From the Regent’s Notebook

Now is the winter of our discontent
Made glorious summer by this son of York
– Richard III, Act 1, Scene 1

These well-known opening lines are often misconstrued: Richard isn’t complaining about winter, but on the contrary, looking forward to the future, now that his brother Edward IV is king. The Yorks have been busy during the long winter of reign by the Lancasters, and summer is now around the corner for his family.

Winter can be viewed as a time to be endured, but like Richard, I enjoy making the most of the season. In my part of the world it brings snow on the nearby Southern Alps, frosty mornings, dinner parties in front of open fires and plenty of winter sports to get involved with. The sporting intimacy between Aussies and Kiwis is emphasized this year, with a top New Zealand rugby union coach in charge of the Wallabies, and while I can’t see the All Blacks ever being coached by an Australian, it is certainly an intriguing new twist on an old sporting rivalry.

This winter also brings opportunities to celebrate the success and recognition of Fellows. Congratulations to John Edwards, on his award of Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit.

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Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM) in the recent Queen’s Birthday list, for services to dentistry, and to Paul Scott for his award of Life Membership of the NZDA. This will be presented at the September NZDA Conference in Rotorua.

This ADI section hasn’t been idle during winter either. Plans for our March 2009 Convocation in Perth are now well advanced. It will be held at the magnificent Government House Ballroom, and followed by a dinner in the nearby Weld Club. It promises to be a memorable occasion, and as it is held on the Wednesday evening immediately prior to the Australian Dental Association Congress - “CSI: Perth” - I encourage you to make the most of the opportunity to visit this beautiful city and catch up with friends and colleagues. Start making your plans for summer now!

There will also be a number of Australasian Fellows in Stockholm this September, for a special European convocation in conjunction with the FDI Annual World Dental Congress, at which Reg Hession AM is due to take on the role of ADI President. Congratulations in anticipation to him on this distinct honour. If ever there was an excuse needed to travel to Scandinavia, this is surely it.

I understand that John Winston Howard often said of Australians that “the things that unite us are greater than the things that separate us”, but this could be true of the relationship that Australians and New Zealanders share.

All of the positive activity I am lucky enough to be part of as Regent reinforces the perception that, despite the considerable geographical distances that separate us all, the Australasian Section of ADI does have a singularity of purpose, and operates very much as a constructive unit. I think Shakespeare had it right, winter should not be a time of discontent at all.

Mark Goodhew

Update on ADI Sections in Europe

The development of five European Sections in Europe is making great progress and nearing completion. The Sections comprise British Isles (Acting Regent; Dr Peter Swiss – UK), Northern Europe (Acting Regent; Dr Philippe Ruska – Switzerland), Southern Europe (Acting Regent; Dr Gerhard Seeberger – Italy), Eastern Europe (Acting Regent; Dr Vladimir Sardovski – Russia).

The Nordic Section is in the process of being formed, following discussions at the next ADI Convocation in September to be held in Stockholm in Conjunction with the FDI Meeting.

The Southern European Section is already very active under the leadership of its Regent Dr Gerhard Seeberger. Gerhard’s Section is developing an oral prevention and educational project, including orthodontic treatment for patients suffering from Thalassemia (Mediterranean Disease). This condition both in its minor and major forms is widespread throughout the Mediterranean regions. The project will commence initially on the island city of Cagliari, Sardinia.

The re-structure of the previous single European Section of the Academy has evolved from the opening of borders in recent years and the recognition of the numbers of people who reside in greater Europe. The population of greater Europe is now calculated to be in the vicinity of 900 million and it is not known how many dentists are available to service this vast population. In developed countries, the dentist:patient ratio is within the range 1:1,000 to 1:3,000 Even on the highly improbable basis of 1 : 50,000 there should be 18,000 dentists in Europe. The moves of the Academy in attempting to accommodate the changes brought about by the emergence of the new developments in Europe are seen to be timely and appropriate. However to plagiarize a popular TV comedy, “whatever you do please don’t mention China!”.

Further updating on the European Sections will appear in future newsletters.

Winter Evening, South of France C.1923
Rupert Bunny (1864 - 1947)
From our NZ Correspondent

Congratulations to John Edwards who received a national honour – Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM) for services to dentistry.

