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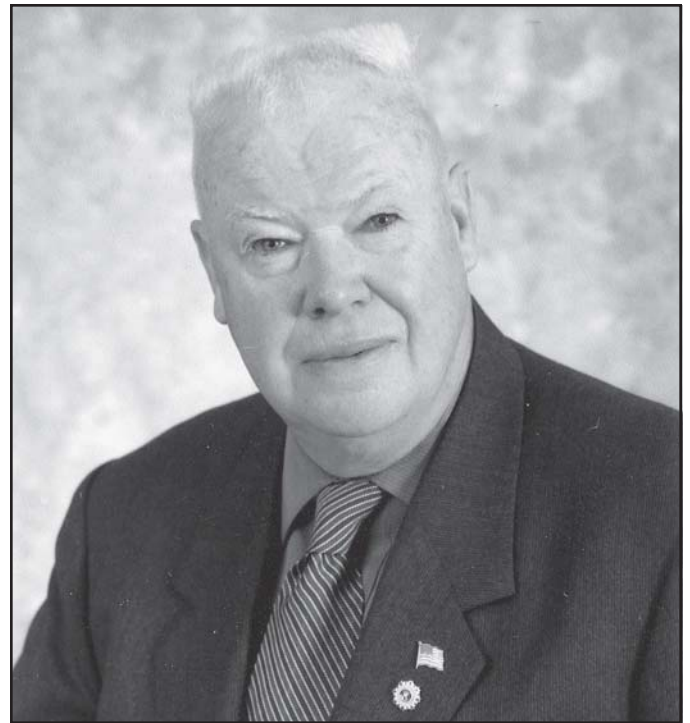
FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

It is with sense of honor that I serve for this outstanding worldwide dental academy. We continue to see great spurts of growth. Dr. Yip Wing Kong has actually started a new Section in Cambodia and inducted new members. He is currently evaluating Mongolia for another area of opportunity.

I will be traveling to Jasper, Alberta for the Canadian Dental Association meeting and the ADI Convocation. We will be inducting new members at that time also.

My wife Joan and I look forward to traveling to Sydney in September for the FDI meeting and the Convocation with the Australasian Section, that will involve several other close-by countries, for an addition of more new members. Shortly thereafter, my wife and I will be traveling to San Francisco for the American Dental Association meeting and Convocation there. Dr. Brown tells me we are having a great response in the United States Section from prospective members, and he suspects that we may have as many as one hundred new inductees to add to our Fellowship in mid-October in San Francisco.

Please remember to support our Foundation with your donations. The dental industry members of our Foundation have agreed to set up a matching fund of approximately \$10,000 for our Foundation. We need to have members match this money with their donations. To date we have approximately



Dr. Lawrence K. Cox II

\$5000 of donations. We need to have this completed by the time we go to San Francisco.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can in my travels around the world. I have tried hard these past several years to get to as many countries as I can and will pledge to you that I will continue traveling for ADI in the years to come,

Best regards,

Larry Cox II DDS, President ADI



Greetings from the North. It was good to see you in New Orleans for the ADI Convocation and then at the Midwinter Meeting Breakfast in Chicago. Congratulations to the new fellows.

Speaker Rosemary C. Fetter gave a wonderful talk at the Midwinter Breakfast on March 2, 2003. Ms. Fetter is Executive Director of the National Museum of Dentistry in Baltimore, Maryland. Under her leadership, the museum has successfully developed collections - based exhibitions and programs to raise awareness, understanding and an appreciation for dental history,



L-R: Dr. Williams, Dr. Bishop, Ms. Fetter, Ms. Prange, President Cox

dentistry and the importance of oral health in overall health. The museum is a wonderful place to visit so the next time you are in Balti-

more, stop in and say hello to the staff at the museum. A big thank you to Ms. Fetter for her wonderful presentation.

Thank you to Dr. Stephen Lindell for making the arrangements for this meeting - he always does a super job. Thank you to Dr. Larry Cox, ADI President, Dr. Larry Williams, Past President, Dr. Don Brown, President Elect, Dr. Robert Ramus, Executive Director and Mr. Larry Farrell of Butler, Inc for their time and efforts to attend this meeting.

Hope to see you at the ADI USA Convocation in San Francisco in October this year.

Sue Bishop
ADI North Central Regent

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS MESSAGE

There has been a lot of activity in the Academy since the last newsletter reached you. Convocations, inductions, projects, new chapters, new officers, new Regents and Vice-Regents and most of these will appear in this issue.

In May 2002, Dr. Ralph Barolet, Canadian Section Secretary-Treasurer with the able assistance and planning of Regent Dr. Don Stewart, hosted The Canadian Section Convocation and Induction Ceremony. Historical Montreal, Quebec was the backdrop for a most successful induction of the new Fellows.

Beautiful Vienna, Austria was the venue for the September European Section Convocation hosted by Regent Dr. Peter Hanedoes; assisted by Vice-Regents, Dr. Eduardo Cavalle and Dr. Dragoslav Djukanovic. Truly an international affair, the induction ceremony had 39 participants from 14 different countries.

In October, Vice President Dr. Don Brown hosted the USA Section Convocation in New Orleans, Louisiana. Aside from the convocation day program many participants took advantage of the region's outstanding fishing and golfing opportunities. The induction of 88 new Fellows from 6 countries highlighted the afternoon. The evening gala banquet saw the awarding of the first annual Terry T. Tanaka Student Humanitarian Award to University of Texas Senior Dental Student Ms. Chelli Evans. There is a feature story in this issue regarding the award and Ms. Evans.

The Annual Board of Regents Meeting held in New Orleans produced a major change in Academy policy. It was custom that the Annual Board of Regents Meeting be held in conjunction with the USA Section Convocation and Annual meeting of the American Dental Association. The Board, in a spirit of true international cooperation, passed a resolution mandating the Annual Board of Regents Meeting to be held outside of the United States at least once in a three-year period. The first meeting of the Board outside the confines of the US will be held September 19, 2003 in Sydney, Australia.

Dr. Wing-Kong Yip, Vice President for International Affairs announced a new Cambodia-Mongolia library project that will allow each ADI Fellow to become personally involved in providing a current dental library for the dental schools in Phnom Pehn,

Cambodia and Ulaan Bataar, Mongolia. The project is described in more detail in this issue.

Dr. Tom Brink, USA Regent, hosted the Annual ADI Breakfast at the Greater New York Dental Meeting December 1, 2002. Dr. Richard Liposky presented the morning program detailing oral surgery procedures for the general dentist.

On February 18, 2003 Asian-Pacific Regent, Dr. Lim Chee Shin and Vice President Wing-Kong Yip oversaw the chartering of a new ADI Chapter in Cambodia and the induction of 22 new Fellows. A full report appears in this issue.

USA Regent Dr. Susan Bishop and Fellow Dr. Steven Lindell hosted the Annual Chicago MidWinter Breakfast on March 1, 2003. An appreciative gathering heard Ms. Rosemary C. Fetter, Executive Director of the National Museum of Dentistry in Baltimore, explain the museum's history, mission and future direction. Ms. Fetter was accompanied and assisted by Ms. Joyce A. Prange, CFRE. Ms. Prange, Associate Director of Development for the NMD had given Executive Director Emeritus, Dr. Henry J. Sazima and the current Executive Director and Mrs. Ramus a personal guided tour of the museum in the spring of 2002. (Issue, Vol. 1)

All these activities were supported not only by the Officers, Regents and Fellows but also by some dedicated behind the scenes efforts of many friends. Special thanks and appreciation go out to Dr. Steve Jefferies of Dentsply International, Ms. Yoshie Whan and Mr. Larry Farrell of the John O. Butler Company, Ms. Jennifer Marr of Henry Schein, Inc., Dr. Jim Hull of Procter & Gamble, Dr. Yolanda Bonta of Colgate Palmolive, Mr. Kent Fletcher of GC America, Dr. David Alexander of Glaxo-Smith Kline and all the others who have made such a significant contribution to the success of the Academy over the past year.

Robert L. Ramus, DDS
FADI Executive Director



REPORT OF THE ADI FOUNDATION

I am pleased to tell you that our ADI Foundation is just beginning to play a vital part in helping less fortunate people around the world.

In a building that once was a bordello and a salon in the late 1800's now contains the Seattle Union Gospel Dental Clinic. Fellow Dr. Dat Giap, a Board Member of the Washington Academy of General Dentistry reports on this Missions program to bring Dentistry to "help the homeless".

The clinic is a state of the art 1500 square foot three chair clinic with a complete array of modern equipment and supplies. The patients are screened and visits are by appointment. There is one full time employee and the other dental personnel are volunteers. Local general and specialty dental practitioners often are confronted with patients who have never had a dental examination or any treatment in the past ten to twenty years.

The Seattle Union Gospel Mission depends solely on generous donations from various individuals, dental supply companies and foundations such as the Academy of Dentistry International that provided a check for \$1,300 to help pay the laboratory costs for partial and complete dentures.

The Academy and its Foundation solicit grant appeals throughout the year and the program and/or project proposals should be sent to the ADI's office. Donations to fund a specific program/project may be so designated when sent to the central office.

We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to our Foundation's Vice-President Larry Farrell of the John O. Butler Company. His un-ending generosity of mind and spirit has enabled him to bring on the following dental industry members to our Board of Directors. Larry Farrell of the John O. Butler Company; Dr. Steven Jeffries of Dentsply; Dr. David C. Alexander of Glaxo Smith-Kline; Dr. C. Yolanda Bonta, of the Colgate-Palmolive Company; Dr. James R. Hull of the Procter and Gamble Company; Kent W Fletcher of G.C. America Inc. and Niels Hoegh-Guldberg of the Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company,

This group of generous and far-sighted directors produced an outstanding and effective promotion for the Foundation. They agreed to give each new Fellow at the Academy's convocation in New Orleans an invitation to come to their booths and receive a generous gift. They also agreed to give \$10,000.00 in 2003 if we would raise the money to match it. A letter with a pledge card was sent to each Fellow. I am happy to announce that we have raised \$5,150.00 toward that goal.

If you have not sent your contribution please do so very soon! We do not want to lose this great opportunity! Maybe there are individuals in our other international sec-

tions as well as the USA and Canada who would give to the Foundation's grant funds. In April 2002, the Clark County Dental Society and the Oregon AGD, arranged for by Fellows Drs. Carsten and Dr. Poleson engaged Dr. Terry T. Tanaka as a speaker and sent the Foundation \$7,500.00 in honor of Dr. Terry T. Tanaka and also pledged \$10,000.00 to the Foundation. We are very thankful and we need more meetings and projects that could forward funds to the Foundation.

