

Association for Dental Education in Europe



Malcolm Jones
ADEE President

Presidents' Message - Maintaining the Momentum

I write this message at the beginning of July having returned from an ADEE Mini - Executive meeting in Dublin. When reminded of this very enjoyable task it struck me that my Presidency will come to an end not long after our Annual Meeting to be held in Helsinki in early autumn. I will, have an opportunity in my Newsletter piece at Christmas time to say my farewells and 'thank you's' at the formal end of my term of office but this current report gives me the chance to reflect on achievements in the ADEE over the last year or so and also serves as a basis for my annual report to the 2009 General Assembly.

Henk Kersten, our esteemed and hard working Secretary General, 'hit the nail on the head' when he said recently that we are all so busy with the

present that we never take time to reflect on what has been achieved already. So I am going to reflect on recent matters here which, may also help to set the agenda for the future.

When I became ADEE President I was aware of the talent and achievements of my predecessors and their teams, and knew with certainty that an important task for myself, and my largely new executive, would be to build on their very solidly built foundations, whilst maintaining the upward trajectory of the organisation on the international stage – in other words: 'maintaining the momentum'.

Have we done this? What has been achieved? Perhaps I can use my original Newsletter in January 2008 as a template to answer some parts of these questions? I mentioned in that letter a number of key areas in which to seek success.

'Being fully representative of all dental schools in Europe'

I think we have worked hard at linking to schools across the continent and I am pleased to see a steady increase in membership. It is always pleasing to see schools becoming members for the first time and I am also delighted by the number of affiliated schools from outside of Europe joining our community. A constant challenge has been the problems of consistent contact with existing member schools, this results in delays in the flow of information to members and delays in receipt of annual subscriptions at the ADEE office, the latter leading to waste valuable office time. I would tentatively suggest that the new ADEE regional ambassador programme has helped address this challenge already, as has the improved systems for online payment and the computer software which links the appropriate Annual Conference fee to whether the school is a bona fide, paid up, member. I am very optimistic that we now have greatly improved systems for both newly recruiting members and maintaining school membership. Of course, there is also now the opportunity for Individual Membership from those schools which are paid-up member schools – an option which is increasingly popular.

'ADEE to take over the work of DentEd'

The ADEE organisation has achieved this surprisingly seamlessly. Damian Walmsley, our Treasurer, led the group

which recently renewed and redrafted the Task Force I guidelines on 'Profile and Competencies'. This work is being presented to the General Assembly for formal adoption this year. Not disconnected to this work is the excellent consensus workshop led by Anders Nattestad and Nikos Mattheos last summer on the teaching of Implant Dentistry. The resultant paper was recently published as a special issue of the Journal. I am delighted to tell you that following the success of the implantology workshop similar work is to come in the areas of Periodontology and also Cariology – no doubt others will follow where these lead.

Task Force II – 'Curriculum Structure & ECTS' will start revision this coming year under the Chair of Michael Manogue, with Task Force III on 'Quality Assurance and Benchmarking' to follow the year after. So we are not only maintaining the work but building on the very solidly established foundations.

'Continue the School Visitation and support service'

This continues to expand and develop with many visits being completed in Europe, and indeed beyond, over the last couple of years. I was delighted with the first visitation that ADEE made to Africa at the end of 2008 which I was privileged to lead, since this also demonstrates the commitment of the ADEE to the dental education community in this continent. Meanwhile, we are working to continue to improve and streamline the administration of all of the visits in the coming year and we will be planning to award a more specific 'Certificate of ADEE Recognition' in the future.

'Further Development of Guidelines and Protocols'

Please refer to the comments about Task Force work above and the new initiatives flowing from this. I am confident that we are continuing to provide leadership in these areas to the benefit of the profession in Europe and worldwide.

'Support schools in new member states and new members of ADEE'

We have given this area a particular focus as evidenced by the number of visitations made and the formal and informal advice and assistance offered.

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'Help and Assist Schools towards compliance with Bologna 2010'

All of the agreed DentEd/ADEE consensus documents are in alignment with this aim as was recognised by EU representatives at the reception the ADEE hosted earlier in the year in Brussels.

