



Editors' Message



As the new editors of the CDA NEWS, we like to present a short communication on "Geriatric Dentistry".

Various reports and forums have indicated that there is human longevity leading to an increase in population aging in the developed world. Geriatric Dentistry therefore becomes an important area of dental practice.

According to the 2003 WHO World Oral Health Report, oral disease is the fourth most expensive ailment to treat in most industrialized countries. The burden of oral disease is likely to grow in many developing countries because of unhealthy diets rich in sugars and high consumption of tobacco, Prof Petersen, (Head, WHO Oral Health Unit) said.

Industrialized countries spend 5–10% of their national public health resources on dental care a year, but most developing countries allocate no budget at all to the control of oral disease.

The mouth is referred to as a mirror of overall health, reinforcing that oral health is an integral part of general health. In the elderly population poor oral health has

been considered a risk factor for general health problems. On the other hand, older adults are more susceptible to oral conditions or diseases due to an increase in chronic conditions and physical or mental disabilities. Thus, old people form a distinct group in terms of provision of care.

Common dental diseases that the elderly are particularly prone to are among others attrition, periodontal disease, missing teeth either due to periodontal diseases or dental caries, edentulousness, poor quality of alveolar ridges, mucosal lesions, oral ulceration, dry mouth (xerostomia), and oral cancers. Many of these are the sequelae of neglect in the early years of life, for example, consumption of a cariogenic diet, lack of awareness regarding preventive aspects, and habits like smoking and/or tobacco, pan, and betel nut chewing. All these problems may increase in magnitude because of the declining immunity in old age and because of coexisting medical problems.

As a result of poor systemic health, limited resources, and lack of awareness, the elderly patient and care givers often do not pay sufficient attention to oral health. In addition, medications like antihypertensives, antipsychotics, anxiolytics, etc., lead to xerostomia, and the absence of the protective influences of saliva in the oral cavity increases the predisposition to oral disease. Financial constraints and lack of family support or of transportation facilities affect access to dental services in later life. The untreated oral cavity has its detrimental effects mostly on comfort, speech, mastication and, consequently, on nutrition and quality of life in old age.

FM Fabian & FK Kahabuka

Prof Flora M Fabian & Prof Febronia K Kahabuka
Co-Editors, CDA NEWS

New CDA Executive

President: Prof Bill O'Reilly (Australia)
Immediate Past President: Dr Hilary Cooray (Sri Lanka)
President Elect: Dr Anthony Kravitz (UK)
Honorary Treasurer: Dr Stuart Geddes (UK)
Executive Secretary: Prof DYD Samarawickrama (UK)
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Central & South Africa: Dr Susan Maina (Kenya)
Pacific: Dr David Crum (New Zealand)
South East Asia: Dr Suresh Shanmuganathan (Sri Lanka)
West Africa: Prof Adeyemi Olusile (Nigeria)
General Administrator: Ms Ulrike Matthesius (UK)

From the Outgoing Editor



The CDA is entering a new phase. After three successful years, Dr Hilary Cooray of Sri Lanka has passed on the Presidency to Prof Bill O'Reilly of Australia. In a major coup, Bill has secured a very substantial sponsorship package from the Australian Dental Corporation to support the CDA's educational programme.

At the same time, CDA has forged a mutually beneficial partnership with Healthcare Learning: Smile-on, a leading e-learning provider in the UK. These developments taken together can be seen as a harbinger of greater things to come from the CDA.

The CDA has been active in promoting oral health in its member countries since its inception. The developments mentioned previously can lead to a greater impact. Therefore, we look to the future with confidence.

CDA NEWS has had a change of editorship too. Since its inception, the editorial team of the CDA NEWS and its predecessor CDA Bulletin has resided in the United Kingdom. For the first time, the editorship has moved out of the UK to Africa. This has occurred at the most appropriate time. With the deadline for the achievement of Millennium Development Goals only a couple of years away, the focus will be very much on Africa. Therefore, it is quite right that the CDA NEWS should be edited by a team near where most of the action is going to be.

