The Academy is proud to announce that Brent Stanley has been honoured with the award of Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit ONZM.

Brent Stanley ONZM.

Brent Stanley has served the NZDA over many years through committee work and in holding various high offices, culminating in the Presidency of the Association. He served for a number of years on the Dental Council of New Zealand, having retired recently as Chairman. Also, he has worked within a number of Committees of the FDI World Dental Federation. He was elected to the Council of the FDI World Dental Federation and re-elected for a second term, serving the maximum six years as Councillor. Brent is the current Treasurer of the FDI World Dental Federation.

His award for ‘Services to Dentistry’ is a reflection of his commitment to the profession at national and international levels.

Palmam Qui Meruit Ferat
He who is worthy shall bear the palm
From our NZ Correspondent Mark Goodhew

Kia Ora! This is the first of what is hoped to be a regular update of the activities of New Zealand fellows. A feature is the active role fellows are taking in dental politics in New Zealand. Mary Livingston is the new Chair of the Dental Council of New Zealand (DCNZ), taking over from Brent Stanley, who has stepped back after guiding DCNZ through a very busy restructuring period. New legislation controlling health professionals has seen DCNZ expand to encompass dentists, therapists, hygienists and technicians. Brent remains on the DCNZ, and the recently formed Dentist Board, as well as being the current FDI Treasurer.

David Marshall, who was DCNZ Chair immediately before Brent Stanley, has retired from dental practice, but continues a very active role in civic affairs in his home town Napier, including membership of the Hawkes Bay District Health Board.

Paul Scott has assumed the mantle of NZDA President, following Steve Simmons’ tenure. Steve is looking forward to reacquainting himself with courses of the golf rather than dental variety.

And lastly, Greg Seymour and Mary Cullinan have seen the light and emigrated to Dunedin, situated in the south-eastern corner of the South Island, Greg to his new role as Dean of the Otago University School of Dentistry. In doing so, they have swapped the sub-tropical lifestyle of Queensland for the pleasures of the “Riviera of the Antarctic”.

Until next time,

Mark Goodhew

In the field

Training visit to Australia by Senior Cambodian Dentist

An invitation has been sent to Dr Tepirou Cher, a senior staff member of the Ministry of Health, and a lecturer at the University Dental School in Cambodia, to visit Adelaide from 9th October for six weeks. The visit (sponsored by the Australasian Section of the Academy) is to assist Dr Tepirou to undertake a study of the use of the Fluoride electrode donated previously to the Dental School in Cambodia by this Section of the Academy. It will also assist her to become more familiar with methods for the assessment of the prevalence of dental fluorosis in Cambodia. Professor John Spencer’s group have kindly offered support in this latter area, as they have had extensive experience in fluorosis assessment in a number of countries. This will form part of an overall programme intended to assist the Ministry of Health in Cambodia, to determine an overarching plan for reducing the prevalence of dental caries in that country. It will also include exploring the potential role of fluoride in achieving this, whilst at the same time taking positive steps toward eliminating the causes of widespread fluorosis, which is prevalent in specific regions of the country.

Dental fluorosis is very prevalent in localised regions of Cambodia, where most people drink ground (well) water, which at times has moderately high concentrations of fluoride present. With the low dietary protein intake by many Cambodians following the civil war, these two factors have combined to result in a high prevalence of this disfiguring problem. Despite the higher than normal fluoride intake in some regions, the prevalence of dental caries amongst children is also high in other regions of the country. Hence it is planned to establish a map of fluoride concentrations in ground water in all regions, to assess the fluoride content of common foods, monitor overall fluoride intake of children and to use this information in planning national oral health schemes which attempt to ensure safe and non-fluorosis inducing levels of fluoride intake, so as to provide maximum caries prevention across the whole country.

On recent visits to Vietnam (supported by the Academy and the GC Company), fluoride levels of 8ppm were found in well water in close proximity to the Cambodian border, again resulting in severe fluorosis. Also, in Hanoi, high concentrations of fluoride were found in a number of common, less expensive foods used by many Vietnamese three times a day to make the famous Vietnamese soup. Again this calls for a highly planned approach to Oral Health planning, which involves reducing fluoride intake in some regions and the possible use of natural food sources of fluoride in those where deficiencies exist and caries prevalence is high. This is a similar situation to that found in Cambodia.
It is a good thing that the Academy is considering the creation of regional sections of dentistry within Europe on a national basis. These proposed changes provide an opportunity for individual nations, through their professional organizations to contribute to and be part of a world wide honour society in their own right. They are still able to retain their history, national pride and values and all the while enjoy their individual European status. The timing it seems to me could not be better, with our own Regent of the Australasian Section playing a pivotal role in bringing about these historical changes which are vital to world understanding through education. This tidal flow of events will surely lead on to good fortune for all people of all nations.

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Forthcoming Events

For more details see ADI website
www.adint.org

FEDERATION DENTAIRE INTERNATIONAL (WORLD DENTAL CONGRESS)
September 22-25, 2006 - Shenzhen, China
October 24-27, 2007 - Dubai

NEW ZEALAND DENTAL CONFERENCE
September 6-9, 2006 - New Zealand
ADI Induction and combined ICD luncheon
See “mark this in your diary”

AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION
October 16-19, 2006 - Las Vegas, Nevada

**ADI USA SECTION CONVOCATION - all dates tentative
October 15, 2006 - Las Vegas, Nevada
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Ohio 43526 US
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September 26, 2007 - San Francisco, California
October 15, 2008 - San Antonio, Texas
September 30, 2009 - Honolulu, Hawaii

32nd AUSTRALIAN DENTAL CONGRESS
March 16-19, 2007 - Sydney NSW Australia
** ADI (Australasian Section) Convocation and Cocktail Party - Friday March 16, 5pm.

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March 20-24, 2007 - Cologne, Germany

MARK THIS IN YOUR DIARY
An Induction Ceremony and Joint Luncheon with the International College of Dentists will take place at the time of the NZ Dental Association “Business of Smiles” Conference in Auckland on:
Friday September 8 12.30 - 2pm.
Venue - Rydges Hotel
Cost $55 NZ for Fellows
$45 NZ for Partners and Guests

Register using Conference Registration for www.nzda.org.nz or directly with:
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Poet’s Corner

Sound, sound the clarion, fill the fife!
To all the sensual world proclaim,
One crowded hour of glorious life
Is worth an age without a name.

Sir Walter Scott (1771-1832)