

Presidential Message

At the last General Meeting of the Society in Adelaide, the report of the inaugural Graduate Education Committee recommended that a detailed statement on specialist orthodontic training should be formulated by the Society.

Since that time, the Australian Dental Association, in developing its principles for a specialization policy in dentistry, has requested the views of the Australian Society of Orthodontists and other specialist bodies on educational requirements for specialist recognition.

A newly appointed Graduate Education Committee met in Sydney in August to consider both factors and its decisions will be forwarded in the immediate future, by the Federal Executive, to State Branches for consideration and comment.

Subsequent recommendations will be incorporated by the Committee into a proposal for submission to the next Society meeting.

As you are all aware, the requirements for dental and specialist practice are determined by State legislation and are under the control of the various State Dental Boards.

A policy by the Australian Dental Association at a Federal level, which has co-ordinated the views of affiliated specialist groups, would however direct attention to the standard expected of University or College post-graduate teaching courses. It would also form a basis for liaison with State Dental Boards and would act as a precedent should any State Board move for alteration to existing legislation.

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