With all the Millennium Development Goals linked to oral health, CDA has a major role to play. The funding package, the partnership with Healthcare Learning: Smile-on and the basing of the editorial team in Africa all signify a new phase for CDA: one full of challenges but also where new technology can be harnessed to the benefit of the communities we have dedicated ourselves to serve.

We look forward to the CDA NEWS to bring all the new developments as they occur to a wider audience with greater impact.

Very best wishes to the CDA NEWS in general and its new Editors in particular.

D.Y.D. Samarawickrama

Prof. D.Y.D. Samarawickrama
BDS, PhD, FDSRCS, FHEA, FCGDP

Outgoing Editor, CDA NEWS
Executive Secretary, CDA

President's Message



It gives me great pleasure to address you through this Presidential Message.

Just a short time ago the Joint International Conference of the Sri Lanka Dental Association concluded in Colombo.

The Conference was held in conjunction with the Commonwealth Dental Association (CDA) and the World Dental Federation (FDI) and marked the 80th anniversary of the Sri Lanka Dental Association. The Conference was an outstanding success with a robust and intellectually stimulating scientific programme, wonderful Sri Lankan hospitality that enhanced the social programme and flawless organisation.

The CDA held a one-day symposium on the challenges of delivering oral health services to the aged in developing and developed countries. A synopsis of the day will shortly be available on the CDA website. What was apparent to all was that all countries in the Commonwealth face the same issues in providing quality oral care to their senior citizens in an equitable and affordable way to enhance their quality of life.

We are in the final stages of organising the Workshop in Johannesburg, South Africa later this year and preparations are well on the way for the Workshop in Ghana in 2014.

On behalf of the half a million dentists represented by the CDA, I extend our heartfelt thanks to the Sri Lanka Dental Association, its President Suresh Shanmuganathan and his Organising Committee for their generosity and support to the CDA.

May fair winds and following seas accompany you all on your respective journeys until we next meet.

Bill O'Reilly

Prof Bill O'Reilly
President, CDA

Treasurer's report



This will be my last routine Financial Report, as I have now handed over the Treasurer's duties to Dr. Stuart Geddes (see separate news report).

We have now reached the end of the CDA's financial year, and so I do need to bring members up to date with our financial position. To remind

you, our financial year runs from July 1st to June 30th annually – which is the same as that of the Commonwealth Foundation.

Our income has two main sources – sponsorship, from the Commonwealth Foundation and external commercial organisations; and members' subscriptions. Taking these in order, the annual sponsorship received from the Foundation this year was more generous than in recent years (£18,000). We have bid for funding for the 2013-14 year but I am disappointed to report that during this "transitional" year for the Foundation, whilst they move to a new system, and they have declined to offer us any funding support for 2013-14.

We received support (again) of £5,000 from the Scientific Division of Coca Cola that is responsible for the Clean Water campaigns in Africa. This was specifically given to help us fund our Triennial Meeting in Cape Town last November. Healthcare Learning: Smile-on have continued to provide their services to us, in relation to webinars and educational services, free of charge and this is a very generous indirect sponsorship of the CDA.

We have also received indirect financial assistance from Dental Protection Ltd, who have funded the setting up of our new website by Healthcare Learning: Smile-on and covered the costs of our newsletters until now. We will be paying some modest costs shortly, for the ongoing management of the website, but as DPL have promised further funding towards these costs, they are not likely to be too onerous for the CDA.

However, our big, very positive news is that our new President Bill O'Reilly has been able to obtain very generous continued sponsorship for the CDA, to be used for educational purposes, from The (Australian) Dental Corporation. This will be to the amount of Aus\$60,000 over four years. Bill presented the CDA with the first cheque for \$15,000 at the recent Awards' Ceremony (see the related news article). This converted to £8,779.

