

Association for Dental Education in Europe

Presidents' Message - The ADEE - An International Team Effort!

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*Malcolm Jones
ADEE President*

I am writing this Presidential Message, my last, in late October. The weather in Cardiff is perfect with blue sky and sunshine but with a slight chill on the air, just enough to remind us that winter is coming! It feels, after a poor August and a disappointing September, that summer has finally arrived in Wales – of course, better late than never!

The end of August and early September in Helsinki was, in contrast, blessed with excellent weather for the Annual Conference, ADEE 35. This proves, without doubt, that Heikki Murtomaa and his team are not only exceptional organisers but obviously also blessed by the Gods!

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To be serious for the moment, I think that the ADEE community should take a moment to celebrate what has been one of our most successful meetings. Having a theme this year which related to CPD and Lifelong Learning obviously proved very attractive with the highest number of delegates we have ever had to our annual meeting. The many excellent presentations generated significant debate which demonstrates to me that this is an area where the ADEE can take the kind of lead that it has done for undergraduate education over the last decade. In addition, it proves that the decision of the Executive to support another EU project, but this time in the area of postgraduate dental education is the right one. I was also pleased to see the increasing success of the Forum of European Heads and Deans of Dental Schools. The number of attendees has doubled each year since I chaired the first meeting of the FEHDD three years ago – I congratulate Mariano Sanz and Nairn Wilson for their leadership in this area.

In Helsinki there was also a locally facilitated one day seminar run together with a number of the leaders of dental education in Africa, this took place prior to the main meeting. Significant work was done at this meeting to further cement the relationship between the European and African associations, whilst seeking to develop strategies to facilitate the growth of this partnership on the existing strong foundations.

May I express my thanks and congratulations again to the Local Organising Committee in Helsinki for doing such an excellent job hosting ADEE 35.

In this last piece from me as President, I am pleased to report that the ADEE is going from strength to strength – perhaps the photograph showing some of the Executive hoisting the sails one evening prior to the conference best demonstrates the secret of our success.

In the photo you can see a German, a Finn a Dutchman and a Welshman all working together to lift the heavy sails so that the good ship 'ADEE' can set sail through the occasionally stormy seas that are dental education in Europe. I think you will find that Henk Kersten might say that, as usual, it is the Secretary General (in the foreground) that is doing most of the work - but that is the way of things and I know he enjoys it!



Photo L to R Winfried Harzer, President Elect; Heikki Murtomaa, LOC Chair; Henk Kersten, Secretary General and Malcolm Jones, President.

President's Message

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I have asked the indulgence of the office to allow me two photographs in this article. The first I have mentioned, the second is at the top of this piece and shows me this summer with my new baby 'Morgan'. I have put it in my farewell Newsletter as President to show what I shall be doing more driving in 2010 but it also gives me, as I drive away into the sunset, the opportunity to say thank you to my superb and enthusiastic Executive, most ably supported by Majella Giles and the office in Dublin. They have done so much to make my term as President enjoyable. I shall, of course, have one more year on the Executive as Past President and in that

position I will continue to work for you all and will strongly support my successor, Winfried Harzer, who I know will do an outstanding job. Again let me say how much I have enjoyed the last couple of years and thank you all for allowing me to be your President.

By the time you get this message you will be thinking of the Christmas vacation so let me be the first to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year! See you all in Amsterdam in 2010 if not before!

Malcolm Jones
ADEE President

Secretary General's Report

Henk Kersten



*Henk Kersten
Secretary General*

As we reflect on a very successful annual meeting in Helsinki (see elsewhere in this issue) Europe is preparing for winter. With the change of the year the composition of the ADEE Executive Committee will also change as one or more members complete their term of office. On 1st January this coming year our President, Professor Malcolm Jones will step down from that office following two busy and productive years at the helm. Our President Elect Professor Winfried Harzer has the honour

of following Malcolm in this challenging role. Fortunately, Winfried is very experienced within ADEE both as a former member of the Executive and as the organiser of another successful ADEE meeting in Dresden. Ilze Akota also steps down in January having served three years as a member of the Executive. On behalf of the Executive Committee I thank both for their commitment and dedication. I wish Winfried success for the coming two years in leading ADEE.

