REGENT’S MESSAGE

“May you live in interesting times”. I think I would settle for mundane.

The Academy of Dentistry International Australasia has, like the entire planet, been affected by the pandemic. We finally managed to hold our Convocation last year, after three postponements. The Convocation was held at the Australian Club in Melbourne in August and was a wonderful night with fifteen new Fellows inducted. The International President, Dr Jacob Park, flew out from USA to attend.

The venue lived up to its excellent reputation and the harpist added a nice touch of elegance to the ceremony. Dr Jessica Manuela gave an Acknowledgement of Country speech and Dr Jacob Park made an enthusiastic toast to the Academy.

The Australasian Section has continued to support such worthy causes as the Kimberley Dental Team and work in the Philippines, although Covid placed some restrictions on international travel. If any Fellow wants to help in these projects or has a possible project or cause that the ADI can support, please contact me so the Section can advance the proposal.

Internationally, the Academy has been struggling with some Sections suffering from diminishing numbers, so it is good to see that Australasian Section is healthy. I would like, however, to get more of our New Zealand cousins on board.

Next year, we will hold Convocation on 23 September in conjunction with the FDI /ADA Congress in Sydney. We propose to have it on the Saturday evening prior to the Congress. Let us know if you have any colleagues you think would be an addition to our prestigious Academy and we may consider to induct them at that Convocation. We are also proposing that the International Board of Regents meet in Sydney around this time adding to the prestige of the event.

Locally, I know some of our Fellows have been struggling with the Covid on their personal health or on the business. We also have had to contend with bushfires and flooding in Australia, and the legacy of earthquakes, volcanoes and flooding in New Zealand.

May this New Year be less traumatic to us all, and hopefully our lives return to some degree of normal. Let us see you all in Sydney.

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As mentioned in the Regent's message, it was with great joy that our much-postponed Convocation was conducted at the Australian Club in Melbourne in August.

Newly inducted Fellows were:

- Dr Daniel de Angelis
- Dr Gosia Barley
- Dr Petrina Bowden*
- Dr Timothy Clair
- Dr Peter Duke
- Assoc Prof Rebecca Wong

- Dr Amit Gurbuxani
- Assoc Prof Roy Judge
- Assoc Prof Sharon Liberali*
- Dr Dominic Longo*
- Dr Sandra March

*in absentia

It was an honour to have the International President, Dr Jacob Park, present for the occasion. He gave a passionate speech on the vital role the Academy continues to play in the support of patient care projects and global improvement of oral health for all people.
**HONOURS AND AWARDS**

It is with great pleasure that the Australasian Section congratulates those Fellows honoured in the 2022 Queen's Birthday and 2023 Australia Day honours lists.

**2022**

Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia
- Clinical Professor Sameer Bhole (NSW) for significant service to dentistry, to education and research, and to professional associations.
- Dr Michael Foley (NSW) for significant service to community health, and to dental education.

**2023**

Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia
- Dr Elizabeth Coates (SA) for significant service to special needs dentistry, and to oral health care
- Dr Mark Leedham (NT) for significant service to dental medicine, and to professional organisations

Medal (OAM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia
- Dr Ernest Chan (NSW) for service to the community, and to dentistry

Congratulations are also extended to the following Fellows who have received ADA awards during 2022

**Honorary Life Member**
- Dr Mark Hutton
- Prof Laurie Walsh AO

**Distinguished Service Award**
- Dr Mark Bowman
- Dr Andrew Cattermole
- Assoc Prof Deborah Cockrell AM
- Prof Pauline Ford
- Dr Susan Wise
- Dr David Hallett
- Dr Angela Pierce
- Prof Lindsay Richards
- Prof Janet Wallace

**Valuable Service Award**
- Dr Errol Kilov
- Dr Susan Wise
- Dr Tom Tseng

Belated congratulations are extended to Professor Iven Klineberg AM who has been awarded Life Membership of the International College of Prosthodontists.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

2022 was another difficult year here in Australia as in the rest of the world. This has been reflected by a decrease in applications for funding for volunteer projects.

Two projects that did receive funding were the Kimberley Dental Team (oral hygiene products for the communities they visit) and the Dental Outreach project (a collaboration of the Adelaide Dental School, students and volunteers who provide free dental treatment for patients in financial hardship). I am hoping to see more applications in 2023 as travel becomes easier. Please email me with any applications outlining the projects which would benefit from funding.
The Board made the decision that membership fees would be raised marginally by $5.00 dollars for both active and retired members after three years of no increases. For those members who have been impacted by flooding, the Board will waive their fees this year. Please let me know by return email so I can enter this in the records so that you remain as full members.

A reminder that all membership costs are paid locally and the international component is then transferred in bulk to the international office once payments have been collected. This minimises any confusion with international money transfers. Should there be any concerns regarding your renewals, please email me.

Hoping 2023 is kind to you all and your families.
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FELLOWS IN THE NEWS

Our esteemed Regent, Dr Wayne Ottaway, was a member of the victorious Tasmanian Hockey team which won gold in the over 60s division at the recent Australian Masters Games.

Congratulations Wayne.

(Editor’s note: the unfortunate angle of this photo makes it appear Dr Ottaway used his stick in an inappropriate manner against the opposing player. I am sure he played the ball)

NEWSLETTER EDITOR’S REPORT

I am constantly looking to report endeavours, both big and small, of Fellows from Australia and New Zealand. Everyone enjoys reading about colleagues’ achievements – there is no need to be shy.

Please keep the material coming in. It’s so important to hear of the interesting news regarding Fellows in action across Australia and New Zealand.

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2023 CONVOCATION

Welcome new Fellows and reconnect with colleagues at the Australasian Section Convocation to be held in conjunction with FDI Congress in Sydney Saturday 23 September.
Details to follow.