As I enter the second year of my term as President of the Academy, I have recently had cause to reflect upon the changes which have taken place in my first twelve months in office, particularly those outside of dentistry and within the world in which we live. These continue to be of such profound moment that by comparison, they appear to dwarf the activities which we as Fellows of the Academy pursue in our quest for excellence – be it through education, delivery of dental care or by the provision of humanitarian assistance to the needy.

Throughout the past year, the problems which have beset the world continued to mount. They have been political (wars and insurrection), the age-old controllers of population (fire, flood, famine and pestilence), global financial insecurity and the consequences of major catastrophes such as the recent earthquakes in Haiti and Chile. In addition to all of this, we are being bombarded day by day with argument that the world is suffering from a surfeit of carbon dioxide, as a consequence of “man-made” global warming.

Phew! If I could only understand the last bit, I may be able to formulate some opinions which would bear discussion. For example, am I right in remembering that the trees and other plant life of this world rely upon that gas for respiration, somewhat as we rely upon oxygen, thus providing the most beautiful form of “give and take” imaginable for sustaining human life? If that is so, perhaps the simplistic answer to the problem of which humans are now accused, could be addressed by the planting of more green life. However, just as the expectation of the “free lunch” always comes with qualifications, I suspect that there is a lot more to the issue than that.

Nevertheless, given the paucity of logical argument within the media and the confusion caused by the latest saga in the whole affair, whereby the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC to we mortals) has been accused in recent days of bias or even misrepresentation in presenting some of its pronouncements, it has become bewildering for mere dentists to comprehend. It is well to remember that we have all been educated broadly in the strict disciplines of science and accordingly, many of us would prefer to see the presentation of some informed scientific discussion on the subject of global warming, whether it is caused in the main by current practice and lifestyle or by natural cyclical patterns. I would be particularly pleased if such comment were to be based upon the presentation of uncompromised refereed literature of quality, rather than upon “informed” opinion which may be slanted towards appealing to a particular agenda. Recognising that it is not unknown for organizations or pressure groups to be influenced by their political masters, I keep on returning to the old Scottish adage which states “He who pays the piper, calls the tune”.

It is conceivable that even without a specialised knowledge of the earth sciences; most of us would be able to differentiate between the validity of argument for each side of the issue, rather than to be forced to accept the posturing of politicians of a particular persuasion, who may have been advised by “fellow travelers” with similar proclivities. However, I digress here without resolution, lest I be branded as either a skeptic or a greenie. In this respect, I must ask for your forgiveness and attempt to return to reality.

Despite the global financial crisis, the work of the Academy continues. Humanitarian aid remains firmly within the ambits of the ADI and the ADI Foundation, as it is with the Sections and Fellows at large. During
the mid-year Executive Meeting of the Academy held in Osaka, Japan (see below), the debate included the prospect of developing an on-going aid programme for Haiti, following the earthquake in Port-au-Prince at the beginning of this year.

In the past year, the International Board of Regents met in September 2009 during the Annual Session to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the American Dental Association, which was conducted in Honolulu. At that Meeting, ADI confirmed its desire to collaborate with the American Dental Association in presenting jointly, a programme on “Volunteering” at the 2010 ADI Annual Session, to be held in Orlando, Florida (see page 19 for more information). Further to this, the role of the Academy continues to expand. Within the Eastern Europe Section, two new Chapters are to be established in 2010 and there continues to be an increase in the activity of the Academy in the Southern Europe Section.

As a further global initiative, the Mid-year Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Academy took place in Osaka, Japan, June 4 – 6, 2010. This was arranged by our Japanese hosts through the activities of the Regent for Japan, Dr Koji Yamakawa and senior colleagues. The events that took place were:

- Friday 4 June; ADI Executive Meeting
- Saturday 5 June; CE Course conducted by fellow, Dr Terry Tanaka, followed by Dinner for course participants
- Sunday 6 June; Meeting of members of ADI Executive with members of the Japan Section and Gala Dinner

In closing, whereas the year 2009 has not been an easy one for most of us, it is heartening for me to find that adversity has seemed to spark within us all, the drive to continue to move forward in our individual and collective endeavours. In Honolulu, I was very excited to note the high quality of those who presented for induction, which I had also witnessed at the first Convocation in which I presided as President, in Perth, Australia, March 2009. It is through meeting our longstanding Fellows of quality and the high caliber of our recent inductees, that I am brought a sense of pride in belonging to our Academy. May it continue.

With Best Wishes to All for 2010,

Fraternally,

Reg Hession.

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**NEWS FROM HAITI**

To follow are two articles and one brief regarding the devastating earthquake which struck the country of Haiti on January 12, 2010. The first piece is an open letter from ADI Fellow Dr. Ihor Suszko. He is one of the founders of Cap Haitien Dental Institute (CHDI) which has been supported by the ADI Foundation. The second piece is from Fellow-Elect Dr. Tobias Bauer. The third brief is an organization Dr. Philippe Ruscsa, Northern European Regent is familiar with that services Haiti.

I am a dentist from Ohio in the USA. Ten years ago, with the help of my friend Ken Maslinski, we began our work of providing better oral health care to the residents of Cap Haitien, Haiti. During these years, and with many volunteers, we have successfully founded the Cap Haitien Dental Institute (CHDI) in the central city hospital campus of the Hospital Universitae Justinien.

Due to the devastating earthquake that occurred on the island January 12, collapsing thousands of buildings and killing tens of thousands residents in the city of Port-au-Prince, planned to install new dental treatment center equipment in February which has been delayed. The city of Cap Haitien, 260 kilometers north of Port-au-Prince, was not directly affected by this 7.0 magnitude earthquake and the 20 member dentists of the North Dental Association are safe, and for this we are very thankful.

We are so saddened and shocked by the earthquake’s devastation in Haiti. This catastrophic event will impact the country for a long time. Haiti is a small country and very communal. Even though Cap Haitien was spared destruction, many of our friends have relatives in Port-au-Prince, so the impact will be direct and since Cap Haitien is the second largest city in Haiti it is expected that many refugees will come north to this city.

My personal reaction to this is two-fold, part of me cannot comprehend what has happened. But secondly, as a member of the CHDI I need to remember our mission and how important our work will now become. The needs have always been great. Now they will be more than ever. I am so thankful that the CHDI is well established and is positioned to be a valuable contributor in the task of helping the residents of Haiti.
After Haiti disappeared from the media again, one could believe that life is going back to normal. This is not true at all. There is no way of talking about normality just now, Haiti is far from that.

Numerous medical teams from all over the world can report on their work in Haiti. Though the worst times after the disaster are over, times when surgery was performed day and night and countless limbs had to be amputated, now is the time of follow-up treatments and psychological help, which is just as important as emergency care.

Many impressions pushed aside in the first weeks are coming to the surface now – it will take a long time until the emotional wounds have healed.

Slowly, one can try to rebuild a dental care system. Several colleagues did not let the devastating circumstances keep them from travelling to Haiti on their own initiative to help on the spot. Above all, doctors from countries like the USA and France, which traditionally have close relationships with Haiti. But also from Israel, Spain and Germany, there are more contacts to this country than one might believe as a bystander.

In early March, on the occasion of the world’s biggest travel trade show ITB, (International Tourism Fair) in Berlin, Haitian ambassadors had been invited to Berlin by the International tourism boards. During different discussions, conferences and symposia, creating long-term perspectives was one of the topics. Among the participants were representatives of Dental Aid Worldwide, an organization which was founded by former young dentists of the Young Dentists Worldwide association. For many members, humanitarian aid was and still is the main focal point of this network, and they are again and again prepared to work under extreme circumstances. A follow up of this conference is planed to be held during the POW WOW, world’s largest trade show for professional in tourism-

From technical side it was underlined that the sustainability of the measures taken was paramount here, which could easily be demonstrated by means of the current situation. The companies Thomas Cook and TUI, leading in their sectors, donated large sums right after the earthquake but were rather hesitant to undertake major investments. But in Haiti, above all the existing and often criticized cruise tourism is a starting point in the eyes of a technician everyone who sets foot on dryland here spends an average of USD $20, which when you calculate with about 3,000 passengers per ship, sums up to quite a big amount, especially considering that the average annual income in Haiti is USD $400.