John graduated from Otago in 1963 and following further post graduate training in the UK returned to the University of Otago School of Dentistry as senior dental surgeon. He remained at the School progressing to Associate Professor before leaving in 1987, to pursue a career in private specialist practice as an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon as well as continuing to work within the public sector as visiting OMF Surgeon in Auckland.

John has had extensive involvement in dentistry including chairman of the specialist registration committee and chairman of the education committee for the Dental Council of New Zealand, President of ANZAOMS (1997-1999) and has been an elected specialist representative on the NZDA Board. John has lectured and taught at undergraduate and post graduate level, and has been an external examiner in Australia and New Zealand.

Paul Scott has been awarded the New Zealand Dental Association’s highest honour – that of Honorary Life Membership. Paul is a general practitioner in Havelock North, and has been President of the NZDA and of the Hawkes Bay Branch, a part-time Principal Dental Officer for Hawkes Bay, as well as coordinator regionally and nationally for the NZDA recent graduate programme. Currently Paul assists the NZDA as a case manager for DPL.

In other news, Regent Mark Goodhew is almost halfway through his term as President of the NZDA, Karl Lyons has recently become President of The Academy of Australian and New Zealand Prosthodontists and the All-Blacks had a good win against the Rugby World Cup Champions, South Africa in the first Tri-Nations rugby match of the 2008 series.

Mark your Diary

The next ADI (Australasian Section) Convocation followed by a dinner will take place in Perth, Western Australia in conjunction with the 33rd Australian Dental Congress.

When       Wednesday 11th March 2009
Time        Convocation – 4.30 pm
            Dinner – 7.00 for 7.30 pm
Location    Convocation – Government House Perth
            Dinner – The Weld Club

The Convocation and dinner promises to be a stellar event in the ADI Calendar.

Government House situated in the heart of Perth will be the venue for Convocation. This truly magnificent setting will prepare the stage for not only the induction of new Fellows into the Academy but also the wonderful evening to follow.

Dinner will take place at the Weld Club (heritage listed) which is a short and pleasant stroll from Government House. The Weld Club was founded in 1871 and named after the then Governor of Western Australia, Sir Frederick Weld. The club is built in the style of Queen Anne and will be a most suitable venue for an evening of fine food, wine, entertainment and conviviality.
In many parts of the world winter is characterized by battening down, hibernation and relative inactivity. In Australasia winter sports bring us out rather than keep us in. This applies particularly when it comes to Australian and New Zealand defence of the Bledisloe Cup when we engage in battle on a mammoth scale.

This year the 11th November (Armistice Day) marks the 90th anniversary of the end of the Great War; “the war to end all wars.” This conflict saw Australian and New Zealand Defence Forces fighting alongside each other against a common foe commencing with the fateful Gallipoli landing. 90 years on we are still fighting alongside each other in a theatre of war but in a different arena and on a different front. As Sir Henry Newbolt beautifully put it “to honour while you strike him down the foe that comes with fearless eyes.”

I believe our Australasian Section is a very special one, to which our Regent Mark has alluded in his remarks. It is active, under fine leadership and working for the common good.

We all have a chance to meet up at Convocation on Wednesday 11th March 2009. The Convocation, followed by a dinner, will be a memorable experience and not to be missed, so make sure you are there.

Please feel free to give us news of yourself or of other Fellows for inclusion in our newsletter.

Fleet Street – Editor

**From the News Desk**

**Forthcoming events**

**ADI EUROPEAN ADI CONVOCATION**
FDI Congress
September 24, 2008 - Stockholm, Sweden

**ADI USA SECTION CONVOCATION (all dates tentative)**
October 15, 2008 - San Antonio, Texas
September 30, 2009 - Honolulu, Hawaii
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**ADI (AUSTRALASIAN SECTION) CONVOCATION AND DINNER – Wednesday 11 March, 2009**
33rd Australian Dental Congress
March 12-15, 2009
Perth, Western Australia
For more details see ADI website
www.adint.org
username “member” password “adint”
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**Poets’ Corner**

Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind
Blow, blow, thou winter wind
Thou art not so unkind
As man’s ingratitude;
Thy tooth is not so keen,
Because thou art not seen,
Although thy breath be rude.

Freeze, freeze thou bitter sky,
That does not bite so nigh
As benefits forgot;
Though thou the waters warp,
Thy sting is not so sharp
As a friend remembered not.

William Shakespeare 1564-1616
As you Like It (11, V11, 174-176)

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