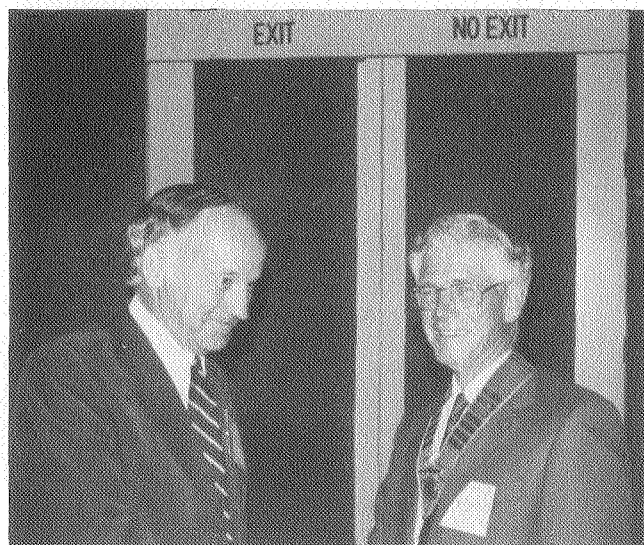


Report of 10th Australian Orthodontic Congress Melbourne 4-10th March 1984

The 10th Australian Orthodontic Congress was held at the Regent Hotel in Melbourne from March 4th-10th 1984. The Congress was an outstanding success from all points of view. 250 delegates registered for the congress, including 35 from overseas countries. 129 associates were also registered.

The scientific programme was developed around the themes of Dental Occlusion and the Relationship to the Temporomandibular Joint, Respiratory Relationships with the Facial Pattern, Early Treatment of the Dento-facial Deformities, and a final session on Orthodontic Practice Management. Discussion on these topics was led by Professor Egil P. Harvold, Norway, Dr. Eugene H. Williamson, U.S.A., and Dr. Ullrich M. Teuscher, Switzerland. These overseas lecturers were well supported by contributions from Australian lecturers. The final session of the programme on practice management was open to both delegates and their accompanying persons. The lecture programme was well attended throughout and retained delegate interest throughout the week.



This photograph was taken by Dr. David Hellstrom at the Change-over Dinner at the Congress. By coincidence the door signs over the two Presidents are relevant in that the outgoing president, Dr. Darryle Bowden, is standing under the "Exit" sign, whilst the incoming president, Dr. Robert Henry, is appropriately under the "No exit" sign.

Table Clinics were presented and enabled delegates to meet 'vis-a-vis' with presenters with a particular interest at both research and clinical levels. This was an interesting session and well supported by both presenters and visiting delegates.

Dr. Williamson conducted a post-congress course on "Orthognathology for Orthodontist". This was attended by 69 registrants and very well received.

A busy Social Programme for delegates and accompanying persons was held during the week of Congress and seemed to be enjoyed by all who attended.

The Sunday evening Welcome Buffet, the Monday evening President's Reception and Thursday evening Change-Over Dinner, were arranged, in accordance with the tradition of recent Congresses.

The Regent Melbourne Hotel proved to be an excellent choice for many of the functions.

Highlights of the Programme would have to be a most successful President's Reception (Dinner) held at an excellent venue: The Great Hall of the National Gallery of Victoria. This was preceded by an interesting Stanley Wilkinson Oration, on the use of dental auxiliaries, given by Mr. Justice Kirby at another impressive venue; the Melbourne Concert Hall.

The Change-Over dinner address was given by professional after-dinner speaker, Campbell McComas, who masqueraded as an I.B.M. specialist and delivered a hilarious talk on future technology in Orthodontics.

Many people took the opportunity to participate in the Wednesday afternoon sport. Golf was held at the Metropolitan Club, and Tennis at historic Werribee Park.

The Accompanying persons were kept busy with a variety of events including an address by Shanti Gowans on, "A Philosophy for Living; STRESS Management", escorted shopping trips to the very fashionable areas of Melbourne, such as High Street Armadale, Toorak Village and South Yarra, a tour of Melbourne's Historic Houses, Como and Ripponlea and a fashion parade featuring Carla Zampatti creations.

Finally, the past format of the Friday Closing Luncheon was changed to allow delegates and accompanying persons the opportunity to mingle freely. An informal "stand-up" function was held with food and drinks brought around by the staff, while a live band played Australian Bush Music to provide a fitting end to a successful Congress.

The trade exhibition, which opened on Sunday, was the largest held at an A.S.O. Congress, and was very well attended throughout the week.

The Organizing committee would like to thank the Regent Hotel and Barrie Markey and his team for their assistance in making the Congress flow smoothly.

John Armitage
Hon. Secretary

1986 NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL ORTHODONTIC CONFERENCE

The New Zealand Orthodontic Society will be holding an International Orthodontic Conference at the Hotel Sheraton, Rotorua, New Zealand, from 16th-20th March, 1986. The theme of the Conference is "The Changing World of Orthodontics" and the principal speakers will be Dr R. L. Boyd and Dr J. L. Nielsen, both from the University of California, San Francisco, supported by eminent New Zealand and overseas clinicians.

New Zealand is at its most beautiful at this time of year and is a sportsman's paradise. Rotorua, the centre of the North Island lake district has been chosen for the scenic beauty of its environs, its fishing, thermal activity and many outdoor attractions.

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