Membership subscriptions for the year have been disappointing. Most member NDAs have now sent their annual subscription, but two Asian region associations – with relatively large fees to pay – and three Caribbean associations had not sent their payments by the end of the year. We have received 82% of the sums billed, but are about £1,600 down on our target. However, this target is about the same as the previous three years, despite the raising of subscriptions agreed by the General Meeting in November 2012.

The outturn from all this is that turnover this year is just over £40k against a budgetary forecast of £33k.

Our expenses were approximately £31.6k by June 30th – which is £10k less than I budgeted for 12 months ago. There was a combination of reasons for this reduction in expenses: we have received wonderful support from the BDA since Ulrike took over our administration and I am certain that what we have been charged is not the full cost of this support. Indeed, we have been paying the same amount for several years.

We also made a political decision not to attend this year's Commonwealth Health Ministers Meeting in Geneva, as not representing value for money. The TGM in Cape Town cost us £6k less than expected, particularly from considerable financial subsidy towards our costs from the Australian Dental Association and Healthcare Learning: Smile-on, and the a reduction of costs from the inability of some Executive members to be able to attend.

Thus, the outturn is that we have a surplus for the year of £8.3k, against a budgetary forecast of an £8.7k deficit.

So, we have ended my term of office with reserves of £40.8k, as I hand over to Stuart – a highly satisfactory position on which to bow out! I have known Stuart for a great many years and he has run the BDA's Wales office very successfully since he was appointed the Director there. I have absolute confidence that he will be a diligent and resourceful Treasurer – but would recommend that he doesn't stay around as long as I have done!

AS Kravitz, OBE

Dr Anthony S Kravitz OBE
President-elect
(Treasurer December 2003 to April 2013)

People in the News

Professor Bill O'Reilly President 2012 -



Associate Professor Bill O'Reilly is the Immediate Past President of the Australian Dental Association Inc and has served two terms as the New South Wales Branch President of the Association.

He is an Honorary Life Member of both the national and state dental associations. He holds a dental degree from

the University of Sydney and has also been admitted as a Barrister to the Supreme Court of New South Wales. He has practised as a general practitioner in private dental practice and as a Dental Officer in the Royal Australian Navy. He is a conjoint Associate Professor at the University of Newcastle.

Bill is a Fellow of the International College of Dentists, Pierre Fauchard, Academy of Dentists International and the Australian College of Legal Medicine. He is a past Chairman of the Communication and Member Support Committee of FDI.

Bill sits on a number of corporate boards as independent chairman and has wide experience in corporate governance, budget and strategic policy matters.

Professor Flora M. Fabian, DDS, PhD Co-Editor 2013 -



Professor Flora M. Fabian was former CDA Vice President for East, Central and Southern Africa, was president of the Tanzania Dental Association (TDA) for two terms up to 2011. She is professor of Anatomy and Dean Faculty of Medicine at the International Medical and Technological University (IMTU) from 2008 to date. Previously she worked

at the School of Medicine Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) from 1987 to 2007. She is an external examiner in Human Anatomy for five Medical Universities.

She is the chief editor of the *IMTU Medical Journal (IMJ)* and member of Editorial Board of the *Tanzania Dental Journal (TDJ)*

Professor Febronia K. Kahabuka, DDS, MSc, PhD Co-Editor 2013 -



Professor Febronia K. Kahabuka is an Associate Professor in Paediatric Dentistry at the School of Dentistry, Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS). She has been the Coordinator of Academics, Head of Department and Associate Dean. Currently, she is a Coordinator of Gender Programme Unit (MUHAS),

member of Editorial Board of MUHAS Newsletter, *Brazilian Dental Journal*, *World Journal of Stomatology*, *IMTU medical Journal* and Editor-in-Chief *Tanzania Dental Journal*. She is a Fellow of Tanzania Academy of Science.

Dr Stuart Geddes, BDS, MGDSRCS Honorary Treasurer 2013 -

During its meeting in April the Executive appointed Stuart Geddes as the new Treasurer of the CDA, following Anthony Kravitz's formal resignation from the post on April 19th. Stuart has been shadowing Anthony, as Assistant Treasurer, since the Cape Town Triennial General Meeting.