While in the first hours after the earthquake, all aid campaigns were focused on securing the mere survival of the population, with dental emergency care having a rather low priority, dental aid projects indeed play an important role when planning long-term projects. They meet all requirements in terms of the sustainability needed to rebuild the Haitian society.

A key argument was not to block the ways and capacities for life saving emergency aid, that’s why the members of Dental Aid Worldwide opted for long-term projects rather than short-term actions. These decisions were made in close cooperation with partners on location, employees of the Dominican congregation of the Pastoral de la Salud, the Fundacion Euroamericana, and the Odontologia Dominicana, which do the biggest part of the work in the field.

These organizations can all rely on existing structures of the Catholic Church, which has a strong basis in the Dominican Republic. This way, it is possible to make use of institutions available. Susan Sumner, who
ventured as far as Jacmel, put it like this: “There is virtually nothing, and nothing does mean nothing, neither energy nor drinking water, and nothing which can at the remotest be called law and order. Due to the current situation in Haiti, and not least because of the extremely complex security measures, it was decided to offer dental care in church institutions along the Haitian border of the Dominican Republic. Since the exchange between the two countries over the green border is quite lively, news of this offer spread fast and the volunteers working there were heaped with work. Drilling and extractions were performed from sunrise to sunset, for electrical current is not self-evident in the remote regions. At night it gets very dark. Work is performed under the most adverse circumstances and with the simplest of means. 120 patients per day are not a rarity. You can easily imagine what that means extrapolated for a week.

The helpers effectively bring their own material. When this is used up, all there is left to do is use some pliers. Sterilization is done by simply putting equipment in a pot of hot water or holding it over an open fire. In this context it should be mentioned that the Dominican Republic might be better off than the government of Haiti, but the majority of the population is still living at the poverty line.

Dental Aid considers their current work to be the basis for further cooperation. In doing this, we want to support the Haitian colleagues and share the load on several shoulders. At the same time, the cooperation with local fellow dentists is strengthened.

In the long run, it is planned to support at least one dental care institution in Haiti. For this project, it is also planned to work together with local organizations. For example, a dental care unit next to an orphanage is planned, to at the same time help young people learn a dental related profession. Right now, as much as 14,000 children are taken care of in the SOS Children’s Village in Port-au-Prince. In addition, there is a great need for information on oral hygiene – most people do not know anything about it, which creates an accordingly big need for work in this field.

A group of doctors traveled to the Dominican Republic in early April, with another team following about one month later. Pieces of equipment urgently needed are above all standard hand instruments as well as easy to handle filling materials. Another thing which would be great to have would be a mobile treatment unit which

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**Secours Dentaire International**

The “Secours Dentaire International“ is a Swiss Association which helps in several countries round the world. They have an intelligent way to assist patients and educate people for oral hygiene and instruct persons on dental care. Please have a look at their homepage: [www.secoursdentaire.ch](http://www.secoursdentaire.ch)

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Dr. Hans-Caspar Hirzel, Past-Presidents of the Swiss Dental Association, has informed me that the dental clinic in Port-au-Prince in Haiti has been partially destroyed and several persons of the dental team hurt. The first photo is the clinic before the earthquake and the second is the tent they now work from.

~Dr. Philippe Rusca
PHILIPPINE SECTION BIENNIAL CONVOCATION

The ADI Republic of the Philippines Section held its 16th Biennial Convocation and Banquet on February 18, 2009 at the Intercontinental Hotel, Makati City. The keynote speaker for the occasion was Hon. Fortunato T. De la Pena, Undersecretary of the Department of Science and Technology.

Four new Fellows were induction in the ceremony (left to right) Dr. Farina Vida Randolf, Dr. Marie Antoniette Veluz, Dr. Victor H. Torres and Dr. Marie Anna C. Dimanlig.

Active members at the back and the Fellows and Officers of the Academy of Dentistry International Republic of the Philippines Section following the 16th Biennial Convocation and Banquet on February 28, 2009.
On March 5, 2009, the Canada Section held their Annual Convocation and Dinner to welcome the 2009 Honors Class. Dr. Thomas Brink, ADI President-Elect, Drs. Ralph Barolet and Rex Fortescue, ADI Past-Presidents and Dr. Hank Klein, Canada West Regent conducted the ceremonies welcoming fifteen new members into the Academy.

Dr. Ralph Barolet led attendees through the Academy history during the Orientation program. Canadian Dentists were prominent in the formative years of the Academy and several were noted for their benevolent contributions to the Academy.

A tribute to the late Dr. Donald Stewart was given and a moment of silence observed in his memory. Dr. Stewart served as the Canada East Regent from 1997 – 2008. He had given tremendously of himself to dentistry and the ADI. He passed away February 13, 2009 while still working on the sideline to ensure the continued success of the ADI Canada Section and this meeting. Dinner was punctuated by a rose adorned vacant place setting in Don’s memory.

The evening was an enjoyable event for all!
Canada Section Honour Roll

Dr. Ben Balevi  
Vancouver, British Columbia

Dr. R. Bruce Bessie  
West Vancouver, British Columbia

Dr. David V. Ciriani  
Kamloops, British Columbia

Dr. Neena L. D’Souza  
Mississauga, Ontario

Dr. Eduardo Kalaydjian  
Calgary, Alberta

Dr. Kenneth J. Lawlor  
Markham, Ontario

Dr. William K.B. Liang  
Surrey, British Columbia

Dr. Kevin E. Lung  
Edmonton, Alberta

Dr. Dennis K. Marangos  
Toronto, Ontario

Dr. William D. Preshing  
Edmonton, Alberta

Dr. Amil B. Shapka  
St. Paul, Alberta

Dr. Lawrence M. Stanleigh  
Calgary, Alberta

Dr. Clark D. Stelmaschuk  
Abbotsford, British Columbia

Dr. Anil C. Verma  
Langley, British Columbia

Dr. Walter S.C. Woo  
Vancouver, British Columbia
The 12th Convocation of the Australasia Section was held in conjunction with the 33rd Australian Dental Congress. The Convocation was held in the magnificent Grand Ballroom of Government House on Wednesday 11th March 2009. A Military Brass Band complemented a memorable event. Following the processional entry of the official party, led by flag bearers carrying the Australian, New Zealand, USA, and ADI flags, the Invocation was read. The Regent, Dr. Mark Goodhew greeted those present.

Twenty-three new Fellows presented for induction into the Academy. The inductions were carried out by Reg Hession, ADI President; Robert Ramus, Executive Director ADI; and Mark Goodhew, Australasia Regent.

A highlight was the presentation by the President, Dr. Reg Hession to Executive Director, Dr. Robert Ramus of bulletin editor Dr. Eddie Street as the worthy recipient of the John Booth Award.

