

Christmas Newsletter

"Lo he comes with clouds descending"

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From the Regent's Desk

by Reg Hession



As we enter the last quarter of the year, it is appropriate to reflect upon our activities throughout 2006 and in particular to consider what has been achieved in relation to the 'Objectives' of the Academy as listed in the *Constitution of the Australasian Section*. In a review of the seven clauses as listed, it is clear to me that our new Newsletter format enables us to cover very well, Clause 2.4 "To exchange information, culture, ideas and to promote ethical and professional relations among dentists internationally".

During my tenure as Regent, I have attempted to bring to you some of that exchange of information, by referring to the proceedings that occur at the Meetings of the International Board of Regents. These meetings take place annually, either at the time of the American Dental Association Annual Session in the USA, or at selected major International Meetings worldwide, such as World Dental Congresses of the FDI. The Regent representing the Australasian Section has a place on this Board and I have just returned from the most recent one, held over three days in Las Vegas, where various administrative matters which determine the course of the Academy for the oncoming year were discussed. Of particular significance for the Academy, was the debate upon its future role within Europe (see my comments in the August 2006 Issue of the Newsletter). I am pleased to report, there was unanimous support for the development of five Sections to replace the existing one for the European region, namely **British Isles, Nordic, Northern Europe, Southern Europe and Eastern Europe**. An *ad hoc* Committee has been formed, to develop a method of implementing this decision over an achievable time frame.

At such meetings, it is also the usual practice for each Regent to give to members of the Board, a report of the activities of the various Sections represented. It is here that one cannot fail to be impressed by the extent of support given to the less fortunate of the global community by the Academy worldwide. The next Newsletter will carry a brief report of the team known as *Alliance for Smiles*, a multi-disciplined team of medical/dental experts, led by our colleague and past President of the Academy, Dr Colin C Wong (USA). In further issues, it is my intention to bring to you other stories highlighting the extent of the excellent work being conducted by Fellows of the Academy where our support is both necessary and valued. Be assured, the need is not only evident in underdeveloped countries but also in depressed communities within industrialised nations. However more about that on some future occasion.

In early September, Roger Dennett (Secretary/Registrar) and I attended a Luncheon and Induction Ceremony in Auckland, shared with Fellows of our brother Honour Society, the International College of Dentists. The event was most successful, with six new Fellows being inducted into the Academy. Details of the Fellows can be found in the body of this Newsletter.

Relative to Clause 2.3 of the Constitution of the Australasian Section "To encourage, stimulate and promote service projects for the health and welfare of the people of the world", our Section has followed through on its earlier

promise to support the people of Cambodia by the provision of a "fluoride probe" with instruction as to its use in determining the fluoride content of drinking water. This was reported in the August issue and I am pleased to inform you that the process is now under way with Dr Tepirou of the Dental School in Cambodia, visiting Adelaide. Under the mentorship of our Fellow, John McIntyre and a team from the University of Adelaide, Department of Preventive Dentistry, she is undertaking a study in preventive and public health dentistry appropriate for the conditions which prevail in her country.

Our project in Laos, where Fellow Paul Kotala has been negotiating with the Laotian Public Health Department and the local hospital at Nambak to build a Dental Clinic, is nearing completion. Two years ago, the International Board of Regents, responded to a request from our Section, to build a Clinic adjacent to the Nambak Hospital. At that time, Paul located a run-down 'shack' which offered great prospects for reconstruction and it will be ready for occupation as an operative dental facility by the end of November. The total cost for the building is in the vicinity of USD 6000.00 and the funds were provided by the Academy, on the advice of the Board. Paul is in the process of having manufactured, a brass plaque for mounting within the Clinic, specifying the role played by the Academy. The Clinic will allow Paul and the permanent team manning the facility to undertake work which is unable to be done with portable equipment on field trips into the outlying villages.

Further to this, we have now secured a promise for funding of a Laotian dentist to manage the Clinic for the next five years (total cost, USD 6,000.00). This has been provided through Hawaiian friends of Dr Terry T Tanaka, a past President of the Academy. Terry is a very positive achiever who also conducts wonderful field-work and of whom you will learn more in future issues.

In all, I am sure you will agree, this year has been a very special one for the Academy and one of which we may be very proud. It may be said that our standing is only as good as our achievements, however I am keen to assure you that the latter have drawn strong plaudits from our colleagues in other Sections. With this knowledge, we should be confident that we are headed in the right direction in our endeavours. Such success may only happen due to the good will of our Fellows and supporters and accordingly, it is my pleasure to thank you all for your loyalty throughout the year.

Thus, having brought us to the good feelings associated with the approaching yuletide, I wish you and your loved ones a wonderful holiday season and a very successful New Year. I look forward to meeting with you at Convocation in Sydney, March 2007.

Reg Hession



The ADI congratulates the following Fellows on their achievements.

