ACADEMY OF DENTISTRY INTERNATIONAL
AUSTRALASIAN SECTION

The Academy of Dentistry International is the international honour society for dentists dedicated to sharing knowledge in order to serve the dental health needs, and to improve the quality of life of people throughout the world. Through the development of fellowship and understanding, the Academy endeavours to create opportunities for service in order to assist in the establishment of a world at peace.

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Regent’s Report

Welcome to our first newsletter for some time and our first for 2013. We have a new editor who would welcome any news, photos and ideas. We all look forward to catching up with news of the Academy both here in Australasia and abroad.

Just recently the Academy conducted a successful Convocation/Dinner held at the Australian Club when we admitted a number of new Fellows. This function preceded the successful 35th Australian Dental Congress. We were pleased to welcome as our guests, The President Elect of the Academy, Prof Ramon Baez USA and Executive Director Dr Bob Ramus and Janet USA. It was a most enjoyable evening and is detailed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Recently our Section made a grant to one of our Fellows, Jamie Robertson, which enables him to undertake a case controlled study into environmental exposure associations with cleft lip and palate in post war Vietnam. Jamie was awarded the John Booth Australasian dentist of the Year in 2007 and is known to many of you.

In February last year I called a Board of Regents meeting of our Section in Sydney. This was well attended by members of most states. It is clear that our Section is highly regarded at both a National and International level.

An Inter Congress dinner was held last August here in Melbourne. This dinner preceded the ADA (Victorian Branch) Clinical weekend. It was a most enjoyable function. The highlight of the evening was Graham Mount AM receiving the award of “Distinguished Fellow” by this Academy. This rare International honour was made in recognition of Graham’s outstanding contribution to Dentistry in this country and the establishment of this Section of the ADI in 1988. Graham is affectionately known as the Father of the ADI Australasia.

One week following this dinner meeting I attended my first International Board of Regents meeting in Hong Kong. Much was discussed including the new ADI website, the purchase of Rota chairs for the disabled, one of which is on show at FDI headquarters in Geneva.

One of our Fellows, Peter Barnard OAM is currently writing a book on the “History of Dentistry in Australia” To this end our new Distinguished Fellow Graham Mount will provide a complete history of the ADI in Australasia for inclusion in this much awaited publication.

In conclusion, may I welcome all our new Fellows into the Academy and trust that their association is a long and rewarding one. I urge you all to continue your good works be they in your local communities or in far reaching places remembering that it is better to give than to receive.
From across the Tasman

In the recent past, the New Zealand Dental Association has held its annual conference in August.

The conference last year was in Auckland (15 to 18 August) and was well attended. The conference this year is in Rotorua (14 to 17 August) and a number of local Fellows are presenting including Jeff Annan, Andrew Cautley and me. The NZDA also organize a number of CPD activities for New Zealand dentists that are coordinated by Hugh Trengrove and Andrew Gray is currently a member of the Executive of the NZDA.

Our Immediate Past Regent Mark Goodhew continues to chair the New Zealand statutory body, Dental Council. Also this year, Alison Rich was promoted to Professor and I have been appointed Chair in Restorative Dentistry (starting the day after the time of writing).

We congratulate Hugh Tregrove who was appointed MNZM (Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit) for services to Forensic Science in the NZ Queen’s Birthday and Diamond Jubilee Honours list last year and Robert Love who was awarded the Alan Docking IADR Science Award based on his scientific achievements in dental research by the Australian and New Zealand Division of IADR.

In Christchurch, plans for rebuilding following the earthquake on 22 February 2011 are in progress. The size of the red-zoned area in the city centre has recently been significantly reduced and building in this area is underway.

Building progresses in Christchurch

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For your diary

The Academy of Dentistry International Convocation and Inductions take place just before, or during major National and International dental meetings. Details can be found at the ADI website or by contacting Fellows listed on page one of this newsletter. Fellows are welcome to participate and can find out details of venues, dates and times through the International Communicator.

The Academy encourages you to participate in the following Association meetings and register your interest in meeting ADI Fellows from home and overseas.

**Federation Dentaire Internationale**

The FDI Congress will be held in Istanbul from August 28th through until September 1st 2013. The ADI Convocation and Luncheon will be held on August 29th.

**American Dental Association**

The ADA Congress will be held in New Orleans from October 31st until November 3rd 2013. Details for the Convocation are yet to be confirmed.

**Chicago Dental Society Midwinter meeting**

The meeting will be held between February 20th and 22nd 2014 with the ADI CMW breakfast planned for February 23rd 2014.

**Australia**

The 35th Australian Dental Congress will be held at Brisbane from March 25th to 29th 2015. Convocation details will be announced closer to the time.

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**HONOURS**

The Academy wishes to congratulate Fellows of the Academy who were recognized in recent Australia Day and Queen’s Birthday Honours lists.