Professor Jean-Louis Sixou from Rennes, France will join the Committee as an Executive member and Professor Henri Magloire from Lyon will participate as a Co-opted member. He will lead the organisation of the 2012 annual meeting in Lyon. We welcome them both and look forward to working with them on behalf of the Association.

During the General Assembly in Helsinki on 28th August, winners of the ADEE Excellence in Dental Education Awards 2009 were announced by Richard Oliver, EDEAC Chairman. Certificates were presented to the following persons; Early Career Educator: Jane Wardman, Leeds Dental Institute. Mature Educators: Helen Craddock, Leeds Dental Institute; Meta Schoonheim-Klein, ACTA and Ross Hobson formerly Newcastle University Dental School. Congratulations to all Award winners!

Annually the main meeting of ADEE is held in a city/university that applied some years earlier to host the meeting. To date this arrangement worked well. Recently, we have experienced an upsurge in requests from schools to act as hosts for future annual meetings; consequently the Executive Committee has revised the venue selection procedure. It is stated in the Bylaws that the General Assembly approves the time and place of future meetings and that a local organising committee shall organise the meeting according to the 'Guidelines on the Organisation of ADEE Annual Meetings'. These regulations will remain unchanged. Changes have been made to the manner in which the Executive selects suitable venues for proposal to the General Assembly. To facilitate this change, a bidding procedure has been developed and approved by the Executive. This bidding procedure is published elsewhere in this issue.

The visitation programme to schools will continue next year. Currently arrangements are being put in place to visit schools in Romania, Egypt, Turkey and Saudi Arabia. We invite colleagues from ADEE member schools who wish to participate in a visit team to contact the ADEE office.

Best Poster Winners



The 2009 winning poster was presented by Aleksandar Milosavljevic and Tomasz Rogowski both from Malmo. Aleksandar accepted the certificate from Michael Manogue Journal Editor in Chief.

2008 winner Jean-Louis Sixou from Rennes received his certificate from ADEE President Malcolm Jones.



Helsinki 2009 Meeting Diary

Jonathan Cowpe, Cardiff

The theme for this year's Conference was '*Lifelong Learning and Continuing Dental Education*'. The first event was an all day symposium held by the Forum of European Heads and Deans of Dental Schools (FEHDD) on issues surrounding 'effective communication'. This Forum is a valuable opportunity for Deans involved in undergraduate and post-graduate dental education to meet and interact. This very interesting and inspiring symposium was facilitated by Mr Alex Selwood with support from Colgate.



Some of the Deans who gathered for the FEHDD Meeting

General sessions included a lecture on '*The Joy of Learning - New Approaches to Student Motivation*' by Professor Kirsti Lonka, Helsinki. She highlighted that students who are stimulated by their studies are better able to regulate their own learning experiences, and ultimately have the best chance of being successful in their studies. Active learning is vital in terms of high quality learning outcomes and it is important that University teachers provide students with appropriate challenges at a level suited to their skills in a supported environment.

In her lecture entitled '*Integrating Learning and Practice: an Alternative Approach to Lifelong Learning and Continuing Dental Education*' Professor Miriam Zukas from Leeds examined alternative ways of learning. She introduced some recent ideas for research based on work and study she has undertaken with healthcare professionals. She suggested that time spent in practice with others might sometimes be more productive than formal CPD activities.

Dr Matti Pöyry, from the Council of European Dentists (CED) provided a comprehensive overview of the role of the CED and in particular, its relationship with continuing professional education in Europe. Professor Lone Schou, Copenhagen delivered a lecture on dental schools and continuing dental education. She highlighted many of the issues that had been raised at a special interest group the day before and the need for more research into the role of dental schools as providers and stake-holders in continuing dental education. She stressed that ADEE could, as outlined in the proposed EU project bid be a facilitator in providing guidelines for the future.