The John Booth Australasian Dentist of the Year Award Citation for Dr Eddie Street

The recipient of the John Booth Award for the 2009 ADI Australasian Section, Dentist of the Year is Dr Edward Richard Street. Eddie as he is generally known, has a remarkable curriculum vitae, which on reading, displays a breadth and depth which almost belies comprehension. His achievements as a schoolboy marked him for great things and it is heartening to recognise that his early promise allowed him to proceed on to achieve so many goals in life. Of all things, he may be best described as an ‘all rounder’. However, rather than one who has been merely competent in most things attempted, he has achieved prominence through the display of an abundance of energy, combined with initiative and intelligence. Eddie has served in many capacities in life which transcend his skills in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, which provide the formal part of his daily programme. However the surgical skills gained by training in this discipline under the tutelage of the famous Norman Rowe and Derek Henderson in London during the 1970s, was to determine his path for the future. Notwithstanding his busy programme at this time, ever the sporting man, he maintained his interest in ocean yacht racing by being a crew member in three of the famous Fastnet ocean races, whilst attaining second place in the Cowes to Cork ocean race of 1975. The recounting of these events provides a mere soupçon of his sporting endeavours. From his childhood to the present, his CV is replete with mentions of achievements in gymnastics (culminating in being a member of the Victorian Training Squad for the Rome Olympics), to ocean yacht racing in Australia (as crew member of Apollo – which took out line honours and was overall winner of the Brisbane to Gladstone race in 1984), to surf skiing. In dentistry, Eddie Street has used his extraordinary ability to always focus upon what is best for the patient rather than what may be either convenient or fashionable as a treatment mode of the time. This has stamped him as a person who upholds the best of principles within the health professions. Such a level of pragmatism combined with a strong sense of ethics, has also caused him to achieve high office within many areas of endeavour which are outside that of the delivery of care to patients. He has been most active within the Australian Dental Association (Queensland Branch), having served on many committees and finally as President of the Branch in 1989. In addition, he was the President of the Australian Dental Congress held in Brisbane in 2001, one of the most successful Congresses in the history of the Australian Dental Association. He is a member of a number of august bodies in the health professions and has served on many of their committees. He has been honoured by the Australian Resuscitation Council with the Award of Merit (1997), the Australian Dental Association (Queensland Branch) with the Distinguished Service Award (2002), the Bangladesh Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Appreciation Award (2003) and the Australian Dental Association (Queensland Branch) as an Honorary Life Member (2007). However it is as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Australasian Section of the Academy of Dentistry International that he has shone. Upon his appointment as the Honorary Editor of the Section Newsletter, he has brought the publication in full colour to the fore as a means of communication within the Academy. It is of great credit to him that when Executive and Board Meetings of the Academy are held overseas, spare copies of the
Newsletter which are carried to those Meetings, are rushed by the members present. In keeping with the oft-touted statement that “imitation is the most sincere form of flattery”, there are now two Sections which have followed successfully Eddie’s lead in presenting their Newsletters in a similar format (USA and South America).

~ R.H.

Dr. John Owen responded on behalf of the new Fellows and expressed their pleasure at being admitted to the Academy as Fellows. Prior to the Benediction and completion of what was a very successful Convocation, President Hession announced the ADI Foundation donation to the Victorian Bushfire Appeal. After the Convocation, Fellows and partners enjoyed a superb dinner at the Weld Club situated nearby, graciously hosted by local ADI Fellow Bruce Barblett.

Following the Convocation Fellows and guests enjoyed a delightful evening with good food, good wine, good fellowship and good company.
The Ecuador Chapter of the South America Section held a convocation on August 6, 2009. They inducted 13 new members. Dr. Ramon Baez, Vice-President of International Affairs and Dr. Santiago Sartori, Acting South America Regent conducted the ceremony along with Ecuador Chapter Chairman; Dr. Francisco Caldas Morales. A moment of silence was observed in memory of South America Regent, Dr. Emilio Petit, who passed away unexpectedly in May while helping to plan this meeting. ADI is extremely grateful to Dr. Caldas for organizing the convocation.

Ecuador Chapter of South American Section

Officiates; Dr. Santiago Sartori, Acting South America Regent, Dr. Ramon Baez, ADI VP of International Affairs and Dr. Francisco Caldas, Chairman Ecuador Chapter.

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Dr. Eduardo Antonio Cedeño Viteri
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Dr. Jaime Delgado Pozo
Dra. Gloria Frank

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Dra. Lourdes Pontón
Dr. Edwin Regalado
Dr. Vicente Salas Cáceres
Dr. Edy Salazar
Dr. Juan Carlos Sánchez Aguilera

Dr. José Zambrano Pico
Southeast Asia Section Convocation

A Convocation ceremony and luncheon was held for the Southeast Asia Section on September 20, 2009. These functions were held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Federation Dentaire Internationale, and the venue was the Singapore Marriott Hotel in Singapore.

Regrettably, ADI International President Dr. Reg Hession was unable to attend. The Induction Ceremony was conducted by Vice-President for Finance and Administration, Dr. Diampo J. Lim (Phil) and Vice-President for International Affairs, Dr. Ramon Baez (USA). They were assisted by Northern European Regent Dr. Philippe Rusca, Dr. Vladimir Sadovski, Eastern European Regent and Dr. Gerhard Seeberger, Southern European Regent.

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**INDIA**
Dr. Ajay Thoma

**KYRGYZSTAN**
Dr. Ilshat M. Yuldashev

**QATAR**
Dr. Rabindranath Sivam

**SINGAPORE**
Dr. Raymond Ang Ee Peng

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**UZBEKISTAN**
Dr. Rakhmatulla Nigmatov
Southeast Asia Cont’d

Southeast Asia Section Convocation

A reception and luncheon followed the Convocation with camaraderie and conversation among the Fellows and guests.

Thanks to Dr. Ilshat Yuldashev, who assisted Dr. Rakhmatulla Nigmatov through his induction aboard a Boeing plane in flight from Kuala Lumpur to Tashkent at a level of 11,000 km. Due to airline difficulties, Dr. Nigmatov, President of Uzbekistan Dental Association, arrived a little late for the convocation ceremony.

The honoured guests aboard were: President of Kyrgyzstan Dental Association Dr. Kalbaev Abibilla, President of Kazakhstan Dental Association Prof. Dr. Maxut Temirbaev, FDI 2009 Delegates from Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, all passengers.

We make a living by what we get; We make a life by what we give.

~ Duane Hulse

2009 Annual Meeting | 35th Anniversary

The 2009 Annual Convocation was held in Honolulu, Hawaii on September 30, 2009. Of special significance was the 35th Anniversary of the Academy. Dr. Albert Wasserman, Founder of the Academy, was unable to attend the meeting. He sent the following well wishes:

Fellows and Officers of the Academy of Dentistry International ~ Greetings!

I was honored to receive an invitation to attend our 35th Anniversary meeting in Honolulu. I immediately made flight reservations. I was looking forward to visiting with old friends and welcoming new friends.

For many years now I have tried to stay in shape and keep the pounds off. It appears that I have somehow overdone things and injured myself. Unfortunately, this has made it physically impossible for me to travel and participate at the meeting.

However, I have some thoughts I would like to offer.

In its 35 years, the Academy of Dentistry International has expanded its membership to include many nations. There has been an ongoing exchange of knowledge as well as charitable service to those in need.

Perhaps the most important achievement of the Academy is the camaraderie of its members. As dentists from different parts of the globe interact and work in good fellowship together and get to know one another, this friendly camaraderie will hopefully improve relations between nations and promote peace to this troubled world. There is more work to be done. Let us become more deeply involved in all aspects of the Academy’s projects.

To our new fellows, I congratulate you. Welcome to the Academy. We invite you to take an active role in the Academy and help us to make the world a better place to live in.

Warmest Regards

Albert Wasserman

The convocation team was led by President Dr. Reg Hession assisted by the Marshall, Dr. Terry Tanaka, President-Elect, Dr. Tom Brink, and Vice-Presidents Dr. Diampo Lim, Dr. Ernesto Acuña and Dr. Ramon Baez. Hickam AFB Honor Guard provided the ceremonial opening with presenting the colors. Piano accompaniment was provided by Fellow Dr. T. Bob Davis. Thirty two New Fellows were inducted and two awards were presented during the ceremony.
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Dr. Ramon Baez accepts the award on Prof. Petersen’s behalf.

Professor Poul Erik Petersen obtained his Doctor in Dental Surgery degree from the University of Copenhagen, Denmark in 1975; he furthered his studies and holds a Master of Science in Sociology and a Doctorate in Science of Public Health. He served in the Dental Corps of the Royal Danish Navy and then at the Institute for Community Dentistry and Graduate studies at the Royal Dental College in Copenhagen.

