousand Smiles Foundation which offers general dentistry to all and corrective surgery for facially disfigured children in Mexico.
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The Academy is committed to supporting The ADI Native American Project by bringing volunteer dentists to augment the short-handed staff at the Montezuma Creek Clinic in Southern Utah and the Navajo Mountain Clinic near Glen Canyon. This facility provides medical, dental and behavioural health to many poor and needy Navajos in the Navajo Reservation.

The Dental Trauma Prevention Project initiated by the Uruguay Chapter of the Academy aims to provide education and videos on the prevention and the emergency management of dental trauma for children and teachers of junior and senior schools throughout Uruguay. The Academy is proud to wholly underwrite this laudable project.

The goal of The Nambak Dental Project is to provide basic dental treatment for needy villagers in Luang Praband Province of Laos as well as the training of general nurses and other health workers at the Nambak District Hospital. The Academy through the Australasia Section will co-sponsor the set-up and outfitting of a dental clinic at the Nambak Hospital to kick start this new dental project in Laos.

I am happy to report that the ADI Library Projects for Cambodia and Mongolia will come to fruition next year through generous donations from ADI fellows, their friends and colleagues, and even patients, throughout the world. We are already close to achieving our target of US$10,000. By 2005 we should be able to present much needed dental text and reference books to form the nucleus for the ADI Dental Libraries at the dental schools of the national universities of Cambodia and Mongolia.

I think we have a wonderful and exciting year ahead. I thank you for your help in making all these projects possible and look forward to your continued support of the Academy.

Dr Wing-Kong Yip
President

From the Editor’s Desk

As the new editor of our Academy of Dentistry International, I want to make myself known to you and share some thoughts. My hope is that many if not all of you receiving this will take the time to read and perhaps comment on it.

We live in a world that seems to be progressing exponentially. Technology has taken over our every day lives, and we seem to have less and less time. What technology has promised to deliver by making our lives easier has seemed to do the opposite. We are more and more consumed with simply trying to gather data, communicate, and even exist.

When one views our “Spaceship Earth” from outside the fishbowl so to speak, we see a human race so determined to gain at the expense of others. Not a day goes by that we hear about or witness some sort of violence or harm to our fellow man.

But then we have organizations like our Academy. ADI is a group of people dedicated to just one goal: helping others. Yes, helping others, no matter what their race, creed, color or gender. How refreshing it is to belong to a group that realizes that helping others is so much more important than harming others.

This publication is full of GOOD NEWS. Page after page explains and shows pictures what the Academy is all about. The old adage “all for one, and one for all” is most certainly in effect here.

Let us all keep to the mission of the Academy of Dentistry International, knowing that we all genuinely care for one another, and we can go to bed relaxed and at peace, looking forward to another wonderful day.

My contact information is listed to the left, please feel free to contact me with any information, news, articles or pictures you have to publish in the newsletter.

Best Regards,
Dr. James C. Schneider, Editor
Peru Chapter Convocation

The Peru Chapter inducted 14 new Fellows at their December 6, 2004 Convocation. The event was held at the Lima Marriott Hotel. Following the induction ceremony the newly inducted members were honored with a special dinner. South America Regent Dr. Walter Lieber-Bielli gave the post-dinner remarks in which he invited all to work together for the improvement of the Peru Chapter.

Dr. Juan Enrique Bazán, Peru Chapter Chairman announced that all is ready for their Christmas charity event called “Smile Again” where the chapter distributes presents to children in the poorer districts of Lima.

2005 ADI Convocations

This year will see several ADI Convocations around the world. The Philippine Section held an Anniversary celebration and convocation of new fellows on February 16, 2005 in Manila.

The Australasian Section will hold its biennial convocation on March 4, 2005 in Adelaide, South Australia. They expect the induction of nearly 40 new fellows.

The European Section will hold their induction ceremonies on April 15, 2005 during the IDS Meeting in Cologne, Germany.

Dr. Lim Chee Shin, Regent for the Asia Pacific Section will host a convocation during the Asia-Pacific Dental Congress May 25-29, 2005 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The Canadian Section International Convocation will be held in Montreal, Quebec during the combined CDA/FDI Congress August 23, 2005.

