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"You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country, therefore rest in peace. You, the mothers, who sent their sons from faraway countries, wipe away your tears; your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace, after having lost their lives on this land they have become our sons as well."

Kemal Atatürk



Message from the Regent

The start of a new year is a promising time. Most people in this part of the world rate the summer holidays as a highlight, then express some reservations about heading back to the routines of work and everyday living.

It's a different story for students. Separated from friends for weeks and often working at a mundane job (if they are lucky, one that pays well) they approach the return to university with relish. It is a time for them to swap stories, socialize to an extensive degree and perhaps a few might even look ahead to the academic demands the year will bring.

The universities also look forward to having them back and staff feed off the energy

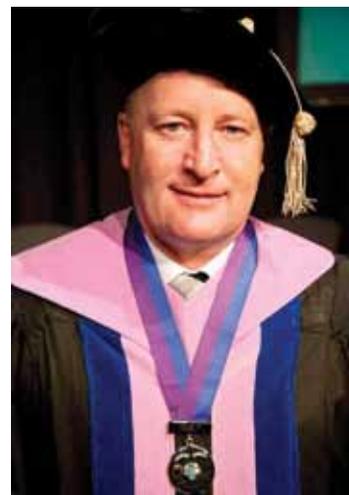
and exuberance they bring with them. There now also seems to be a greater focus on integrating the students into what are new and occasionally intimidating surroundings than I remember from last century. I recently attended a *mibi whakatau* (a formal greeting and welcome ceremony) hosted by the faculty of the Dental School in Dunedin for those students just accepted into the various professional streams and starting out on their professional careers.

It is not a ceremony with a long history; I understand it has been running in this current format for a few years. Professional associations are involved, generously providing name badges and this year the

guest speaker was Dr John Bell, the NZDA President and an ADI Fellow.

His presentation was wide-ranging, but the part I was interested in was his emphasis on the value of collegiality among and within professions. It does seem to me at times that we are living in an increasingly competitive world where old-fashioned notions of collegial relationships are under pressure.

It occurred to me, as we rapidly approach ANZAC Day again, that if the original ANZACs were somehow transplanted ninety-five years into the future they would have a hard time. I think for them, the ideas of loyalty to each other and working towards a common goal were not just something to pay lip service to,



but something they lived by.

One person who has also lived by this is our esteemed but retiring Editor, Dr Eddie Street. I'd like to pay a sincere compliment to Eddie for the selfless work he has put into the ADI News over the last many years. Thanks Eddie, you've done a fine job.

Mark Goodhew

News from Abroad

International President reports

I have written in more detail for the next edition of the International Communicator about recent events within ADI. However, our Australasian Fellows may wish to learn of more recent developments in Japan, whereby the Japan Section has completed 25 years as an entity.

To mark the occasion, in June of this year it will conduct a Convocation in Osaka, Japan followed by a CE course, the speaker being Fellow, Dr Terry

Tanaka (USA). As the timing of the Osaka functions coincide with the date for the mid-year meeting of the Executive Committee of the International Board of Regents, there is a fortuitous opportunity for the two meetings to be combined.

The Osaka programme will run for three days as follows:



- Executive Meeting – June 4
- CE Course and Dinner – June 5
- Japan Section Convocation and Gala Dinner – June 6

There will be a number of new Fellows inducted at the Convocation and this provides the possibility for the induction of new Fellows from other parts of the globe.

In the event that any of our Fellows may be contemplating a visit to Japan in the coming northern summer, please contact the Regent for Japan, Dr Koji Yamakawa. His contact details follow:

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Koji understands the English language, however the written word may make it easier for him than Aussie or NZ accents.

Reg Hession



Across the Tasman

Professor Greg Seymour, Dean of the School of Dentistry at Otago, has been made a Fellow of the Royal Society (New Zealand) and is one of only two dentists to have been honoured in this way by the Royal Society.

Dr Steve Simmons from Christchurch, is Chair of the Organising Committee for this year's New Zealand

Dental Association Biennial Conference in Christchurch titled *Pathways*. Steve would welcome any Australian Fellows to this conference which is to be held from 18–22 August.

More details will become available online at www.nzda.org.nz/pub/. Also, lots of skiing at that time of year.



Karl Lyons

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The Sphinx above North Beach, Gallipoli

In the Lives of the Fellows

“These were all honoured in their generations and were the glory of their times.”



John Peterie Fricker OAM

For services to dentistry, particularly for executive roles in professional organisations.