He has maintained his affiliation with the academic field and continues to be head of the Department of Community Dentistry. His devotion for collaborating and sharing knowledge around the world has been confirmed by numerous organizations having requested and benefited from his wisdom and guidance as Consultant on diverse fields of dentistry. His leadership qualifications are superb and have been demonstrated in his position as Chief of the Global Oral Health Program at the World Health Organization. He has contributed to the enrichment of science with over 300 publications, professional meetings, congresses, conferences at global level and co-organizer of several WHO co-sponsored meetings in oral health in all six WHO regions.

Professor Petersen’s attributes are undoubtedly numerous and indisputable. He has demonstrated love and care for humanity particularly the underserved populations; he goes well beyond the call of duty and even when serious health problems have arose he has managed to maintain contact in all areas of the world where oral health programs are conducted and has given his guidance with the highest degree of leadership and wisdom.

Dr. Quejada receives the Award of Distinction.

I am pleased to present Dr. Juan Estrada Quejada for the Award of Distinction. Dr. Quejada is a graduate of Doctor of Dental Medicine from the University of the Philippine College of Dentistry, Cum Laude in 1953; Master of Science in Dentistry on Orthodontics from Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, Missouri, USA in 1964 and Doctor of Philosophy in Physiology and Pharmacology, also at Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, Missouri, USA, in 1966. Professionally, he started in Government Service as an Instructor in the College of Dentistry, University of the Philippines and joined the Dental Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines with a Rank of First Lieutenant. He retired with a rank of Colonel in 1975. Thereafter, He served as Professor and Director of Research at Saint Louis University Medical Center from 1975 -1976 after which he returned to the Philippines in 1977 and began his Private Practice of Orthodontics. While in Private Practice, He offered his services voluntarily as Consultant at St. Martin de Pores Charity Hospital.
President Hession, Board of Regents, Fellows of the Academy, Colleagues, and guests. It is indeed a great honor and privilege to be invited to make a few remarks on behalf of the Academy of Dentistry International Fellowship Class of 2009. On behalf of my fellow inductees, I thank the Academy for the special honor bestowed on us today.

As I reviewed the ADI membership roster and look at those being inducted at this ceremony, I am humbled by the unbelievable achievements of this special group of dental professionals, individually and cumulatively. It is an honor to be invited into this prestigious Academy. This is truly the golden age of dentistry. There has been an explosion of technological advances and technique refinement. Quality basic science and clinical research has provided for the capability for us to blend the art and science of dentistry as never before. The recognition of important inter-relationships between dental disease to cardiovascular disease, cerebrovascular accidents, and diabetes has brought to the forefront that fact that quality oral health is a significant component of quality overall health. All of these factors are likely responsible for the fact that never in the history of our profession has there been such a great demand for our services. As stated by Dr. Bruce Philstrom in the September 2009 Supplement to the Journal of the American Dental Association, “Dentistry is now on the brink of a remarkable transformation that promises to dramatically expand the role of dental professionals and improve oral health of people worldwide”.

The ADI was founded with the purpose of serving the dental and oral health needs and to improve the quality of life of people throughout the world. Dr. Wasserman’s concept also included elevation of dental standards by fostering world wide continuing dental education. From its humble beginnings in October 1974, the ADI now includes over 2,400 fellows representing over 55 countries.

The ADI Foundation’s Thousand Smiles foundation, a special project of Rotary International has provided hundreds of young children and adults free treatment for facial and dental deformities around the world. ADI through its many initiatives serves as a beacon of light and hope for the future of dentistry.

We must always remember our purpose is to serve. I have been blessed with mentors who have shared not
only their wisdom, insight, and voluminous knowledge, but a caring spirit and a passion for giving back.

Dr. Harold Wirth, a well-known faculty member during my dental school days provided a basis for the concept that our quality of caring is equally important as our quality of care provided.

Dr. Parker Mahan who has lived by the mantra that through the constant study of science as well as the study of all that is around us including ourselves we can best serve those who honor us with their trust.

Our friend and colleague Dr. Terry Tanaka whose example of giving back is exemplified by the fact that he, his wife Naomi and their dental team have traveled to Mexico for many years to care for disadvantaged children. This type of selfless service is the basis for the wonderful mission of this Academy.

It is because of the example set by individuals like these that Dentistry has been recognized as one of the most trusted professions for so many years.

We all have had the opportunity to serve others through a multiplicity of activities. I have had the great privilege of participating in mission trips on which care was provided to the impoverished in 3rd world countries as well as within the United States. The smiles and thank-you’s that were associated with these activities provided abundant rewards. The opportunity to have been part of a continuing dental education mission in Kingston, Jamaica was the forum for witnessing first hand the thirst for knowledge that exists among dentists from many countries. Dentists who had limited access to acquisition of new knowledge. Dentists who shared a common reason for attending the program. They all wanted to enhance their knowledge, skills and ability to provide the highest quality of care for their patients. It is clear that the need for dental service and education is ongoing and expanding.

Having spent the last 20 years of my dental career in academics I can truly say that the greatest reward is seeing your students not only survive, but thrive in dentistry while demonstrating only the highest quality professional and ethical standards while serving others. In truth, sometimes we can learn from our students.

In my short time as Dean at LSU School of Dentistry I have witnessed the steadfast dedication to provide service as demonstrated by our volunteer outreach programs in areas with limited access, some of which still bear the horrendous scars left by Hurricane Katrina. Our students recently formed “MAKING IMPRESSIONS” an organization developed for the purpose of elevating the quality of oral health in the state. In less than 1 month, more than 100 students have joined this volunteer group and have engaged in 5 volunteer oral health screenings at health fairs and other venues. These types of service endeavors exhibited by our dental students is cause for great hope for the future of our profession.

It is indeed a pleasure to be inducted into the ADI at the same time as one of our students from LSUSD, Marshall Green, is presented the Terry Tanaka Student Humanitarian Award 2009.

Marshall and his wife Nicole initially became involved in dental community service through volunteering at a local church’s mobile dental mission. This endeavor reinforced his desire to help the less fortunate. His appreciation for the fact that dentistry is a natural conduit to relationship development was enhanced. His desire to share with his colleagues the self gratification that can be derived through service grew stronger. This prompted he and Nicole to start their own ministry focusing on dental missions with special effort directed at involvement of his fellow students. Their activities related to humanitarian and educational initiatives locally, nationally, and internationally has been infectious, involving dental students, practicing dentists and other health care disciplines in provision of service.

In these times of turmoil and economic strife, a time when professionalism and ethical behaviors have been put to the test in every walk of life, it is truly heartwarming and cause for great pride to be involved with a group such as the Academy of Dentistry International.

On behalf of the ADI inductee class of 2009 I would like to thank the spouses and families who have been so supportive and integrally involved in our endeavors. Whatever we have accomplished is because of you.

The honor of membership in ADI will serve as a constant reminder of what we were put on this earth for, our ultimate purpose, to serve others.

In the words of William Arthur Ward, “Greatness is not found in possessions, power, position, or prestige. It is discovered in goodness, humility, service, and character.”
Congratulations to the ADI Fellowship Class of 2009. I am proud to be a part of this wonderful group. Thank the organization and all in attendance who have made this occasion so special.

Henry A. Gremillion, DDS
Professor Department of Orthodontics
Dean
Louisiana State University School of Dentistry
New Orleans, LA
Seven years ago, Mr. Larry Farrell of the Sunstar-Butler Company initiated an annual grant to honor one outstanding junior dental student, selected from all of the dental schools in the United States, who epitomized the primary goal of our Academy, “Service to others.” This award was named the Dr. Terry Tanaka Student Humanitarian Award.

The 2009 winner of the Tanaka Student Humanitarian Award is senior student, John Marshall Green, III of Louisiana State University. Senior student, John Marshall Green III, has accomplished so much in his short career. I was impressed to read of his many achievements in his military and academic studies, as well as his impressive efforts to help others at home and abroad. The following is a shortened summary of his accomplishments.