The USA Section convocation held in conjunction with the ADA Annual Meeting will be held in Philadelphia on October 5, 2005.

Details and further information on these events are available from the central office.

Congratulations to all and welcome to a caring and sharing organization.
The ADI Japan Section had the ceremony of the 20th anniversary on 23 November 2004 from 10:00 A.M., to 20:00 P.M. in the Osaka International Convention Center. The Japan Section was founded on 23 June 1985 with 47 fellows initially.

The late Dr. Atsumu Miyahara who was the real mentor of ours and Dr. Yasunobu Tsuboi who is the current president played a great role in our founding. We now have 133 fellows in the Japan Section.

On the ceremony day there were over 150 people in attendance. There were 9 poster exhibitions by fellows in parallel with the general meeting covering several fields of the dental science (orthodontics, endodontics, implantology, gnathology, prosthodontics and social health services).

The most honorable and happiest things for our fellows were to have the presence of Dr. and Mrs. Yip Wing Kong and Dr. and Mrs. Colin Wong who are the current ADI President and Past President respectively. Furthermore, another great thing we had was Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Sekiguchi. Dr. Sekiguchi is the Immediate Past President of the American Dental Association and is also an ADI Fellow in the USA Section. Dr. Sekiguchi gave a wonderful lecture on the day about “The world currency of dentistry being overviewed by America”.

Dr. Yasunobu Tsuboi, President of the ADI Japan Section expressed his deep gratitude to the visitors for their self-sacrificing contributions to the continuing growth of the ADI Japan Section.

At the general meeting we approved another US$1000 donation to the ADI Cambodia-Mongolia Library Project. President Dr. Yip Wing Kong was delighted at the unexpected happening and gave words of thanks from the bottom of his heart. It was a touching and dramatic scene.

After ending the general meeting and the lecture by Dr. Sekiguchi, we had a reception and dinner. We enjoyed some of the fantastic Japanese folk songs and the famous Carpenter’s popular medley music sung by Sisters of Sing, a song writer. I would think that the three Doctors and their wives from Singapore and America also enjoyed their evening with us.

We fellows of the Japan Section wish that all the fellows of the ADI always be happy.

God bless.

Dr. Yasumasa Mitsui
Regent, Japan Section
Navajo Nation Clinic

The Navajo Nation (DINE) presently is the largest native American tribe in land size and numbers. The ‘land’ encompasses the Southeast of Utah, the Northeast of Arizona and the Northwestern section of New Mexico. The reservation is the size of West Virginia or Belgium and is the poorest tribe per capita.

In conjunction with the Adopt-A-Native Elder Program (ANE), a group of volunteers who support 350 traditional elders by providing food, clothing and medical supplies to these elders and help for their grandchildren, the need for dental care became evident.

To assist ANE, for many years toothbrush kits along with oral health talks to elementary school children were given to over one thousand natives per year.

Although the Indian Health Service provides oral care and preventive programs for many school children, unfortunately there is a tremendous void of dentists in caring for the majority of the Navajo peoples. The Indian Health Service was unwilling to accept volunteers from ASI to help with these needs. This is when ADI’s Native American Project began.

In October 2004, our first three person dental team had a successful “tour” staffing the Montezuma Creek (Utah) Dental Clinic near the “four corners” and the one chair clinic at Navajo Mountain (Utah). This team consisted of Drs. Bob Calcagno, Larry Cox and Bob Wong. We thank you for sharing your talents!

Montezuma Creek Dental Clinic, Utah-Navajo Nation

It is the goal of this project to provide dental teams of three for a one week “tour” for as many weeks as we have volunteers. As a member of a distinguished sharing organization, are you willing to share the gifts of your hands and your heart to help a people in need? The Navajos are initially shy, appreciative with a fine sense of humor and rich in spirit.

Our goal for 2005 is to place at least four dental teams of three persons per team for four different weeks to staff the two Navajo dental clinics. Those weeks are:

- April 18
- July 16
- October 15

Please call me at home 607-587-8434 or fax 607-587-9277 or e-mail jdc@stny.rr.com or you can contact the central office 419-542-0101.

May you all walk in beauty!