'Develop role of ADEE in facilitating & leading more in the postgraduate/specialisation areas'

The effort of the ADEE in this area can be seen by this year's theme for the annual meeting in Helsinki; it has also formed part of the work of the 2008 annual meeting and is integral to some of the ongoing Special Interest Groups.

'Provide more leadership to involving the whole Dental Team in the ADEE and in the wider CPD agenda'

I believe that we are steadily getting other members of the dental team engaged in our meetings, although the pace could be quicker. Certainly, there is a great opportunity in this area for SIG development. In addition, CPD is also part of the theme of the Helsinki meeting.

'Lobby in Europe more effectively on behalf of education and the profession'

The ADEE are now working closely with 'Hill & Knowlton' in Brussels, who also provide a representative office for us near the parliament. The ADEE had a very successful launch event in the European Parliament earlier this year and have identified a dental education champion in the parliament. This is very much a new activity for the Association and is an area of important ongoing work.

'Develop greater engagement with Deans & Heads of Dental Schools'

The ADEE gave me excellent support when I first approached the Executive in 2006 to establish the Forum of European Heads & Deans of Dental schools (FEHDD) within the framework of the Association. FEHDD is now being led very successfully by the new Chair, Mariano Sanz, working closely with Nairn Wilson. The Chair of this group attends the ADEE Executive at the Annual Meeting to maintain a strong connection and good strategic alignment. They have an excellent meeting planned for Helsinki and would suggest that no European Dean should miss this opportunity to meet with colleagues from across the continent.

Maintain contact with National Competent Authorities'

There was an unprecedented response from national bodies and other similar groups to the Task Force I Review. There is an opportunity to continue to grow this relationship.

'Achieve better strategic alignment with CED and other professional groups in Europe'

The President of the Council of European Dentists is now invited to the annual meeting of ADEE Executive. Members of the ADEE will also have noticed the invited articles from CED in our Newsletter and, of course, there is a speaker from CED at this year's annual meeting. We have worked hard in this area although we haven't fully achieved reciprocity yet.

'Getting Communications right'

We hope you feel that the Newsletter has matured and that the ADEE Website is much improved after a re-launch. In addition, the Ambassador Programme is becoming well established but, there remains much to do! Communication in an organisation such as ours will always be a challenge. There are some other areas where opportunities have presented themselves to progress the ADEE agenda. Examples of other areas of progress are:

Working in partnership with EDSA

In recent years the European Dental Students Association has enjoyed excellent and enthusiastic leadership. As EDSA advances their organisation the ADEE is providing increased support from the Dublin office to help maintain continuity and integration from year to year. The EDSA President and Secretary are invited to the ADEE Executive meeting at the annual conference.

PR, ADEE Image and Sponsorship

All of these linked areas are of increasing importance to our association. We work closely with a number of key corporate sponsors and greatly value the symbiotic relationship. The work with 'Hill & Knowlton' has helped us think about 'image', 'brand' and the professional way the organisation presents itself to members, the profession and the public. Recently, we addressed the matter of regalia with a 'chain of office' etc which provides a historical record of past Presidents. I feel that this together with other brand development is a sign of the

growing maturity of the ADEE.

The Journal & Impact Factor

During my term as President I have been privileged to work with an outstanding Editor, Michael Manogue. The European Journal of Dental Education has progressed greatly both in content, presentation and reputation. Particularly welcome is the international recognition it has received in terms of the potential Impact Factor for papers published.

Excellence in Dental Education Awards

Richard Oliver has taken over the leadership of this excellent initiative this year. The award provides an international recognition at 'young' and 'mature' levels for outstanding dental academics via an assessment of their contributions to dental education. I would commend it to all who aspire to high achievement in this area and in my own University this award is recognised as an international benchmark as part of the consideration in applications for internal promotion. It continues to progress as an important international recognition award.

Attendance at Annual Meetings

Finally, let me congratulate the LOC, under the leadership of Heikki Murtomaa, for their efforts in organising what will be an outstanding meeting in Helsinki. Already, in July, there are a high number of registrants for the meeting and I know the Editor is overwhelmed with the number of abstracts submitted this year. The annual meeting is in a very healthy state I conclude. The organisation for next years meeting in Amsterdam is well advanced. Due to the great interest in hosting this meeting in the future a more standardised system for applying and bidding to host the annual meeting will be put in place from next year.