1. While in high school in Baton Rouge, La., John participated in the activities of an “inner-city mission” and became involved in the planning and implementation of the program, which was to help him later years.
2. As his Dean, Henry Gremillion wrote, “John has taken the road less traveled,” He is a humanitarian and a researcher, and has published articles on “Bipolymer dissolution using ionic liquids,” and continues his research today.
3. He attended the U.S. Naval Academy and was an Academic All-American on the football team. Between football practices, he worked as a dental assistant in the Naval Academy dental clinic.
4. After moving to the LSU School of Dentistry, he recognized the need to help those less fortunate. This prompted him and his wife to start their own ministry focusing on dental missions and outreach programs.
5. These mission trips have taken him to Kerala, India to provide nutrition and dental care for indigent children.
6. To Guadalupe, Mexico, to Balfonte, Honduras, and to Pucalipa, Peru to provide dental care for more indigent children. He also speaks fluent Spanish.
7. At home in Louisiana, in his spare time, he participates in a church sponsored, “Healing Hands: mobile dental clinic.” He co-founded an Oral and Maxillo-facial Surgery Interest Group and is the founder of the LSU Christian Dental Association. What an amazing and encouraging individual and there is much more…..
8. Senior dental student, John Marshall Green III, we admire and applaud your efforts because you represent the most noble of this Academies goals, “to aid and to serve those less fortunate in this world.” “Larry Farrell and the rest of us present here tonight, are proud of you, and we honor you.”

Fellow members and guests, please join me in honoring an inspiring young man, John Marshall Green III., winner of the 2009 ADI Tanaka Student Humanitarian Award.

~ Dr. Terry T. Tanaka
New Regents

Dr. Isabel Jankielewicz began her term as South America Regent January 1, 2010. She hails from Montevideo, Uruguay. She served as President of the Uruguay Chapter from 1999-2003.

Dr. Ronald E. Fritz began his term as USA SW Regent on November 1, 2009. Dr. Fritz hails from Rancho Santa Fe, California.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Hello to all fellows of the ADI, my name is Bob Fulton and I am glad to accept fellowship into the Academy of Dentistry International.

For the last ten years I have been involved with dental and medical health care for a very remote population of river people at the headwaters of the Amazon River in Peru. Our organization, Amazon Promise, www.amazonpromise.com, provides both dental and medical care to these indigenous people by recruiting licensed physicians and dentists, medical and dental residents, and lay personnel, all organized into a highly effective team. Many of these expeditions will venture into the remote jungle for two weeks to provide the most basic of care. We have no religious affiliation, and therefore, work hand in hand with the local village shaman and the village elders to integrate, and correlate western education and treatment with tribal customs and values.

Since many of our dental residents come from the United Kingdom it is a great opportunity to interact, and share and compare ideas with students from other backgrounds of dental education. I would like to extend an invitation to all of you to become part of this worthwhile project, where it is possible to be both a dental care provider and make a significant contribution to the dental education of our future colleagues as a teacher. If you have not been on an expedition of this kind before, this trip will have a dramatic impact on how you view your place the world.

If you are interested in being a part of our team, please contact me direct at: norway330@windstream.net. The dental residency program is growing and we could really use your help.

Thank you again for your fellowship and for promoting good dentistry worldwide

~Dr. Bob Fulton

“ADA and ADI Volunteer Symposium”

Again this year as in many past years, ADI has provided funding for the ADA’s Volunteer Symposium to be held in Orlando during their Annual Meeting. On Thursday, October 7 through Friday, October 8, a one and a half day interactive symposium designed to support the success of domestic and international oral health care volunteers will be held. Attendance is limited to 50 attendees and registration is available through www.ada.org/goto/session

IN THE NEWS

Dr. Robert J. Doherty, (USA) has been elected President of the New York State Dental Association (NYSDA). Dr. Doherty’s term is historic as he will preside over the association’s first House of Delegates, a new governance structure recently approved by the organization’s member dentists.

Dr. Doherty is a graduate of New York University and completed a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at Bellevue Hospital, New York University Hospital and the Manhattan VA Hospital. He received the NYSDA Distinguished Service Award in 2007 for his contributions to the profession of dentistry in New York.
Past USA SW Regent and her husband Suha welcomed their first child, **Braeden “Brady” Tillman on June 24, 2009.** Congratulations to Christine and Suha!

**RADM Carol I. Turner, (USA)**

Dr. Carol Turner hails from Indiana. She graduated from Purdue University, then Indiana University School of Dentistry graduating with distinction in 1975. She spent two years in private practice in Jacksonville, N. C. before coming on active duty with the U. S. Navy in 1977. She absolutely loved her Navy career and spent over thirty years in uniform serving and treating what she says are our country’s most deserving patients… those that wear the “Cloth of our Nation.”

Dr. Turner rose through her promotions to become the highest-ranking Dental Officer in the Navy. Rear Admiral Turner served as the Chief of the Navy Dental Corps from 2003 – 2007. In that role she was the advisor to the Surgeon General on all matters relating directly to dentistry including professional standards and policies for dental practice.

Dr. Turner retired from the Navy in June of 2008. She loved the Navy but also felt it was time to come back to dentistry. She has been on a number of taskforces for the American Dental Association and chaired a few of them. She is very proud of the profession of dentistry and sees a wonderful future for those that choose this career path. Dr. Turner is honored and delighted to have been selected for the position of Registrar, International College of Dentists, USA Section.

**Dr. Gary Jeffers (USA) of Northville, Michigan** is President of the Michigan Dental Association.

**Member Publications**

**ADI President, Dr. Reg Hession** recently published the memoirs of his youth, Dental School classmates, and career in his marvelously entertaining style. His good friend and Honorary Fellow, Friedrich Herbst reviews the book.

_The Square Pegs ~ by Dr. Reg Hession_  
**Review by Friedrich A. Herbst**

Dentists need to have many talents as doctor, scientist, engineer and artist. In some cases on top they are great musicians, painters and sculptors. With a few exceptions the one or other is even a great writer. One of those exceptions is Dr. Reg Hession. His book “The Square Pegs & other Stories” published 2009 will be read with great win and insight by all those who Know about the Great Recession, World War II and all the other fateful disaster in the 30’s and 40’s from what they heard from parents, school days and in some cases at their university days. All this written with remarkable historical knowledge from the rather neutral position of an Australian Citizen. He later became a very popular dentist with a successful private practice in the beautiful harbor town of Sydney. A leader of the Australian dental profession, he proceeded to hold prominent positions in international organized dentistry. All that and many more wonderful stories about education, social life in Australia and travels on all continents; always with open eyes. You will gain perception for new sights and things written in wonderful English with a glimpse in the eyes and great sense of humor. With the many facts mentioned in the book it is also a great source of reference. I’m sure when you take the book in hands you won’t put it down till you read the last sentence. Enjoy!

**ADI Fellow Dame Margaret Seward** has also published her memoirs illustrating her marvelous dental career. “Open Wide: Memoir of a Dental Dame.”
Dr. Emilio Petit Lopez (Chile) Re- 
gent for South America Section 

Dr. Emilio Petit Lopez (Chile) Regent for South America Section passed unexpectedly on May 10, 2009. Dr. Petit served as the Chilean ADI Chapter Chair from -2008. Dr. Petit was very active in the Dental School at the University of Chile. He was a former Academic in the Prosthesis Department and a Coordinator of Graduates School. He also served as Director for the Dental College of Chile. He has served in the military as an Officer of the Chile Army, President of his local Rotary Club and also of his District, President of the Chile Society Prosthesis and Oral Rehabilitation. He founded the Journal of Chile Society Prosthesis and Oral Rehabilitation. Emilio maintained a private practice in Santiago specializing in Oral Rehabilitation and Implantology. He was a member of the Chile Society of Oral Implantology and the Chile Society of Prosthesis and Oral Rehabilitation.

