

IFEA report 2017-18 – Dr Alan Nerwich, Oceanic Regent.

Last year the Australian Society of Endodontology (ASE) and the New Zealand Society of Endodontology (NZSE) celebrated their biggest undertaking ever with the combined 19th World Congress of Dental Traumatology and 5th Trans-Tasman Endodontic Conference. The Congress was held in Brisbane in August and it was a great success. The conference attracted a large international contingent, and was extremely well attended by members of both the ASE and NZSE. This was the largest conference we have ever been involved in and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

This year marks the golden anniversary, the 50th year of the Australian Society of Endodontology (ASE). The inaugural meeting was held in Melbourne in February 1967 and the ASE's 50th meeting will be the pre-Australian Dental Congress congress meeting which will be held on Wednesday 17th May at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, with the keynote speaker being Professor Anil Kishen, head of the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Toronto. Presentations from two of our local endodontists, Dr. Ollie Pope and Dr. Mark Stenhouse will complete the day. An anniversary dinner will be held in the evening with a special presentation by Dr Geoffrey Heithersay to celebrate the past 50 years and the future of the ASE.

A special mention is that the ASE has awarded honorary life membership to Dr Ralph Reid and Dr Mark Wotzke, both of whom have been heavily involved with IFEA over the years, with Dr Wotzke now the current President of IFEA.

Australian state branches have several meetings per year. The ASE website, ase.org.au has the programs of each of the various member states. The ASE website also has details of the various prizes, awards and grants including the Post-Graduate and General research grants, Post Graduate and general dentist case report competitions and the undergraduate essay competition.

The 6th Trans-Tasman Endodontic Conference to be held in Perth 2018 and planning is already underway.

Last year, New Zealand saw the launch of the Knocked Out app. This is a free app designed to assist the public with how to treat a recently avulsed tooth. It also very wisely advises on what to do in the case of a concurrent head injury, which is often the case with such an injury as an avulsion. This fantastic app was recently promoted at many of the district dental branch meetings in New Zealand and The NZSE is continuing to fund and support this app.

This year NZSE are looking forward to putting on a free educational session for their members with an opportunity to meet a number of experienced endodontists.

Financially the NZSE is in a healthy state, however there are some concerns with diminishing member numbers.

This report has been compiled with the help of the presidents of the ASE and NZSE, Dr Donna Richards and Dr James Fairhall