We must again give special thanks to Larry Farrell, Steven Jeffries and Niels Hoegh-Guldberg, for their most generous gifts in supporting financially the many activities of ADI annual meetings and regency breakfasts, obtaining continuing education speakers, and producing several important brochures.

Remember you belong to the only international dental organization where everyone pays his or her way to all projects, committee and board meetings, and annual meetings, even down to the costs for banquet meals. This includes all officers. We are truly a volunteer group! Volunteerism stimulates and produces enthusiasm! There are few values in our professional life more important than enthusiasm in "Sharing Knowledge - Serving People"

Should you need additional pledge cards or more information, please contact the Foundation's office located with the Academy's Central Office at Tel. + (419) 542-0101, Fax: +(419) 542-6883 and E-mail: rramus@bright.net. Thank you in advance for your prompt response to this urgent request for matching funds.

James A. Harrell, Sr., DDS
President ADI Foundation

Academy of Dentistry International Matching Fund Campaign. 2002-2003 "Caring and Sharing through Dentistry"

Yes, I (we) would like to contribute a Gift of
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All gifts to the ADI Foundation are Tax Deductible. Send to:

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P. O. Box 307
Hicksville, OH 43526





**AUSTRALASIAN SECTION
AUCKLAND, 19th SEPTEMBER 2002
CONVOCAATION**



The 8th Convocation of the Australasian Section of the Academy of Dentistry International was held in the Victoria Room at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Albert St., Auckland New Zealand. It took the form of a luncheon where the five candidates were formally inducted



Front Row L to R: David Thomson, Graham Mount, Neil Henry, Brent Stanley
Back Row L to R: Stephen Simmons, Callum Durward, Peter Cathro, Barrie Pratt, Mary Livingstone

in a brief ceremony first and then luncheon was served. There were 44 people present and the Acting Regent, Graham Mount, officiated. Neil Henry acted as Marshall with Brent Stanley

as Assistant Marshall and David Thomson was the Orator. Tom Speed acted as Usher.

We were fortunate to have present Dr David Crum, President of the NZ Dental Association, as a guest as well as Dr David Thomson, President of the Australian Dental Association who was present with his wife, both of whom are Fellows.

The ceremony commenced with a formal procession of the Acting Regent, the Marshall, the Assistant

Marshall and the Orator making their way to the top table. The Acting Regent opened proceedings by reminding the group of the formation and intentions of the Academy since 1976. He outlined our accomplishments since the Australasian Section was formed in 1988 and set out some idea of where we intend going from here. He welcomed the new Fellows and then directed the formal induction ceremony.

Immediately after the ceremony had been concluded an official group photograph was organized, lunch was served. In the meantime those attending remained in their seats so that, once everything had been organized, lunch was served. Following the first course, Dr Callum Durward, one of the new Fellows, was invited to address the group to explain his activities in Cambodia and Timor. Last year he was awarded the inaugural KR Allen Award to assist him in these endeavors and it was interesting to hear more detail of the problems that exist there. He was able to show several slides to help explain his activities.

A second course was served and then, following coffee, the ceremony was concluded and it was generally regarded as a complete success by all attending.

Fellowship Honor Roll

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Dr. Stephen Simmons | Dr. Barrie Pratt |
| Dr. Callum Durward | Dr. Mary Livingston |
| Dr. Peter Cathro | |

**Convocation and Cocktail Party Registration Form
Saturday 20th September – 5:00PM to 7:00PM
Skyline Terrace, Level 3 – Convention Centre North , Darling Harbour**

Name _____	Phone Numbers _____
Address _____	Home _____
Guest Names _____	Business _____
_____	Fax _____

Please Remit to-

Dr. Margaret Evans
216 B Esplanade
Seacliff, S. A. 5049
Australia

Cocktail Party	\$45.00
Total	\$ _____



Cambodia ADI Inauguration and Convocation

On February 18, 2003 the new ADI Cambodia Chapter was inaugurated in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. At the impressive inauguration ceremony held at the grand Cambodiana Hotel, Dr. Yip Wing Kong, Vice-President for Finance and Administration, presented the ADI Cambodia charter to the newly elected Chairman of the Cambodia Chapter, Professor Hem Chhin.



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|---------------------|-----------------|
| Dr. Hong Someth | Dr. Im Puthavy |
| Dr. Kiet Sreng | Dr. Mey Phoung |
| Dr. Ob Samon | Dr. Chan Borey |
| Dr. Chhit Bunna | Dr. Sok Chea |
| Dr. San Nhep | Dr. Tiev Hean |
| Dr. Oum Teng | Dr. Lim Sokun |
| Dr. Vorn Vutha | Dr. Sok Ly |
| Dr. Mom Sovannrithy | Dr. Muth Sam An |
| Dr. Chhit Samedy | Dr. Tek Chuon |
| Dr. Heng Sopanha | Dr. Eng Lykuong |
| Dr. Bun Pheary | Dr. Uy Suthyro |



The first ADI Convocation in the Kingdom of Cambodia was also held during the inaugural meeting. Twenty-two new Cambodian ADI fellows were inducted into the Chapter at a grand and impressive ceremony.

Officiating at the meeting was Dr. Lim Chee Shin, Regent of the Asia Pacific Section. The four pioneer Cambodian ADI fellows, Professor Hem Chhin, Professor Tuy Thel, Professor Taing Bun Lim and Dr. Tieng Oun, assisted him.



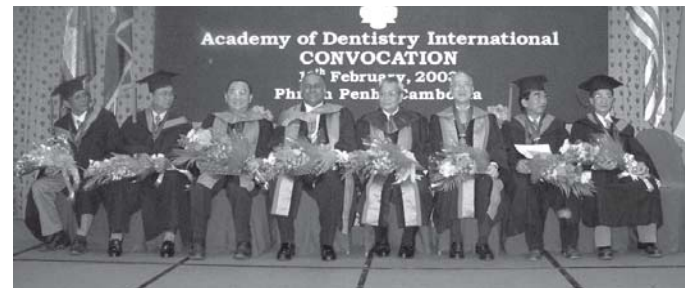
Dato Dr. A. Ratnanesan, President of the FDI World Dental Federation and fellow of the Malaysia Chapter of the Academy and Dr. Someth Hong, President of the Cambodian Dental Association were also present at the ceremony. The guest of honour was His Excellency Professor Vu Kim Por, Rector of the University of

Health Science and Under Secretary of State for Health.

The fellowship honour roll of the Cambodian Chapter consisted of the following:



Reported by Dr. Yip Wing Kong, Vice-President



ADI CONVOCATION
Vienna, Austria

The Vienna Marriott was the venue for the Academy of Dentistry International's Europe Section convocation September 30, 2002. The Presiding officers were:

Dr. Larry A. Williams, President
Dr. Lawrence K Cox, II, President-Elect
Dr. Peter Hanedoes, Vice-President
Dr. Evan B. Goodman, Immediate Past President
Dr. Edoardo Cavallé, Europe Section Vice-Regent
Prof. Dragoslav Djukanovic, Europe Section Vice-Regent

The day's program was as follows:

9: 30 am. Registration
10:00 am. Orientation
11:00 am. Induction Ceremony
12:00 pm. Noon Reception
12:30 pm. Buffet-Luncheon

FELLOWSHIP HONOR ROLL

Austria

Dr. Michael Weinlaender

Bosnia

Prof. Dr. Olga Blagojevic

Bulgaria

Prof. Dr. Nikola P. Atanasov
Prof. Nikolai Popov

China

Dr. Iong Wai
Dr. Lam Meng Lei
Dr. Lei Wai Meng
Dr. Ngai Wang Him
Dr. Wong Lap Shu
Dr. Wong Wing Ping
Dr. Joaquim Manuel Nicolau
Dr. Johnson C. S. Yip



Finland

Dr. Matti P. Poyry

France

Dr. Serge Rouquette

Italy

Prof. Livia Ottolenghi
Dr. Norberton Roccasalva
Prof. Francesco Spadari

Luxemburg

Dr. Nico Diederich

Romania

Prof. Dr. Vasile Burlui
Dr. Adrian T. Creanga
Prof. Dr. Andreiu Iliescu

The Netherlands

Dr. Ramon Henri Cambridge
Dr. Anda H. A. Greerdink
Dr. Petrus C. Kirsten
Dr. Johannes Willem Prakken
Dr. Daniel H.J.M. Ypkemeule

Turkey

Prof. Dr. Ahmet Nuri Yazicioglu

United Kingdom

Dr. Amornpong Vachiramom

Yugoslavia

Prof. Dr. Dragan Beloica
Prof. Dr. Dragoslav Stamenkovic
Prof. Dr. Ljubomir Todorovic
Prof. Dr. Marko Vulovic
Prof. Obrad Zelic



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2002 European Section Convocation



Dr. Hanedoes Assembles Convocation Team



Dr. Hanedoes (at podium) L-R: Drs. Goodman, Djukanović, Cavallé, Cox, and President Williams



**ANNUAL USA SECTION CONVOCATION
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
OCTOBER 17th, 2002**

New Orleans, Louisiana was the host city for the USA Section and International convocation, induction of new Fellows and Gala banquet. The Sheraton New Orleans was the venue for the all events that began at 8:30 am with a seminar lead by James L. Gutmann, DDS, PhD, chairman of the Department of Endodontics at Baylor University whose topic was "Endodontics Benchmarks, Achievements & Aspirations for the 21st Century"

The formal Convocation started at 1:30 p.m. with the Orientation Program that was attended by the Fellows-elect and their guests as well as other interested Fellows. At 4:00 p.m. the Induction of the 88 Fellows-elect took place. The following were also honored:

International Dentist of the Year: Dr. Walter Lieber Bielli (Uruguay). This is the major award of the Academy. The honor is presented to the dentist who best exemplifies international leadership.

Award of Distinction: Dr. James L. Gutmann (USA). Presented periodically to individuals who have distinguished themselves in the field of Continuing Education.

Humanitarian Award: Captain William B. Durm DC USN (USA). This is given in recognition of significant contribution to enhancing the quality of life and the human condition.

Honorary Fellow: Dr. Ruth Patterson (USA). The Awards Committee may nominate individuals who, through eminent service, have promoted the advancement of the profession and human welfare.

At the Induction ceremony, President Larry A. Williams, assisted by Vice-President Yip Wing Kong, presented the individual keys. President-Elect Lawrence K. Cox, II and Vice-President Peter Hanedoes handed out the certificates.

Following the 7:00 pm reception, there was a new event inaugurated during the 8:00pm Gala Banquet. The Terry T. Tanaka Student Humanitarian Award was

awarded to Ms Kimberly M. Evans of University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dental School. The award consists of a \$500 cash stipend, round trip airfare to the ADI/ADA meetings, two nights hotel lodging and the activities of the day. The John O. Butler Company was responsible for making this award possible. The Sullivan Schein Company provided the neck cords thanks to Henry Schein's generosity.