John A. del Campo, Chairman
Native American Project

Dr. Larry Cox treating a Navajo patient at Navajo Clinic at Montezuma Creek
USA Section Convocation

The USA Section held its annual convocation at the Orlando Renaissance Resort and Hotel September 29, 2005.

The events were preceded by a night at SeaWorld on Tuesday evening, September 28th. The evening began with guests being transported to the SeaWorld Center where they enjoyed a cocktail and hors-devours reception. The SeaWorld Show and Shamu the killer whale then provided the entertainment for the evening. A sumptuous dinner was then served in the Denizens of the Deep Room and everyone reported a very enjoyable time.

Wednesday began with registration of attendees. Registration was efficiently provided by Mesdames Naomi Tanaka, Joan Cox, Marsha Brown, Katherine Brink, Deb Unti, Cynthia Tatro, Sue Calcagno, Emily Wong, Judy Naismith Stewart, Helene Yip and Drs. Christine Bui and Nira Patel. These ladies not only registered everyone, they did countless other tasks in addition to making sure everyone got to their proper locations on time. A simple ‘thank you’ is insufficient to give these ladies their due for the tremendous service they provide the Academy. Thank you ladies, thank you!

Dr. Sebastian G. Ciancio presented the continuing education program for the day. He titled his presentation “Periodontal Health: Impact on Systemic Health”. Dr. Ciancio updated the attendees on the interaction between periodontal diseases and systemic health and also the effect of medications in the diagnosis and treatment of periodontal disease. Dr. Ciancio is distinguished Service Professor and Chairman of the Department of Peridontics and Endodontics and is the Director of the Center for Dental Studies at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo, in Buffalo, New York. Dr. Ciancio’s program was made possible through the courtesy of Sunstar/Butler Company.

The Color Guard from Orlando Naval Training Station opened the formal convocation ceremony, presided over by President Dr. Donald T. Brown. Honorees recognized were: Dr. James A. Harrell, Sr. International Dentist of the Year; Dr. Charles V. McCallum, Hillenbrand Award; Dr. Heung-Ryul Yoon and Dr. David L. Carsten Awards of Distinction; Dr. Keith Phillips, Humanitarian Award; Drs. David Chambers, P. L. Fan, Robert Frame, and Mr. Lawrence H. Sepin were inducted as Honorary Fellows.

An International induction of new fellows followed (Fellowship Honor Roll) and the ceremony concluded with a special presentation to Academy Founder Dr. Albert Wasserman commemorating the Academy’s thirtieth anniversary.

A cocktail reception preceded the black-tie gala banquet where the Tanaka Student Humanitarian Award winner was announced (see related story) and the new officers for the 2005 year were installed.

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ADI Founder and President Emeritus, Dr. Albert Wasserman, was honored at the 2004 Annual Meeting and Convocation held in Orlando, Florida September 29, 2004. The occasion marked the thirtieth anniversary of the Academy’s founding and first convocation of fellows in 1974.

Dr. Wasserman Honored

ADI President, Dr. Donald T. Brown, presented Dr. Wasserman a clock commemorating the anniversary and praised him for his vision and foresight

Dr. Wasserman’s remarks

Fellows, Officers, Friends and Guests; thank you for this recognition, I feel very honored.

I wish to thank the President of the Academy, Dr. Don Brown, The Executive Director, Dr. Bob Ramus, and the Officers, Regents and supporters of this great organization.

I wish to extend my welcome to the Fellows of the Academy, today’s Inductees and our guests. Welcome to the 30th Anniversary Celebration of the Academy of Dentistry International.

In 1974 this Academy pioneered the concept of Continuing Education at the International level. It has since expanded its goals to include the support of Dental Schools abroad and in developing countries.

It has further augmented its commitment to improve the quality of life of people worldwide through humanitarian efforts and personal involvement by Fellows. An example of this altruism has been the establishment and staffing of clinics in remote areas where the need for dental care has been urgent.

After the ADI was officially chartered in 1974, meetings were held here and abroad to discuss the key objectives of the new Academy which is to take those actions necessary to promote the sharing of knowledge by dental professionals everywhere and thus create opportunities to serve the dental health needs throughout the world.

