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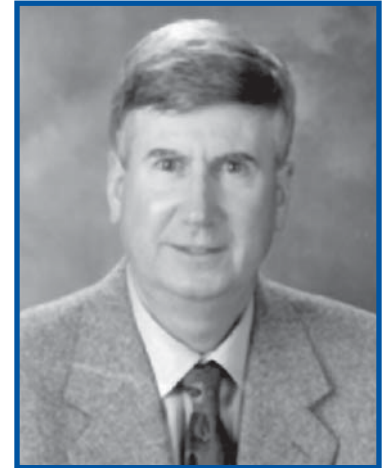
## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

Dear Fellows,

We had a productive Executive Council and Board meeting in New Orleans June 25, 2004. A new Chau Lam Memorial Scholarship will be given next year and contributions to this fund can be sent to the Central Office. In addition we are planning on expanding the luncheon that Dr. Lam gave during the Convocation each year into a larger event and contributing the funds raised to the Scholarship fund.

Our new officers are: Yip Wing Kong, President; Rex Fortescue, President-elect; Frank Faunce, Vice-president for Finance and Administration; Roger Tibbetts, Vice-president for Education; and Pankaj Patel, Vice-president for International Affairs.

Please join us in Orlando, Florida September 28 and 29, 2004 for a spectacular welcoming reception at SeaWorld and our Annual USA Section Convocation and Banquet. It will be our good fortune to visit together again and to induct an outstanding new group of fellows. God bless.



## Macau & Hong Kong Chapters Inauguration & Convocation

The Macau Inauguration and convocation finally came to pass and almost like a bonus, we even managed to inaugurate a Hong Kong Chapter. The Asia Pacific Section conducted an ADI Convocation at the Asia Pacific Dental Conference on 28 May 2004 in Hong Kong SAR, China. The meeting was held at the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre. 55 new fellows from Hong Kong, Macau, Singapore and Cambodia were inducted at an impressive ceremony that was conducted with much pomp and circumstance.



L-R: Dr. Chan, Dr. Lo, Mr. Cheong, Dr. Yip

Officiating at the Convocation were Dr. Yip Wing Kong, President-Elect, Dr. Robert L. Ramus, Executive-Director and Dr. Lim Chee Shin, Regent of the Asia Pacific Section. The guest-of-honour of the meeting was the Honourable Dr. Lo Wing Lok, Medical and Dental Representative of the Hong Kong SAR Legislative Council.



Mrs. Yip readies President-Elect Yip for the ceremony.

The Hong Kong Convocation achieved another first for the Academy. The meeting saw the inauguration of both the Hong Kong and Macau Chapters of the ADI. Dr. Eugene Chan, the newly installed Chairman of the Hong Kong Chapter was presented with the Charter of the Hong Kong ADI Chapter. Likewise, Dr. Johnson Yip, Chairman of the Macau Chapter was presented with the Charter of the Macau ADI Chapter.



L-R: Dr. Chan receives Hong Kong Chapter Charter from Drs. Yip and Lim.

Another highlight of the meeting was the conferment of Honorary ADI Fellowship on two very distinguished gentlemen. The Honourable Dr. Lo Wing Lok, Medical and Dental Representative at the Hong Kong SAR Legislative Council and the Honourable Mr. Cheong Vai Kei, member of the SAR Macau Legislative Council were cited for their long-standing contributions and support of the dentistry in the region.



Dr. Yip with Macau Chapter Charter: Dr. Yip and Dr. Lim.

An elegant ADI Convocation Luncheon followed the Convocation. The guest-of-honour, the Honourable Dr. Lo Wing Lok gave an informative and inspiring lecture of his experience as the medical and dental representative of the Hong Kong SAR Legislative Council.

I wish to put on record our sincere appreciation to Dr Robert L. Ramus who in spite of great personal sacrifice and having to bear with the discomfort of a hip ailment, had personally assisted us with the ceremony and inspired us by his presence.

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## CITATION FOR DR. HON. LO WING LOK

Dr. Hon. Lo Wing Lok is the President of Hong Kong Medical Association. He graduated from the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Hong Kong with the Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery in 1979. Dr. Lo has been elected as the member of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Legislative Council in medical functional constituency election in 2000.