Dr. Richard A. Kozal (USA) ADI Past-President and current PFA Secretary-General died March 11, 2009. Dr. Kozal served as ADI President from 1985-1987. Richard served the Army Reserve Dental Corp for 20 years and attained the rank of Colonel. Dr. Kozal leaves a legacy of service to organized dentistry. He served several other organizations throughout his life; PFA, ICD, ACD, CDS, ADA along with the Loyola Dental Alumni Association. He taught at the local Community College of Southern Nevada and there he established a dental museum. He also went on to build a dental museum at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas School of Dentistry.

Dr. Kozal is survived by his dear wife Judith; sons Paul, David and Rick; stepson Michael and three grandchildren.

Dr. Conrad Ferlita (USA) passed away March 2009.

Dr. Joel S. Glover (USA) Reno, Nevada passed away December 17, 2009. Dr. Glover was a 1968 graduate of Northwestern University Dental School. He was a former lieutenant in the US Navy who thrived in organized dentistry and practiced in Reno for 40 years. He was the Past President of the Nevada Dental Association and American Association of Dental Examiners. He served on many ADA Councils and as the District 14 Trustee. He was instrumental in establishing the dental hygiene program at the Truckee Meadows Community College, which is now rated #1 in the nation.

Dr. Glover is survived by his wife Mary; their children Joel Torrance Glover DDS (Tracy) and daughter Jennifer (Jeffie) Glover DiGrazia (John DDS) and five grandchildren.

Dr. James H. Henderson Sr. (USA) of Lithonia Georgia passed April 2009.

Dr. Soona B. Jahina, (USA) renowned humanitarian orthodontist of San Diego, California passed away on April 23, 2009.

Soona grew up in the beautiful hill station of Panchgani, India. She received dental degrees from Bombay University, a Masters degree in orthodontics from the University of Pennsylvania and another Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from Loma Linda University.

As a respected and skilled orthodontist, she served as a professor at the University of Southern California, School of Dentistry and UCSD School of Medicine, and shared her knowledge with the staffs of Children’s Hospital and San Diego U.S. Naval Medical Center as a member of their Craniofacial Deformities Team. Dr. Jahina was also an avid student of horticulture.

Dr. Jahina’s humanitarian efforts took her to China, Africa, India and Mexico many times each year to help those in need. Her friends and colleagues as well as the children and their parents loved her for her quiet and humble nature. She received numerous honors by the American Association of Orthodontists, American Dental Association, the Academy of Dentistry International and held fellowships in the American and International College of Dentists as well as other organizations during her 40 years of humanitarian service.

In 1983, she helped found the “Thousand Smiles Foun-
In Memoriam

In Memoriam Cont’d

Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishment.

~ Jim Rohn

Dr. Thomas J. Pallasch (USA) retired dentist and university professor who wrote prolifically on a number of medical topics and issues, died April 20 from complications related to esophageal cancer. He was 72. Born June 15, 1936 in Milwaukee, Thomas John Pallasch graduated from Marquette University with his D.D.S. Following a four-year stint in the US Navy Dental Corp, he earned an M.S. in pharmacology and a certificate in periodontics from the University of Washington.

Dr. Pallasch was an assistant professor and association professor of pharmacology and periodontics at the University of Southern California from 1967 to 1989 when he became a professor of dentistry and chairman of the School of Dentistry’s pharmacology section. He held both posts until his retirement in 2001 and also served as an adjunct professor at Cypress, Pasadena City and Oxnard colleges in Southern California from 1993-2001. During much of that period he also maintained a periodontics practice in Burbank from which he retired in 1996.

Dr. Pallasch authored or co-authored 16 books and more than 125 articles published in peer-reviewed and other journals. He also wrote and published the monthly Dental Drug Service Newsletter from 1980 – 1985.

He is survived by his children; Brian Pallasch, Jennifer Mosley, Robert Pallasch and four grandchildren.

Dr. Thomas L. Perkins (USA) Bradford Woods, PA passed June 7, 2009.

Dr. Charles W. Reiley (USA) San Antonio TX passed away July 2008.

Dr. Jerry Soderstrom (USA) passed away May 10, 2009.

Prof. Marko Vulovic, FADI (Serbia) He was a founding member of the Balkan Stomatological Society (BaSS) and was involved in the first Council of (BaSS) in 1996 as the deputy councilor for Yugoslavia. Through the years he served BaSS as councilor, Vice-President, President-Elect and finally as President; an office he was not fortunate to accomplish.

He was well respected as one of the wisest persons on the Council, always eager to provide intelligent and just resolutions in issues arising in Council.

He will be missed by his family and colleagues in the Faculty of Stomatology University of Belgrade, Serbia. He will also be missed by those who knew him in the Balkan Stomatological Society.

Dr. Alan Winnick (Canada) passed away on July 13, 2009.

Dr. James L. Wiygul (USA) Memphis, TN passed away August 31, 2009.

Until he extends his circle of compassion to all living things, man will not himself find peace.

~ Albert Schweitzer
Looking for a dentist? He’s just down past the fired cockroaches and before the pickled fish roe and papaya.

It is market day in a small village in Laos. In the stifling humidity, villagers are searching for Paul Kotala’s old kitchen chair, nestled between the fruits and vegetables laid out on tarpaulins.

Some have traveled for up to five hours by tuk-tuk, boat or on foot, and many are in intense pain from impacted teeth and abscesses. One patient is running late for his appointment. Days late. When questioned, he explains his buffalo was sick.

It is a long way from Mosman, where Dr. Kotala ran a private practice for 13 years, but this is where his heart, and conscience, found a home. Four years ago, Dr. Kotala sold his surgery, then “begged and borrowed” to set up Tooth Aid, a voluntary organization providing free dental care to Laotians, and training for Laotian dentists and nurses to Australian standards.

Now the Academy of Dentistry International has awarded him a Humanitarian Award, the first given to an Australian dentist, in recognition of his work. “I’m humbled to have received this award,” he said yesterday. “I get enormous satisfaction from knowing I have helped people from needless suffering.”

Laos is one of the poorest countries in the world by World Health Organization standards. “Most of the villages in Nambak district, where Tooth Aid is based, don’t have running water or electricity and the only dental equipment they had was a mirror.”

On his first trip, Dr. Kotala took more than 65 kilograms of equipment, including forceps, drills, anesthetics and a generator, all donated by dentists and businesses. He extracted more than 600 teeth in a week. “Some of them couldn’t eat because the pain they had been in, and just like us, having decent teeth improves your self-esteem.”

Dr. Kotala took on two Laotian nurses, put them through a crash course in dental anatomy, injection technique and extractions, then left them to run the program. “It is terrifying to think you are leaving people alone to extract teeth after a fortnight’s training, but as they were nurses, they already knew about medical procedures, infection prevention and sterilization techniques.” He said “And they did a fantastic job.”

He returns four times a year, working in markets, and traveling hours to reach remote villages with his mobile surgery.

Last year, Tooth Aid built a clinic in the hospital grounds at Nambak and is expecting its first dentist chair in the next few months. A school preventative program has also been set up, teaching children how to use toothbrushes and toothpaste. “They are extremely poor but I always come back feeling poorer because in a social and community-minded sense, they are far in advance of us.”

Dr. Paul Kotala, FADI shown working with patients in Laos. The Nambak Dental Clinic before and after restoration

The ADI supported the restoration and was acknowledged with the plaque visible on the front of the building to the right of the window. ADI Past President, Dr. Terry Tanaka supports the clinic with financial aid to provide for a full time Laotian dentist.
Salud Y Paz Ten Years of Service

The mission clinic is teaming with the skill of American doctors as medical needs of local Mayans are being met. Salud Y Paz is a non-profit agency based in the US which serves the medical needs of very low income Mayan people. Many of the families have never seen a doctor, much less had access to the even basic medical care.