John graduated from the University of Sydney in 1974 and immediately entered private practice in a country town in New South Wales for 12 months. He undertook further study and was admitted to the degree MDS in Orthodontia in 1978. He set up specialist practice in Canberra in 1981 and

was admitted as a Fellow of the RACDS in 1984.

John was a clinical tutor at the Westmead Hospital and was involved in the postgraduate teaching programme over a period of thirteen years. He has published widely in books and refereed journals in Australia and USA and has been a contributor to Sports Medicine and Sports Science publications.

John has been part of a volunteer team to Cambodia and is currently a member of Council of the RACDS. He remains in orthodontic practice in Canberra and is a Consultant Specialist to the Department of Oral and Maxillo-Facial Surgery of the Canberra Hospital.

In the Field –

The Luang Prabang Dental Project

The program in Nambak district in the state of Luang Prabang, Laos was started in 2003 and has continued to grow through the years.

Thanks to the generous donation from the ADI International a dental clinic was built in 2006. The clinic is manned by a dentist and dental assistant who we employ, with thanks to Dr Terry Tanaka.

With 60,000 people in a district, comprising a hundred villages, it is not possible to have a number of permanent clinics throughout the district.

With an average of 600 people per village we need a mobile capacity to be able to bring the dental treatment to the people. Initially treatment was provided at the four health care centres in the district. This changed with the development of a district market cycle which lasts ten days. Now when I visit the area we undertake an outreach program in conjunction with a

village market program which increasing patient access to the services we provide.

There are six main centres that we visit each trip. In the dry season we visit some of the remote villages to provide treatment. These villages are some three hours walk for the patients, but an hour and a half by motorbike or tuk tuk to get to. Most of the villages have no running water or electricity, so it is only basic dentistry of extraction that is provided here. If they need fillings or more extensive work they need to come to Nambak.

The dates for the next trip are advertised the trip before, with people turning up to the veranda, under the building or the foot track where we work. They wait and talk to each other as they wait for treatment, often trying to help or watch what we are trying to do. Their idea of personal space is very different from ours and their idea of privacy is nearly nonexistent.

So far we have seen over

The Academy congratulates the following Fellows who were recently awarded the Medal of The Order of Australia.



Ian Donald McInnes OAM

For services to the game of golf and to the community of Loxton.

Ian has served the game of golf in South Australia for 50 years. He is a Past President and Captain of the Loxton Golf Club and is a life member and current Patron. He has been a country Councillor of the South Australian Golf Association for 25 years and received the Australian

Sports Medal in 2000 for services to golf.

Ian has been active in many Loxton community affairs and is a Rotarian of 53 years standing. He received both the Riverland Citizen of the Year Award (1982) and the Loxton Citizen of the Year Award (1989).

Ian graduated in Dentistry in 1957 and entered private practice in Loxton. He served on ADA (SA) State Council for 23 years and was on a number of its committees.

Ian received the Distinguished Service Award from ADA (SA) in 2000 for his contribution to dentistry and the community.

8,000 people in the outreach programmes and a further 3,000 people in the dental clinic.

The local people's diet appears to be quite good, with the daily market full of fresh vegetables, fish and other delicacies. Having said that, some of the meals that we have are quite interesting. For them it is a common diet but for us it is confronting, dealing with meals consisting of blood soup, fried grasshoppers, fried bamboo worms, tiger cat, mole, river weed soup and lizard.

From studies undertaken it would appear that lack of water is one of the main problems contributing to dental decay. The ethnic groups in the Highlands have up to twice the DMFT of those people living near the rivers. There is also an inequity of DMFT between the sexes with women having up to 25 percent greater DMFT than the men. These are two areas that I hope to do further research on over the next few years.

Each year we take two third year dental students along as part of their undergraduate course. They usually find this



Houay Kong – a village in the district

very interesting, as do most of the people who accompany us on the visits, but it is also confronting for them to be taken away from the comfort zone of their dental clinics as well as experiencing work conditions that are not as controlled as they are used to.

Having said that, everyone has found the experience rewarding and satisfying as they are able to provide treatment to these people and make a difference to their quality of life.

Paul Kotala

Editor's Notes

This year marks the 95th anniversary of the fateful landing on the shores of Gallipoli. It is a story well known to Australians and New Zealanders and thankfully becoming more understood by younger generations who were neither born nor their parents and grandparents before them, when this ill considered landing took place. Anzac Day has become a centerpiece of the very fabric of our society. *"On Anzac Day above all days, we remember those who did not return to receive the grateful thanks of the nation"* is a sentiment beautifully described in the Anzac Requiem. It is a time of solace, thanksgiving for our freedom and contemplation to make the world a better place.

