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Mark Bennett  
ADSA President

## President's Message: November 2012

First and foremost ADSA would like to wish all of our members the very best of luck for their upcoming exams. Particularly, mention must go to all of the final year students who have made it through countless tutor checks, late nights and appointment plans to finally get to this wonderful position.

Despite the impending exams, ADSA has still been very active. We were in attendance at the VDGYP (Voluntary Dental Graduate Year Program) advisory group meeting in Canberra and have important meetings with ACODS (Australian Council of Dental Schools) and the ADA in the near future.

Plans for next year's convention in Adelaide are well underway so keep an eye out for promotional material in the near future.

On the Advocacy front there are a few issues that ADSA are currently involved in. We have been in contact with a number of other national student organisations in regards to the underfunding of health care programs.

We are also in communication with the ADA and ACODS in regards to the removal of dentistry from the Skilled Occupations List and the impact this may have for international students. Keep an eye out on the advocacy tab of the website for ADSA's policy papers when these are released.

If there are any issues that you feel need to be brought to our attention, make sure email us at [advocacy@adsa.org.au](mailto:advocacy@adsa.org.au)

I would personally like to wish all of the final year students the best of luck in their future endeavours. ADSA would love to hear about any exciting opportunities or experiences you have had as a new graduate so feel free to keep in touch.

For the rest of the student body, I hope you have a wonderful break and we look forward to working with you all in 2013.

Mark Bennett

# Future Health Leaders Conference

The inaugural Future Health Leaders conference: "Shaping tomorrow, today!" was held in Adelaide on the 1st and 2nd of September and attended by the ADSA executive in its entirety. Future Health Leaders is a government funded initiative of which ADSA is a key stakeholder and aims to bring together health professionals across the board in the early stages of their clinical career.

The conference was the first stepping stone in this new scheme and ADSA was represented at the stakeholder meeting to look at what role future health leaders might play, and to look at the future direction of this initiative.

To say the conference was impressive would be an understatement. Hosted in the Adelaide conference centre it was a spectacle in both presentation and issues touched upon throughout the weekend. Following an amazing welcome to country, highlights included lectures from Nobel Prize winner Gustav Nossal (who was quick to inform us of his recent dental treatment in the morning tea break) and David Heymann, the



assistant director-general of WHO, to name but a few. Delegates also took part in break out focus groups on one of 5 streams - Global, Rural, Indigenous, Mental and Workforce initiative. These 5 streams are the main focus areas for FHL and are represented on the council accordingly. Activities ranged from active involvement in mock parliament (Where ADSA's President landed himself the role of opposition minister for health) to personal accounts from young Indigenous Australians on life in a mission.

The weekend also hosted an impressive social program that culminated in the FHL ball on Saturday evening. This provided a wonderful opportunity to network with other health professionals and organisations and to swap and share ideas.

Perhaps the most rewarding aspect of the entire conference was the chance for the ADSA executive to meet with other national student organisations. This provided a great opportunity to discuss joint future initiatives as well share ideas on how to improve national student representation as a whole.

We would thoroughly recommend all health care students to get involved with the initiatives and will keep you updated accordingly. Otherwise you can like future health leaders on Facebook or follow them on twitter!



# Spotlight on..... Dental School Rivalries

With nine dental schools around the country, there are some strong rivalries and University pride. What better way to fight it out than through sport.

This year, there were two intervarsity competitions, the Halas cup between the University of Queensland and Griffith University and the Roland Bryant Cup between the University of Sydney and Charles Sturt University.

It's a great way to get dental students active and meet dental students from across the state. Maybe your dental school might like to give it go (Melbourne and La Trobe I'm looking at you!)

## HALAS CUP

The Halas Cup competition between the University of Queensland and Griffith University dental schools is settled by a soccer match. This year Queensland hosted the Halas cup, seeing there Griffith colleagues making the trek up to Brisbane on a sweltering hot day in October.

The game was split into 3x30 minute thirds with 12 players (mixed teams) on the field at all times. For the past 3 years Griffith have taken out the competition, leaving UQ with a strong desire and determination to win in 2012. Griffith had no intention of giving up the cup and UQ had been 'consistently' training; determined to restore the empty space in their trophy cabinet.

