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The Academy of Dentistry International is the international honour society for dentists dedicated to sharing knowledge in order to serve the dental health needs, and to improve the quality of life of people throughout the world. Through the development of fellowship and understanding, the Academy endeavours to create opportunities for service in order to assist in the establishment of a world at peace.

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Regent’s Report

A very enjoyable and successful Convocation and Dinner was held in Brisbane on the 26th of March at the Queensland Club.

My thanks must go to Dr Eddie Street AM retiring Regent and host member of the Queensland Club for his organization of this truly memorable occasion.

John Pearman, Regent

Those present will never hear “Ravel’s Bolero” in the same way again thanks to the Queensland Symphony Orchestra and Eddie’s wonderful entrepreneurial talents.

I do not think I have heard the National Anthems of New Zealand and Australia sung with more gusto and enthusiasm accompanied by a string quartet. As I was reliably informed by Eddie the only time an Australian can “legally” sing the New Zealand National Anthem is on Anzac Day or at an ADI function. All present gave commendable renditions of both Anthems.

Thanks also to Vice-Regent and treasurer Simon Shanahan for his contribution to a very successful evening.

My congratulations to the 24 new Fellows who were inducted into the ADI at the Convocation. I was impressed by the scope and quality of their achievements in their pursuit of excellence in Dental Care delivery.

I look forward to working with the new Board in furthering the goals and ideals of ADI. I would like to congratulate and thank Wayne Ottaway who has agreed to serve as Honorary Secretary.
From across the Tasman

The New Zealand Dental Association is holding its annual conference in August in Auckland from 19-22 August at the SkyCity Convention Centre. There are a number of local and international presenters at this conference including local Fellows Murray Thomson and Peter Cathro. The New Zealand Section of IADR is hosting the 2015 annual meeting in Dunedin from 24-26 August. Planning for this meeting is coming along well and a number of local Fellows are to be invited to present.

In the Faculty of Dentistry, the newly appointed Dean commenced in January 2015. Also, the University of Otago has approved funding for construction of a new clinical building (behind the existing Dental School) and refurbishment of the Walsh Building. Construction of the clinical building is anticipated to commence in 2016 and it is anticipated that the build and refurbishment will take around 4 years.

Local Fellows Hugh Trengrove and Robin Whyman presented at the recent RACDS New Zealand section Study Day in Wellington and Sergio Salis presented at the inaugural RACDS New Zealand section Rural Study Day in Tekapo. Hugh Trengrove is currently co-presenting an NZDA series around New Zealand on infection prevention and control - an update on what you need to know, Dexter Bambery is giving a series of DPL presentations around New Zealand and Andrew Cautley is presenting at the Nobel Biocare symposium in Sydney from 23-25 July.

For your diary

The Academy of Dentistry International Convocation and Inductions take place just before, or during major National and International dental meetings. Details can be found at the ADI website or by contacting Fellows listed on page one of this newsletter. Fellows are welcome to participate and can find out details of venues, dates and times through the International Communicator.

The Academy encourages you to participate in the following Association meetings and register your interest in meeting ADI Fellows from home and overseas.

Federation Dentaire Internationale

The FDI Congress will be held in Bangkok from September 22nd through until September 25th 2015. The ADI Convocation and Luncheon will be held during Congress.

American Dental Association

The ADA Congress will be held in Washington from November 5th through until November 8th 2015. Details for the Convocation are yet to be confirmed.
THE ACADEMY CONGRATULATES ALL NEW FELLOWS

Andrew Barry, Craig Brown, Penny Burns, John Comacho, Elizabeth Day
Mark Gervais, David Hallett, Nishant Hurria, Saso Ivanovski, William Kahler,
Evan Kakulas, Kang Kim, Angus Kingon, Carmel Lloyd, Christopher Lloyd
Louise McLoughlin, Colin O’Brien, Jilen Patel, Vicki Rozos, Michael Schenberg,
Jocelyn Shand, Andrew Thomson, Robert Watson, Bradley Wright
On the evening of Thursday the 26th March, at the prestigious Queensland Club, distinguished guests, Fellows, 24 new Inductees, their partners and guests gathered for a memorable occasion. With due ceremony the new inductees were made Fellows of the Academy. Officiating was the retiring Regent Dr Eddie Street AM and the incoming Regent Dr John Pearman. With the assistance of Past Regent and Past International President, Dr Reg Hession AM and in the presence of Dr Ramon Baez, current International President and Dr Robert Ramus the official party witnessed the meaningful induction of the very worthy candidates in attendance.
A special moment for all occurred when the wife and son of the late Dr Alistair Devlin were called upon to receive a special Citation honouring the induction of Alistair to the K R Allen Award that was posthumously conferred after Alistair’s untimely passing in 2013. This award honours the memory of Kevin Allen who, at the time of his sudden death in 1997, was the Regent for this Section of the Academy of Dentistry International and also the President-elect of the International body.

Alistair Malcolm Devlin
Born in Australia on 6 November 1947, Passed away on 22 March 2013, Aged 65 years. A musical, humourous, generous, diplomatic, humble, sporting family man.

After photos on the terrace of the historic building of the Queensland Club, the group retired to dinner as the guest of Eddie Street AM. We were Eddie’s guests and, as is his wont, he did not disappoint! As mentioned Eddie is the retiring Regent, but ‘retiring’ is in no way appropriate to describe the “event” that followed.

Music was skilfully presented with an audio-visual presentation that started a thematic creation that went on through the entertainment for the evening. Firstly, by video, we witnessed a captivating presentation by The Queensland Symphony Orchestra as a “flash mob” celebrating their move to the South Bank (the ADA Congress venue) with a rendition entitled “Building Bolero ….” The Bolero theme then continued with live music by the string ensemble, The Brisbane City Soloists, a group founded in 2013 by Russian born director, Emin Tagiev. And finally in his inimitable style, Eddie Street concluded the Bolero theme with a belly dancer (Middle Eastern dance specialist), Ambyr Johnston. Never (rarely?) have the hallowed halls of the Queensland Club quite vibrated to this third and final Bolero interpretation! The dance ended with this correspondent draped with a muslin veil and the crowd wanting more. Eddie once again demonstrating that he remains ever the Master of the Occasion.
Throughout the night, speeches by Ramon Baez the International President, Toasts and an address by both John Pearman and Eddie Street were enjoyed by all at what could be described as a very successful mid Congress function.

Simon Shanahan, Vice Regent