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Welcome everyone to the start of another exciting year of dental studies. For all of the first years we welcome you as our newest members and look forward to your involvement in the years to come. The Australian Dental Students Association is the only national representative body for dental and oral health students and we now have liaison officers at 10 universities across the country.

ADSA has hit the ground running in 2013 with plenty on the cards for what will no doubt be one of our biggest years yet. For those that haven’t had the chance to go to convention before make sure you start putting some pennies aside to get down to Adelaide this year. Tireless effort has been going in to ensuring it will be one of the biggest conventions to date and we are sure it will not only be a highlight of your year - but one of the highlights of your time at dental school.

On the advocacy front, ADSA was in attendance at the National Oral Health Plan Workshop 2014-2023 in Canberra at the end of February. The 2 day workshop was an initial consultation of key stakeholder groups to help establish a framework for the new national oral health plan to follow on from healthy mouths, healthy lives 2004-13 policy.

ADSA strongly advocated on the need to address growing workforce concerns and funding to dental education as well as increasing student exposure to problem areas in the community. ADSA will also be in attendance at the Oral Health Workforce workshop meetings in March as well the ADA congress in Melbourne in April.

We are always keen to hear your thoughts and opinions and if any advocacy issues present themselves don’t hesitate to drop us a line at: advocacy@adsa.org.au

ADSA also hopes to try and help students get the most out of dental school. One of our new initiatives is to generate a dental electives database based on past students experiences. We would greatly appreciate any students that have already undertaken elective placements either here or abroad to take a few short minutes to fill in our dental elective survey.

Having had the opportunity to spend time in Ecuador, South Africa and the UK during my own time at dental school, I would highly recommend students to get out there and experience dentistry in a completely different environment - and we hope our new database will help point you in the right direction!

There is plenty more in store for ADSA this year so make sure you follow our newsletters, website, facebook and twitter. Last but certainly not least, ADSA is here for you - so if we can help in any way make sure you get in touch.

Mark Bennett

President’s Message: March 2013

Check out our fantastic new website!!!

Our webmaster Mike Channers has done an amazing job with the website. It has all the latest updates, including convention updates, updates about each dental school and other useful information. Go to:

www.adsa.org.au

And while you’re on the interwebs, join our facebook page:

www.facebook.com/AusDSA

What’s new at ADSA?

Calling all first years!

Have you checked out the ADSA first year booklet?

It’s a useful guide that will give you hints and tips about how to survive dental school. Check it out on our website under the ‘students’ tab at:

www.adsa.org.au

ADSA CONVENTION UPDATE

The ADSA convention is coming up on the 9-14th of July! Get excited as this year it is being held in Adelaide!

Highlights include:
- Wine tour to the Barossa Valley
- A dental tradeshow
- A jazz night
- Hands on workshops
- Cocktail Night
- An amazing academic lineup

Prepare yourself for some of Australia’s best speakers, 7 themed social events, and to party with over 350 dental students from across Australia and NZ.

Registration opens in early April so don’t miss out!
One of the most exciting times of the year is Orientation week when you welcome the new students to the joys of being at Dental School. Each dental student society has put on some fabulous activities for their first year students to welcome them into the dentistry family. Hear what different Universities have been doing to make their Dentistry and Oral Health students feel welcome.

Adelaide Uni

New students to dentistry were welcomed with the annual Fresher’s barbeque. Complete with a fairy floss machine, the afternoon was a fantastic opportunity for intermingling of students between year levels and both dental degrees. Coupled with the weather being idyllic for a swim and a snag, the event was a phenomenal success.

Dental Camp is promising to be as big as ever with a record number of students heading to the beaches of Normanville next weekend. The camp includes Mexican and Thrift shop themed nights along with other games and activities will no doubt create some memories for the first years!

The AUDSS has been working hard not only on the social events calendar but has also begun the year with providing multiple opportunities for students to attend seminars and lectures covering a broad range of extra-curricular topics with their Academic and Professional Development Programme (AAPDP).

With Trivia night, Amazing Raise, our infamous basement parties, Grand Dental Ball and of course Convention in July, 2013 is sure promising to be one unforgettable year!

Laura Petroff

University of Western Australia

UWA has had a great start to 2013! This is the first year UWA have had an intake of DMD students into the post graduate course, so it’s great for them to have freshers again and hopefully everyone is settling into the craziness of dentistry well.

UWA kicked off the social sides of things with Fresher Welcome on the dental school lawn on the 8th of March. UDLs were piled high and our traditional boat racing was as intense as ever. We’ve also had a very successful cake stall to raise funds for our student society.