When the 1st third came to a close, Queensland were up on 1-0 leaving Griffith with low morale early on. Although Queensland had home ground advantage and enough supporters to the Gold Coast and back, Griffith did not take their eyes off the prize and came back in the 2nd third to even up the score to 2-2.

The last third was the most grueling and longest 30 minutes of the entire game



The Griffith soccer team

either team could win the game and ultimately take out the championship title for 2012. As the players and supporters groaned, cheered, prayed and sweated their hearts out into the game, Queensland eventually came out on top, leading the final third 6-3 and winning the entire game.

With the close of another year, celebratory pizza and drinks were shared between the two teams in good spirit. Queensland University take ownership of the Halas Cup Trophy and Griffith travelled home in anticipation for next year's football match.

## ROLAND BRYANT CUP

A lovely September day greeted us in Sydney for the 2012 Roland Bryant Cup, and what a day it was. For those who aren't familiar, the annual Roland Bryant Cup is a best of five sports series contested between Charles Sturt University (CSU) and Sydney University (USYD) dental students. The competition was in its third year with USYD still trying to wrestle the cup away from CSU who have won the cup the previous two years.

The day began with the mixed touch football. CSU came out on top with hard fought win against a much-improved USYD team. Next up was the first of two soccer games on the dustbowl known as 'The Square'. The women's soccer game was a close contest with CSU edging USYD 2-1 after a superb long-range strike in the second half.

USYD were able to score a victory after a fantastic performance by the men's soccer team led to a 3-1 victory. After a quick lunch break CSU struck back with dominant performance in the women's



From L-R, Prof Bryant, MVP Grace Munns, CSU captain Kartik Bhagwat, MVP Ganesh Kamalaharan, and last year's MVP John Kim. Photography by Simon Hampton.

netball. This victory secured the cup for CSU for yet another year. However this didn't affect the confidence of the USYD basketball team who competed in arguably the most exciting game of the day. CSU emerged winners after tough game with the narrowest of margins (1 point!).

CSU were deserved winners of their third Roland Bryant Cup with a resounding 4-1 win this year. There were two players who stood out from the rest of the field. Congratulations to Grace Munns (USYD) and Ganesh Kamalaharan (CSU) who were named MVP for their respective schools.



Soccer getting intense, USYD gets a yellow card. Photography by Owen Hughes.





USYD and CSU together with Prof Bryant in the middle. Photography by Simon Hampton

Both teams performed admirably and the sportsmanship and respect shared by the players and supporters was a sight to see.

As competitive as the day was, one can say definitely the budding relationship between USYD and CSU has grown substantially. New friendships were forged and a greater connection established between future colleagues.

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hopefully USYD can repay the favour next year in Orange. USYD and CSU would like to thank the ADA for their continued support of this event and to Prof Roland Bryant who attended and presented the awards at the end of the day.

Thanks also go out to Prof Chris Peck and Prof David Wilson for their support and to Michael Rutledge (USYD) and Kartik Bhagwat (CSU) for organising and running the event this year.

The 2012 Roland Bryant Cup was an amazing day for all who got to experience it. This is one of the biggest days on the dental student calendar and definitely one that students look forward to.

Let's hope the 2013 Cup can be just as exciting and maybe USYD can finally get one over on CSU.

# ADA Update



ADSA works with the ADA (Australian Dental Association) on a range of different issues to ensure that the interests of dentists and dental students are being represented.

ADSA will now be posting the comments of the ADA's federal president, Dr Shane Fryer, on our website so that students can keep up to date on the important issues in dentistry nationally.

If you are a student member (highly recommended) you can use your login to their website with your free student membership.

This means you can access some great resources, such as the national library, online publications and webinars.

The ADA also post up some great articles relating to oral public health, such as the closure of the CDDS scheme and what they are doing to further the promotion oral health in the community.

Visit your ADA state branch website for local programs, regulations and updates. Or go to the national ADA website at:

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