Another first were the social events. On Wednesday evening October 16th, there was a cocktail party/reception for all Fellows, Fellows-Elect and their guests at the Plimsoll Club. On Friday October 18th, there was a golf outing at the Money Hill Golf and Country Club in Abita Springs, LA. There was also a fishing trip with Captain Phil Robichaux's Saltwater Guide Service.

The following new Fellows were welcomed into the Academy:

FELLOWSHIP HONOR ROLL

GUATEMALA

Dr. Mario E. Recinos
Quetzalienango

KENYA

Dr. Joseph J. Masiga
Nairobi

Dr. Sunil Vinayak
Nairobi

SAUDI ARABIA

Dr. Adel Saleh Khouj

SOUTH AFRICA

Prof. Essop Abdool Rashid

UNITED ARAB EMITATES

Dr. Ramesh Venkatrao Bulbule



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



US Navy Color Guard

- Dr. Patrick S. Allison**
Mandeville, Louisiana
- Dr. Ruth A. Anderson**
Washington, D.C.
- Dr. Richard F. Andolina**
Hornell, New York
- Dr. Lawrence Bailey**
New York, New York
- Dr. Doyle W. Baldrige**
Shreveport, Louisiana
- Dr. Donald S. Blair**
Cottage Grove, Wisconsin
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Fayetteville, Arkansas
- Dr. Barry W. Brodil**
Hanover, Massachusetts
- Dr. Dwyte E. Brooks**
Las Vegas, Nevada
- Dr. Charles D. Calhoon**
Newark, Delaware
- Dr. Brian R. Carpenter**
Cumming, Georgia
- Dr. Jeffrey M. Cole**
Wilmington, Delaware
- Dr. Susanne O. Core**
Covington, Louisiana
- Dr. Dolores A. Cottrell-Carson**
Hudson, New York
- Dr. Georgetta Manning Cox**
Washington, D.C.
- Dr. Joe M. Cromwell**
Savannah, Tennessee
- Dr. Tadasha E. Culbreath**
Alexandria, Virginia
- Dr. Nelson P. Daly**
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- Dr. Loan Kim Dang**
Long Beach, California

- Dr. George A. Davis, Jr.**
Las Vegas, Nevada
- Dr. Salvatore DeRiccio**
White Plains, New York
- Dr. Nancy Nguyen Dinh**
Santa Ana, California
- Dr. Kevin J. Donly**
San Antonio, Texas
- Dr. W. Craig Draffin, Jr.**
Columbia, South Carolina
- Dr. Tai Duc Duong**
Oxnard, California
- Dr. Larry J. Ferguson**
Charleston, South Carolina
- Dr. Jean G. Furuyama**
New York, New York
- Dr. Samir A. Gabriel**
Washington, DC
- Dr. Louis J. Gallo**
Covington, Louisiana
- Dr. Sami G. Ghareeb**
Poca, West Virginia



Dr. Colin Wong

- Dr. David S. Hancock**
Scottsdale, Arizona
- Dr. Markle P. Hansen**
San Diego, California
- Dr. Guy M. Hanson**
Boise, Idaho
- Dr. David B. Harte**
Milton, Massachusetts
- Dr. Rhea M. Haugseth**
Marietta, Georgia
- Dr. Jerry W. Herrington**
Conroe, Texas
- Dr. Anh Lan Ho**
Fullerton, California
- Dr. Tai T. Huynh**
Olympia, Washington

- Dr. James J. Infantino**
Rochester, New York
- Dr. David J. Irwin**
San Diego, California
- Dr. Adolphus M. Jackson**
Birmingham, Alabama
- Dr. James F. Kane**
Natick, Massachusetts
- Dr. James R. King, Jr.**
Fort Worth, Texas
- Dr. Kenneth D. Kirkham**
Fort Worth, Texas
- Dr. Timothy F. Kosinski**
Bingham Farms, Michigan
- Dr. Marija G. LaSalle**
Covington, Louisiana
- Dr. Joseph L. Lindsay**
Slidell, Louisiana
- Dr. Hong Hoc Thi Luong**
Garden Grove, California
- Dr. Quy Van Ly**
Gardena, California
- Dr. Thomas W. Mabry**
Slidell, Louisiana
- Dr. Gary Marchand**
Mandeville, Louisiana
- Dr. Kenneth N. May, Jr.**
Chapel Hill, North Carolina
- Dr. Glenn B. Miller**
Asheville, North Carolina
- Dr. Dung Ly Nguyen**
San Diego, California
- Dr. Cornelis H. Pameijer**
Simsbury, Connecticut
- Dr. Fotinos S. Panagakos**
Cranford, New Jersey
- Dr. Jacob G. Park**
San Antonio, Texas
- Dr. Deveta C. Peoples**
Anniston, Alabama
- Dr. Roger G. Reckis**
Bellows Falls, Vermont
- Dr. Kinga E. Rogowska**
Davie, Florida
- Dr. Michael E. Sagman**
Newport News, Virginia
- Dr. Martin W. Scanlon**
Wilmington, Delaware
- Dr. Margaret I. Scarlet**
Atlanta, Georgia

- Dr. Robert S. Schaedel**
South Portland, Maine
- Dr. Harriet F. Seldin**
San Diego, California
- Dr. Frank A. Sessa**
Stamford, Connecticut
- Dr. Gary N. Shemwell**
Lee's Summit, Missouri
- Dr. Dawn L. Silfies**
Warrenville, Illinois
- Dr. Dan H. Singley, Jr.**
Meridian, Missouri
- Dr. Jared W. Stubbs**
Seekonk, Massachusetts
- Dr. Ihor N. Suszko**
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Fayetteville, Arkansas
- Dr. John W. Witzig**
Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Dr. George R. Zahak**
Berwyn, Illinois



Dr. James P. Verneti



2002 USA CONVOCATION - CLASS RESPONSE

Mr. President, Officers, Regents, Distinguished members of the Academy, Fellows of the Class of 2002, Family and Friends:

Welcome to Nawlins! If you are from out of state, you should note that New Orleans is spoken as if only one word. It is not New Orleans, but Nawlins. Also it's not you all, but y'all. And if you are from the North, please talk a little slower as we southerners tend to move and talk at a slightly slower pace.

I consider it a great honor to be standing here addressing such a distinguished and honorable group of my peers. I am thankful to ADI for giving me the opportunity to say a few words that hopefully will inspire you. I feel very small, not just because of my stature, but because I am among such a remarkable group of dentists who are being honored for serving others out of love. This shared love that each of my classmates has demonstrated for his fellow man is what makes our profession such a gracious one. Together we want to continue to pursue the mission of the Academy, to "share knowledge in order to serve dental health needs and improve the quality of life throughout the world".

Every one of my classmates can tell an amazing story of how he or she became committed to mission work. And though the stories feature different countries, peoples and adventures, my story will probably parallel many in how we each became so committed to this fulfilling work.

For the past 16 years, I have been going to the Central American country of Belize. After viewing a presentation by Rev. Phil Pegg and his wife Lydia from Belize, I decided to follow what Christ commands us in the Great Commission. The Gospel of Matthew tells us, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations". I turned to my wife Sandra that night and said "We are going to Belize next spring." At first, she though I was crazy, but quickly accepted it, began encouraging me and became a committed team member. After sharing my vision, passion and desire to serve our Lord on a mission trip to Belize, I soon convinced my youngest daughter Abby, a physician friend and his wife, as well as other friends to get on board. And we began to get organized.

Our first trip was one beset with many obstacles to overcome. Culture shock consumed us as soon as we landed in Belize, and getting through their customs was a nightmare. Once inside the remote villages, language difficulties proved to be a daily chal-

lenge since the Indians spoke only Kechi and we didn't. We worked to find ways to communicate and to develop a mutual sense of trust.

It didn't take us long to learn how to say, "open", "spit out" and "bite down". After some painful reminders, we learned real fast not to mix up open and bite down.

Travel to the remote villages was as varied as it was challenging. Sometimes we hiked or rode horseback for miles. Sometimes we rode in vehicles we weren't convinced could make it from point A to point B, especially because of the roads beneath our wheels.

Food was another issue. At first our digestive systems couldn't handle the food or water very well, so we provided our own rations when visiting the villages. But after 16 years, by some miracle - either physiological or divine - most of us who return year after year are able to accept Belizean hospitality quite well.

But I believe the greatest barrier we faced in the beginning was allowing God's call to be overshadowed by the everyday needs of the people in Belize. Our sympathy and empathy for them was so overwhelming, we lost track of why we had been sent. The needs were so enormous, their living conditions so different; we literally wore ourselves out trying to meet every need. Now, even though we still work as hard, we rely on the Holy Spirit's guidance and strength to empower us as we minister to the medical and dental needs of the people.

Love is an energy producing force. It is the main reason why our team and your teams can endure the hardships of sleeping on floors, bathing in rivers, and enduring extreme weather without the comforts we are accustomed to. This love is what keeps the team members going. It is the fiber that helps them put one foot in front of the other when they are exhausted at the end of each day. This love-essentially God's great love-generates enthusiasm and produces energy. Our team members discover in the first few days that if you live right, love right and pray right, God will get you so excited about some wonderful work to do in this world. You begin to see others and their struggles through God's eyes and you begin to curb that ingrained human trait to focus only on oneself. A great transition takes place from being self-absorbed . . .to sharing self . . .to serving others. What a great turnaround, especially for teenagers who have participated in our Belize mission.



Adults on the mission teams, as in other areas of life, act as mentors to our young adult team members. Teenagers that go learn to appreciate not needing anything and doing without everything. They learn to love and accept “who you are” not “what you have”. A tube of toothpaste or mosquito netting becomes a treasure. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if all our teenagers around this world would go on a mission trip?

A teenage member of our Belize team, Lauren Whitty, was recently interviewed by a local newspaper. She said, “The 1998 Belize trip was a first for me and it has certainly changed every day of my life since. On this trip, there were two important lessons I have since applied to my life. The first is the importance of faith. The second was that happiness does not come from material things. When I left for this trip, I did not realize the impact it would have on my life. I left America blind and returned with my eyes opened.” Lauren has since gone on more mission trips with us and is now in nursing school, gathering a team to go to Honduras next summer.

All of us here are trying to do the same thing. We are striving to improve and grow into people though whom God can shine. Those who go on mission trips experience a life revelation. Masks come off, barriers come down, and the true essence of humanity is able to shine through. Accepting God into your life and letting Him work through you is not always easy. It’s daring. It’s risky. And it’s a commitment. But it’s the first step to the ultimate life of faith.