In this report I have tried to cover some of the main achievements of the ADEE over the last year, I haven't covered them all – there isn't the room here. However, let me just say that none of this would be possible without the enthusiastic support and hard work of our membership which is matched by the leadership and efforts of the Executive and the office in Dublin, I thank and acknowledge you all! Have a good meeting in Helsinki – I look forward to seeing you there!

Malcolm Jones
ADEE President
July 2009

Secretary General's Report

Henk Kersten



*Henk Kersten
Secretary General*

As we leave for summer holidays I give you a brief résumé of recent ADEE business. An application for EU funding for a project on continuing dental education has been deferred for one year. This gives more time to ensure the thrust and work plan of the project is in line with submission guidelines in an effort to ensure acceptance of the proposal.

As reported in an earlier Newsletter the application for a project in cooperating with third world countries could not be submitted because the Call for Proposals for this new programme has been postponed for one year.

The first phase of the Implant Workshop on Dental Education came to an end with the publication of the proceedings of the symposium as a special supplement of the Journal in February this year. A European Network on Implant Dentistry has been established. www.dentalimplanteducation.net Following the success of the implantology symposium, symposia on creating a European consensus on disciplinary education in the fields of

Periodontology and Cariology are planned. The Periodontology Workshop will be in Segovia, Spain from 18-20 October 2009, and the Cariology Symposium will be held in Berlin in June 2010.

During the year the following nine new members have joined ADEE: Armenia, Dental Education & Research Association (DERA); Australia, James Cook University Cairns; Belgium, University of Ghent; Egypt, October University of Modern Science and Arts, Cairo; Italy, Clinica Odontoiatrica Stomatologica, Trieste; Norway, Bergen, Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry; Spain, European Federation of Conservative Dentistry (EFGD); UK, UK, European Society of Endontology (ESE); Warwick Postgraduate Dental Education Unit (PDEU). We look forward to collaborating with them within ADEE.

We have had requests for visitation from Iasi, Romania; Cairo, Egypt and from Witten Germany. In order to establish visitation teams and spread the working load over more people the Executive decided to establish a panel of available visitors. From that panel visitation teams of 4-5 people will be formed, consisting of a combination of experienced and new visitors.

As was mentioned earlier ADEE Ambassadors have been appointed by the Executive. Their task is to introduce non-member schools in their region to ADEE and to encourage them to join the association; to assist with communication at a regional level in order to keep the member schools involved and to help the ADEE Office with the collection of late membership fees. The latter is a long standing problem that seems to be on the increase. Most of the time it is not a case of unwillingness to pay but rather an

issue of bureaucracy and non matching administrative systems.

The Helsinki meeting, August 26-29, promises to be a big success. A record in number of abstract submissions were received (137!) and also looks as if we will have a record number of participants. All of this sets challenges for future meetings but nevertheless the Amsterdam Local Organising Committee has every confidence in the forward planning for the 2010 meeting scheduled for August 25-28, next year!

Henk Kersten
Secretary General

ADEE School Visitors

ADEE Needs YOU!

The visitation programme to schools will continue in the coming year. We invite colleagues who are prepared to participate as members of a visit team to submit a short CV with your name, school, contact email and phone number, details of your specialist area and interests and information of any former school visitation experience to administrator@adee.org. Please indicate periods of availability during the academic year 2009-10.

School visits are held over a four day period. Members of visit teams will be drawn from the panel and teams will consist of both experienced and new visitors.

We encourage you to participate in the visitation process which in the past has proved to be an enlightening experience for school and visitors alike.

European Dental Students Association

EDSA was founded in Paris in 1988 and now represents over 65,000 dental students in the European region. EDSA is recognised as a vibrant progressive network serving its members across Europe and engaging in dialogue with key organisations and associations. Goals:

- to inform students on EU organisation and politics related to dentistry;
- to promote, inquire and describe the standardisation of dental curriculum within European dental schools;
- to promote exchange programs and encourage students to participate;
- encourage national dental students associations to co-operate on a national level;
- to create possibilities to encourage students to meet each other on an individual level

Twice a year, all EDSA delegates meet to brainstorm new projects, advance current initiatives, discuss dental politics, social and domestic affairs. Representatives of all national members attend these general assemblies. EDSA will hold its 44th Meeting in Helsinki in August just before the ADEE meeting.