There are lots of events still to come, with the annual sports day/Nogga/Nobote/quiz night/dent dinner all to look forward to while we’re slaving away preparing for case pres, trying to find patients to meet our requirements and trying to get signatures in the second floor lab!

Jenny Hanna

Charles Sturt Uni

We have reached an exciting time here at CSU Dent – for the first time, we have all five years of students! The lecture theatres are full, the corridors are overflowing and clinic is full to the brim. The countdown begins till we say hello to the first ever batch of CSU dental graduates!

2013 is off to a good start, with preparations already underway for many exciting events this year. Commencement Ball is to be held on the 23rd of March, the date is set for our Mexican themed Bar Night and Roland Bryant Cup is just around the corner. We are already getting prepared Sydney, so watch out! We are determined to hang onto the cup for the fourth year running!

Gen Nawrot
James Cook Uni

The fifth years have started their final year placements, fourth years have been back in clinic for seven weeks, our third years are just settling into clinic five days a week, and our second years have been busy welcoming our brand new bunch of freshers to Dentistry at JCU!

This year JCU will celebrate their first graduating year with a few great events, as well as a graduation yearbook. Until November, final year students are spread all over Australia for their final year, and a few across the world in Hong Kong, Norway, Cambodia and New York. We look forward to welcoming them back and seeing what it was like for them to observe and practice overseas!

JCUDSA is also rearing up for a great year to support academics at JCU, including sponsoring a few students to attend the ADSA Adelaide Convention this year as well as the APDSA Congress in Bali. We’re looking forward to supporting our students to meet new people and attend conferences, as well as bringing a fantastic dental ball (as usual) and having our first graduation celebration.

Louise Hanrahan

Sydney Uni

The dental students of Sydney have been hard at work both adjusting to the new challenges of the year as well as on the social front. Irony aside, the first year dental students were excited kids in a candy store upon their first introduction to the simulation clinic.

Second years on the other hand have been dealt tough cards with the onset of a gruelling neuroscience block. Whilst not all bad, the local anaesthesia opens up the opportunity to practice on each other; always a highlight particularly after an eventful lunch.

Lastly, the fourth years, seeing the light at the end of the tunnel have hit the ground running, taking over where they left off at the end of the 2012. Not to mention the spin-filled lunch-time table tennis duels against the third years...

On the social front, the Sydney-siders never lose an opportunity to let their hair down. With a quick introduction to one another at the first year drinks, the social calendar kicked off early with the annual first year camp at Shelly Beach cabins, including the eagerly anticipated toga party where the now infamous policy, “No Toga, No Fun” applied wholeheartedly. A weekend jam-packed with extensive beach time, (civilised) fun and advice from the upper years is always a highlight for those who attend.

Another highlight on the social calendar is the welcome drinks hosted by the Sydney Uni student’s association, SUDA in conjunction with the alumni body, DASUS. It was a great night had by all particularly for those flaunting our beloved hipster-esque, maroon coloured scrubs. It was also great to see many of the students’ favourite academics attend, including Prof Zoellner, sharing his ever-present wisdom and enthusiasm.

The students of Sydney have had a ball thus far and it’s only the beginning. Coming up, we have the annual cruise, the Roland Bryant Cup against our CSU Orange colleagues/enemies and the countless fun we have in our coursework to look forward to.

Ihsan Savran

President of ADSA, Mark Bennett, President of SUDA, David Thode, and Secretary of ADSA, Caroline Bowman at the SUDA welcome drinks.
Student Electives

Electives are meant to be an exciting time for dental students, with the chance to go somewhere new and do something different being one of the highlights of dental school.

However we know that picking an elective can be a daunting process, as it’s often up to students to find out all the information for themselves.

So please pass on this survey to all your friends and colleagues, especially students in older years of recent graduates. Go to:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2X2YYFJ

There is also a link available on our website at www.adsa.org.au

So ADSA is creating an elective database to help students get ideas and information about where they would like to go for their elective.

However this means that we need dental students who have already been on an elective to fill out our ADSA Elective Survey. It is quite short and should only take 10 minutes.

All feedback would be really useful and help other dentistry and oral health students choose an elective that best suits them.

Call it obsessive or sad, but the ‘tooth-cupcakes’ recently baked by Eyleen Cheng of BDent3 is nothing short of impressive, check it out!

Have you baked any dentistry themed goods lately? Let us know at: publications@adsa.org.au

These are cupcakes!

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