In conclusion, I leave you this afternoon with these last points to ponder:

1. Have faith that God will provide everything you need in life and in mission work.
2. Be willing to go outside your comfort zone.
3. Surround yourself with a core group of dedicated people and take some teenagers along.
4. Be willing to change the direction or focus of your mission.
5. Be servants out of love.
6. Remember, you may never know how much an act of kindness, either large or small will affect another person’s life.

I’m thankful that God has given to each of us the ability to help our fellow human beings. I’m grateful to be a member of a profession that I love. I’m blessed to have my best friend and wife Sandra at my side for the past 39 years. And I appreciate the ADI for allowing me to share with you how God has been working in my life.

I leave you with this thought. When you are walking with God, others will sense that He is with you. Thank you and my God bless each of you.

Dr. Joseph L. Lindsay
Slidell, Louisiana

**Academy of Dentistry International
Special Board of Regent’s Meeting
October 15, 2002**

President Larry A. Williams called this special meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. Twelve board members were in attendance with another eight non-voting former officers and vice-regents in attendance. This meeting was necessary to approve the motions etc. of the previous meeting. The minutes of the June 14th, 2002 were passed.

1. The ADI’s audiovisual requirements are to be computerized.
2. The ADI or the Foundation will continue to support the FDI’s Developing Country Fund (\$500.00)
3. The Executive Director can not be a Member of a Committee.

4. The President shall appoint an ad-hoc Committee to determine if more frequent Committee meetings should be held.
5. Dr. Mohamed Harunani shall continue as the ADI’s Webmaster.
6. Funds were moved from the ADI’s Reserve and Continuing Education accounts to the Foundation’s checking account.
7. The slate of 2002 Awardees was approved.
8. The Canada Section established their own Section Foundation via the Dentistry Canada Fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m. with the presentation of the Vice-Regent medallions to Drs. Akseizer, Brink, Faunce, Jones and Wong.



**KIMBERLY M. (CHELLI) EVANS
FIRST RECIPIENT OF
DR. TERRY T. TANAKA AWARD**

Kimberly M. (Chelli) Evans, a senior dental student at the University of Texas Health Science Center was the first recipient of the prestigious Tanaka Award. The Terry T. Tanaka Student Humanitarian Award is a USA Section Award of the Academy of Dentistry International awarded to a senior dental student in recognition of their humanitarian, volunteer dental service. Chelli was presented the award at the USA Section Annual Gala Banquet on October 17, 2002 in New Orleans, Louisiana.



Dr. Terry T. Tanaka (L) Ms. Chelli Evans

“Throughout her student career, Chelli has established a history of involvement in service related activities in Mexico and Guatemala. She participated in ten volunteer international dental mission trips to the two countries spending over three weeks assisting a team in the delivery of dental care to the underserved. Motivated by the desire to serve, Chelli was responsible for fundraising and identifying sponsors to underwrite the travel expenditures related to three specific programs organized by Living Water Ministries. During July 1999, she joined a missionary team that traveled to Venecia; a small rural village in the northern state of Durango, Mexico to provide emergency, preventative and primary dental care services to 91 villagers at an estimated dollar value of \$15,485 over a two-day period. During March 2001, Chelli participated in a three-day mission trip to San Pedro, Guatemala where 273 Mayan Indians received free comprehensive dental care, including root canals, bridges, etc at an estimated dollar value of \$62,195. Subsequently, Chelli returned to San Pedro Guatemala where 289 Mayan Indians received free dental sealants and comprehensive dental care over a three-

day period in March 2002, at an estimated dollar value of \$76,445.

In addition to the programs outlined, Chelli participated in seven two-day Medical-Dental Mission trips sponsored by the local San Antonio chapter of the Christian Medical-Dental Society to bi-national Texas/Mexico border communities of Del Rio/Ciudad Acuna, Eagle Pass/Piedras Negras and Laredo/Nuevo Laredo. During these mission trips, portable dental equipment was used to render emergency and primary dental care services to the villagers in the respective Mexican border communities while mobile dental vans were used to deliver care in the respective Texas border communities under the supervision of University of Texas Health Science Center Dental School faculty. According to Dr. Elaine Neenan, who is responsible for oversight and tracks student participation in UTHSCSA Dental School outreach programs, Chelli has been an enthusiastic and regular participant in the Medical-Dental Mission trips sponsored by the Christian Medical-Dental Society of San Antonio in conjunction with the UTHSCSA Dental School. Specifically, Chelli participated in the following trips over the past two years: Ciudad Acuna, September, 2000; Piedras Negras, October 2000; Nuevo Laredo, November 2000; Ciudad Acuna, January 2001; Piedras Negras, February 2001; Nuevo Laredo, March 2001; and Ciudad Acuna, September 2001. A total of 601 patient visits were provided to villagers in these Mexican border communities through these mission trips at an estimated dental care dollar value of \$60,100.

Last May-July 2002, Chelli spent seven weeks in Kijabe, Kenya as part of a dental mission team sponsored by Africa Inland Missions. Under the tutelage of Dr. Warren Rich, a US trained dentist, Chelli was involved in training the local Kikuyu and Masaai people, as well as the missionaries, how to care for their oral health. Chelli worked to raise the funds to support her travel expenses to Kenya.”

Without question, Kimberly M. (Chelli) Evans, demonstrated that she was indeed a worthy recipient of the prestigious Tanaka Award for volunteer service.

Robert L. Ramus, DDS
Executive Director

Excerpts taken from letter of recommendation by: Dr. Kenneth L. Kalkwarf, UTHSCSA Dental Dean



Annual Board of Regents Annual Meeting October 16, 2002

President Larry A. Williams called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. He also arranged for the Convocation Committee to set up the room etc. A quorum was present.

Dr. Williams presented his report and commended all those who assisted him during his presidential year and during the preceding years. All minutes of previous meetings were approved.

The Executive Director reviewed the financial statements, accounts, expenditures etc. The 3-year delinquent members were voted to be removed from the active list. Also Fellows requesting status change were approved.

The program for the US Convocation was approved for 2003 and the annual board meeting shall take place outside the US once every three years, the next to be in Sydney Australia in September 2003.

The dead line for the completion of all nomination paper work and payments to be made is before July 15. In the Executive Director's report he introduced Dr. Mohamad Harunani who presented:

- A Dental School C.E. Program.
- A Plan from the Dain Rauscher Financial Services Group was presented.

A comprehensive marketing and promotions program with the Beker-Parkin Dental Supply Company was approved.

The relative clear separation of the ADI from its Foundation was discussed and the implications as to IRS tax status and insurance coverage etc.

President-elect Cox discussed the Vice-Regent medallions, necktie and scarf insignia.

Vice President Dr. Yip discussed three new Chapters he intends to establish in Macao, Cambodia and Mongolia in 2003 and the various library projects.

Vice-President Dr. Hanedoes reported on the ADI's purchase of a computer for the Balkan Area Stomatological Society and the European Section's grant to a Lithuanian Graduate Student at OSU Dental School. The Bridge the Gap Foundation has treated over 1000 patients. It began as an ADI project.

Europe Section Regent and Vice-President Dr. Hanedoes reported on the details of the convocation in

Vienna where several ADI Fellows had scientific presentations. The next European Section will be held in Cologne, Germany in 2003. A larger convocation is planned for Copenhagen along with the FDI World Dental Congress meeting.

Regent Dr. Patel discussed the intricacies of his Section's 65 countries. He also introduced the condition for induction into Fellowship at other than at a national or international convocation.

South America Regent Dr. Lieber Bielli reported on the reorganization of the Peru Chapter and the need for a Chairman for the Brazil Chapter. The basic annual dues of \$ 20.00 were retained for certain countries with financial difficulties.

Acting Australasia Section Dr. Hession reported on the Auckland Convocation. The section now numbers 187 members. The Australasia/FDI Convocation will be held at the Sydney Exhibition Center on Saturday, September 20, 2003. Acting Regent Dr. Diampo Lim gave his report and invited the Academy Fellows to the 2003 Asia-Pacific Dental Congress in Manila.

Dr. Tanaka, Chairman of the Constitution and By-laws Committee reported on the suggested changes. A "Special Meeting" was then convened to change a single line of the official documents. It was also recommended to have a complete review of these documents.

President-Elect Dr. Cox reported on his initiatives to start at the conclusion of these Board meetings. The following were appointed to the responsible USA regencies: Dr. Dat Giap for the USA Section North-West, Dr. Tom Brink for Section North-East and Dr. G. Ben Smith for Section South-East following the term of Regent Dr. Keith Bentley.

Under Unfinished Business, the support of the American Dental Association Health Foundation was discussed. Under New Business, the Australia/Vietnam teacher exchange was again funded for 2003. The 2002-2003 Budget was approved.

Dr. Peter Hanedoes was appointed as Vice-President for International Affairs and Dr. Wing Kong Yip a Vice-President for Finance and Administration. The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.



ACADEMY OF DENTISTRY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION MEETING OCTOBER 19, 2002

Foundation President Dr. James A. Harrell, Sr. called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m. The newest members were introduced. The minutes of their last meeting were approved.

Dr. Harrell commented on the distributed financial statements (as of Dec. 31, 2002) and the refund of the 1995 IRS paid taxes. He expressed appreciation to Dentsply for furnishing the C.E. speaker on Thursday morning and Mr. Larry Farrell for his ongoing support of the Foundation. The urgency of raising funds from the membership for the matching funds project was emphasized.

The Foundation's Bylaws were amended to read "The Board of Directors shall be elected to the ADI Foundation Board for three years", and the organizational meeting shall be held "within one year following the fiscal year end December 31"

Dr. Harrell introduced Mr. Griff McDonald who

reviewed the SEI Investment of the Foundation Endowment Investment Account.

Dr. Harrell as President, Mr. Larry Farrell as Vice-president and Dr. Robert L. Ramus as Secretary/Treasurer was approved. New corporate members are Mr. Ron Rupp, Ms. Pat Alexander, Ms. Juliana Kim and Mr. Bruce McKay. Mr. Kent Fletcher was introduced earlier. Mr. Larry Farrell was appointed Chairman of the 2003 Investment Committee. Dr. Larry Cox, II was appointed 2003 Chairman of the Project Funding Committee. The following were approved: 50% of the donations collected are to be placed in the endowment fund, the remaining allocated for projects.

A designated minimum amount shall be kept in the asset checking account. The Thousand Smiles Foundation, Seattle Union Gospel Mission, Salud y Paz and Pioneer Dental School grants (\$16,500) were approved. Adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation

Forgetfulness, mental fatigue, and a feeling of 'brain fog' are all common complaints for patients with Sjögren's Syndrome, a chronic autoimmune disease suffered by an estimated 4,000,000 Americans. This syndrome also has a variety of other symptoms including gastrointestinal complications, fatigue, joint pain, sexual problems and skin complications.