It is fortunate that in recent years the relationship between ADEE and EDSA has strengthened. As educators we need to be informed from the students perspective of the issues they address. Many of the current EDSA delegates will be the ADEE of the future. The EDSA President and General Secretary will again participate in the ADEE Executive meeting in Helsinki.

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2009 ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAMME

**Lifelong Learning
and Continuing Dental Education**

**Online Registration still available until
14th August at www.adee.org**

ONSITE Registration only from 15th August



WEDNESDAY, August 26, 2009

Afternoon

16.00 – 18.30	Registration & Mounting of Posters	Atrium Court C
19.00 – 21.00	Get Together Party	Planmeca Headquarters

THURSDAY, August 27, 2009

08.00 – 16.00	Registration & Information	Entrance
08.30 – 09.00	Mounting of Posters	Atrium Court C

Morning Session

Chair: Professor Malcom Jones

09.00 - 09.10	Opening	
09.10 – 09.45	Keynote Speaker Prof. Kirsti Lonka: University of Helsinki The Joy of Learning – New Approaches to Student Motivation	Lecture Hall 1
09.45 – 10.30	Keynote Speaker Prof. Miriam Zukas: University of Leeds Becoming and Being a Dentist: a Lifelong Learning Profession	Lecture Hall 1
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break & Commercial Exhibition	Atrium Court C

Chair: Dr. Argyro Kavadella

11.00 – 11.30	Invited Speaker Dr. Matti Pöyry: Council of European Dentists European Dentists and Professional Development	Lecture Hall 1
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Chair: Professor Fons Plasshaert

11.30 – 12.30	Poster Session	Atrium Court B
11.30 – 13.00	Lunch Commercial Exhibition	Atrium Court B Atrium Court C

Afternoon Session

13.00 – 15.30	Special Interest Groups & Workshops Coffee Break & Commercial Exhibition	Seminar Rooms Atrium Court C
17.00 – 18.00	Opening Ceremony	University Festival Hall
18.30 – 20.00	Official Reception at the City Hall	City Hall

FRIDAY, August 28, 2009

08.00 – 16.00	Registration & Information	Entrance
08.30 – 09.00	Mounting of Posters	Atrium Court C

Morning Session

Chair: Professor Damien Walmsley

09.00 – 10.30	Continuing education in Europe Case 1 Netherlands: Dr. H. Kersten Case 2 Germany: Prof. Heidemann Case 3 France: Dr. S. Simon Case 4 Baltic countries: Prof. P. Apse	Lecture Hall 1
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FRIDAY, August 28, 2009

Morning Session - *Continued*

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee Break & Commercial Exhibition Atrium Court C

Chair: Professor Ilze Akota

11.00 – 11.30 **Invited Speaker** Lecture Hall 1
Prof. Lone Schou, University of Copenhagen
Dental Schools and Continuing Dental Education

Chair: Professor Fons Plasshaert

11.30 – 12.30 **Poster Session** Atrium Court B
11.30 – 13.00 Lunch Atrium Court B
Commercial Exhibition Atrium Court C

Afternoon Session

13.00 – 14.30 **Special Interest Groups & Workshops** Seminar Rooms
14.30 – 15.00 Coffee Break & Commercial Exhibition Atrium Court C

Chair: Professor Winfried Harzer

15.00 – 16.00 **Presentation of the Reports** Lecture Hall 1
16.00 – 17.15 **General Assembly** Lecture Hall 1
19.30 – 24.00 **Conference Celebration Dinner** Hotel Kalastajatorppa

SATURDAY, August 29, 2009

08.00 – 13.00 Registration & Information Entrance

Morning Session

Chair: Professor Gökhan Alpaslan

09.00 – 09.45 **Invited Speaker:** Lecture Hall 1
Prof. Jari Hyttinen, University of Tampere
From Smart Sensors to Intelligent Tailor Made Spare Parts