Stuart qualified from Birmingham University in 1970. Following this he worked in a hospital, then as a lecturer in Cardiff Dental School, before moving into general practice in Wales in 1980. He obtained the MGDS postgraduate qualification from the Edinburgh Royal College of Surgeons in 1986.

Since 2001 he has been working full-time as an operational director with the BDA, in the Cardiff office, looking after members' interests in Wales. He is also the current Chairman of the Lindsay Society, a society of people interested in the history of dentistry.

Stuart can be contacted at treasurer@comdental.org

CDA Workshop on Oral Health and Oral Disability in the Elderly

Cape Town, November 2012

By Ms Ulrike Matthesius, CDA Administrator

The CDA held its 7th Triennial meeting on 2-3 November 2012 in Cape Town, South Africa, during the South African Dental Association's Annual Congress.

CDA President Dr. Hilary Cooray opened the workshop by welcoming all participants and thanking the sponsors of the CDA for making the event possible: the Commonwealth Foundation, Mr. Mike Knowles and International Life Sciences Institute, and Healthcare Learning Smile On.

The Chair, Prof. DYD Samarawickrama, set the scene for the topic of the day.

Speakers

Dr. Sue Greening (UK), Consultant in Special Care Dentistry, spoke on "*Oral health and an ageing population – the challenge*". She reviewed the demographical changes in the world's older population, explored the general effects of ageing on oral health as well as the effects of disability on oral health in older people, and noted some of the global initiatives being undertaken in relation to oral health and older people.

Dr. Tope Esan (Nigeria), Associate Professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry, spoke about "*Tooth loss and quality of life in the elderly*". He considered the impact of tooth loss on oral and general health in older people, outlined the effects of various treatment options on their quality of life, and summarised approaches to treatment which may improve quality of life for this group.

Dr. Graham Gilmour (UK), Consultant in Restorative Dentistry, then joined the event via a live web-link from London, to provide an online lecture on the topic "*The dental management of the 'chronologically gifted' patient*". He focused on the need for greater understanding of the specific oral health needs of the elderly, underlined the importance of proactive dental care, and provided suggestions for strategies of dental management.

Group work

The audience was then subdivided into three groups.

Group One focused on the role of the CDA in relation to oral health and the ageing population. The CDA was

found to be active in the provision of education to professionals as well as lobbying on political issues such as programmes for fluoride toothpaste and toothbrushes, or fluoridation where appropriate.

It was recognised that there were links between oral health and some medical conditions, and that this affected the quality of life of individuals. Education provision was of utmost importance. In addition, support for preventive programmes (smoking cessation, healthy lifestyle promotion, issues of traditional medicine, beetlenut and chewing stick dangers) was also an area where the CDA could extend its activities.

Furthermore, there was a need to estimate the number of dentists in each country, provide CPD for them, and focus on teamwork and training of the dental team as well as dentists. A resource pack for dental care professionals was something the CDA could develop. Dental volunteering

was often useful and helpful, but it also caused problems in some countries. The CDA should focus on programmes to train local people instead, which would provide a more consistent resource.

Group Two focused on the role of NDAs in relation to tooth loss and quality of life in the elderly. NDAs could play

a bigger role in dental education for individuals, care givers, community, and dental care professionals. There was a need to include more geriatrics training in both undergraduate and postgraduate curricula and NDAs could lobby their universities/regulators to that effect. The main role for NDAs was therefore the provision of education locally, and the lobbying of government and related organisations to raise the profile of tooth loss affecting the quality of life of the elderly. They could also play a role in supporting prevention programmes and collecting data on tooth loss in the elderly.

Group Three looked at the role of the dental team in the dental management of the 'chronologically gifted' patient. Discussions focused on health problems affecting oral health such as effects of medication, lack of manual dexterity, dementia, reduced salivary flow, root caries, reduced eyesight, depression, but also more system-related issues such as access to dental care and the cost of dental care.

