

The Australian Dental Council appoints Dr Felicia Valianatos to its Board of Directors

Melbourne, Victoria, 15 December 2020: The Australian Dental Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Felicia Valianatos to the organisation's Board of Directors for a three-year term, effective from 27 November 2020.

An experienced general dentist and executive manager, Dr Valianatos is a passionate advocate for professional excellence within the dental sector. She holds numerous commendations and was the 2018 recipient of Dental Health Services Victoria Star of Public Dentistry Award.

Dr Valianatos has had a long association with the Australian Dental Council. As an overseas graduate, she completed the Australian Dental Council's dental practitioner assessment process in 2000. Since 2003 she has shared her experience and expertise as an examiner, convenor and item writer and has been an active member of the organisation's Assessment Committee and Assessment Review Working Party.

She holds a Master of Health Management and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons, a Fellow of the International College of Dentists and an Honorary Fellow at the University of Melbourne.

Dr Valianatos' appointment coincides with the reappointment of Ms Lucy Vincent to the Board of Directors for a further three-year term.

"The reappointment of Ms Vincent as a non-practitioner director with expertise in law and the public sector reinforces the stability of the Australian Dental Council's Board of Directors, and together with Dr Valianatos' experience ensures the combination of skills and knowledge needed to lead the organisation beyond 2020" explains Chair, Professor Lindsay Richards.

"In recent years, the Australian Dental Council has been working to ensure a structured and rigorous approach to succession planning for the Board of Directors and each of its Committees. However, the events of 2020 saw this focus shift towards ensuring stability and consistency within these groups, at least for the short term."

"With a long history with the Australian Dental Council, the appointment of Dr Valianatos allows us to continue to implement our succession planning, whilst ensuring the Board of Directors as a whole maintains its thorough understanding of the work of the organisation. It is a pleasure to welcome her to the Board of Directors," said Professor Richards.

Dr Valianatos replaces Associate Professor John Boucher AM who stood down as a Board Director in November 2020.

"Associate Professor Boucher has had a long association with the Australian Dental Council. A former President, he continues to be an active member of the organisation through his involvement with the Assessment Committee, the Nominations Committee and as an examiner. I would like to thank Associate Professor Boucher for his ongoing commitment and dedication to the Australian Dental Council," said Professor Richards.

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About the Australian Dental Council

Formed in 1993, the Australian Dental Council (ADC) is an independent organisation appointed by the Dental Board of Australia (DBA) to conduct assessment and accreditation functions for the dental profession under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS).

The ADC is an independent not-for-profit company limited by guarantee under the Australian Securities and Investments Commission. It holds charity status under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission and is funded by a grant from the DBA and fee for service activities.

The Council recognises the value of a diverse and skilled workforce and is committed to creating and maintaining a diverse and inclusive culture, which draws on the backgrounds, experiences and perspectives of its people to enhance its decision making.

Current members of the ADC include key professional bodies, academic bodies and other members of the Australian dental profession.