The ADI by its very nature, through its core membership, sets out to make the world a better place in areas of oral health, through its aid programmes and individual commitments, all of which are directed to those who need it most. We as Fellows of the ADI have a Hippocratic obligation to see that the poor, the needy, the disadvantaged, the disenfranchised are looked after to the best of our corporate and individual ability. So enrol for service now.

As this is my last newsletter as editor, I would like to thank ADAQ for its support and Elizabeth McCray for her incredible desktop publishing skills over many years. Elizabeth, whose husband Robert, is an ADI Fellow and Past President of ADAQ has been a source of inspiration to me and wonderful to work with. Thanks are also due to our Regent, Mark Goodhew for his leadership and good fellowship, to Reg Hession for his encouragement and pastoral care of the international affairs of the Academy and to Bob Ramus, Secretary General, ADI whose wise counsel and friendly support is much valued.

I would like to extend my good wishes to our new editor. This important line of communication in the Academy helps keep us together as a family of carers.

Let us not forget that we are a privileged group. So on this Anzac Day let us remember not only the fallen, but also the casualties in all theatres of war, lest we forget.

"May their sacrifices help us to make our lesser sacrifices; for the good of others."

Fleet Street – Editor

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Mark your Diary

ADI (Australasian Section) Convocation and Dinner

When Tuesday 29 March 2011

Time Convocation 5pm
Cocktails and Dinner to follow

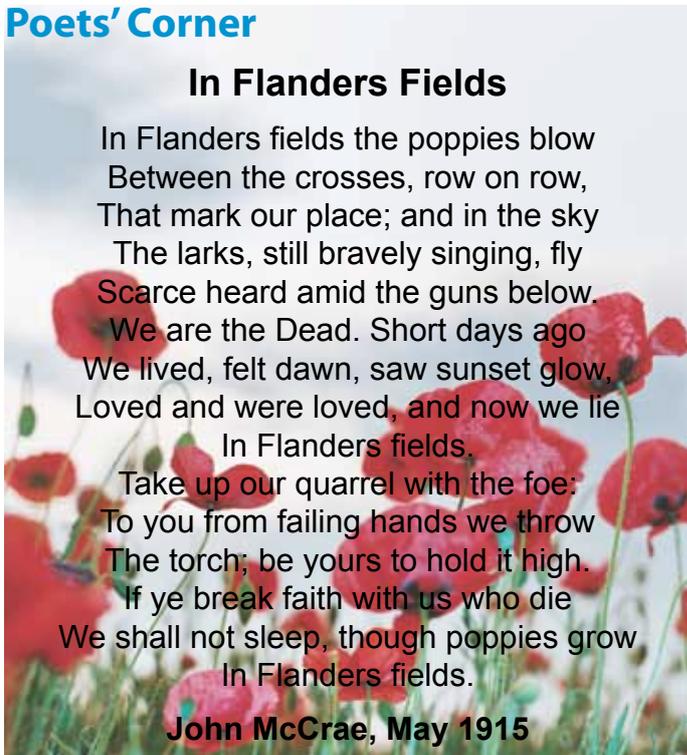
Location The Queensland Club, Brisbane, Queensland

Invitations to be sent out under separate cover.



Poets' Corner

In Flanders Fields



In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae, May 1915

The Academy thanks the Commonwealth Dept of Veterans' Affairs; Till Napoli – Project Officer, Commemorations and Estelle Muspratt – Gallipoli Celebrations Officer for their assistance and photographs. — Ed.

Forthcoming Events

Note: These meetings are for the Association(s) NOT the Academy. ADI events being held in conjunction with a meeting are noted or highlighted:

CANADIAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION

CDA Annual Meeting 2010/Journées Dentaires Internationales du Québec (JDIQ)

****ADI Canada Section 25th Anniversary – May 31, 2010**

Convocation and Banquet – May 31, 2010
Hotel Intercontinental, Montréal, Québec

****ADI (JAPAN SECTION) CONVOCATION AND DINNER – June 6, 2010**

Osaka, Japan - for details refer to page 2

FEDERATION DENTAIRE INTERNATIONALE (WORLD DENTAL CONGRESS)

Brazil September 2–5, 2010

****ADI Convocation and Luncheon TBA**

AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION

Orlando, Florida October 9–12, 2010

****ADI Annual Convocation TBA**

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****ADI (AUSTRALASIAN SECTION) CONVOCATION AND DINNER – Tuesday 29 March, 2011**

34th Australian Dental Congress

March 30–April 3, 2011

Brisbane, Queensland

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