The role of the dentist was seen to require a focus on prevention, through oral health education,

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fluoride applications, plaque control and dietary advice. Dentists would also need to work closely with physicians and carers to manage the effects of medication on a person's oral health.

CDA Strategy

Dr. Anthony Kravitz OBE introduced this section of the workshop by explaining the new strategic direction of the Association, in particular the focus on online learning and the plan to provide educational materials through the CDA website.

Mr Noam Tamir of Healthcare Learning: Smile-on spoke about "Breaking down the distance barrier using blended learning: the Smile-on experience". He outlined how web-based education platforms can help to deliver online lectures (webinars), personal development plans, assessment, learning platforms, qualifications and tutoring.

Professor Stephen Lambert-Humble MBE followed the presentation with a talk on "Using all the available learning

tools in the 21st century". He noted that online learning provided a cost-effective method of using learning materials from experts from around the world, and provided web links and online demonstration of how such learning tools could work.

Attendees at the workshop enthusiastically welcomed the presentations and agreed that the move to an online educational presence was the right direction for the CDA.

The workshop ended with a short speech from Dr. Victor Eastmond who presented the President with a CD Rom of the CDA Workshop on "The role of dental professionals in detecting abuse and neglect", which was held in Barbados in November 2011.

The presentations are available on the CDA Website www.comdental.org

News in Brief

Australian Dental Corporation Sponsors CDA Education Strategy

The CDA is pleased to announce that the Australian Dental Corporation will be providing four years recurrent funding of \$A15,000 per annum from 2013 to 2017.

The CDA is extremely grateful for this generous sponsorship which will be used to finance education and workshop initiatives over the next four years.

The sponsorship was announced at an awards reception held on 26 April in London during the British Dental Conference and Exhibition. CDA President Bill O'Reilly presented a cheque for the first year to President-Elect Anthony Kravitz OBE.

The first event to be supported by the money is a planned workshop in Africa later in 2013.



CDA President Bill O'Reilly (right) hands over the cheque to outgoing Treasurer Anthony Kravitz

Breaking News

The CDA recently attended the FDI Congress, where several important issues were discussed that have relevance to the CDA and its members' work. A report will be available in the next edition of this newsletter.

Sri Lanka, June 2013

By Dr Suresh Shanmuganathan

The President of Sri Lanka Dental Association Dr. Suresh Shanmuganathan was also the Chairman of the Organizing Committee of a Joint International Conference & 80th Anniversary Annual Scientific Sessions of Sri Lanka Dental Association, which was held from 27 June - 1 July, 2013.

Following is the text of the speech made by the CDA President Prof. Bill O'Reilly at the Inauguration Ceremony of the Conference:

- The Honorable Minister of Health.
- The President and Council of the Sri Lanka
- Fellow Presidents of International Dental Federations.
- Distinguished guests.
- Ladies and gentlemen.

A few short weeks ago at the May Day Rally in Campbell Park, the President of Sri Lanka, His Excellency Mahinda Rajapaksa, reminded his audience ... "that there is nowhere in the world where citizens are ensured of free health and education facilities ..."

And at the Commemoration of "International Family Health Day", the President acutely observed that "... Sri Lanka is one of the countries that has a health record level, the same as developed countries, for health services".

To the outside observer, this has only occurred as a result of the industry, resourcefulness and resiliency of the Sri Lankan people.

A resiliency that has seen the Sri Lankan nation carve its unique Global and Pan Asian identity after shedding 500 years of Colonial Rule with Independence in 1948.

A resiliency characterised by its reaction to the Air Raids of 1944, the devastating floods of 2003 and its resiliency in dealing with the unprecedented destruction to its infrastructure and its people in the 2004 tsunami.

98 years ago, on 15 May 1915, the first qualified dentist was registered on the Ceylon Medical Council Register and dentistry was, from that moment, seen as an independent profession.