Professor Hyttinen from the University of Tampere, Finland

presented a fascinating state-of-the-art lecture on the way learning technology may be developed in the very near future entitled '*From Smart Sensor to Intelligent Tailor-made Spare Parts*'. In the final lecture of the meeting Professor Lesley Anne Hawthorne addressed the global demand for foreign qualified health professionals and shared a wealth of information and statistics in relation to the ability of foreign qualified health-care professionals to work across the globe.

Afternoon sessions on Thursday and Friday, were devoted to Special Interest Groups and Workshops. Topics included '*implants in dental education*', '*virtual reality in dental education*', '*staff and student exchange*' and '*common problems for European dental students*'. A '*lifelong learning*' group looked in detail at the delivery of CPD to the General Dental Practitioner across Europe. This was an opportunity to obtain some initial feedback on what was considered to be the CPD requirements across the EU. In particular, what were the core topics, who delivered them, who sponsored them and who regulated them?

The aim was to obtain feedback in support of a project currently in train under the auspices of the ADEE, aiming to harmonise and standardise CPD for the graduate dentist across the EU. There will be six institutional participants including the ADEE, coming together in the task group as part of a bid for EU funding under the Erasmus Lifelong Learning Scheme. The project aims to provide guidelines for graduate dentist CPD including the delivery of modules and identification of core or essential CPD for the graduate dentist. Moving into the arena of postgraduate dental education this project will build on the success of the DentEd Programme which provided three flagship publications in relation to undergraduate dental education.

During the meeting a series of debates on continuing education in Europe were held with contributions from Dr Kersten on '*lifelong learning in Dutch dentistry*'; Professor Detlef Heidemann on '*the postgraduate masters degree in German dentistry*'; Dr Stephane Simon on '*continuing education in Europe with relevance to France*', culminating in a contribution from Professor Peteris Apse on '*continuing education in the Baltic States*'.

The Friday Special Interest Groups included '*Integration of medical sciences in dentistry*', '*Log books in dental education*', '*Outreach dental training*' and '*Research in dental education*'. The group on '*Harmonisation of specialist dental training in Europe*' looked at the role that ADEE might play. A previous questionnaire had provided some information on recognised specialties, length of training, entry and exit requirements, defined curricula and learning outcomes, but no specific detail. In discussions, it appeared that all specialties have entry requirements which essentially included the need for a broad experience of dentistry and dental practice of at least two years duration. It was felt that there should be an introduction of more external input into in-training assessment processes and the final or exit examination. This should provide an opportunity to share training opportunities across the EU. The clinical academic split within the training programmes was also discussed. A suggested way forward was that ADEE might work more

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Helsinki 2009 Meeting Diary

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closely with European specialty associations to encourage agreement on specialty curricula, expected outcomes of a trainee and the possibilities of external input into assessment processes. Furthermore, it would be extremely helpful if each specialty could be encouraged to publish defined curricula and learning outcomes acceptable to all across the EU.

In addition to the special interest groups, there were also workshops on 'globalisation in dentistry', 'learning on the job, perspectives from workplace learning' and 'achieving and assessing competence in undergraduate dental studies'.



This year a record number of contributors participated in the poster presentations. The meeting culminated with presentations from five chosen poster presenters and the announcement of the winners of the Best Poster Exhibition 2009. The poster entitled 'Students' perception of ill-treatment and harassment in dental schools, A European perspective' was by Aleksandar Milosavljevic and Tomasz Rogowski from Malmo.

ADEE 2009 was recognised as a very successful meeting, very much aimed at issues relating to postgraduate dental education and in particular, issues of continuing professional education and development, underpinning the ethos of lifelong learning.

Pictured left are Prof Heikki Murtomaa, Chairman Helsinki LOC; Professor Nairn Wilson, FEHDD Secretary; Ms. Anousheh Alavi, Colgate and Professor Mariano Sanz, Chairman FEHDD.

Hosting an ADEE Annual Meeting

Introduction of a Bidding Process

Many schools have expressed an interest in hosting a future ADEE Annual meeting. To streamline this process ADEE has devised new bidding procedures in which criteria for the submission of proposals are set out in detail. Clear guidelines facilitate the short listing process undertaken by the Executive Committee who will then propose the venue to the General Assembly for approval.