This chronic autoimmune disease affects the moisture producing glands of the body. Dry eyes and dry mouth are the hallmark symptoms, but Sjögren's can also affect the kidneys, blood vessels, lungs, liver,

pancreas, gastrointestinal tract and brain. Of the 4-million Americans that have Sjögren's Syndrome many go undiagnosed or misdiagnosed. This syndrome affects all ethnicities. Nine out of ten patients are women.

For more information visit the website at www.sjogrens.org. You can also contact Tom Hynes at 301-718-0300. The foundation's office is located at 8120 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 530, Bethesda, MD 20814. E-mail is ssf@sjogrens.org.



Canada Section Convocation
Class Response by Dr. Marie Dagenais
Montreal, Quebec, May 27, 2002 *

It is a great honor and privilege to stand here before you and be given the opportunity to say a few words that hopefully will inspire you, to speak on behalf of the new fellows of the class of 2002. I feel very small among such a remarkable group of dentists that have all contributed so much in their own way to our beautiful profession. Together, we want to pursue the mission of the Academy and “share knowledge in order to serve dental health needs and improve the quality of life throughout the world”.

As an oral radiology teacher first, later as a mother and more recently as Chair of the Curriculum Committee at the McGill Faculty of Dentistry, “sharing knowledge” has played an important role in my life. I spend a lot of time thinking about ways to transmit knowledge better. Because of my work, I became interested in the teaching and evaluation of professionalism among dental students. We used to think that we learnt professionalism by watching role models. There is more and more literature now suggesting that professionalism must be taught. How can we teach professionalism effectively?

Earlier this year, a Charter on Medical Professionalism was published simultaneously in the Annals of Internal Medicine and The Lancet. This is a document that all health care providers must read. Although written for physicians, it equally applies to dentists. The charter is divided in 3 fundamental principles:

-The first principle is the principle of primacy of patient welfare. This is the oldest principle dating from ancient times. We are all familiar with this principle that is about placing the needs of the patients above your own.

-The second principle is the principle of patient autonomy. It is about involving the patient in decisions on his health. This is a more recent concept of modern medicine.

-The third principle is the principle of social justice. According to this principle, it is our duty as dentists to eliminate socioeconomic, ethnic, racial, religious inequities that exist in health care in order to achieve justice.

In addition to these 3 principles, there are 10 responsibilities in the Charter. Four of the 10 responsibilities are particularly appropriate to mention here

tonight:

First: Commitment to professional competence

Second: Commitment to improving quality of care

Third: Commitment to improve access to care

Fourth: Commitment to scientific knowledge

It struck me when I recently read this charter on professionalism that the last principle and these responsibilities were very much in line with the mission of this Academy and with the programs it sponsors. It made me feel proud to become part of this and to be here tonight. This Academy has chosen to devote its time and efforts to the essence of professionalism.

If you allow me, I would like to tell you two short personal anecdotes:

The first is the following. As part of its Community Outreach Program, the Faculty of Dentistry of McGill University sends its clinical students to treat the homeless youth in Montreal using mobile dental equipment in two centers operated by the “ Dans la rue” and Sun Youth organizations. We are obviously limited in the dental procedures that can take place in such settings. One Saturday in February -near Valentine’s Day -we held a free dental clinic for these unfortunate individuals at our main dental clinic at the Montreal General Hospital. Since my dental specialty is Dental Radiology, I volunteered to take all the x-rays required. We saw seventy eight patients that day, mostly young homeless persons clad in black clothing, leather, chains, earrings and pierced skin, wildly colored hair, most with some despair on their faces, people so very different from you and me that they sometime scare or intimidate us by standing on a street corner holding a squeegee. These young adults needed so much help. Some had abused their bodies with drugs to forget their pain. And yet, they were so polite, so thankful for the relief of pain that they were getting from the treatments. I will never forget the feeling of accomplishment and a job well done that came from such an experience.

My second anecdote concerns two dental students who asked me permission to go to Guatemala to do some dentistry during the academic year. Basically, I had to decide which experience was the most valuable for these students: one week of regular cur-



riculum at McGill or one week of clinic in Guatemala. With hesitation, I agreed to let them go. I was concerned they were going on a vacation in the sun. When they came back, they showed me photos that they had taken of their experience. The sparkle in their eyes confirmed to me that I had taken the right decision.

It is essential to occasionally reflect on our role as health care professionals and redefine it. It will always be easier to go skiing on a Saturday in February, but there are certain actions that will elevate you because they are the right things to do.

I recently came across a wonderful quote from George Bernard Shaw. I would like to leave you with his words:

“ Forget about likes and dislikes. They are of no consequence. Just do what must be done. This may not be happiness but it is greatness. “

* It is customary for a member of the newly inducted Fellows to respond for the Honors Class. To express thanks for the trust and acceptance of the obligations and dedication to the ideals and mission of the Academy of Dentistry International

New Schedule in San Francisco 2003

The 144th American Dental Association Annual Session in San Francisco will convene Thursday, Oct.23, through Sunday, Oct. 26.

On Tuesday, Oct. 21 the USA Section will hold a hosted cocktail evening with heavy hors d’ oeuvres, entertainment and dancing at the Marines Memorial Club Hotel in the Crystal Ballroom on the Eleventh Floor with a spectacular view of the City from 7-10:30 P.M. \$75 per person.

The U.S.A. section convocation and induction ceremony will take place on Wednesday October 22, 2003 at the San Francisco Palace Hotel, # 2 New Montgomery Street.

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, October 21

7:00 p.m. Cocktail Party

Wednesday, October 22

7:30 a.m. Registration
 8:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Perio Seminar
 1:30 p.m. Convocation/Orientation
 3:00 p.m. Robing of Candidates
 4:00 p.m. Convocation Ceremony
 7:00 p.m. Reception
 8:00 p.m. Banquet Gala

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Number of tickets _____

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Vietnam/Academy of Dentistry International Library

Past issues of the International Communicator have documented the ongoing continuing education and related programs and projects of this Academy's membership and in particular the Vietnamese/American Fellow dentists. Our one-on-one contacts between the Academy's leadership and the ADI Fellows in Vietnam as well as the various Vietnamese dental organizations, associations and faculties of the dental schools improves the countries library and media resources. The agreed upon resource materials have been obtained through the valuable and essential efforts of several publishing companies. These materials/texts, journals etc. had labels placed in/on then attesting to the origins of these valuable materials.



*Dean Hoang Tu Hung and
Vice Dean Huyah Anh Lan*

Ms. Jane Berkbigler of Elsevier Health Sciences was most helpful in all these international efforts. The others who have been of assistance are:

1. Debbie Mealer of the Quintessence Publishing Co.
2. Mary Stewart of the Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins Co.
3. Shannon Moody of BC Decker.

Dr. Chau Ngoc Lam (USA) is most responsible for raising the \$6,000 of donations for the books presented to the Faculty of Odonto-Stomatology of the Medical Sciences, Ho Chi Minh City Vietnam. There

were more than a dozen chief contributors to this \$6,000 fund.

The driving force behind this exceptional international educational program is Immediate Past President Larry A. Williams, North Carolina, USA. While a Vice-President, Dr. Williams organized the many facets of the various international contacts to bring this international educational academy project begun in the early 1990's following the establishment if the Vietnam Chapter of the Academy.

Should you prefer to send/donate books and journals to dental school library in Ho Chi Minh City, please address the package to the Assistant Dean and ADI Fellow:

Dr. Huynh Anh Lan
Assistant Dean/Khoa Rang Ham Mat
Dai Hoc Y Duoc Thanh Pho Ho Chi Minh
652 Nguyen Trai, Quan 5
Ho Chi Minh City VIETNAM.

In the USA when using the US Postal System utilize the "M" bag labels that ships these materials by surface transportation and can take up to three months to deliver, however at a most reasonable rate.



Teaching staff unpacking new books

New York USA North East Regency

"Grill the Experts for Breakfast" was hosted by Regent Thomas L. Brink, D.D.S. on Sunday, December 1, 2002 at the Greater New York Dental Meeting. Dr. Richard Liposky spoke on the latest advances in oral and maxillofacial surgery techniques, diagnosis, and treatment planning, also how to select the proper procedures and preparing the patient for surgery. Dr. Liposky interacted with the attendees. Questions and other concerns were discussed in a lively fashion.

Following the breakfast and interactive session at the New York Marriott Marquis Hotel, most the attendees rode the shuttle bus to the Javits Convention Center and all the greater New York Dental Meeting had to offer.

This is an annual Academy event to which all fellows and non-fellows, staff and interested dental and graduate students are welcome.



Sponsor A Book.... Make A Difference

Here's an opportunity to get personally involved in an ADI project and help promote the ADI spirit.

We invite you to sponsor a book for the ADI Library Project in Cambodia and Mongolia. Each book, selected from a list of basic dental textbooks, will go to form the nucleus of a much-needed dental library at the national dental schools in Cambodia and Mongolia. We appeal to you and all ADI fellows throughout the world to participate in this worthy cause and contribute generously to the library project.

Following on the tremendous success of the two ADI Library Projects in Vietnam in 2000 and 2002, the Board of Regents at its annual meeting in New Orleans, have decided to extend this laudable project to the dental schools of the University of Cambodia in Phnom Penh and the National Medical University of Mongolia in Ulan Bator.

The Mongolian Dental School like everything else in Mongolia was previously under the sphere of influence of the Soviet Union. The facilities at the dental school are very basic and Spartan, although the enthusiasm and spirit of the students and staff more than make up for their lack of modern amenities. Russian was the predominant foreign language spoken in Mongolian schools but in recent years there has been a gradual shift to English as the medium of instruction. There are, however, very few English textbooks or journals in their meager dental library. There are very few dental textbooks and most of the rather old bounded journals were either in Russian or Japanese. It would be a golden opportunity for the Academy to play an important role in dental education in Mongolia by providing them with some of the first English dental books available in the country. This would give our Mongolian colleagues an opportunity to have access to some of the vast amount of information available in the English dental literature.

The situation in Cambodia is equally desperate. You will recall that most of the educated intelligentsia; doctors, teachers, administrators, including dental educators were killed and all kinds of textbooks, reference books and journals destroyed during the Khymer Rouge regime. The dental school in Phnom Penh is currently being reorganized. There are few experienced dental educators, most of them relatively

young. Clinical and library facilities are very meager. It would be a tremendous help to the school if the ADI could provide teachers and students with a set of good basic dental texts.