My name is David Harl and I am the producer and owner of Pinnacle Productions a documentary film company whose specialty is documenting the stories of organizations that are serving people in need. My goal is to bring these stories to people who have a heart to truly make a change in the world. From what I have seen so far this week, these families are receiving truly life changing surgeries. Most of the Mayans in this area of Guatemala live on less than 1 dollar per day.

A cleft lip or pallet is something most americans have rarely heard of and probably never seen. It is a birth defect that leaves a seperation in the upper lip and is easily corrected shortly after a child is born. In the US and other developed countries it is almost always taken care of immediately. In Guatemala, it is not uncommon for teens and older adults to still have a cleft lip or pallet. There simply is no resource for some of the Mayan families to get this surgery. The doctors that have volunteered to serve at this mission clinic will perform many of these surgeries as well as OBGYN, Hernia repair, extracting tumors, dental surgery and much more. There will be over 100 surgeries performed by this team of doctors, nurses and assistants from Modesto, CA.

I have met several of the families that are being served this week. I think most are nervous because they have never seen the inside of a clinic, medical equipment or surgeons. However, the overwhelming feeling is one of relief from their ailment and gratitude for the opportunity to have these life altering surgeries. For many, this is the end of a long journey because the vast majority have to travel many hours and even days to be here. The journey is worth it because these special patients leave with all of the resources they need to get better and recover from their surgeries.

Salud Y Paz has been providing this service for almost ten years. Teams of doctors from the US with specialties ranging from eye surgery to OBGYN and dental procedures have been arriving on a weekly basis. I think that what impresses me the most is that this is not second rate health care, in many cases the health care that these Mayan families receive is performed by some of the leaders in their field of medicine. Phil Plunk, the director and a dental physician, estimates that they provide more than a million dollars worth of medical care annually even though they operate on a tight budget.

I am a blessed person to have been a minor part of this mission for this week. I believe that all of the permanent volunteers, staff and volunteer medical teams will say the same.

~ David Harl

Nepal Chapter News

Fellows of the Academy from Nepal; Dr Neil Pande and Dr Lonim Prasai Dixit have been actively pursuing the educational activities for the general dental practitioners. Dr Pande is the co-ordinator of the MJDF examination preparation and counselling of the Royal College of Surgeon’s of England for South Asia. Likewise, Dr Dixit is currently the General Secretary of Nepal Dental Association and is active with FDI programmes and national policy formation on dentistry. Their main focus is at empowering the local dentists to provide evidence based and better patient care.

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

~ AESOP The Lion & the Mouse
MISSIONARY LIFE REFLECTION

By Dr. Monica Oliveira

“The One who had chosen to love had created one who could love in return. Now it’s our choice” Max Lucado

I have always looked to give meaning to my existence and live a life that could make a difference in others. That is why I choose to be a Dentist, then a Pediatric Dentist, and finally an Oral Surgeon: “Meaning and Difference”

Since I was very young, I have had the deep need that my career choice would count for something special. I sought the feeling that my life would touch other lives in some small, but significant way: Not only one more Dentist in town, but also one that would influence their patients’ lives. I decided then, to equip myself with the best practices, technology, dental supplies, instruments and techniques. I researched the best ways to treat the relationship between pain, fear and psychological traumas in a dental environment, to become an effective professional of a pain free practice.

I also became a “holistic” Dentist: I did not only see “the tooth problem” that my patient complained about, but all that could be causing it. In addition, I developed a very “inclusive” practice. No matter how much money my patients had, or where they came from, I always took care of them.

Several days, I would take many checks to deposit in the bank, other days some cash and even coins. Some days, I needed help to take home cakes, cookies, handicrafts and even a cage with a singing bird, which I had received as a treatment payment. Yes, I was a popular Dentist in town. All patients referred more and more patients to me. An appointment would take three to four weeks to be scheduled. Then, I decided to expand my schedule, working longer hours, nights, early mornings and Saturdays. Instead of being tired, I was more energized and content. My patients were giving me more than money or reputation; they were redirecting my career and my life. I made countless amounts of money. I had more than I could handle. I accomplished more than my classmates did in a few years of practice. I had a new car, almost my weight in gold and silver, and a condo, all owned free and clear. I had no debts, no payments pending and an ideal credit score!

My staff called me Dr. Smile, because I radiated that aura of realization and accomplishment. Nevertheless, suddenly, one day this all changed. I start feeling that my office was not my place to work anymore. God was trying to talk to my heart and I could not understand what he meant. What was happening? I tithed faithfully, gave good offerings and supported missionaries all by myself. I helped my parents, by complementing their retirement income. I was the only Dentist who treated all pastors, missionaries, and seminary students free of charge. I just charged them A PRAYER FOR ME. I took care of the rich and the poor, the disabled and special
needs children and even reconstructed several palates of children suffering from cleft palates for free. What else did He want from me? Therefore, I decided to give more money on Sundays to my church ministries. The plan was to give all that I made on Saturdays, even when patients just came on a Saturday to pay for the treatment they received during the week. I placed all the money from my Saturday income in the offering plate on Sundays. God blessed me more by tripling my income, but my heart was still unsatisfied.

Then I decided to ask all my patients whom I considered “good Christians”, to kneel with me at a special chair I had placed in a corner of the office and pray with me. I needed to understand why my heart was so puzzled. What was I doing wrong? -“Never ask that question because He will answer, and you might not like it” - a friend told me. That is exactly what happened. Finally, God spoke to me loud and clear that He did not want my money, or my good deeds, but my life. He would take me far from Brazil, my parents, my friends, my church, my office, my staff, and from my patients, to serve His people in need around the world. How could I live so far from all my beloved people and country? Indeed, I did not like that answer. Not long after that, I married a Pastor/RN who had the same call. We had two children. I sold my practice, and we were commissioned career missionaries to Peru. We became the first Medical/Dental Missionaries from the Brazilian Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board. We had no idea what that really meant. We were so young! We had no role models to follow, no books to read about medical/dental missions, no internet to research, just the healing ministry of Jesus we could find in the Bible.

In Peru, our third child was born. We planted four churches through the medical/dental ministry and opened several clinics with native Dentists. Then we went to Costa Rica, and planted another church and worked with several Nicaragua war refugees’ churches. Later, we also opened a church in Chicago among the Hispanic population, while we were taking our Masters’ and Doctoral Degrees in Missions and Pastoral Care.

Next, our mission board sent us to Mexico to open churches and clinics in very resistant areas where there were no churches and to teach missions to the Mexican aspiring missionaries. Mexico was our last mission field as career missionaries.

We retired and moved to Dallas, so our three children could continue their education. They have or are in the process of obtaining the following degrees: MD, DO, MPH, MA, MS and PhD. They also have a love for learning and serving the Lord with their skills and they may become missionaries some day. We always joke that we are the “Drs. Oliveira Family”, because we all have a doctor degree. If I look back over what I have accomplished in my life, I do not rely on the size of my bank account to measure my worth as a professional or a good Christian. I choose rather to have the feeling that if I had never lived, the world would have been deprived somehow of someone valuable and significant.

I heard one day an old popular proverb that says that –“A man to have a significant and complete life, needs to have a child, write a book and plant a tree”. I think I did all these and a little more, but I am not complete yet. I am so glad that 30 years ago I surrendered to the call and I finally said, - “Here I am, send me wherever you want and I will go” I have no regrets because I sold my practice and made the choice to become a career missionary. I did not accumulate any wealth, just a fortune of memories, life experiences and friends. At this time, my mission with my children is done, therefore I want to use the freedom of my “empty nest” to give more time to my call (my mission call did not retire). I want to go on more mission trips than I have been on during my “retirement”.

To be out of the country for long periods, was not an option when my children still needed me around. Now that they have all graduated and gotten married, they can survive without me around. I guess they could have survived without me before, but I believed I needed
to stay around to help them as much as possible, so they could accomplish their educational goals. I felt indebted to them because we dragged them around in our moves to 17 different towns, in five countries, with different schools, educational systems, churches and friends. Regardless of this unusual family life, they are very proud of the exciting life we had, and they have done very well in their career and marriage choices. I am very swollen with pride of them.