09.45 – 10.30 **Invited Speaker** Lecture Hall 1
Prof. Leslyanne Hawthorne, University of Melbourne
The Looming War for Skills: Global Demand for
Foreign-Qualified Health Professionals

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee Break & Commercial Exhibition Atrium Court C

Chair: Professor Michael Manogue

11.00 – 12.30 **Oral Presentations of Posters** Lecture Hall 1

12.30 – 13.00 **Closing Ceremony &
Presentation of the next Annual Meeting** Lecture Hall 1

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch Atrium Court B

News from ADEE Member Schools

Gazi University, Turkey

Gazi University School of Dentistry (GUSD) has recently completed a development and restoration project. The project which began in 2007 is the first major overhaul of the building since its construction in 1968.



New clinical buildings, including multidisciplinary research laboratories; integrated comprehensive dental care clinic; state of art central sterilization unit; and simulation laboratory, were constructed .



Existing clinical areas were renovated and fitted with modern chairs and cabinetry. All teaching classrooms and lecture rooms are now fully equipped with modern audio-visual equipment. A library and an internet room providing optimum research facilities for students and staff, and a 373-seat capacity main conference hall together with a new cafeteria were also completed.



Complete renovation of the façade of the building was also carried out. The total project cost was approximately 2.5 million Euro.

University of Witten/Herdecke, Germany

The curriculum of Dental Medicine at the University of Witten/Herdecke aims to educate students to become dentists with good theoretical knowledge and practical skills, able to work with social competence and the ability of reflection which is taught within the mandatory Studium Fundamentale. Future graduates should be able to develop the professional profile of Dental Medicine according to changing epidemiology and new knowledge of health care research outcomes.

Teaching, learning and research are developed in an atmosphere of intellectual freedom. Ethics and sciences are strongly correlated; ensuring the Faculty produces good research and clinical practice and fulfils the principles of self-control in science according to recommendations of the German Research Association (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft). The curriculum is a well balanced structure between theoretical and clinical learning approaches creating a rewarding environment for both students and staff.

The philosophy of integrated learning in basic sciences, medical disciplines and dental disciplines requires the support of integrated staff groups and close collaboration between the Faculty of Medicine and Studium Fundamentale including the appointment of extramural Assistant Professors and Full Professors. This results in:

- Extended practical courses in physics, chemistry and biology with integration into physiology, biochemistry and anatomy
- Topographic-anatomical-practical courses in pre-surgical education
- Integration of pathophysiology and pathobiochemistry and immunology into the basic sciences education
- Interdisciplinary and disciplinary lecture series on preventive dentistry and medical psychology
- Lectures and seminar series as well as clinical demonstrations and continuing education seminars in all dental clinical disciplines



In November 2008, the Dental Faculty moved to a new building, the Witten Centre of Dental Research (Zahnmedizinisch-Biowissenschaftliches Forschungs- und Entwicklungszentrum – ZBZ-) which is supported by the European Union. This new infrastructure facilitates cooperation between our Dental School and regional companies with the aim of developing new products and procedures to the benefit of our patients.

News from ADEE Member Schools

MSA University, Egypt



The Faculty of Dentistry at MSA University, October City was established in October 2004 with an enrolment of 56 first year students. Students have been admitted in spring and autumn. Including transfer students the 2009 enrolment is over 1600 students.

Courses were designed by The Board Council at the Faculty of Dentistry, MSA University in accordance with the Supreme Council of Egyptian Universities' (SCEU) regulations for Faculties of Dentistry, Guidelines and Templates for Internal Quality Assurance System in Higher Education Institutions, Ministry of Higher Education, Egypt, The British General Dental Council's recommendations in "The First Five Years", 2nd edition, 2002 and Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education 2002: Subject Benchmark Statement on Dentistry.

It is the objective of the Faculty to provide

- A thorough understanding of the biological sciences to enable the integration and correlation of these basic sciences with clinical dental practice.
- Competence in diagnosis of oral and dental diseases including understanding of the relationship between general and oral diseases.
- Skills to provide the preventive and treatment services commonly required in dental practice.
- A commitment towards continuing education.
- A sense of professional, ethical and social responsibility.

