

Regent Report Oceania 2016

Australian Society of Endodontology 2016

I would like to open this report by wishing the organising committee of the 10th IFEA conference in Cape Town all the very best for their event. As The ASE is two months away from hosting an international conference of our own, I can understand the level of commitment and stress involved. I would also like to congratulate Dr Mark Wotzke on his elevation to the Presidency of the Federation, and wish him all the very best for his tenure. I have worked with Mark when he was President of the Australian and New Zealand Academy of Endodontists, and can feel assured that IFEA is in very capable hands.

My term as president of the Australian Society of Endodontology is about to expire, and I will be passing the baton to Dr Donna Richards of New South Wales in August. I have been ably supported as President by my Secretary/Treasurer Dr Patrick Caldwell, who is also our designated invited speaker at your conference.

In my tenure, two of our members, Winthrop Professor Paul Abbott, and Dr Sajeew Koshy have received honours in the Order of Australia (AO) for their services to endodontics. Both of these members have made substantial and prolonged contributions to our profession, and it is gratifying to see them so acknowledged.

The ASE continues to support the Asia Pacific Endodontic Confederation, and last year sent two delegate speakers to their conference in Jordan. We plan to send speakers to their next conference also, to be held in New Dehli next year. These activities are generously subsidised by the federal branch of the ASE.

Membership in the society has remained steady over the two years of my term at about the 500 mark, and indeed membership has remained at around this level since 2008, having declined from a high of 750 in 1999. It must be acknowledged that there are many more societies and affiliated clubs vying for membership now than there were 10 years ago, so competition remains high.

The society held a very successful pre-congress lecture day in March last year in Brisbane. The invited speaker was Dr John Khademi of the United States, who spoke on extremely conservative access in endodontics. He was ably supported by our two local speakers: Dr Bill Kahler, who spoke on cracked teeth, and Associate Professor Phillippe Zimet, who spoke on endodontic microsurgery. The endodontic keynote speaker at the conference was Professor Kishor Gulabivala who spoke on “The clinical and biological rationale for root canal therapy”. These lectures were well attended and well accepted.

As I alluded to earlier, we are in the process of finalising preparations for the 19th World Congress on Dental Trauma. This is to be a joint meeting in association with the International Association of Dental Trauma, and will be held in my hometown, Brisbane in August from the 11th to the 13th. Invited speakers include such luminaries as Lars Andersson, Jens

Andreasen, Mitsuhiro Tsukiboshi and Barbro Malmgren, as well as our own distinguished presenters; Geiff Heithersay (AO) and Paul Abbott (AO). Both sponsorship and registration has been strong to this point, and I would like to extend an invitation to all IFEA delegates to join us in Australia. The conference is to be held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, which had hosted the world leaders during the G20 summit of November 2014.

Preparations are now underway for the next Trans-Tasman Endodontic Conference to take place. This will be in Perth in 2018, probably in September. These conferences have been held every two years since 2008 and have been very successful, by enabling us to fund research and prizes at undergraduate and post-graduate levels, whilst keeping subscription rates in check. One of the main items the Society subsidises is the annual microscope course run by Drs Steve Cohn and Alan Nerwich in Sydney every year. This is the only course of its type in the country and as such is invaluable to trainee specialists, with nearly every locally trained specialist endodontist in the country having attended it at some stage. I would like to thank Alan and Steve for their ongoing commitment.

The Australian Dental Association will be holding it's bi-annual conference in Melbourne next year from Wednesday the 17th to Sunday the 21st of May. The Australian Society of Endodontology will be holding it's pre-congress meeting on the Tuesday prior to opening of the conference, and at this stage it is envisaged that we will be having all local speakers.

I would like to close by again, wishing you all the best for your meeting, I'm sure it will be a success, and by thanking Alan for his work as the IFEA regent.

Kind regards

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