Unlike the Vietnam library projects, which were funded by a generous grant of \$5,000 from the ADI Japan Section and by donations from the American Vietnamese Dentists Association, we propose to raise \$5,000 for each of the library projects by appealing to the fellowship at large to donate \$100 each towards the purchase of textbooks for the projects. Each participant literally adopts a textbook from our list of selected books that they would like to present to the ADI library project. Doing it this way will not only provide the opportunity for each ADI fellow to participate directly in the project but will also yield a greater and personal sense of involvement in the projects. The Academy will acknowledge each and every one of the participating fellows and their respective ADI sections/chapters by placing a suitable book label in the book that they have donated. In addition the list of donors will be published in the ADI Communicator.

All you have to do is to send US\$100 to the Academy for the ADI Library Project. We will purchase the books from our list of basic dental textbooks and select a book for you to sponsor personally. A specially printed ADI Library Project book label with your name and the ADI section or chapter to which you belong will be placed in the book to acknowledge your generosity and participation in the project. At the conclusion of the appeal, the books will be shipped to Cambodia and Mongolia where they will be presented to the dental schools at a specially convened handover ceremony. We will make every effort to keep you informed on the progress of the project. Sponsor a book in the ADI Library Project and help us make a difference for our colleagues in Cambodia and Mongolia.

Dr. Wing-Kong Yip
Vice-President
Finance & Administration

A brochure and pledge card are enclosed with this mailing.



South America Section Continuing Education Abroad

The following is a summary of my trip to Montevideo, Uruguay and Santiago, Chile to present continuing education programs for the ADI chapters in those respective countries.

In November 2002, I had the privilege (honor) of traveling to South America to present several continuing education courses for our International ADI Chapters. The trip was a typical trip for me, in that I again learned as much as I taught and I gained a tremendous appreciation for the efforts of our fellow members in foreign countries. My wife was able to join me for the three-week trip that started with a program in Sao Paulo, Brazil and then on to Rio and then the incredible falls at Iguasu, which were about ten times larger than our Niagara Falls.

My first ADI stop was beautiful Montevideo in Uruguay where our South American Regent, Dr Walter Lieber Bieli and Vice Regent Dr. Santiago Sartori had arranged a program with a large, enthusiastic, humanitarian group of ADI members and guests. Dr. Lieber Bieli is currently the Dean of the Dental School at the Catholic University in Montevideo and should be congratulated for his efforts in coordinating all of the Chapters in

South America. It was truly heart warming to see how everyone loved and respected him.

A plane ride over the snow capped Andes brought us to Santiago, Chile where our Chilean Regent, Dr. Emilio Petit, had arranged to hold my course in conjunction with the new University of the Andes Dental School in Santiago. There were over 300 participants at the program that included all of the ADI Chapter members. The hard working Chilean ADI Chapter is very unique in that Dr. Petit holds meetings every month and includes lectures and discussions at most of the meetings. I enjoyed their wonderful hospitality and was impressed with their humanitarian efforts in Chile. This ADI Chapter is truly exceptional and could be a model for many other chapters throughout the world.

This trip to visit and share ideas with our ADI fellows from South America was a memorable one because of their generosity, their hospitality and warmth. Many new friendships were made and will be remembered among our fondest memories, thanks to ADI.

Terry Tanaka, DDS
Past-President, ADI

BOOK REVIEW

Fellow Linda C. Niessen, D.M.D., M.P.H reviewed the book **NDA II, The Story of America's Second National Dental Association** written by Fellow Dr. Clifton O. Dummett and his wife Lois Doyle Dummett. The book is organized into 18 chapters each representing a decade. The first six chapters detail the need and struggles in creating a unique professional dental organization for African-American dentists. The next chapters provide the triumphs, once the association is founded. The book lists the names of leaders and agendas of the NDA's annual scientific sessions.

The book provides a description of a scholarship program initiated by the American Fund for Dental Education with funding from the Procter and Gamble Company to recruit college students of color to pursue a career in dentistry. The book's collection of five photo galleries is of great interest. The book also includes an addendum that contains additional information about events in dentistry and short biographies on prominent and white dentists.

The National Dental Association Foundation is to be commended for the commission and publishing a his-

tory of their association. Written by the Dummetts who lived and played a pivotal role in much of this history, the result is a wonderfully readable work, rich with the texture of American history. It should be part of the history of dentistry taught in every U.S. dental school.

In another book review by M.G. Duncanson, Jr., D.D.S. published in the Oklahoma Dental Association Journal, Summer 2002, he emphasizes that this book is an important part of dental history. He states, "This scholarly and prodigious treatise documents and evaluates the ordeal, triumphs, pathos, and endurance of the African-American dental profession in the United States as viewed through the history of the National Dental Association."

"Like all other organizations in this great nation, their present character has been molded by the sociological and economic forces of the American journey and should be recognized as such. The authors should be highly commended for this book which makes great reading and should have a positive influence on all dental practitioners who wish to truly be 'professionals'.



Sartori National Quality Award

“Consultorio Dr. Sartori” the private practice of our Uruguayan Chairman, has obtained the “National Quality Award for the year 2002”.



Dr. Stella Odizzio and Dr. Sartori with the Award

The “National Quality Award” is presented by the president of the Republic to the organization that obtains the best performance in the following areas: leadership, interest for the internal client (employees), interest for the external client (patients) and society in general, administration and improvement in procedures and re-

sults. In summary, it refers to all the management and provision of the services rendered.

Total Quality Management Systems work under excellence environment and use concepts, like “Quality is determined by the customer”, “Quality is to reach or exceed customer expectations”, “Quality is prevention”.

Today every country has its own National Quality Award. In the U.S.A. it is called the Malcolm Baldrige Quality Award.



Dr. Sartori's Staff the day they received the Award

President George W. Bush and Secretary of Commerce, Don Evans announced the three winners of this Award for the USA 2002 edition. A health organization received this acknowledgment, SSM Health Care from St. Louis, Missouri. It is the first time a health institution receives this recognition. SSM Health Care is a non-profit Catholic organization with 21 hospitals and three nursing schools in Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin and Oklahoma. They have 5.000 professionals and 22.200 employees and they provide all types of health care services.

It is very interesting to see how organizations of the setup of Dr. Sartori's Dental Practice, i.e. with 14 employees and multinational organizations with hundred employees can both compete. This confirms the fact that, “Quality” is not a matter of size.

Dr. Sartori's Dental Practice has had various International recognitions and in this opportunity, having obtained the “National Quality Award” for a dental practice we believe is unique at a worldwide level. This means it is an important contribution for dentistry, remaining situated at the same level as that of “world class” organizations renowned, for their high performance. It is noted that Dr. Sartori is a member of our Academy and demonstrates how ADI members are the “Best of the Best.”



Dr. E. Bluth, president of the Award Committee, Dr. Santiago Sartori, Dr. Jorge Batlle, Uruguayan President and Dr. Stella Odizzio, Quality Manager in “Consultorio Dr. Sartori” Dental Office; receiving the Award.

OBITUARIES

Fellow **Prof. Antonio Rosat** of Porto Alegre, Brazil died February 21, 2003. He was the former Chairman of the Brazil Section and was made an Honorary Fellow at the South American Section Convocation in Montevideo, Uruguay June 29, 1996. This Convocation and Continuing Education Course conducted by Fellow Dr. Peter Neff was hosted by Dr. Walter Lieber Bielli and presided over by the late former ADI President Dr. Robert W. Elliott assisted by the Executive Director Emeritus Dr. Henry J. Sazima. Dr. Rosat was a most influential member of the Dental Profession in Brazil. He was educated in Switzerland and completed graduate studies at the Indiana University School of Dentistry. He was quite a Hoosier Basketball fan. Dr. Carlos Alberto Mundstock also of Porto Alegre, RS, Chairman of the Brazil Chapter represented the Academy at the internment.

Fellow **Dr. Dieter Ontrup** of Berlin, Germany passed away on March 6, 2003. He was a frequent participant of International and European Dental meetings.

Mrs. **Peggy Stewart**, wife of the Canada Section East Regent Dr. Donald Stewart, a resident of North York, ON Canada passed away in the early morning of May 7, 2003. Peggy could be found at the registration table at the Canadian, USA and international section convocations. She for years acted as the hostess with the other wives of the Canada Section officers at the registration table and at the evening banquet and induction ceremony. Her funeral was held at 2:00 pm Thursday, May 15 at St. John Anglican Church in Toronto, ON Canada. Executive Director Dr. Robert L. Ramus and Mrs. Janet Ramus, past-President Dr. Ralph and Mrs. Lorraine Barolet along with past Canada Section officers and Fellows were also in attendance representing the international fellowship and families of the Academy of Dentistry International.

Dr. Clyde Covit of Montreal, QC passed away in May 2003. Dr. Covit was active in dental associations having been a Past-President of the Canadian Dental Association as well as a member of the executive in the Order of Dentists of Quebec. He had an active dental practice in St. Laurent, Quebec, a suburb of Montreal.

Fellow **Dr. Andrew J. Slisco** died December 21, 2002 at Providence Hospital in Everett, WA. Dr. Slisco was born April 29, 1938 north of the arctic in Wiseman, Alaska. He grew up in Fairbanks and attended the University of Alaska before completing his bachelor's degree at the University of Oregon. He then served four years with the Navy as a Lieutenant j.g. in Pensacola, Florida. Dr. Slisco received a DMD degree in general dentistry after four years at Fairleigh Dickenson University in New Jersey. He established practice in 1970 in Anchorage, Alaska and spent over 20 years practicing general dentistry there. In 1971 he married Sandra Warjone and they resided in Anchorage for the next 21 years. In 1992, Dr. Slisco went to the University of California where he earned a dental specialty certificate in Endodontics. He practiced Endodontics in Everett, WA from 1994 until the time of his unexpected death.

Andy enjoyed flying his small aircraft and exploring the outdoors during his years in Alaska. He also enjoyed spending time at his cabin in Homer, Alaska where he fished in Katchemak Bay. He was an avid reader and knowledgeable about many topics. Andrew was a great conversationalist and enjoyed discussing current events. Dr. Slisco was a member of the American Dental Association, Washington State Dental Association and The American Association of Endodontics. He also belonged to Pioneers of Alaska and the Alaska Yukon Pioneers. He is survived by his wife Sandra, his two children; Maija and Aaron Slisco, his mother Pera Sadulis, and sisters Camie Stadulis and Donna Foster.

