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President’s Message: May 2013

Well it’s that time of year again! Classes are well underway and everyone has started to settle into the new year, so of course what better time to be getting excited about the annual ADSA Convention. Our convention team in Adelaide have been working tirelessly to ensure an amazing week for all those attending. With Barossa valley wine tours complementing a fun filled social schedule and an amazing academic line-up - delegates will not be disappointed this year in Adelaide.

Personally, I attended my first convention in Perth in 2009. It is crazy to think that 5 years and 5 conventions on, my journey as a student with ADSA is coming to an end and fittingly so at convention. It is such a rare opportunity to meet people from all over the country that will form such a large part of your colleagues for the rest of your professional career. I would certainly encourage any student that is idling on the fence to take the plunge and register - It is certainly a week you won’t regret!

Convention 2013 will also mark the start of a new ADSA committee. As a student organisation run solely by students that means we need your continuing involvement if we are to continue acting as the only national representative body for dental students in Australia. Working with ADSA is extremely rewarding and a great learning experience and I would encourage every student to consider getting involved in some way, shape or form. Nominations for positions will be released shortly so make sure you get in contact with this year’s committee if you have any questions.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our liaison officers and general committee members. Your effort and commitment has made this one of ADSA’s most successful years and I hope many of you continue to stay involved in the future. I must also give special mention and thanks to the wonderful executive committee this year. Caroline and Sheng have been so integral to all that has been achieved this year that without them ADSA simply would not have functioned.

In other news ADSA is still hard at work. We were represented at ADA congress which was a great chance to partake in their dental workforce forum as well as meet members of the dental industry at large. With the increase in dental graduate numbers over the next few years and ADC registrations at an all-time high, the dental workforce has been a hot topic and ADSA have been working closely with Health Workforce Australia to represent the interests of students on the matter.

Mark Bennett
ADSA President

Australian Dental Congress

At the recent ADA Congress, ADSA was given the opportunity by ACODS to send representatives to a Workforce Workshop. The purpose of this workshop was to identify the key issues and critical challenges the profession is now facing with regard to dental workforce and oral health status of Australia.

We heard about the issues as they are perceived by the ADA, the Dental Board of Australia (DBA), Queensland Health (QLD), the Australasian Council of Dental Schools (ACODS) and Health Workforce Australia (HWA) in an interactive discussion with attendees.

The key issues identified by the stakeholders were:

- Maldistribution of the workforce
- Scope of practice for dentists and dental auxiliary personnel
- A global shortage of Professors
- Changing remuneration – frequently private practices are dependent on third party payments for services
- Ability to predict future demand for dental services
- Number of dental graduates and international dentists entering the workforce

Scope of practice was discussed at length, particularly in relation to the maldistribution of the workforce. In regional areas of Australia it is difficult to attract dentists due to the cost of setting up dental practices reducing the viability in many small towns. This has led to an increase in demand for dental auxiliaries to perform duties for which they may not have been trained.

The issue becomes more complicated when the registration process for a BOH graduate is considered – registration as dental therapist, dental hygienist and oral health therapist is possible, and this will determine the scope of practice set out by the dental board, but the lack of standardisation of these programs means a BOH graduate from one university is not necessarily trained in the same things as a BOH graduate from another university.

Fortunately, the introduction of scope of practice information from the DBA has meant accreditation for these programs is only possible if they are training to these standards. ACODS were very passionate that in order to consider dentistry a profession, we require professors. More dentists need to be involved in dental education, to train the future dental workforce.

Universities are finding it increasing harder to fill their halls with the academics required to train dental professionals, and this issue is compounded by a lack of funding and the increasing number of dental schools.
I think it’s fair to say that as dental students, we are generally pretty busy. We have a lot of class and spend most of our spare time studying. So giving up your precious free time to volunteer your time to helping others is a wonderful thing to do.

Ahmad Samir (the Liaison officer for Melbourne University) has helped establish the Australian branch of an international charity called ICARE. He is the Australian Regional Director of ICARE and a current dental student of the University of Melbourne.

On the 16th of March, Ahmad, along with other several other students launched the Australian branch of ICARE at an event held at the Graduate Centre of the University of Melbourne.

ICARE which stands for Iraqi Children’s Aid and Repair Endeavour, is an international registered non-profit organisation established to assist every day individuals to help disadvantaged Iraqi children receive free medical and dental care. This includes the provision of health education, medical and dental supplies and financial sponsorship of treatment including life saving surgery.