In the Lives of the Fellows



Steve Simmons – Christchurch

The ADI congratulates Steve Simmons on his admission to Life membership of the New Zealand Dental Association.

Steve receiving his award from Paul Scott, President of the NZDA (ADI Fellow).

Mary Livingston – Christchurch

Mary has settled into her role as President of the Dental Council of New Zealand. The Academy wishes her well in her new appointment.



The ADI congratulates the following Fellows who received awards at the recent Biennial meeting ANZAOMS held in Sydney.



Professor Alistair Goss – Adelaide Honorary Life Membership

For his contribution to Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery as a surgeon, teacher, administrator, politician and as Professor and Head of Training OMFS at Adelaide University School of Dentistry.

Marsden Bell – Auckland Distinguished Service Award

For his outstanding record of service to the specialty of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery as a surgeon, teacher, examiner and executive administrator both in Australasia and internationally.

Professor Alistair Goss (left) with Marsden Bell.

News from across the Tasman



Kia Ora again! The NZDA “*Business of Smiles*” conference was held in Auckland in September, and a highlight of the Opening Ceremony was the award of Life Membership of the NZDA being presented to ADI fellow Steve Simmons by Paul Scott, President of the NZDA (ADI Fellow)

Convocation for inductees to ADI Australasian Section was held during this conference, in conjunction with our colleagues from the International College of Dentistry. The luncheon event was well attended. Regent Reg Hession, Secretary/Registrar Roger Dennett and ADA President Bill O’Reilly were amongst the Australian Fellows who made the trip across the Tasman, further emphasising that this is indeed an Australasian Section. Six prominent New Zealand dentists were presented as candidates.

Congratulations are extended to these worthy Fellows, and as always it was an enjoyable occasion to catch up with colleagues and renew friendships.

From New Zealand we wish an enjoyable, relaxing and safe Christmas season to you all.

Mark Goodhew
Our NZ Correspondent

New office bearers and appointments ADI

Following the completion of his year in Office, Rex Fortescue (Canada) has retired and the new Senior Officers of the Academy (2006-2007) are:

President

Frank Faunce, USA

President-Elect

Susan B Bishop, USA

Vice-President Finance/Administration

Reg W Hession, Australia





Induction of New Fellows

*New Fellows inducted at ICD luncheon,
Auckland – Friday 8 September 2006*

Kathryn Ayers – Hamilton

Upon graduating BDS in 1995 and MDS in paediatric dentistry in 1999, Katie spent six years teaching at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels at the School of Dentistry in Otago. She has published a significant amount of research material mainly relating to dental public health. Katie lectures both nationally and internationally. In 2000, Katie was the recipient of the RACDS Young Lecturer Award and in 2005 she received the inaugural NZDA Outstanding Young Dentist Award. She is currently working in specialist practice in Hamilton.

Stewart Edward – Rototua

Former President of the NZDA, Stewart graduated BDS from the University of Otago in 1970. He works as a general practitioner in Rotorua and was President of the Dental Students Society in 1970. He was Chairman of the Organising Committee of the 18th NZDA Biennial Conference. Currently, Stewart chairs the Lakes District Health Board and the National Oral health Steering Group. He was awarded Honorary Life membership NZDA in 2002, made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit 1997 and received the Rotary Paul Harris Fellowship Award 1997.

Martin Lee – Christchurch

Martin graduated BDS in 1983 and spent a further six years in the UK. He returned to NZ in 1991 and joined the school dental service in Canterbury. He became a specialist in public health dentistry and is currently Clinical Director for School Dental Services in Canterbury, South Canterbury and the West Coast. He has a particular interest in oral health inequalities, dental caries and water fluoridation. Martin is currently President of the NZ Society of Hospital and Community Dentistry.



left to right Stewart Edward, Robin Whyman, Martin Lee, Katie Ayres, Regent Reg Hession, Vice Regent Brent Stanley, Karl Lyons.

Karl Lyons – Dunedin

Karl graduated BDS in 1989. He undertook post graduate studies at the University of Otago and completed his MDS in Prosthodontics. He was admitted to Fellowship of the RACDS in 1996. Karl spent some time at the Univ of California, LA studying Maxillo-Facial Prosthetics. He is currently senior lecturer in the Department of Oral Rehabilitation at the University of Otago where he heads the department of prosthodontics and is course co-ordinator of the graduate prosthodontics programme.

Alison Rich – Dunedin

Alison, Oral Pathologist, graduated BDS from the University of Otago in 1976 and MDSc from the University of Melbourne in 1981. She was admitted to fellowship of the RACDS in 1981, to the degree of PhD from Univ of Melbourne in 1995 and to FFOP (RCPA) in 1996. Her present positions are senior lecturer in Oral Pathology, Dept Of Oral Diagnostic and Surgical Sciences, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Studies, Faculty of Dentistry University of Otago. Alison is the elected councillor to the IAOP and is an examiner for the RACDS and for the Dental Council of NZ.

