

Presidential Message

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 6th to 10th, 1972, will long be remembered for the most successful Vth Australian Orthodontic Congress held in Melbourne. The large attendance rewarded the efforts of the Congress Committee, who provided an excellent scientific programme and most adequate facilities. The fellowship and goodwill of social functions, such as the Wool Shed Dance at Emu Bottom, did much to ensure that the General Meeting of the Society was conducted with quiet efficiency and a co-operative spirit, in keeping with the aims and objectives of the Society. The Members of the A.S.O. in consort have given the newly elected council many tasks to perform in the forthcoming months, and you may be assured that these will be carried out in accordance with the wishes of the majority of Members.

The next six months of 1972 will see several State Branches holding their annual clinical days. In New South Wales the 13th Annual Clinical Day takes place on Friday, 23rd June. A Meeting of The Begg Light Wire Study Group is planned in Sydney for the preceding day. The New South Wales Branch has invited Professor Martin R. Kean from the University of Otago in New Zealand to be guest speaker along with Mr. Alfred J. Coren, a Sydney Oral Surgeon, and several well known Members of the A.S.O. Branch itself. One requirement still present in the New South Branch is that all Members attending are requested to present a table clinic. The success and increasing interest of these days, which are now held in several States, are a further evidence of the progress of our Society. The various State branches are more than pleased to welcome their interstate colleagues to these meetings, and it is hoped that this interchange of ideas between the major orthodontic congresses in this country will continue.

The 20th Australian Dental Congress will be held in conjunction with the 61st Session of the F.D.I. in Sydney in July, 1973. It is anticipated that many Members of the A.S.O. will take the opportunity to come to Sydney for this important occasion, and your Federal Council is considering the convening of a General Meeting of the Society at this time. Shortly after, the 3rd International Orthodontic Congress will be held in London from August 13th to 18th. Over 40 Members of the A.S.O. have so far indicated to the Australian Convener, Mr. R. Y. Norton, their interest in attending this most unique function. Supporting Members of the F.D.I. will have details in their latest News Letter of similar meetings of orthodontic interest in this period. The 2nd International Congress on Cleft Palate will take place in Copenhagen from August 26th to 31st, while the British Association of Orthodontists plans a Clinical Meeting in the Thames Valley shortly following the International Orthodontic Congress.

While all this suggests an exciting and very busy mid 1973 period, the A.S.O. Foundation for Research and Education have arranged to bring to Australia in November Professor D. G. Woodside, Associate Dean and Chairman of the Department of Orthodontics of the University of Toronto.

We are extremely fortunate in having the continuity of overseas lecturers visiting Australia to stimulate our knowledge and interest in the speciality of Orthodontics. We look forward to an active and exciting period of our Society's activities in the next eighteen months.

I must conclude by paying tribute once again to the achievement of Dr. Richard Case's Federal Council on behalf of all Members of the Society. I would also especially accord the pleasure of the Members of the Society on the re-election of John Moffatt to the Editorship of this Australian Orthodontic Journal. Its increasing acceptance throughout the world is a tribute to the hard work and enthusiasm by John and his wife over many years.

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