In addition to being the lawmaker, as a medical professional, he has devoted himself in promoting public health, environmental hygiene and food safety. Dr. Lo is also the member of Hong Kong Council on Smoking and Health, Advisory Council on Food and Environmental Hygiene, and the Steering Committee on Clean Hong Kong. The SAR Government has appointed Dr. Lo as the Vice-Chairman of the Independent Police Complaints Council and member of the Action Committee against Narcotics. As recognizing his contribution to society, Dr. Lo has been appointed as Justice of the Peace since 2003.



Dr. Hon Lo Wing Lok and Dr. Yip

## CITATION FOR MR. CHEONG VAI KEI

Mr. Cheong Vai Kei is a graduate of Adamson University, School of Business Administration. Mr. Cheong is a member of the Legislative Council in the Macau SAR (Special Administrative Region). He is the Secretary General of the Macau Olympic Committee and a member of the Culture and Education Committee. He is also the Secretary General of



Dr. Yip and Mr. Cheong Vai Kei

the East Asian Games Association. He is currently a member of the Medical Reform and Hospital Administrative Committee for Kiang Wu Hospital in Macau.

During his term in the Macau Legislative Council, Mr. Cheong contributed immensely in the overall dental development in the SAR. He actively participated in formulating policies to improve medical legislation, especially in the dental sector. He is a strong supporter of dental continuing education and training. Furthermore, he advocates and supports dentists in Macau to participate in academic exchanges with overseas colleagues.

## CLASS RESPONSE

Ladies and Gentlemen,  
It has been a matter of great personal satisfaction for me to be a part of this ceremony. The Academy of Dentistry International is the concept of Albert Wasserman, DDS of San Mateo, California, USA. This transnational organization is devoted to the advancement of dentistry throughout the world and to the elevation of dental standards by continuing education. Along with the sponsorship of dental education and service projects, this Academy directly aids in the improvement of the oral health and to the well-being of people worldwide. Now as Fellows of ADI we have an obligation to maintain the high standards of achievements and tradition which have been established by the pioneering fellows from all over the world.



On behalf of all fellows here today, I wish to thank the President-Elect of the Academy from Singapore, Dr. Yip Wing Kong. I would also like to thank Dr. Robert Ramus, the Executive Director from the United States and the Regent of Asia Pacific Section Dr. Lim Chee Shin, who graced this occasion with their presence. I am indeed grateful to our Guest Speaker, Dr. the Hon. Lo Wing Lok for being with us today amidst his busy schedule.

I wish also to record our sincere appreciation to Dr. Johnson Yip, Charter President of Macau Dental Association and now Chairman for the Macau Chapter of ADI for setting up this induction ceremony.

My sincere thanks also to Dr. Eugene Chan, Chairman of the Hong Kong Chapter of ADI and the President of Hong Kong Dental Association, who has constantly encouraged and assisted us in numerous ways.

I would also like to congratulate and thank all candidates from Macau, Singapore, Cambodia and Australia for being here with us today. I thank you all once again.

Dr. Belinda Ka Mun Poon

## HONG KONG/MACAU 2004 HONORS CLASS

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- CAMBODIA
54. Dr. Poch SOPHEAROTH
  55. Dr. Som VICHETH
- HONORARY FELLOWS
56. Dr. LO Wing Lok
  57. Mr. CHEONG Vai Kei
- AUSTRALIA
- \*Dr. Constantinos LAPARIDIS  
\*Dr. Evangelos Vasilios PAPAGEORGIOU  
\*inducted in absentia

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## Mongolia Chapter Inauguration & Convocation

We have nominated and elected 20 candidates to form an ADI Mongolia Chapter since September 2002. Unfortunately, there has been no opportunity to return to Mongolia to carry it out until 2005. I will be organising the 4<sup>th</sup> FDI – Mongolian Dental Association Joint Meeting in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia on 16-17 September 2005. We could take the opportunity to inaugurate the Mongolia Chapter and conduct our first ADI Convocation in Mongolia at that meeting. We may even be able to schedule the presentation ceremony of the ADI Mongolia Library Project at that time. I know Mongolia is really way out of the way for everybody but I am still hoping that some of you may take the challenge and help us do something that will be uplifting and inspiring for our Mongolian colleagues.