The General Assembly has already granted approval for meeting venues in 2010 (Amsterdam, Netherlands), 2011 (Antalya, Turkey) and 2012 (Lyon, France). The new bidding procedure will be used to select the venue for 2014. The ADEE President will call for proposals at the 2010 General Assembly in Amsterdam.

Advance notice of this call will be published in the Spring 2010 issue of the Newsletter. The closing date for receipt of completed submissions will be 1st February 2011. Proposals not in accordance with the guidelines will be excluded from the bidding process.

Following the closing date, submissions will be evaluated by the Executive Committee and their recommendations presented to the 2011 General Assembly where a final decision will be made on the venue for the 2014 meeting. The existing selection procedure will be used to select the 2013 meeting venue.

Africa Report

September 2009



AfDEA Officers Dr. Lorna Carneiro, Treasurer, Muhimbili University, Tanzania; Professor Tshepo Gugushe, President, University of Limpopo, South Africa; Professor Heikki Murtomaa, ADEE; AfDEA Executive Secretary Dr Papa Ibrahima Ngom, University Cheikh Anta Diop, Senegal and Dr Evelyn Wagaiyu, LOC Chair and Dean of Dental Sciences, University of Nairobi, Kenya.

The 2nd Scientific Conference of the Africa and Middle East Region of the IADR was held on 23-25 September 2009 in Mombasa, Kenya. In conjunction with that conference the African Dental Educators Association AfDEA had its meeting with the participants engaging in energetic discussions on the future actions of the association.

The Immediate past president of ADEE Professor Heikki Murtomaa attended the AfDEA meeting. He shared views on the activities and experiences of European colleagues in harmonising dental education within European dental schools.

This communication together with the one day seminar held with African dental education leaders during the Helsinki meeting are examples of the strengthening links between our two continents.

Certificate of Excellence in Dental Education

Richard Oliver

The executive was pleased to award four dental academics with their dental education excellence certificates at the recent ADEE annual meeting in Helsinki. These were the first awards under the revised regulations where academics may apply for either an Early Career Educator award, or a Mature Educator award. The Early Career award is open to those who have been involved in dental education for between 3 and 8 years, and the mature Educator award for 9+ years. Applicants who must be on the staff of a school that has institutional membership of ADEE are required to submit a short curriculum vitae together with evidence of their involvement with and excellence in a range of educational activities. The submissions are scrutinised on behalf of the ADEE Executive by an Advisory Committee who recommend (or otherwise) an applicant be awarded the certificate.

- Encouraging good practice in the provision of high quality dental education within the non-professional group of dental teachers
- Recognising the varied contribution to teaching and learning that educators can make at different stages of their career
- Acknowledging and rewarding dental educators by independent evaluation and recognition of the excellence of their educational contribution
- Promoting collaboration by scholarly engagement in dental education through national and international activities
- Encouraging innovation and insights into the educational experience of all members of the dental team and disseminating new knowledge

- Encouraging the pursuit of original research in dental education
- Inspiring greater engagement and participation in the annual meetings of ADEE

Of the four awards made this year, three recipients were from the UK and one was from the Netherlands. Jane Wardman from Leeds Dental Institute received an Early Career award, and three Mature Educator awards were received by Helen Craddock (Leeds Dental Institute), Meta Schoonheim-Klein (ACTA) and Ross Hobson (formerly Newcastle University Dental School). Each had a varied curriculum vitae, and had contributed to the scholarship of learning and teaching within their institution or more widely at national/international level.

In addition to the Certificate the award winners receive free registration to the ADEE conference and the gala dinner. We also look forward to their continued active participation in ADEE by the submission of posters or presentations.

Full details of the application process may be found on the ADEE website www.adee.org under 'Awards'. Potential applicants should bear in mind that strength is not required in all areas, but evidence of participation and contribution of one sort or another would be necessary to satisfy the Advisory Committee. When you read this in the Newsletter please think seriously about submitting an application, or encouraging your staff to submit an application; we seek participation from young & more experienced colleagues from dental schools across Europe. If you are an Ambassador, can you please try to promote the Excellence award amongst your constituency?