Dr. J. William Jamerson, Jr.,

January 2003
Savannah, GA

Nguyen J. Nguyen

August 7, 2002
San Francisco, CA

Hyman Zeitlin

November 25, 2002
Berlingame, CA

Marvin M. Fisk

January 3, 2003
Cleveland, OH



Robert Bruce Shira, DDS, FADI (H)
MGEN DC US Army (RET)
December 2, 1910-November 22, 2002
A Personal Tribute

The health care professions, especially the dental professions were all touched by the life and legacy of Dr. Shire's during the latter half of the 20th century. Born in Pennsylvania, the Shira family moved to Oklahoma which he called home. He was a 1932 graduate of the Kansas City Western Dental College

After a 6-year period of private practice, he was commissioned a First Lieutenant in the US Army Dental Corps in June 1938. His rise through the ranks was steady while his skills and professional reputation had a meteoric rise. It was during his tenure as Chief of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Walter Reed Army General Hospital, Washington, DC (1954-1964) while I was serving aboard the USS Bushnell (AS15) that I was fully introduced to the publications of then Colonel Shira.

Later, while a student at the Graduate School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania (1956-1957) I began my long association with the surgeon and scholar, Dr. Shira. Upon my return in 1962 to active duty at the National Naval Medical Center and Naval Dental School, in time I became acting head of the Oral Surgery Department and Director of the Oral Surgery Residency Program. I again interacted with Colonel Shira until his promotion to Brigadier General and assignment to Europe. He recalled our initial introduction and that he was one of my Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery examiners. He welcomed me to my new assignment and offered his help in the activities of the oral surgery training programs and residents located in the greater Washington DC area. The now BGEN Shira often returned to the US Army headquarters in Washington, DC and continued on his international lecture circuit. We were the two members of the "exclusive" President's Oral Surgeons Club. The oral surgery performed by Dr. Shira on President Dwight D. Eisenhower was documented in the public press whereas the oral surgery I performed on President Lyndon B. Johnson was more clandestine. You will recall both these sitting Presidents had serious cardiac conditions and the surgery was both stressful for the patient and the surgeon.

We continued our professional relationship and friendship when I had articles published in the Journal of Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine and Oral Pathology of which he was editor for over 26 years. During his last visit to Vietnam in the fall of 1970 we met again at the Army's Third Field Hospital in Saigon. He smiled broadly as I saluted him when he exited the helicopter. Famed for his memory of people, places and faces, we started our conversations as if it was just yesterday we last met.

During my assignment as Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs and En-

vironment (1973-1977) he was Dean of the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine we often met. I was the Department of Defense representative for the uniformed services dental officers and oversaw the dental and later other health care professional scholarships. Also I was his main contact for the federal dental services when he was president of the American Dental Association (1976-1977). We negotiated an arrangement that although the Armed Forces recruiters were banned from many colleges and universities (including Tufts University) did not extend to their health care professional schools.

We met through the years at Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and related meetings and more often when he moved back to the greater Washington, DC area in his last years. When I became the Executive Director of this Academy (1988-2000), Dr. Shira was already an Honorary Fellow. On occasion I sought his guidance on national and international issues.

Both he and I would usually attend the various organization meetings coincident with the annual Greater New York Dental Meeting. By chance and /or agreement we would return to Washington, DC by Amtrak train. We would pass the time during the three hour plus return trip remembering the past and the people we both knew. A sort of test of his memory and mine with many a laugh. On occasion I would drive him home from the train station to his Silver Spring home. The last time I drove him home he said, "Henry, my first name is Bob". I said " I know, but you will always be General to me." He patted my arm and with his famous Shira smile he said "thank you."

I last saluted General Shira on December 20, 2002 at Arlington National Cemetery. As taps were sounded, I remembered another insider joke between us was that we were both born in the month of December and that those born in December were most fortunate and destined to do something good. We both agreed that our many and varied surgical experiences were most rewarding.

As the representative of the Academy of Dentistry International and the many organizations that I was honored by, I joined with the other Flag and General officers in attendance to salute him. The Navy expression "well done" is most appropriate. Thank you General Bob!

Very Respectfully,
Henry J. Sazima RADM DC USN
(RET)
Executive Director Emeritus



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Often when a health care professional becomes a member or Fellow of an honorific organization, his or her enthusiasm for the group wanes in time. This has not proven to be the case for **Dr. Chau Ngoc Lam**. Vietnamese by birth, Dr. Lam is a 1964 graduate of the School of Dental Medicine, University of Saigon. He served with the Vietnamese Armed Forces as a dental officer at various posts. From 1964 to 1975, Colonel Lam served as Chief, Dental Services and Dental Advisor to the Surgeon General, Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces.

During his military career, Col. Lam attended advanced studies in Oral Surgery with the U.S. Army and a staff (management) course with the U.S. Air Force. After leaving Vietnam in April 1975 he graduated from the University of Alabama, Birmingham Dental School (DMD) in 1977.

He was assigned as a dentist to the Jefferson County, Department of Health, Birmingham, Alabama. Since 1985 until his retirement on June 1, 2000, he was Director of the Western Dental Clinic, Jefferson County, Department of Health, Birmingham, Alabama. Since his active dental practice in Alabama and elevation to Fellowship in this Academy, Dr. Lam has been a most active in Academy affairs and initiatives. Both he and his wife, Mary (now an attorney in Birmingham) have participated in the annual Convocation and Induction ceremonies.

Dr. Lam continues to serve as an Induction/Convocation team as an Usher to greet attendees and guests of the Fellows-elect. Mary Lam has often assisted at the registration desk to meet with the Fellows-elect, family and guests, present them with badges and tickets and to make them feel most welcome. Many of us have noted Dr. Lam taking photos at the Convocation gala dinner. Many of his photos have been published in past issues of this International Communicator.

Even more commendable and notable is the fact that Dr. Lam has successfully nominated 48 dentists to Academy Fellowship. These nominees include qualified academics, private practitioners, former U.S. Armed Forces Dental Officers and

Vietnamese-American dentists practicing throughout the United States. Dr. and Mrs. Lam are indeed outstanding examples of active participants in and enhancing the principles of this Academy's "family". *

Dr. Lam has been active fund-raiser for the current and past dental school library materials and continues to be an advisor for academy activities in South-East Asia.

* Chau and Mary Lam and I met over 30 years. We were military colleagues then and great friends now.

H.J. Sazima, DDS, Executive
Director Emeritus

Dr. Carl G. Lundgren USA-ICD President 2003

The USA Section of the International College of Dentists (ICD) chose ADI Fellow Dr. Carl Lundgren President for the year 2003. Founded in 1927, the ICD has 5700 fellows in the USA.

Fellow Dr. Lundgren, a resident of Rolling Hills Estates, CA, is a 1946 graduate of the University of Southern California School of Dentistry. Later he served as an Assistant Clinical Professor. He served a two-year tour with the US Navy. He recently concluded 56 years of general dental practice in Hawthorne and Lawndale, CA.

He then transferred his dental office building to a community dental clinic for the underserved population administered by the Western Los Angeles Dental Society.

Dr. Lundgren was member (45 years) and served as President of the Hawthorne Kiwanis Club. He founded

the Hawthorne Kiwanis Community Fair Televised Parade and chaired it for 27 years. He was co-founder of the Hawthorne Toastmasters Club. He was President of the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce and member of the YMCA. He served for 18 years on the board of directors of the Cantilena Child Guidance and Dental Clinic.

He holds eight academic and recognition degrees and served as president of the Western Los Angeles Dental Society and editor of its newsletter. In 1994 he was president of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. He is now the president of its Foundation.

He and his wife Marge have four children and seven grandchildren. He is one of the early Fellows of the Academy of Dentistry International.



HENRY J. SAZIMA, DDS HONORED AS DISTINGUISHED CWRU ALUMNI

CLEVELAND—Henry John Sazima, a native Clevelander, became the first graduate of the Case Western Reserve University School of Dentistry to receive the President's Award for Distinguished Alumni from CWRU. He was honored Friday, November 22, 2002 during a ceremony sponsored by the Dental School at Severance Hall. The honor, established in 1993 by the CWRU Alumni Association, recognizes professional achievement, outstanding community service or commitment to the University by a CWRU graduate. CWRU President Edward M. Hundert along with Assistant Vice president of University Alumni Affairs, Dan Clancy personally presented this President's Award for Distinguished Alumni to Dr. Sazima.

Dr. Sazima is from a family with long-standing ties to the CWRU dental school. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Adelbert College in 1948 and continued at the University to receive his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree in 1953 from the Western Reserve University School of Dentistry. Dr. Sazima's late uncle, Dr. Leopold F. Masin was a full time faculty member at the school, while his brother Dr. Daniel F. Sazima is an alumnus. One of his nephews Dr. Scott D. Sazima also received his DDS from CWRU. After practicing Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in Cleveland (1958-1962), LCDR Sazima entered the U.S. Navy in 1962, where he had a 27-year career as a teacher, researcher, author and scientist. He retired from the Navy in 1988 with the rank of Rear Admiral in the Dental Corps. In his military career he was posted at the Pentagon as a Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (1973-1977) and on the Surgeon General's staff of the Chief of Naval Operations (1982-1983). He served as the Deputy Commander of the Naval Medical Command for Readiness, Facilities and Personnel (1984-1987).

A few of his many naval accomplishments included making key contributions to strategies and logistics for combat readiness, being a key contributor to a major text on the treatment of war injuries to the jaws and face based on his experiences in Vietnam (1963 and 1970), and his leadership as director of the National Naval Dental Center in Bethesda, Md.

After Admiral Sazima's retirement from the Navy, he served for 12 years as Executive Director of the Academy of Dentistry International, an interna-



tional honor society with members in 61 countries. He is Clinical Assistant Professor Emeritus, Georgetown University Medical Center and School of Dentistry. Admiral Sazima is also instrumental in establishing the Naval Officers Scholarship Endowment Fund at the CWRU Dental School, which has reached an endowment of \$81,000.

Dr. Sazima has received numerous military awards, citations and medals along with honors to the major professional academies and organizations. He has been created a Knight Hospitaller, Order of St John of Jerusalem Knights Hospitaller.