Dr. Yip Wing Kong  
President-Elect



## The ADI Cambodia-Mongolia Library Project

The ADI Cambodia and Mongolia Library Project was launched in February 2003. Honestly, the response so far had been less than expected; although we are close to achieving our target of raising \$10,000 for the project. We were initially hampered by the delay in getting the library brochure out to the membership due to a hitch from the mailing service provider of the academy newsletter. Even now I suspect many of the international fellows outside the United States and Canada may not have received the brochure. In this regard, I wish to compliment the Executive Director and editorial staff of the International Communicator for their resourcefulness in correcting the mailing hitch with the publication of the ADI Library Project in the Spring/Winter 2004 issue of the International Communicator. We should expect a bigger response from the international fellows in the next few months.

I am happy to report that we have to date received \$8,433.92 in donations and pledges. We have also received book donations from Professor Paul Abbott, Professor Robin Woods and Dr Graham Mount.

It is with great pleasure that I put on record the names of the following fellows and friends who have contributed to the ADI Cambodia-Mongolia Library Project:

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Prof. Paul Abbott  
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## Cagliari, Italy Convocation



Cagliari, the capital of the island of Sardinia and the dream of thousands of Italian and European tourists, was the host for the 19<sup>th</sup> National Congress of the Associazione Italiana Odontoiatri (The Italian Dental Association). The congress celebrated two very special events in the history of Italian dentistry: twenty years since the degree in dentistry was born and twenty years since the founding of AIO. The congress was also cause to celebrate another special event, the first ADI convocation held in Italy.

The convocation venue was the beautiful resort Hotel Setar. Dr. Edoardo Cavallé, ADI European Vice-Regent, was the installing officer assisted by Dr. Norbert Roccasalva, Prof. Livia Ottolenghi and Executive Director, Dr. Robert Ramus. Prof. Ottolenghi, Secretary of WHO Collaborating Center

for Developing Countries, gave a presentation on WHO efforts in developing countries as a prelude to the induction ceremony.

Five new Fellows were inducted into the Academy during the convocation and they are:

- Dr. Giancarlo Couch, AIO's delegate to the Chicago Dental Society.
  - Prof. Antonelia Polimeni, Professor at Rome University.
  - Prof. Luigi Quasso, Asst. Professor University of Milano Bicocca.
  - Dr. Gerhard Seeberger, President Cagliari AIO; National Council of AIO.
  - Dr. Andrea Scrascia, Past Secretary AIO Rome Section.
- Prof. Polimeni was unable to attend and was inducted in absentia



Back row (L-R) Drs. Ramus, Roccasalva, Cavallé, Ottolenghi. Front row (L-R) Drs. Couch, Aerden, Quasso, Seeberger and Scrascia



Honorary Fellowship was bestowed on Dr. Michelle Aerden of Brussels. Dr. Aerden is President-Elect of FDI and will be installed as President at the FDI Congress in Montreal.



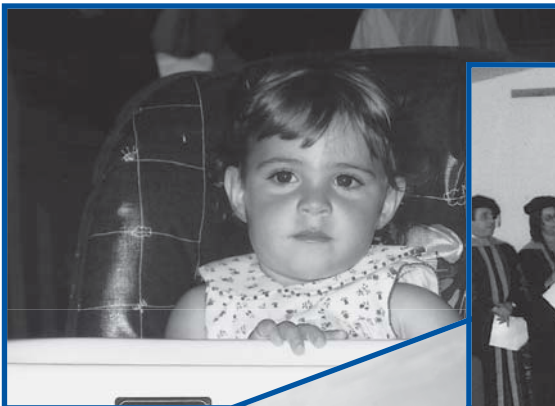
(L-R) Drs. José Font-Buxó, Cavallé, Del Mastro, Suchy and Aerden

Following the conclusion of the convocation, a luncheon was enjoyed on the hotel veranda graciously provided by Glaxo SmithKline Beecham.



Honorary Fellow, Dr. Michelle Aerden and Dr. Ramus

Honored guests at the Convocation were: Dr. Giulio Del Mastro, President of AIO; Dr. José Font-Buxó, ERO/FDI President; Dr. Keith W. Suchy, President, Chicago Dental Society (CDS); Dr. Ronald G. Testa, President-Elect, CDS and Randall B. Grove, Executive Director, CDS.