Robin Whyman – Wellington

Robin graduated BDS from the University of Otago in 1986. He was admitted to Fellowship of the RACDS in 1991 and to the degree MDS (Community Dentistry) in 1993 from Otago University. He is a registered specialist in Public Health Dentistry. In 2000 Robin was appointed Executive Director of the NZDA and in 2004 General Manager for Clinical Services for Dental Health in Victoria. He is currently Chief Advisor (Oral Health) to the Ministry of Health in Wellington and Senior Dentist for the Hutt Valley District Health Board.



The Luang Prabang Dental Project, started in 2003, consists of a treatment program, training program, denture program, school prevention program and infrastructure program.



The training program has continued to show progress with continuous treatment available at Nambak District Hospital mainly for this district, but also utilised by adjacent districts. With the advent of the new clinic a more diverse curriculum will need to be developed.

In the treatment program, there has been a total of 3,692 people treated in Nambak District, comprising of 1,652 males and 1,995 females. Of this number of people 17% were people returning for treatment. There has been a provision of 9,704 services consisting of 6,197 extractions, 13 restorations, and 351 examinations.

Most of these people have been in an outreach situation where the team follows the district market cycle. This is a 10 day cycle that moves around the district visiting the major villages. Prior notification is given of the day of the next visit. The equipment is packed into a tuktuk and then transported to the village where we unpack and set up on a verandah or under a house; wherever we can find a space.



Paul Kotala

Letter to the Editor

John Lavis – Adelaide

King's College Chapel, Cambridge

A marvel of Tudor architecture and an example of modern lateral thinking.

The first of the new look newsletters of the Australasian Section with the pictures of the Chapel brought back wonderful memories of visiting there in 1959-60. Most notable for my wife and me was sitting in the Choir as guests of the College for the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve, 1959.

The Rubens painting of 1634, 'The Adoration of the Magi', was presented to the college in 1961 with the request that it be an altar piece behind the altar and below the east window, but it would not fit. A great and courageous piece of lateral thinking resulted in the steps at the eastern end of the Chapel being removed and the altar placed at the same level as the rest of the Chapel as it had been originally. The painting then fitted.

In 1959 the Chapel was lit only by huge candelabra, and we heard exquisite singing, highlighted by the sopranos in "Once in Royal David's City" which began the service and then in soaring descants to the hymns.

Above, the superb fan vaulted roof appeared weightless although it was carrying some 1913 tonnes. Around us were beautifully carved choir stalls and the magnificent organ screen. The Chapel was begun by Henry VI in 1441 and not finished until the reign of Henry VIII. Henry VI requested that prayers be said in the Chapel for the repose of his soul and that of his wife. These prayers are still offered.

The words of Rudolph Ackerman in 'A History of the University of Cambridge' as cited in the official guide to the Chapel sum it all up. *"This magnificent structure is the greatest ornament, not only of this college, but of the University, and indeed, considered as a whole, it cannot be paralleled by any edifice in the world in beauty of Saracenic architecture. The massy strength and airy lightness of its roof were never equalled."*



Christmas at King's.

As we approach the end of the year we may review with satisfaction the activities of the ADI both at home and abroad (as mentioned in the Regent's comments).



On the international scene, the autonomy of European Sections is a near reality. Welfare projects conducted and financed by the ADI eg "Alliance for Smiles" (to name just one) are an inspiration to all of us.

On the home front here in Australasia, things look very bright: Simon Shanahan working in India; John McIntyre in Adelaide supervising Dr Chher Tepirou from Cambodia; Paul Kotala opening the new clinic in Nambak, Laos; a successful ADI luncheon recently held in Auckland with the induction of six new Fellows into the Academy.

Under the leadership of our enthusiastic Regent (extraordinaire), we as a regional section are on a roll. We have developed momentum. Let us not stop here; so give of your time, give of your money and give of your talents, to those who need them most.

It is all encapsulated in a few lines of that wonderful Czech Christmas Carol "Good King Wenceslas" which you are bound to hear or sing over the next few weeks leading up to Christmas Day. *"Ye who now will bless the poor shall yourselves find blessing"*.

Have a happy and safe Christmas Festival with your families and friends and we will all meet up in Sydney, March 2007.

Fleet Street

Editor

Poet's Corner

I sing of a mayden
That is makeles,
The King of all kinges,
To her sone she ches.
He came all so stillé
There his mother was,
As dew in Aprillé
That fall'th on the grass.

He came all so stillé
To his mother's bower,
As dew in Aprillé
That fall'th on the flower.
He came all so stillé
There his mother lay,
As dew in Aprillé
That fall'th on the spray.
15th Century English Carol

Forthcoming Events

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October 24-27, 2007 - Dubai

**ADI USA SECTION CONVOCATION - all dates tentative

September 26, 2007 - San Francisco, California

October 15, 2008 - San Antonio, Texas

September 30, 2009 - Honolulu, Hawaii

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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

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