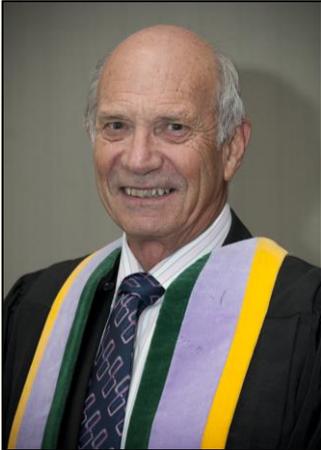


Meet 2017 President Elect Clive Ross



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Clive Ross

To be given the privilege of holding the office of President Elect of ICD is a very special honour and a responsibility that I take very seriously.

I have had the wonderful opportunity of serving my own [Section VIII Australasia](#) as a Board member and subsequently President, and have been a part of the International Council since 2007. On the International Council, I have served four years as Treasurer, followed by Vice President and now President Elect.

During these years, I have been constantly reminded of the amazing caliber of our Fellows and their dedication to the aims and goals of the International College. I have also had the learning privilege of working with a wide diversity of cultures, people and College leadership in this time, which I hope enables me to bring, in my role as a President Elect, added support and value to our International President Dr. Rajesh Chandna.

As we begin 2017, I am conscious of how far the College has travelled over recent years. Our global reach has expanded enormously, and our partnerships with other global oral health NGO's and organizations have developed into mature working partnerships. The image of the College, the respect in which it is held, and the vibrancy that reflects the optimism and dedication is firmly established and recognized.

The coming year will be demanding and rewarding. Our International Council is very active and enthusiastic. Many ideas and initiatives are being put forward, and each Councillor brings his or her own perspectives to the wide-ranging discussion. Their

willingness to make a difference for the betterment of oral health worldwide is clearly obvious.

I am constantly reminded of and humbled by the dedication of those College Fellows who undertake the hard work of providing care in difficult and demanding circumstances, and who are certainly making such a difference to the oral health and thus the general health of those in need around the world.

It is my strong commitment to ensure, as best as I am able, that these dedicated Fellows get the support, the encouragement and respect that their humanitarian projects deserve. They are the core element of our College.

I am also committed to ensure that the College continues to actively invite and encourage the induction of those dentists globally who are making amazing contributions in their own fields of expertise and in humanitarian efforts for the betterment of others. The College is here to recognize them, and by their becoming Fellows it acknowledges their contribution.

The College is strong, forward looking and progressive. The infrastructure of the College Office is outstanding and supports and enables the progress being made on so many fronts. Our role as an Executive Committee is to support and enhance this infrastructure, because without it we cannot begin to achieve our aspirations and humanitarian contributions.

I am looking forward to working with this dedicated group of professional people and the Council. I will be listening to the needs expressed by our Sections around the world and endeavor to help them grow, provide the support they need to facilitate their initiatives using their own expertise, and allow them to take great pride in knowing their Fellows and the College do make a difference!

2017 will be a great year for our College.

Dr. Clive Ross

International President Elect