## Global Oral Health Consortium

Nearly 100 highly respected leaders in the field of organized dentistry gathered on February 20<sup>th</sup> in Chicago to discuss pressing topics related to global issues of oral care.

The event, sponsored by Sunstar Butler, a global oral health company, convened the dental leadership (both from the US and internationally) from 28 dental organizations who influence and contribute the policy decisions on and communication of issues relating to oral care.

Rarely have so many officers and executive directors of major dental associations gathered together in one room. The special annual event included major health experts such as Dr. Bill Maas of the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), Dr. Chris Fox of the IADR/AADR (International Association for Dental Research/American Association for Dental Research), Dr. J. T. Barnard Executive Director of the FDI World Dental Federation, and Dr. Robert Collins of the IADR/AADR.

The content of the program focused on key health problems worldwide, and was rich in long-term clinical studies as well as related statistical analysis demonstrating the relationship and correlation of oral healthcare issues. Dr. Robert "Skip" Collins, Deputy Executive Director of the IADR/AADR, moderated this extensive program. The agenda also featured Dr. Maas, from the Oral Health Division of CDC, Dr. Fox and Dr. Barnard.

While the content of the program was primarily oral health-based, it was presented in the context of larger global issues, including world politics, demographics, science & technology and worldwide economic concerns. Dr. Barnard's presentation reviewed how these factors relate to total health. "Oral health is influenced by the overall performance of the economy, worldwide," said Dr. Barnard. "It's exceedingly important to promote the need for optimal oral health and general health for people of all ages."

In his closing remarks, Dr. Maas emphasized the importance of oral health in our country and abroad. He also presented highlights of the Surgeon General's National Call to Action to Promote Oral Health.

Sunstar Butler and its parent company, Sunstar Inc., continue a global partnership with dentistry in developing a better understanding of the linkages between oral health, general health, and quality of life. The important exchange of ideas and shared passion for worldwide oral health will continue to drive the need for future programs.

"We are excited and honored to host this forum for the leadership of a broad variety of dental associations," commented Larry Farrell, VP of Corporate Professional Relations for Sunstar Butler. "Creating this meeting

demonstrates Sunstar Butler's commitment to the research, understanding and communication necessary for supporting the resolution of global oral health issues."

A number of key participants from the Academy of Dentistry International attended the session including Dr. Don Brown, President, Dr. Terry Tanaka, Past President, Dr. Robert Ramus, Executive Director/Editor, Dr. James Harrell, Sr., Dr. Larry Cox and Dr. Evan Goodman.



Larry Farrell, Sunstar/Butler; Drs. Maas, Collins, Fox, Barnard, and John Hennessy, Sunstar/Butler

### In Memoriam

#### Dr. Virgilio A. Alcazaren 1925 - 2004

Philippine Section Chairman Dr. Virgilio A. Alcazaren passed away July 27, 2004. He suffered heart failure driving home from the Manila Central University College of Dentistry where he was teaching at the time.

Dr. Alcazaren was a leader in organized dentistry having served as President of the Philippine Dental Association, International College of Dentists Philippine Section, Founding member and Past President Philippine Prosthodontic Society, Founding Grand Patriarch and Past President Mandaluyong Dental Society.

The Philippine Dental Association spearheaded a Necrological Service on July 29, 2004. Dr. Diampo J. Lim, ADI Regent, Philippine Section conveyed sentiments from the Academy while Chairman-Elect Antonio Baldemor spoke on behalf of the Philippine Section. Vice-Chairman, Fellow Brenda S. Dey will fill the unexpired term of Dr. Alcazaren until February 2005.

A memorial service for Dr. Alcazaren was held July 31, 2004 at Christ the King Memorial Chapel, Quezon City. Interment followed on August 1, 2004. Deepest condolences are extended to the Philippine Section on the loss of their beloved Chairman.



## The BRIDGE the GAP FOUNDATION, the NETHERLANDS

The organisation structure of the Bridge the Gap foundation is very simple: Seven professionals (2 plastic surgeons, 2 maxillo-facial surgeons, one anaesthetist and 2 dentists general practitioners, Academic Hospital University of Amsterdam) form the Board and are also the executioners of the plan.