Fellows in the News

- Dr. Stephen **Abrams**, (Canada) received the Barnabus Day Award for Distinguished Service, Ontario Dental Association.
- Dr. Deborah **Battrum**, (Canada) is president of the British Columbia's Association of Dental Surgeons 2002-2003
- Dr. Tom **Breneman**, (Canada) is President of the Canadian Dental Association.
- Dr. Jeffrey R. **Burkes**, (USA) has received the Service Award of the American College of Dentists
- Dr. Greg **Chadwick**, (USA) is the immediate Past President of the American Dental Association
- Dr. Lawrence **Cooper**, (USA) "Father" and Dr. Howard **Cooper**, (USA) "Son" were both awarded the prestigious Mastership in the Academy of General Dentistry.
- Dr. Michael J. **Cripton**, (Canada) a past Regent of the Canada Section was presented with the 2002 Elmer Best Award of the Pierre Fauchard Academy.
- Dr. Alfred **Dean**, is Vice-President of the Canadian Dental Association.
- Dr. Louis **Dube**, (Canada) is President-Elect of the Canadian Dental Association
- Dr. Kenneth E. **Follmar, Sr.**, (USA) is the Immediate Past-president of the American College of Dentists.
- Dr. James A. **Harrell, Jr.**, (USA) is chairman of the American Dental Association's Council on Government Affairs.
- Dr. James A. **Harrell, Sr.**, received the William R. Davis Award from the Board of Trustees, Univ. North Carolina,
- Dr. Dushanka **Kleinman**, (USA) is a member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of the American Dental Association. RADM Kleinman received the 2002 Hispanic Dental Association's President's Award.
- Dr. Bohan **Kuzyk**, (Canada) awarded Honorary membership in the Canadian Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
- Dr. Harvey **Levy**, (USA) received the ADA's "Access to Care" award. He also received Fredrick Memorial Hospital's highest award, the "Good Samaritan Award". The first time it was awarded to a dentist!
- Dr. Walter **Lieber Bielli** (Uruguay) Dean of the Catholic University School of Dentistry and Regent of the ADI South America Section was presented the 2002 Pierre Fauchard International Certificate of Merit.
- Dr. Bernard **McDermott**, (USA) ADA District 4 Trustee is and member of the Evidence-based Dentistry Advisory Council.
- Dr. Leonidas **Ragas**, (USA) continues to assist the Lithuania Dental School's Departments of Hygiene and Pedodontics.
- Dr. Prihvi **Raval**, (India) appointed coordinator for Asia Avoidable Blindness Task Force of Rotary International
- Dr. Eugene **Sekiguchi**, (USA) President -Elect of the American Dental Association
- Dr. David **Shen**, (USA) was a speaker at the 2002 4 Th Asian-Pacific Orthodontic Conference, Singapore
- Dr. Harold **Slavkin** received the Ohio Dental Associations most prestigious Callahan Award.
- Dr. J. Thomas **Soliday**, (USA) elected Speaker of the American Dental Association' House of Delegates
- Dr. Gerry **Soloman** is President of the Ontario Association of Orthodontics.
- Dr. Gordon B. **Stine** (USA) President-Elect of the Pierre Fauchard Academy was awarded the Joseph P. Riley Leadership Award by the Greater Charleston, SC Chamber of Commerce
- Dr. Deborah **Stymiest**, (Canada) is a member of the Canadian Dental Association's Executive Council.
- Dr. Roger W. **Triftshauser**, (USA) is the current President of the American College of Dentists
- Captain Carol I. **Turner**, DC, USN (USA) has been nominated for appointment to the rank of Rear Admiral (Lower Half). She is a 1975 graduate of Indiana University School of Dentistry and was commissioned in the US Navy 1977. She currently is the Commanding Officer of the National Naval Dental Center Bethesda, MD.
- Dr. Joan Viantha **Qureshi**, (USA) participated in the Miami/Dade County Forensic Odontology program. She served as the alternate delegate to the AGD annual Meeting. She continues as Editor of the Yankee Dentist . She chaired the Scientific Committee of the recent Yankee Dental Congress 27.



BOOK REVIEW

Per chance Professor Sir Paul Bramley in his Forward, when he recounts a conversation with a young Geoffrey Howe stated, “He wanted to make a contribution”. Forty years later Geoffrey Howe did and now describes his life to date. Professor Howe seems to sum up all his achievements in the last sentence of the last page of his Epilogue. “Having, at one time or other been a Fellow of nine or ten educational learned societies, I felt entitled to call myself a Fortunate Fellow hence the title of this, my swansong.”

However, in his swansong **Reflections of a Fortunate Fellow**, he has produced a fascinating and historical review of his personal and professional *joie de vivre*. I must confess I have met the author over the years and know to varying degrees most of his colleagues portrayed in this book. Howe reflects lovingly on his late wife Heather and son Timothy John. Likewise, he comments quite openly on the UK’s Prime Ministers from the post WW II era to Margaret Thatcher.

His first two chapters “Early Days” and “Dental Studies” read like a script from the BBC’s Masterpiece Theater and smacks of Frank McCourt “Angela’s Ashes”. A pure joy to read. His opportunity to study dentistry and then eventually to qualify as a physician well chronicled. His tribulations in seeking and finding additional training in his eventual specialty of Oral Surgery are presented in a matter of fact manner. Howe cites chapter and verse the trials and tribulations of the evolution of the UK’s National Health System and its dental specialties. Then in time, fighting the same “battle” within the European Union.

As a Diplomat of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, along with other qualifications, I was also a member of the British Association of Oral Surgeons and the International Association of Oral Surgeons. I was relatively familiar with the dental politics well documented by Howe. Especially of concern was the double degree qualification for Oral and Maxillofacial surgeons in the UK and EU. One senses that, if a qualified surgeon does not have the right connections or if there is no academic or hospital vacancy, after all that training, this practitioner reverts to a general practice.

Howe lists in great detail how in the former days of the UK the “good ol’ boys club” (surgeons) oper-

ated. He also reminisces about his national army reserve service. Most who have served in the military remember the “good old days”. Howe’s personal diary format for his Deanship tenure challenges in the UK, Hong Kong and Jordan is a familiar one. Not everyone in the developed or developing nations have equal access to oral, dental and general health or have advocates for it in the government or health care circles.

I was also the youngest in my class through dental school as was Howe. This presented problems for both of us. He almost casually relates how he was just in the right place and right time to be appointed to ever increasing positions of importance and influence. This book is of historical note because of its personal account of the history of dental professions as lived by Professor Howe and is a testament to his intellect.

This 212-page book, especially for a fellow oral and maxillofacial surgeon interested in the specialty in the UK (and the EU) is essential reading. For those who enjoy reading about a dentist of international reputation it is an easy and informative read. For the health care professional interested on the progress of a dental specialty, it is an important reference.

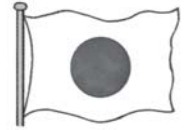
The Academy inducted Professor Howe to Honorary Fellowship in 1982 while he was associated with the Prince Philip Dental School in Hong Kong. Another fellow, the late Andy Linz, lent Howe a wardrobe because his luggage was lost, so that he could attend the ADA and ADI events in Atlanta. This is typical of the listing of his human experiences in this book. We are all fortunate to be able to share the Reflections of a Fortunate Fellow. This book is available from:

The Memoir Club
Whitworth Hall–Spennymor–County Durham
DL167QX United Kingdom
Tel: 01388811747 Fax: 01388811363
Price £17.95 (about US \$28.00)

H.J. Sazima, DDS



JAPAN SECTION SUMMARY 2001-2002 ACTIVITIES



The Japan Section had several activities from April 2001 to June 2002 as follows.

Some of our members attended to the APDC (Asian Pacific Dental Congress) held at Taipei, Taiwan. 19-20 May 2001. The regular meeting of the Japan Endodontic Association (JEA) was held at Nagoya in Aichi prefecture. Ten of our Fellow members presented lectures and showed cases at table clinics.

Dr Stephan Buchanan from America gave a lecture for our ADI fellows about GT Rotary “The Art of Endodontics” which was held at Osaka on May 22. The summer annual meeting of the Japan Section Fellows, with 103 in attendance, was held at Granvia Hotel, Osaka on July 1. Two lecturers who were Fellows presented their clinical cases with many slide illustrations/slides and later demonstrated the endodontic and denture procedures.

Fifteen of our Fellows attended the international convocation of the Asian Pacific Section of ADI at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 26 September 2001.

During the evening of September 27, 2001 a small party was held to honor Dr. Yip Wing Kong of Singapore. As Vice-President for Administration & Finance he gave us important guidance to enhance our Vietnam Libraries projects. Mrs. Yip was also present. Dr. Wong Yew Cheong of Singapore, the ADI's international ambassador and consultant to the Japan Section was also in attendance. All those

present enjoyed the camaraderie. All left the party in the very good mood and the sharing a deep friendship between two countries.

The regular winter Christmas meeting was held on 24 December 2001 at Hotel Kyoto. Kyoto was a capital city during an ancient period of Japan and has many exquisite temples such as Kinkakuji. Over 130 members and their families gathered together and thoroughly enjoyed the music of the electric guitar, drum and vocals provided by our own proud Fellow band members. So thus we forgot about the troubles of the past year.

There were the Asian Pacific Dental Congress (APDC) and Asian Pacific Endodontics Congress (APEC) held at Seoul, Korea on 3-7 Apr 2002. Twenty Fellows/members attended the congress and three of them (Dr. Suzuki, Dr. Takahashi, Dr. Yamakawa) presented their papers on “Endodontic Treatment”.

We had our summer 2002 annual meeting at the Hotel Granvia on 14 July starting at 9:00 A.M. Three Fellow members gave continuing education lectures on hybrid crown, implants and endodontics.

- Note: At this printing, the Japan Section has pledged \$ 1,000 toward the Project 2003, Mongolia - Cambodia Library!

Dr. Yasumasa Mitsui, Japan Section Regent

DENTAL ADVENTURES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Armenia is one of the many countries world wide that is not able to meet the dental health care needs of its under privileged citizens. Fellow Dr. Jeffrey S. Wittmus of Chicago, Illinois, USA has spent two weeks during the summers of 2001 and 2002 providing dental care to the orphans of this small country. Because of the territorial dispute between Armenia and its neighbor Azerbaijan over an eight year period, Armenia has the highest percentage of orphaned children in the world.

The Church of Armenia (a Christian nation since 305 AD) has tried and implemented several programs to assist the Armenian citizens. One such program is titled ‘Jambar’ which means ‘camp’ in Armenian. Jambar is held at Camp Siranoosh in a pristine area called Yegheknadzor. Here the orphaned children of eight different regions of Armenia and Georgia gather for recreation, sports, crafts and instruction in the use of computers. At Jambar the children receive dental care.

In 1998 the present state-of-the-art dental clinic was

completed with the help of donations from the Dental Society of California, with Dr. Viken Garabedian of Laguna Nigel, California as its main catalyst. Although the majority of the patients at Jambar are children, camp workers and villagers with acute dental emergencies are also treated.

In 2001 the Pastor of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church of Chicago and a youth group of pilgrims accompanied Dr. Wittmus. They celebrated the 1700 years of Christianity in Armenia. In Armenia Dr. Garabedian and an Armenian dental team joined Dr. Wittmus. Dr. Wittmus at this time agreed to return in the summer of 2002.

Fellow Dr. Wittmus recalled the hardest part of both trips was leaving the orphans. The time spent at the two Jambars was demanding. However the appreciation and friendship demonstrated by the children was more than worth the long hours of providing dental treatment.

Dr. Wittmus hopes other dentists will accompany him on his next Jambar. He may be contacted at: www.gratefuldental.com