The first Dental Clinic opened in Colombo and thereafter in Kandy and Galle, with oral health care now being delivered by clinics across the nation.

80 years ago, the Ceylon Dental Hospital and School



CDA President Bill O'Reilly addressing the conference

commenced training and graduating its own dentists and dental auxiliaries whose clinical, academic and research skills are acknowledged around the world to be at the vanguard of contemporary dental practice.

The Sri Lankan Dental Association has much to be proud of on its 80th birthday.

Through its advocacy with government, the altruism of its members, wise stewardship of its Presidents, Executive and Staff, Sri Lanka, in 2012, recorded its lowest DMFT index, ever. This is an extraordinary achievement when you consider that the DMFT index in some developed countries, including mine, is actually increasing in some population cohorts.

The Sri Lankan dental community has been generous in lending to the international fraternity many fine leaders who have held positions of import in the FDI, APDF and CDA.

Minister:

I wish to acknowledge the inspired stewardship of Professor Hilary Cooray, the immediate Past President of the CDA and the support, wise counsel and endeavour of the current Sri Lankan Dental Association President who sits on my Executive as a Regional VP and Professor Sam for his tireless commitment to CDA. Suresh, on behalf of the 500k dentists in the CDA, may I congratulate you and your Association on hosting this joint International Conference and for the extraordinary hospitality afforded to all delegates on this, your 80th birthday. May fair winds and following seas accompany the SLDA and Sri Lanka in their journey over the next 80 years.

The Conference in Photos



The Minister formally opens the Conference



Panel Discussion

Symposium on “Oral health for older people in a changing world”

Held during the Sri Lankan Dental Association's 80th Anniversary Annual Scientific Congress, June 2013

The programme included the following presentations:

- Opening remarks: Prof. Bill O'Reilly (Australia; President, CDA)
- Specialised care for the elderly (medical perspective): Dr. Dilhara Samaraweera, Consultant Physician (Sri Lanka)
- Specialised care for the elderly (dental perspective): Dr. Vajira Jayasinghe, Consultant in Restorative Dentistry (Sri Lanka)
- Oral Health and an ageing population: role of the GDPs: Dr. Hilary Cooray (Sri Lanka)
- Tooth loss and quality of life in the elderly – a challenge for the NDAs
Presentations (10 minutes each) by
 - India: Dr. TV Padmanabhan
 - Malaysia: Dato A Ratnanesan
 - Sri Lanka: Dr. Pubudu Perera
 - Maldives: Dr. Ahmed Saleem

- Discussion/Conclusions & Recommendations

The session was attended by more than 100 participants, who considered the following issues:

- Specialised care for the elderly from a medical and a dental perspective
- Oral health and an ageing population
- Role for the General Dental Practitioners (GDPs)
- Tooth loss and quality of life in the elderly – A Challenge for the National Dental Associations

As a result of the event, a concept paper based on the discussions will be published in the near future.

A full report of the meeting is now available on our website, www.comdental.org

Forthcoming CDA Events

Workshop: Oral Health Care for the Elderly
22 & 23 November 2013, Johannesburg, South Africa

Workshop: Oral Health Care of the Elderly
11 & 12 February 2014, Accra, Ghana

CDA presents awards to four distinguished supporters

London, April 2013

By Ms Ulrike Matthesius, CDA Administrator

The Commonwealth Dental Association was proud to present a number of awards at a reception held at the BDA Conference in London on 26 April 2013. Mr David Campion, Mr Andrew Quayle, Dr Sam Thorpe and Dr Mike Knowles received the awards for their outstanding support of the CDA over many years. Mr Campion and Mr Quayle received the engraved silver trays at the event from CDA President Prof Bill O'Reilly. Dr Thorpe and Dr Knowles were unable to attend but had their citations read out by Dr Anthony Kravitz OBE, CDA President-Elect. The citations can be seen below.