The formation of International Sections soon followed. The first were Europe and the Philippines, followed by Japan, India, Malaysia, Singapore, South America, Southeast Asia, Thailand and many more.

To the Fellows and today’s Inductees, I congratulate you and thank you for your commitment to the Academy’s goals. I hope that through your efforts and through the cooperation and support of other groups and individuals who share the Academy’s objectives we will establish a World at Peace.

Tanaka Student Humanitarian

Bradley John Stutz was the 2004 Terry T. Tanaka Student Humanitarian Award winner. Bradley is in his senior year at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry.

Choosing an awardee from the multitude of dental students who were nominated by their dental school Deans was an awesome task. Bradley’s many mission trips and caring for the underserved made him the ultimate choice.

The Tanaka Student Humanitarian Award is comprised of travel to the ADI Convocation, a commemorative plaque recognition at the gala banquet and $500. The award is graciously sponsored by the Sunstar/Butler Company.

Dr. Sazima Update

Executive Director Emeritus, Dr. Henry J. (Hank) Sazima remains in the Arleigh Burke Pavilion in McLean, Virginia.

Many have asked of his condition so we will use this newsletter to keep the membership informed and up to date.

As most of you know, Hank suffered a massive stroke in August of 2003. He was treated at Bethesda Naval Hospital for several months before being discharged to the Arleigh Burke nursing facility. Hank suffers paralysis of his right side and has lost his speaking ability.

Current Executive Director Bob Ramus and wife Janet have visited Hank on two occasions and are planning another visit this June. Hank is extremely frustrated at his inability to communicate but he stays as sharp as ever by reading the newspapers and watching the daily newscasts.

Hank would enjoy immensely hearing from his many friends and colleagues. His address is:

RADM Henry J. Sazima
Arleigh Burke Pavilion
1739 Kirby Road
McLean, VA 22101
Largest ever Nepal Dental Event

Rotary Clubs of Nepal celebrated the centennial celebration of Rotary International in collaboration with the Nepal Dental Association and Nepal Lever Limited conducted the largest ever dental event in the country on October 2, 2004.

More than 30,000 people benefited from the dental awareness drive that was conducted in 49 different locations all across Nepal. Volunteer Dental Surgeons along with Rotarians, Rotaracts, teachers, and social service workers joined together to make people aware of their oral health status and the prevention that is required to prevent problems in the future. Every individual was provided a toothbrush, toothpaste as well as awareness brochures. Medicines were also provided for the needy.

Rotarian Dr. Chandra Lekha Tuladhar along with dental surgeon and Rotarian Dr. Neil Pande from the Rotary Club of Kathmandu Midtown initiated the project which had the participation of 27 Rotary Clubs from all across the country.

It is believed that the awareness drive will initiate good habits in the community and bring awareness regarding their oral health. Most of the adults checked in the camps were found to be suffering from periodontal disease topping the list, followed by caries and toothwear. There is an immense need for a complete package of care in these areas and the Rotarians and dental surgeons need to join together for a more focused program in these areas in the days to come.

ADI Tsunami Relief Appeal

On 26 December 2004 a massive earthquake measuring 9.0 on the Richter scale triggered a powerful tsunami that swept across the coastal countries of the Indian ocean, killing more than 280,000 people from more than 30 countries and rendered millions of people homeless across Asia. It left a trail of destruction that stretches from Indonesia, Thailand, Burma, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, India, Maldives and as far away as the coast of East Africa.

The death and devastation in the aftermath of the disaster has left an indelible impression in the minds of literally everybody on the planet. The outpouring of aid and assistance from the world community has been unprecedented. Emergency fund raising efforts have generated appeals from literally every humanitarian organization.

It is important that ADI be a part of the support provided by the humanitarian community. Individual dentists, dental societies and ancillary dental groups have all shown compassion and support for the emergency fund raising efforts. ADI fellows have been intimately involved in the recovery and identification of the victims. After the immediate emergency efforts there will be long term needs to be dealt with and this will be the focus of the ADI relief effort.