The plan is simple: help our Vietnamese colleagues from the Maxillo-Facial and Plastic Surgery Institute in Saigon (responsible for the whole of south Vietnam) in training and instruction of the operation techniques to operate the large number of yet untreated cleft palate patients and operate together as many patients as possible. Preferably poor patients with little chance of getting help.



After nine years of working together we operated on 1400 children at the Institute itself and another 1500 kids in Saigon and far away hospitals outside Saigon. The results are far beyond even our own expectations.

In 2004 our team again visited Vietnam in January. Upon arrival in Saigon our Vietnamese colleagues took us to the Hospital and showed

us our own brand new surgical operating room.



Thanks to financial support of many Rotary clubs, the Rotary Foundation, the ACD (European section), the PFA Foundation, The ADI Foundation and others we could donate a brand new and up to date operating room to the hospital, filled with the best equipment and two operating tables so that we together could perform and teach the most difficult operations. We are very grateful to our donators for this and it is the fulfillment of an intense wish.

In 2003 we made a contract with the Dental School in Saigon for a dental follow up program for the children treated by us so that we together could monitor them, teach their parents and establish a time schedule for follow up surgery.

We very much wanted to avoid the what we call, hit and run circuit (operate and leave) that is quite fashionable among surgical help teams and introduce a complete multi disciplinary treatment scheme (surgical, restorative, orthodontic, speech training, etc) like we have in our western world. Introducing of this takes time and the cooperation of the Dental School is excellent.

The result of the first pilot group of 56 children was not very successful however because of address problems, travel distances, fear for costs by the parents and the general idea of the parents that now the lip is closed the problem is over. Solutions were discussed and found.

At the same time a huge crowd had gathered at the door of the Institute. Many schisis patients with their parents (or grandparents) but also facial damage caused by motor accidents, combined orthodontic and surgical problems, cranio dysfunctional problems, macro and micro gnathia and cancer deformations.



After a week of hard work in Saigon we left for Vientiane, Laos. Laos is another story.



The country is as big as England, has 5 million people and is very poor and rather deprived of medical surgery being the poor little kid of the south East Asian family.

The Lao People Democratic Republic (LPDR) is the rather euphemistic name for a rigid bureaucratic communistic system where a small ( mostly militaristic) top layer makes the decisions with a tight hand but also openly flirts with the West. The whole infrastructure is rather messy and above all dirty and poor and the Lao people are sweet, small and hospitable.

Vientiane, the capital is like a large village with some 150.000 people and most streets are paved. Wandering in Vientiane along schools, the marketplace, hospitals and shops makes you quiet if you compare them with our wealth, and the happiness and smiles of its hard laboring people are very much in contrast with our western eternal complaining and

ever lamenting over our mostly non problems.

The cleft palate problem in Laos is a big as in Vietnam and there are only a few Plastic and Maxillo-Facial Surgeons for 5 million people and some young surgeons in training.

You may understand that this is the ultimate challenge for our little Foundation to travel to Laos and find out if we could be of any use to them and that is just what we had done during brief visits in 2000 and 2002 only to prepare our possible assistance.

Resolute as Dutchmen can be we arrived this time in Vientiane, surveyed the battle field and wanted to start as soon as possible with our work in the Mahosot hospital not realizing that our boldness was a bit too much for our Lao hosts.

Before any scalpel was used we should formalize our cooperation in formal meetings, protocols, contracts, memories of understanding and private meetings with dozens of people in dozens of meeting places and stacks of papers on dozens of tables. The Lao alphabet is alas unreadable for us and the papers where of course in Lao as well as the discussions in perfect Lao (by them) and English and French (by us).

Speeches and conducted tours in schools and hospitals; smiles, handshakes and friendly pats on the back and the firm expressed conviction from both sides that we can work together mixed with their silent unbelief that someone in the world would like to help their country. Opposite our time is money they have no money and therefore all the time.



Patiently we sat through these exercises realizing that we could have operated on at least a hundred patients at the same time and carefully reading the local decision structure by walking from top to bottom without missing anyone in between.

It now seems that we can start in 2005 and make numbers by bringing much needed help to a friendly nation and hopefully guide them a modest step along the road to health for all.