Mr David Campion

The Campion family have been intrinsically involved with the CDA since before its foundation in 1990. From the late 1980s Julia Campion was first the secretary and then the administrator of the Association – doing everything to ensure the smooth running of its affairs, until her untimely death in November 2007.

Typical of the messages the CDA received at that time was this from the South African Dental Association: *“She was always most helpful and despite other officers of the CDA coming and going she was, to most of the CDA members in the former colonies ‘the’ voice and ‘presence’ of the CDA.”*

During this period of 20 years or so, she was ably supported by her husband, David Campion, who undertook the management of the accounts, set up and produced the newsletters and designed and managed the CDA's first



Prof Bill O'Reilly CDA President & Mr David Campion

website. Even following his profound loss, David continued to provide the CDA with these services until just a few months ago.

The Executive of the CDA has unanimously approved the presentation of the CDA Award to David Campion, in appreciation of all the services he has rendered to the CDA over a sustained period.

Mr Andrew Quayle

Andrew Quayle has been undertaking valuable voluntary work over and above his commercial interests within the African countries of the Commonwealth, for more years than anyone can remember. He travels back and forth to assist dental professionals in less developed countries, in their work to improve the oral health of their populations.

He has involved with the Commonwealth Dental Association in much of this work by enabling it to provide material



Prof Bill O'Reilly CDA President

and equipment to support its members. He continues to help the CDA, through his firm, to provide text books to students in dental schools across the continent. He has also provided the CDA with help and advice to promote the smooth running of its activities. His company Quayle Dental Ltd has also been a consistent financial supporter of the CDA through the “CDA Friends Scheme”.

The Executive of the CDA has unanimously approved the presentation of the CDA Award to Andrew Quayle, in appreciation of all the services he has rendered to the people of Africa and particularly to the CDA, over a sustained period.

Dr Mike Knowles

Mike Knowles first became known to the CDA around the year 2000, when CDA President became aware of his activity in less developed countries, particularly those in the Commonwealth, through his Vice Presidency of the Global Scientific & Regulatory Affairs of Coca-Cola. Through this charitable foundation clean water is being provided to millions of people in the African and Asian continents.

Mike also ensured that the CDA received regular substantial sponsorship through their scientific division for the many workshops the CDA has run in the last 10 years – which enabled the CDA to financially assist dental professionals from less developed countries to be transported and housed at these events.

The Executive of the CDA has unanimously approved the presentation of the CDA Award to Mike Knowles, in appreciation of all the services he has rendered to the people of less developed countries and particularly to the CDA, over a sustained period.

Dr Sam Thorpe OOR

Dr Sam Thorpe graduated in dentistry in New Zealand in 1968. In 1971, he obtained a DDPH from the University of Toronto in Canada, and an MSc in Paediatric Dentistry from the University of London.

He worked for the World Health Organization Regional Office for Africa (WHO/AFRO) as a Consultant and Professional on Oral Health in 1989, before becoming the first Regional Adviser Oral Health in WHO/AFRO from January 1990 to September 2002. From 1980 to 1988 he was also Head of the Dental Department and Senior Specialist Dental Surgeon at

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the Ministry of Health in Sierra Leone. In 1986 he was made an Officer of the Order of the Rokel (OOR) by the Sierra Leone Government for distinguished service to dental health. He was Associate Professor, Department of Community Health, University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, Philadelphia, USA 2002-2005.

Dr Sam Thorpe was first elected as the CDA Executive Secretary at the 4th Triennial Meeting in Nairobi, Kenya in

2003 and he remained as such until November 2012. For the last two years Sam has been the Registrar of the Sierra Leone Medical, Dental and Nurses Council.

The Executive of the CDA has unanimously approved the presentation of the CDA Award to Sam Thorpe, in appreciation of all the services he has rendered to dentistry and particularly the CDA, over a sustained period.



Prof Bill O'Reilly CDA President & Mr Andrew Quayle



L-R: Dr Anthony Kravitz OBE, CDA President-Elect, Prof Bill O'Reilly, CDA President & Mr David Campion

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