Richard Oliver

Excellence Advisory Committee Chairperson



Prof. Richard Oliver and Jane Wardman



Prof. Richard Oliver and Helen Craddock



Ross Hobson and Prof. Richard Oliver



Prof. Richard Oliver and Meta Schoonheim-Klien

Riga Stradiņš University

Faculty of Stomatology

Since 2003 the number of students applying to study in the Faculty of Stomatology Stradiņš University has doubled; consequently entry competition is keen. Applicants must pass the Objective Structural Professional Adequacy examination to be considered for admission. Recent developments at the Faculty of Stomatology have included the opening of a new Manikin head teaching laboratory with 16 working places dedicated to preclinical training in Restorative dentistry, Prosthodontics and Oral surgery. In 2008 the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) was adopted as an assessment method at the end of the preclinical courses.



Restorative dentistry preclinical teaching laboratory

With support from the University a new clinic with eight student working bays was opened in Spring 2009. Students begin treatment of patients under supervision in the third study year. In all disciplines except Maxillofacial surgery, Orthodontics and Oral Medicine each student has a designated working area. There is a maximum of eight students per group, the teacher: student ratio during hands - on training is 1:4 (2:8).



Student's clinical working clinic

In spring each year Students complete an anonymous questionnaire giving feedback on the teaching programme, content, progress, staff and organisation in the Faculty.

A similar questionnaire circulated in each department provides feedback on individual subjects. Any perceived shortcomings in the programme together with student critiques and suggestions are analysed at meetings of departments and Faculty council.

Since 2005 participation in the Erasmus exchange program has increased. We appreciate the collaboration with colleagues in Dental Faculties and Schools in Dresden Technical University and Rostock University (Germany), Oslo University (Norway), Gratz University (Austria), Cardiff University (UK), Kaunas Medical Academy (Lithuania) and Genova University (Italy).

Members of the Faculty Student Research Circle are involved in scientific research under the guidance of academic staff. Students' research is presented at the Students' Scientific Conference in Riga Stradiņš University and International students' conferences. Each year one of the students presents the results of individual research at an International Students' Conference held in Copenhagen within the framework of Scandinavian Dental Congress.

In January 2009 the White Coat Ceremony was initiated as a new tradition in the Faculty. The ceremony marked the third year students transitions from the study of basic sciences and preclinical studies to clinical work with patients and clinical health sciences. The event was attended by students, senior members of the academic staff of the university and the dental faculty staff. Students took the solemn 'Pledge of Aspiring Dental Professionals' in Latvian and English. All students signed the pledge and were presented with a gift of dental instruments.



Third year students taking the "Pledge of Aspiring Dental Professionals"

Profile your Dean

We have recently introduced this feature so all profiles are new to our readers. We would be pleased to accept a short piece together with a photograph from new or established Deans. Please email to administrator@adee.org.

Bidding Procedure ADEE Annual meetings

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

1. At the ADEE General Assembly, four years in advance of an annual meeting, the ADEE President will announce a call for proposals to host the annual meeting for that particular year. Prior to this announcement, advance notification of the call for proposals will be published in the spring and summer issues of the ADEE Newsletter. The deadline for submission of proposals will be 1st February following the Presidents announcement of the 'call'.
2. Only Ordinary members of ADEE, i.e. Dental Schools or Dental Organisations as set out in Category 1 of the ADEE By laws will be eligible to organise and host an ADEE annual meeting.
3. Following the closing date for submissions, (1st February 3.5 years in advance of the meeting date) all proposals received will be reviewed and ranked by the ADEE Executive Committee.
4. Where possible, the Executive Committee will propose in order of preference two suitable candidate meeting venues to the General Assembly.
5. Three years in advance of the proposed meeting the General Assembly will ratify the proposed meeting venue, based on the recommendations of the Executive Committee.