MSA Faculty of Dentistry offers a five-year programme over 10 semesters with an optional clinical summer course (in addition to summer electives). The curriculum is divided into two phases:

The first phase spans the first to sixth semesters and is devoted to the basic sciences necessary to prepare the dental student to comprehend human biology and the Pre-Clinical phase in which the dental student is trained on models and simulators.

The second and final phase of training, the Clinical phase, spans the seventh to tenth semesters. During this phase the dental student receives intensive training in specialised clinics under close staff supervision to enable him/her to diagnose and treat unsupervised the common dental problems encountered on graduation.

In order to graduate students must successfully complete a minimum of 213 credit hours and undertake intensive training in English language and computer skills deemed essential to introduce students to the technological age and help them

monitor such breakthroughs on the internet and in universities worldwide.

A qualification of B.D.S.; Bachelor in Dental Surgery is awarded by MSA University.

All of the following methods of teaching are used in the delivery of the curriculum:

Regular lectures, assignments and tutorials. Laboratory demonstrations followed by practical sessions to obtain the necessary manual dexterity in all courses; the use of course material in practical applications. For all clinical courses demonstrations and hands on clinical work provide practical clinical experience and assist in the acquisition of Inter-disciplinary skills and experience. Seminars Independent learning and open discussions enhance student confidence and communication skills.

Courses are assessed utilising a combination of coursework quizzes, laboratory, oral and clinical examinations, midterm exams and final oral, practical, clinical and unseen written examinations conducted by internal and external examiners. Continuous assessment is used to assess practical work both in preclinical laboratories and in the specialised clinics. Students may not proceed to clinical work in the fourth and fifth years until they have successfully passed assessment of their practical laboratory abilities.

The Faculty presently has a senior academic dental staff of three Professors. Forty one full time staff members have been appointed to date. Seventy one Part-time staff are currently seconded to the Faculty from other Faculties within MSA University and from other Egyptian Universities. Other teaching staff are being recruited as the Faculty comes to accept 10th semester students onwards.



Profile your Dean

In future issues of the Newsletter we would like to include a Profile of newly appointed Deans. As we are beginning this feature all profiles are new to our readers so we would be pleased to accept a short piece together with a photograph from new or established Deans. Please email to administrator@adee.org. Help us to keep you in touch!

2009 Executive Committee

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Your News

Keep in touch with your ADEE colleagues. Send us updates or announcements from your school; please email administrator@adee.org. Copy deadline for the next issue of the Newsletter is Friday 25th September 2009.

35th ADEE Meeting Helsinki, Finland 26th - 29th August 2009

REGISTRATION DATES AND RATES

Online Registration is available at www.adee.org until 14th August.
 from 15th August onwards you may register ONSITE



Category	10.07.09 14.08.09	On-site from 15.08.09
ADEE Member	€400	€450
ADEE non-member	€450	€500
Student	€90	€90
Finnish delegates	€240	€240



European Dental Students Association - *Continued from Page 3*

At the 2008 ADEE meeting in Zagreb EDSA in collaboration with ADEE ran a Special Interest Group on the topic of 'Student and Staff Exchange', this work will be continued at the 35th ADEE meeting in Helsinki; in addition, three EDSA colleagues will co-chair a Workshop on the topic "Common problems of the European dental students" during the ADEE Meeting in Helsinki.

The organisation has energetic leadership and dedicated members who manage the EDSA network. EDSA runs a bi-annual International Congress where students have an opportunity to attend lectures and present their research; their Exchange Working Group is collating information on the curriculum in European schools to aid their student exchange and mobility programme and they produce a magazine which combines academic content with news and information. Through their SMILES education program EDSA members raise oral hygiene awareness among the student population within their universities; they have also initiated a volunteer programme and plan to focus on initiatives in Serbia, Ghana and Brazil. Later this year EDSA intend to produce a Dental Guide to all dental schools in 38 European countries. They foster their relationship with ADEE and other relevant international organisations.

We encourage you to support EDSA delegates within your schools and to facilitate their initiatives. Visit the recently re-launched website www.edsaweb.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. Some Invoices for annual membership dues remain unpaid. We urge you to avail of this convenient system to keep your membership up to date. Visit the payments page on www.adee.org

REMEMBER, you pay 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