Disaster reconstruction such as the rebuilding of water supply, sewerage systems, schools, hospital and dental clinics will require long-term assistance. ADI President, Dr. Wing-Kong Yip has seen the tsunami aftermath firsthand and is appealing to all ADI Fellows to make a donation for disaster relief by contributing to the ADI Tsunami Relief Appeal. All funds contributed will be used for the long-term rebuilding efforts and given as an ADI humanitarian outreach. Send donations to the ADI Foundation, Box 307, Hicksville, OH 43526, USA.
As a Fellow in the Academy of Dentistry International you are encouraged to nominate colleagues that you feel embrace the altruistic philosophy of the Academy and have distinguished themselves in their professional and personal activities.

The qualifications for membership according to the Bylaws of the Academy are:

1. At least five years active practice as a dentist or in any related area of dentistry; such as teaching, administration, research or government services wherein remuneration is gained from such services.
2. The nominee must be a graduate of a dental school recognized by the appropriate professional accrediting body.
3. The nominee must be active in the dental profession and highly esteemed for integrity and character.
4. The nominee must be approved by the Regent of the region in which the nominee resides and by the membership committee.

Please write or type the candidate’s full name and address legibly and mail it to:

USA Membership Chairman
Dr. Donald T. Brown
5001 Highway 190
Fairway Centre Suite A-6
Covington, LA  70433

It is important that their name and address be legible in order for the candidate to be contacted. They will be sent a letter informing them you have nominated for fellowship in the Academy. Information about the Academy will be enclosed along with a Biographical Profile for them to complete.

You may request a copy of the new Academy DVD which is very informative for a prospective member to see. It will be mailed upon request.

The ADI website, www.adint.org, is now online and ready for member access. Members may access the “Members Only Section” by entering the following generic codes:

Username “member”
Password “adint”

This provides members with further information such as address, phone, fax and email. In the past, ADI did not keep this information on their central database. We would like to do so. We receive more and more inquiries from members trying to locate another member or members in a certain geographical area around the world. This information is not viewed by the general public. The public only views name, city, state or country.

If you would like to add the additional information missing in your member profile please send it me and I will update it online.

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Volunteering in Guatemala

Dr. Larry Williams (USA) spent the first ten days of September providing volunteer dental care in the Guatemalan clinics established by Fellow Phil Plunk. The main clinic is in Quezaltenango, a four and one half hour drive from Guatemala City. Four days were spent there providing mostly extractions and minor restorative work.

The second clinic is another hour and a half drive over treacherous mountain roads. Here they saw 68 patients in a four hour period, extracting over 200 teeth. Drs. Plunk and Williams sat in “k-mart” type plastic chairs and sat the patients on two concrete blocks.

Dr. Williams is making another trip to the clinics from April 9-17, 2005. This trip will be made up of 16 members comprising two teams, one medical and one construction. The construction team will help build housing for future volunteers.

Fifth Vietnam Congress

The Vietnam Odonto-Stomatology Association will conduct the 5th Vietnam Scientific Dental Congress and International Exhibition in Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam from 20 October to 22 October 2005.

This major VOSA event will bring together dental professionals from all over the world and mark an important step in the development, international integration and cooperation of the country’s dental profession.

Dr. Pham Duong Chau, Secretary General of VOSA, has extended an invitation to ADI Fellows who are interested in being a presenter at the congress. Contact Dr. Chau c/o VOSA, 40 Trang Thi Street, Hanoi, Vietnam. E-mail: vosa@email.com. Information and registration forms are also available from the central office.

The 75th Anniversary of the Facultad de Odontología - Universidad de la República

To celebrate the 75 anniversary of the Facultad de Odontología - Universidad de la República from Uruguay, ADI Uruguay Chapter organized with the International College of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy, a Dental Meeting, the 26th and 27th, of November 2004.

All the lecturers were members of the Academies and this gave the whole event a special atmosphere.

The idea was to educate the dental profession on the latest technologies and knowledge, all the lectures were selected under these concepts.

Uruguay Chapter had its last meeting in 2004 with the presence of Dr. Walter Lieber (South America Regent) and Dr. Emilio Petit (Chairman of the Chilean Chapter) who was specially invited for this occasion.

Dr. Santiago Sartori (future South America Regent) announced the name of the new Chairman for Uruguay Chapter, Dr. Elda Lorenzo will assume this position and she will designate her team in a short time.
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