The Executive will use the following criteria to assess the appropriateness of a proposal

- Regional distribution
- Topicality of the theme
- Quality of proposed venue
- Strength of the supporting arguments

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Call for Proposals will set out details of the content to be included in the proposal including requirements relating to the programme, the venue and the budget, together with the time frame in which the bid must be submitted and the criteria by which the proposal will be judged.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION AND CONTENT

A letter stating their wish to host a meeting and signed by the Dean of the ADEE Member School, should be sent to the ADEE Office no later than 3.5 years before the proposed meeting date. The letter should contain the following information.

- Name and address of the school (or organisation)
- Name of the Chair of the Local Organizing Committee
- Proposed date for the meeting
- Proposed venue with a description (not more than 150 words)
- Proposed theme and possible subjects
- Reasons why the Executive Committee should be in favour of this proposal
- Statement from the Dean (or equivalent) confirming that the proposing ADEE Member is acquainted with the requirements regarding programme, venue, organisation and budget as set out in the 'Guidelines for organisation of annual meetings'

BID EVALUATION PROCEDURE

Proposals will be initially assessed to ensure the requirements set out in the 'Call for Proposals' are met and secondly according to the following criteria;

- Regional distribution
 - with consideration of past meeting locations
- Topicality of the theme
 - in relation to current developments in global dental education topics
 - with consideration of topics in earlier meetings
- Quality of proposed venue
 - description set out in the proposal with reference to the requirements for organising a meeting as described in the Guidelines
- Strength of the supporting arguments.

The ADEE Office will acknowledge receipt of proposals and in February (i.e. 3.5 years before the proposed meeting date) will forward them to the Secretary General. The SG will undertake a preliminary assessment of all proposals. Any proposals that do not follow the guidelines will be excluded from the bidding process at this time.

A summary of each proposal submitted in accordance with the guidelines will be presented by the SG for review at the next Executive Committee meeting. The EC will rank the proposals and the top two will be presented to the next General Assembly in order of preference. The General Assembly will decide on the venue and if required, a vote will be undertaken.

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2009 Executive Committee

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Timetable

Spring year A	Call for proposals published in ADEE Newsletter
Summer year A	Call for proposals published in ADEE Newsletter
General Assembly year A	Call for proposals by President
1st February, year A+1	Deadline for proposals and sending proposals to SG
February to September year A+1	Assessment of proposals by Secretary General and Executive Committee. Ranking of proposals by EC
September year A+1	Top two proposals brought to General Assembly for decision
September A+4	Meeting takes place

ADEE Annual meeting 2010



The venue for the next Annual Meeting of ADEE is Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The meeting will be held from 25 - 28th August 2010. The theme of the meeting is 'Digital Dentistry - A space Odyssey' Marjoke Vervoorn and her colleagues on the Local Organising Committee have ensured that plans for the meeting are well advanced. Recent news from ACTA confirms that this meeting will be of great interest with many new insights into developments in dental education in the 21st century. Additional information will be available in the next issue and online early bird registration will be available in the new year.

ADEE Excellence in Dental Education Awards Announcement

ADEE is pleased to announce the Excellence in Dental Education Awards 2010 and invites submissions from Early Career and Mature Educators. The closing date for receipt of submissions is Wednesday 31st March 2010. Background information and submission guidelines are available on the AWARDS page of www.adee.org

Online Payments System

The ADEE on-line payments system introduced at the start of 2009 is a secure method for all members, institutional, individual and corporate to pay their annual membership online. As the end of 2009 draws near some Invoices for annual membership dues remain unpaid. We urge you to keep you membership up to date by availing of this convenient system. Visit the payments page on www.adee.org If you require a copy of your invoice with online password details please email administrator@adee.org.

REMEMBER, delegates may avail of a reduced meeting registration fee if your school has paid their annual dues.

Regional Issues - Ask your Ambassador

The ADEE network is always available to assist members in any way we can. If you have any issues or concerns feel free to contact your regional ADEE Ambassador or the ADEE Central office. A list of Ambassadors and their contact details are available on www.adee.org

Your News

Keep in touch with your ADEE colleagues. Send us news updates on new developments or announcements from your school; please email administrator@adee.org. The copy deadline for the next issue of the Newsletter is Friday 12th February 2010.