Prof Louise Brealey-Messer AM for services to the dental profession, particularly in the field of paediatric dentistry, as a clinician, academic and researcher.

Edward R Street AM for services to dentistry and to the dental profession as an Oral and Maxillofacial surgeon, to medicine and to the international community.

Ian Watson AM for services to dentistry, particularly in the field of orthodontics, as a clinician and educator and through leadership roles with professional organizations.

Hugh Trengrove MNZM (Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit) for services to Forensic Science.

On the eve of the opening of 2013 ADA Congress, the Academy of Dentistry International (Australasian Section) convened to induct new Fellows and celebrate the camaraderie of the members. At the auspicious venue of The Australian Club, a meaningful formal induction preceded a grand dinner. The 78 guests included the International President-elect Dr Ramon Baez on a whirlwind visit from Texas, as well as the stalwart of the International organisation Dr Bob Ramus and his wife Janet also from the USA. The Regent of the Australasian Section, Dr Eddie Street AM served as both host to guests at the Australian Club, as well as leader of Convocation and, as always, celebration. The musical entertainment by The Australian National Academy of Music, one of Australia’s premiere institutions for training the young classical musicians provided a wonderful counterpoint to the lavish surrounds of the dining room and the delicious meal that was served. The ADI aims to set a standard of excellence at its gathering that honours the quality of the incoming Fellows and Melbourne continued that proud tradition. Eleven new Fellows participated in the event, and the thoughtful response to the Regents address was made on their behalf by new Fellow, Dr Patrick Meaney.

L to R: Marion and John Pearman, Ramon Baez, Eddie Street, Bob and Janet Ramus

Dr Patrick Meaney responds on behalf of new Fellows
The singular honour of the bestowing of the Kevin R. Allen award was tinged with sadness as it was posthumously conferred upon Dr Alistair Devlin. His dedication to dentistry in all its facets and in particular paediatric dentistry had marked him as a worthy recipient for an award that is designed to honour the memory of Kevin Allen who, at the time of his sudden death in 1997, was the Regent for this Section of ADI and also the President-elect of the International body based in Washington (USA). During his practising career he made notable contributions to the study and teaching of Paedodontics in this country. He was also noted for his work in international relationships throughout the Asian Pacific region. When I spoke to Alistair a few weeks before Convocation, he was both touched and honoured to be recipient the award. Alistair had known Kevin Allen and Alistair’s own career is recognised by all for his devotion and passion for paediatric dentistry and his dental school.

Simon Shanahan


Front row L to R: Bob Ramus, Executive Director; Eddie Street, Regent; Prof Ramon Baez, President; Simon Shanahan, Treasurer/Vice Regent; John Pearman, Secretary/Vice Regent
L to R: Deanne and Bruce Newman, Monica and David Thomson

L to R: Bob Ramus; Eddie Street; Robert Boyd-Boland, CEO ADA Inc.; Karin Alexander, President ADA Inc; Ramon Baez, Simon Shanahan, John Pearman

L to R: Simon Shanahan, Bob Ramus, Eddie Street, Ramon Baez, John Pearman

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Obituaries

The Academy sadly regrets the passing of the following Fellows since our last Convocation.

**Maurice Dingle (QLD)**

**Neil Henry AM (QLD)** Born in 1929 the son of a Townsville dentist Claude Lewis Henry, Neil Henry graduated as a dentist from the University of Queensland in 1952. He passed away peacefully on July 11, 2012 having practiced as a general practitioner for over 50 years in the Wynnum area of Queensland. Neil was admitted as Fellow of the Academy in 1988. The Queensland Branch of the Australian Dental Association honoured Dr Henry with its Distinguished Service Award in 1980 and Honorary Life Membership in 1985. He had been a member of the State Executive from 1966-82 being President 1968.

Dr Henry served on the Federal ADA Council from 1974 and was President 1984-86. He was awarded honorary life membership of the ADA (Inc) in 1988. He was elected a Fellow of the International College of Dentists in 1975 and went on to be a Regent and President of the Australasian Section of the ICD. Neil was also a member of the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

On 26th January 1989 Dr Henry was honoured with the awarding of a Member of the Order of Australia for his services to the dental profession. His passing marks the end of an era which may never be repeated. (David H Thomson)

**Peter Kaleski OAM (NSW)**

**Stan Kings AM (VIC)**

**Stuart Edwards (QLD)**

**Alistair Devlin (WA)** Alistair was to receive the Kevin Allen award at our most recent Convocation. The award is presented and named in honour of Kevin Allen who died in office of Regent of the Section. He was a paediatric clinician of some note, who traveled widely with his wife Marion helping under privileged countries. The Award seeks to honour people who share his energy and dedication. Sadly Alistair died before receiving this award.