Dr. J.R.Dam BACKER  
Secretary Bridge the Gap Foundation

## Dr. Colin Wong Receives 2004 Medallion of Distinction

The University of the Pacific School of Dentistry honored ADI Past President Dr. Colin C. Wong with the 2004 Medallion of Distinction, the Alumni Association's highest honor. Presented by by Dean Arthur Dugoni during Pacific's 105<sup>th</sup> annual Alumni Association meeting, the prestigious medallion recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the School of Dentistry, research, dental education or the community.



**Dr. Colin Wong**

"Pacific is proud to award its highest honor to Dr. Colin C. Wong for his numerous years of leadership and dedication to the School of Dentistry and the community," stated Dugoni.

"We applaud him for his accomplishments in the dental profession and appreciate his continued support of dental education."

Born in Guangzhou, China, and raised in Hong Kong, Wong came to the United States for his education. He graduated from UC Berkley in 1961 and received his DDS degree from the College of Physicians and Surgeons (forerunner to Pacific School of Dentistry) in 1965.

Until his retirement in 2000, Wong managed a private dental practice in Mill Valley where he specialized in TMJ dysfunction and full mouth reconstructions. He also found time to teach dental students at U of P as an assistant professor and clinical instructor for 10 years.

Wong is past president of the Marin County Dental Society, the Pacific School of Dentistry Alumni Association and the Academy of Dentistry International. In the early years of the Academy he was responsible for organizing continuing education symposia and trips to China as well as playing an instrumental role in the video tape exchange program. Wong is also a Fellow of the International College of Dentists, the American College of Dentists, the Academy of General Dentistry and the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

## ADI Fellow elected AGD Treasurer



Dr. Kevin D. Anderson, FADI (CA) was elected treasurer of the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) during the House of Delegates second session at the AGD's annual meeting July 11, 2004 in Anaheim, California.

In addition to the Academy of Dentistry International, Dr. Anderson holds fellowships in the AGD, Pierre Fauchard Academy, American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists. As an avid

devotee of Warren Buffett, Dr. Anderson spends his spare time implementing focused value investing.



## ADI FOUNDATION REPORT

I am happy to report that the ADI Foundation is financially slowly growing. However, we have many, many requests for grants that we cannot accommodate. We need more funds! If you cannot go on a mission trip, a contribution to the ADI Foundation can go in your place, and it is tax deductible. Please consider this as an important and unique way of helping those less fortunate!

ADI Fellows, you belong to a very unique International Dental Organization in which each member pays his or her own way to all missions, committee and board meetings, even their own banquet meals. This leaves as much as possible of your annual dues money to provide aid and assistance, we are truly a volunteer organization.

Please recall what our Fellows, along with financial grants have done in Mexico, Brazil, Vietnam, Lithuania, Russia, Bangladesh, Guatemala, Cambodia, South America and many other projects worldwide. Remember that over three years ago we helped in establishing a new dental school in Bangladesh, a country of over six million people. The students there are now finishing their fourth year.

During this year of 2004 we have provided grants for:

- 1) The Thousand Smiles Foundation. A modern dental clinic in Mexico offering general dentistry to all ages, but specializing in corrective surgery for facially disfigured children.
- 2) International Hands in Service. A grand way to provide medical and dental care for the Indian population in the mountains of Guatemala.
- 3) Seattle Union Gospel Mission Dental Clinic. A clinic that provides dentures for women seeking to find employment.
- 4) Native American Project. Two dental clinics on the Navajo reservation that now have ADI Fellows going there. It is our hope that in the near future we can completely staff the clinics with ADI volunteers. A much needed service for the neglected Indian population in the USA.
- 5) The Giving Hand Foundation. An organization to develop medical and dental clinics to provide free services for individuals in Jamaica, Paraguay and the U.S.
- 6) Health Volunteers Overseas (HVO). This organization works unselfishly to provide medical and dental services in over 25 countries worldwide, making a tremendous difference in the lives of thousands of people. ADI, HVO and the American Dental Association have joined together to provide symposiums for training dentists for international volunteer service. This is a vital part of the purpose of ADI, to share knowledge, to serve the dental health needs, and to improve the quality of life around the world.