After great success in New Zealand, Ahmad is very proud to launch this great initiative in Australia. The team of student volunteers worked tirelessly to organise and host the event which had a great turnout of over 70 people, including special guest comedian Khaled Khalafalla who brought laughter to the night.

There were artworks and merchandise for sale as part of ICARE’s Art For Aid Program, raffle prizes and a short documentary depicting the deteriorating health care situation in Iraq. They did an excellent job raising $870 which will go towards the “sponsor a smile” project in Iraq to help those who are in need to receive medical and dental care.

The event was a great success and the Australian ICARE team hope that this reflects on future events held in Australia. The Australia launch of ICARE has had a very positive response from the general public, dental and medical students and high profile individuals such as the Iraqi Ambassador to Australia.

The ICARE team hopes that they can attract Australian dentists to help provide services in post-war Iraq as part of their yearly volunteer program. Ahmad also encourages other dental students across Australia to engage in volunteer work for causes such as ICARE.

To learn more about ICARE please visit www.iraqicare.org or email them at contact@iraqicare.org.
I hope everyone is getting pumped for Adelaide Convention!!!

Ticket sales close THIS FRIDAY 10th MAY, so get to it as you wouldn’t want to miss out on one of the best times of the whole year, or even your whole life!

What exactly happens at convention you ask? Well, it’s an amazing few days where you get to meet hundreds of other dental students from around the country. But read ahead to find out exactly what’s happening this year.

The first night in Adelaide promises to be big with the Meet and Greet event to be held just around the corner from the accommodation in the heart of Adelaide at the German Club. Be prepared to mingle over a pretzel and ‘Prost’ with a jug or two of Adelaide’s finest Cooper’s beer.

In theme to the Adelaide Convention – delegates from each uni will be given a unique dress code to fit in with the ‘dark side’ of Adelaide.

On Thursday afternoon, we will be heading down to the Barossa Valley, which is renowned as one of Australia’s leading wine regions. Delegates will travel north and have the opportunity to do some wine tasting at Saltram Winery, Wolf Blass and Richmond Grove. After a busy afternoon in the Barossa, delegates should prepare for a night of swinging jazz, flowing wine coupled with an assortment of cheeses.

To be held in Rymill park, Jazz night promises to be a classy affair – so prepare to dress to impress and dance the night away in style.

Then the night of nights – Saturday will see a cocktail event for delegates at the National Wine Centre. This is the final event of convention and you finally get to see your fellow conventioners dressed up to the nines.

While there is a lot of time to meet your fellow students at social events, there is also a wonderful academic program with inspiring speakers and thought provoking seminars.

This will give delegates a unique opportunity to see how different specialties in dentistry work together to provide holistic care for their patients.

Thursday morning promises an insightful talk on the controversial topic of Stem Cells in Dentistry by Professor Mark Bartold. Professor Bartold is the current supervisor of the Periodontics postgraduate training program at Adelaide University and is also the current Editor of the Australian Dental Journal.

Another talk not to be missed is that to be presented by Dr DeAngelis, an Adelaide Orthodontist who will present us with cases on when and where to use Invisalign and where this revolutionary new age method of orthodontics can be utilised.

Other topics to be discussed include treatment of the paediatric patient, the ever changing world of Endodontics, therapeutics in dentistry and Activism in Health.

On Wednesday we are fortunate enough to have one of Adelaide’s most renowned dentists; Dr Jonathan Rogers who has over 30 years clinical experience and is an instructor and mentor for Nobel Biocare for the training of dentists in Dental Implant Therapy. Dr Rogers will give an informative presentation of implants and peri-implantitis in general dental practice.

Dr Rogers presentation will be followed by a panel discussion on integrated treatment planning by specialists Dr Alan Broughton (prosthodontist), Dr Paul McHugh (periodontist) and Professor Alastair Goss (Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial surgery of University of Adelaide and Emeritus Consultant Surgeon to the Royal Adelaide Hospital).
So basically, you’d be crazy not to come!

To register go to:

www.groupspaces.com/adsa

you only have a few more days before registrations close. Go on, you wouldn’t want to miss it!

There are 4 and 5 person rooms. You can list up to 3 or 4 other delegates you wish to share accommodation with, so get a few friends together and book together!

There are 3 packages on offer:

- Full Package including accommodation $565
- Full Package excluding accommodation $340
- Academic Package Only $150

Remember there are only a few days left to register, and for more info see our website www.adsa.org.au or add us on facebook for more updates.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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