Jesus has been always my role model of a servant leader and team player. He never thought of Himself first, but of God’s plan for all of us. He took the role of a servant to serve the needy, in both body and soul, showing us the example of what our life should be all about. Now, 30 years later, I cannot imagine my life different from what it has been. However, I miss working in the mission field, and the realization that I am not there anymore, makes me very unsatisfied and depressed. A similar feeling to the one I had when I was young and I had my private practice. I have been praying and asking God what he wants from me now. Praise the Lord, He heard my pleas and spoke to me again. It is time to go back!!

I am very excited with all the new possibilities to serve as a Dentist in many places in the world. 2009 was a thrilling year with trips to Mexico, Brazil, Africa and China. We are attending Lake Point Church because they have a great missionary vision. They do a dental ministry on the Boarder of Mexico and they fly Dentists in 14 small planes during the weekends. It is an amazing and adventurous ministry. I love to participate with them as much as I can. I get very tired with all the trip preparation, field work, and long flights, but I am ready to get in another trip soon. Now I am 53 years old, but I still have the same passion, energy and desire to reach the unreached and break the resistance to the Gospel, through the Dental Ministry. I am certain the knowledge I gained during those 25 years of work in dental foreign missions will be an asset to the ministry of the Missions I will be involved with. I also plan to learn lots from these experiences. Life is a continuous learning process. We never know enough and we never graduate.

Here in Texas, I am just one more Christian, retired Dentist and businessperson. There, in the mission field, I am all they might have, to help heal their pain, break the resistance, touch their hearts, and be able to show the true meaning of salvation, that we can obtain only through Jesus’ sacrifice. That is what I always wanted for my life, since the beginning, and I hope up to the end of it: “Meaning and Difference”.

“You have begun to live the new life, in which you are being made new and are becoming like the One who made you” Colossians 3:10

Missionary Life Reflection Cont’d
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6 7:00 P.M.  
**Sea World Wild Arctic Dinner**  
Walk across the street and enjoy an arctic evening with Penguins! The Wild Arctic offers the chance to chill out in the frozen wonderland of the Arctic, surrounded by polar bears, beluga whales, penguins and walruses. Entry to the exhibit includes a pulse-pounding Jet-copter simulator ride or a non-motion theater “landing” in the icy habitat for cocktails and dinner. Experience the beauty, discovery and danger of a polar expedition, without the frostbite.

Buffet dinner includes salads, vegetables, desserts and main dishes: Roasted Sirloin with garlic and rosemary; Roasted Chicken with wild mushrooms, and apples in brandy sauce and Grilled Salmon with shallot and green peppercorn sauce. *Limited attendance event.*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

**RENAISSANCE ORLANDO SEA WORLD**

8:00 a.m. Registration Opens

8:30 a.m. Continuing Education Symposium

12:00 p.m. Chau Lam Memorial Luncheon

2:00 p.m. Orientation

4:00 p.m. Convocation

7:00 p.m. Reception

8:00 p.m. Gala Banquet
Continuing Education Symposium (3 CEU)  
8:00 a.m.
Brian K. Smith, D.D.S., M.D. is an 11 year Clinical Professor at Case Western Reserve University and is a Board Certified 21 year private practitioner of full-scope Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery. He is a seasoned veteran of emergency care both in the hospital and especially in the office setting. Dr. Smith is currently pursuing his law degree while reviewing dento-legal matters regularly. He lectures internationally and has authored numerous articles. Dr. Smith has experienced multiple urgencies and emergencies in a variety of settings throughout the years and has developed a special interest in diagnosing and treating emergencies for both the Dentist and team. With this unique background, Dr. Smith synthesizes his experience and his knowledge of the medical, dental, and legal literature to develop easily useable methods specifically designed for both the non-sedating and sedating dentist.

Dr. Chau Lam Memorial Luncheon  
12:00 p.m.
ADI Fellow, Dr. Chau Lam, traditionally hosted a luncheon for his friends and Fellows. After his passing, a scholarship fund was established in his memory. This scholarship is presented annually to an international dental student who demonstrates need and exemplifies the character and spirit that Dr. Lam instilled in his students. Limited ticket event!! Proceeds benefit the Dr. Chau Lam Memorial Scholarship Fund.

“Gala Reception & Banquet”  
7:00 p.m.
Black Tie Preferred, but not mandatory Gala Banquet with your choice of main menu selection; Beef, Fish or Vegetarian. Come and honor the new Fellows from the Honors Class of 2010! The Terry Tanaka Student Humanitarian Award will also presented at this time.

Friday, October 8

Orange County National Golf Center

OCN is rated the #1 course in Florida and #2 in the Country for a public golf facility voted by Golf World Reader’s and was Awarded “Best Places to Play” 1999-2009 by Golf Digest.

Panther Lake is everything you could want in a golf course. Playing over rolling meadows, through native pines, around and over wetlands, lakes, and up and down elevation changes of up to 60 feet, it is first and foremost a visual delight, reminding you that natural beauty is one of the main reasons you play golf and a major factor in deciding which course to play. Off the tee, you will face gently sloping fairways guarded by strategically placed fairway bunkers, trees and water hazards that frame the holes and provide a clear line of play. From the fairway, you will hit many approaches into well-guarded elevated greens, which are large and have plenty of contours, so two-putting isn’t automatic.

Simply put, good shots will be rewarded and bad shots penalized. This is the hallmark of great courses everywhere. If you’re looking for a bit more golf course, the tour tees provide as stern a test as you’ll find anywhere, with intimidating carries and risk-reward approaches that can lead to birdies or bogeys. From the three forward tees, you’ll face shorter carries, softer angles and wider landing areas, making Panther Lake more friendly but no less memorable.

Registrants will meet in the Renaissance Hotel Lobby at 10:15 a.m. Transportation is included. Lunch (on your own) when arriving at the course. Rental clubs available through Club House for approximately $40.

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Sea World Wild Arctic Dinner       Wednesday, October 6, 2010

SeaWorld

Adults: ____ tickets at $100.00 per person = $___________
Children (3-9 years old) tickets at $75.00 per person = $___________

Chau Lam Memorial Luncheon       Thursday, October 7, 2010

Dr. Chau Lam Memorial Luncheon _____ tickets at $60.00 per person = $___________

“Gala Reception & Banquet” DINER SELECTION (S):
MEAT________  FISH________VEG________  =  _______ Guests at $125.00 per person = $___________

Panther Lake Golf Outing       Friday, October 8, 2010

Golf Outing _____ at $110.00 per person = $___________
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08.00 a. m.                      Opening
Dr. Ernesto Acuña               Mexico
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8.10 - 9.15             Dr. Gerhard Seeberger      Italy
Implant Success in Infected Sites: A Paradigm Shift?

9.20 - 10.45          Dr. Armando Hernandez R   Mexico.
Update on the early detection of carious lesions and their treatment

11.00 - 12.00          Dr. Santiago Sartori    Uruguay
Innovation management in the dental office

12.00 -13.30    LUNCH

14.00 – 15.00         Dr. Sandro Sanvenero    Italy
A new way in prosthesis rehabilitation:
the neuromuscular technique and the transformer

15.00 – 15.15                     COFFEE

15.15- 16.30       Dr. T. Bob Davis        USA
Fixed Prosthetics: The Most Conservative Bridge
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CONTINUING EDUCATION & LUNCHEON

Wednesday, September 1, 2010

7:30 a.m. Registration Opens
8:00 a.m. Symposium
12:00 p.m. Luncheon
1:30 p.m. Symposium
7:00 p.m. Convocation
8:30 p.m. Gala Banquet

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“Continuing Education and Luncheon”
Tickets requested: _____ X $200USD per ADI Fellow = $__________

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