I appreciate the opportunity of serving as President of the ADI Foundation! I consider it a great privilege and have derived much pleasure from receiving your financial contributions as well as your volunteer services which have made life so much better for thousands of people. Please consider more gifting to the Foundation where 100% goes to improving the health of people around the world!

James A. Harrell, Sr., President

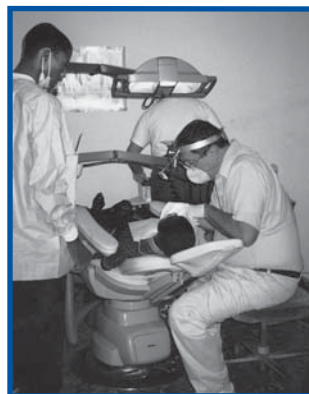
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## Zurfluh Family Mission

Having read a story in The Miami Herald about an orphanage in Port au Prince, Haiti ADI Fellow, Dr. Jim Zurfluh knew what he had to do. The orphanage was home for nearly 300 parentless children. Investigation found there was a lack of any dental care. Further investigation found there was neither the equipment nor the supplies for dental care.



Jim and son Tom, (also an ADI Fellow) purchased two operatories of used equipment and arranged to have it shipped to the orphanage. They then went to the orphanage and installed the equipment themselves and now they manage three or four visits per year to treat the children.



The entire Zurfluh family is involved in the missions; two daughters, daughter-in-law and office manager regularly make the trips. There are now over three hundred boys living at the orphanage. The Zurfluhs have developed strong bonds not only with the children, but with the orphanage staff as well, always resulting in happy, rewarding visits.

The Zurfluh family is living testimony of what the Academy is all about. In the words of the immortal Woody Hayes, "You can never pay back, you have to pay forward."

SeaWorld Adventure Park Orlando will host the Academy of Dentistry International for its Welcoming Reception Tuesday evening September 28, 2004. Academy members and guests will arrive at the Ports of Call gate and be greeted by SeaWorld Event Guides who will escort them throughout the evening.

The evening adventure begins with reserved seating at the “Shamu Rocks America” Show! At “Shamu Rocks America,” the nighttime killer whale show, Shamu Stadium rocks as SeaWorld trainers and killer whales perform astonishing feats to a rock ‘n’ roll beat. During this fast-paced, high energy show, Shamu and trainers perform their most breathtaking moves to jammin’ rock ‘n’ roll tunes topped with dazzling theatrical lighting effects.

Following the show Academy members and guests will be escorted through the beautiful Eel Tunnel into the dangerous denizens of the Barracuda Room for a Cocktail Reception.

After cocktails, conversation, getting acquainted and camaraderie, guests will be escorted through the Shark Tunnel into the Sharks Underwater Grill, where they can enjoy the sumptuous dinner along with the breathtaking view.

After a memorable evening of fun and fellowship, guests can exit SeaWorld. The Officers and Board of Regents extend a warm invitation to all Fellows and guests to enjoy the hospitality of this year’s Welcoming Reception.

The USA Section will hold its Annual Convocation and Banquet on Wednesday, September 29, 2004. The venue will be the Renaissance Orlando Resort at SeaWorld.

The day will begin with an exciting program sponsored by Sunstar/Butler. Dr. Sebastain G. Ciancio, Distinued Service Professor and Chair of the Dept. of Periodontics and Endodontics, Adjunct Professor of Pharmacology at the University at Buffalo, State University of New York, School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Ciancio will discuss Periodontal Health: Impact on Systemic Health. This program is designed to update the dental practitioner on the interaction between periodontal diseases and oral health. Also, the effect of medications on diagnosis and treatment of periodontal disease will be reviewed. Continuing education credit will be available.

The afternoon Convocation will commence at 4:00pm with all the usual pomp and ceremony. The evening cocktail reception and gala banquet will be from 7-11pm. All Fellows and guests are invited to attend this gala event. Reservations must be made with the central office before September 15, 2004.

**RESERVATIONS**

Adult Welcoming Reception tickets requested: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$100 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Children (4-12) Welcoming Reception tickets requested: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$50 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Gala Reception & Banquet tickets requested: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$100 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

DINNER SELECTION (S): MEAT \_\_\_\_\_ FISH \_\_\_\_\_ VEGETARIAN \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to A.D.I. \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return this completed form with all dinner fees before September 15, 2004 to:

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