

Dr. Ralph Barolet, Canada Section Treasurer Retires



Dr. Ralph Y. Barolet, Treasurer for the Canadian Section since 1988 retired as of December 31, 2010. Ralph enjoyed a long and distinguished career in Education. He initially earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Loyola College in 1952 followed by a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering from McGill University in 1954. Switching tracks he earned his DDS in 1970 from the University of Montreal and followed up with his MSD in Dental Materials and Operative Dentistry from Indiana University in 1972. From 1972 through 1987 Ralph served as Professor of Dental Materials at Laval University and in 1987 became Professor and Dean of the Dental Faculty at McGill University. During his tenure at the Universities, Ralph was an active member of the Canadian Dental Association acting as Chairman of the Council on Dental Materials and Devices, Chairman of the Committee for Product Acceptance and was a Delegate to the ISO Technical Committee 106 for Dental Products and Devices. Ralph retired from McGill University in 1995 after 23 years in Education.

Dr. Barolet was inducted as an ADI Fellow in 1987 and in 1988 was named Treasurer of the Canadian Section at the Annual Meeting and Convocation in Edmonton. He quickly and efficiently converted the membership data from 4x6 file cards to a computer database, which still today is state of the art. In concert with Dr. Ron Anco, the Canadian Regent, Dr. Barolet reorganized the Canadian Convocations from a morning lecture and convocation followed by a luncheon to a more formal setting of an evening reception and black tie dinner followed by the convocation ceremony. Membership grew from 8 to 10 new Fellows per year to major convocations of up to 40 new Fellows annually. The large increase in Fellows was also due to the diligent work of recruitment by Regent Dr. Don Stewart who, unfortunately passed away two years ago.

Ralph's dedication and hard work did not go unnoticed and in 1995 he was elected to the Executive Committee as Vice-President. He was elected President-Elect in 1998, ADI President in 1999 and ADI Past-President in 2000. All that while still serving as the Canadian Section Treasurer! On January 1, 2011 the membership of the Canadian Section stood at 283 Fellows, 11 Honorary Fellows, 22 Life Fellows and 24 Retired Fellows for a total of 340. The 23 years of service Dr. Barolet gave to the Academy is most impressive, but pales in comparison to the amount of time and effort Dr. Barolet provided to the Academy.

Ralph and Lorraine intend to continue their hobby of travel to all parts of the world. To date they have visited over 75 countries and are currently in Greece as this piece is being written. Ralph and Lorraine, we wish you many happy travels and well-deserved, second retirement. ***Many, many, thanks!!***