

Dear Colleagues,

At this stage of the year, we all tend to take some time to reflect on the year that has passed. This festive season offers me an opportunity to consider and re-evaluate my two-year presidency of ADEE. It has been one of the greatest honours of my life to represent ADEE membership as your president for 2016-2017. During this time I have been privileged to work with a dedicated and passionate Executive committee and staff of ADEE. When I commenced this journey I aimed to enable a single voice for dentistry. During the intervening two years we have accomplished much and well advanced this journey for the benefit and positive outcome of our teachers and students of dental education. I want to take a few moments to summarize what we achieved in this intense and fruitful period and outline some key collaborations and achievements.



**CED Council of European Dentists:** President Marco Landi has established a tradition of a joint meeting between the CED workgroup Education and the ADEE Executive. The result of these meetings, (one face-to-face in Brussels followed by regular video conferencing), is a document issued by CED about the topics list in the Professional Qualification Directive. With some amendments, this was then followed by a policy statement approved by the CED plenary in May

2017. Now as we enter 2018 a joint ADEE/CED statement is being progressed through all the approvals for both CED and ADEE with the aim of deleting the concept of topics and introduce competence in the next updating of the Professional Qualifications Directive.

**CECDO Council of European Chief Dental Officers:** The CECDO recently released a Strategy document that is matching nicely with our new '[Graduating European Dentist](#)' document approved by the ADEE General Assembly in August 2017. I was able to represent ADEE's voice at joint CDO and CMO meetings in Amsterdam, Bratislava, Malta and Tallinn about elderly care and oral health as part of general health.

**ISDR International Society of Dental Regulators:** We were invited to represent the voice of European Dental Education at a number of recent ISDR meetings. In particular we attended meetings in Geneva 2016 and then in London 2017 where we secured the agreement of ISDR to further their view of standards, but without any regulatory imposition and additional compliance burdens for dental schools.



**ADEA American Dental Education Association:**

Working on the strong relationship established by previous Presidents Prof Walmsley and Prof Christersson; Prof Manzanares, Mr Murphy and I attended the annual ADEA sessions in Denver 2016 and Long Beach 2017. In addition incoming president Prof Tubert and I were invited to participate in the ADEA Deans conference meeting in Fort Lauderdale where we continued to evolve a strong relationship with American deans and promoted the upcoming joint [ADEE-ADEA Brescia 2019 meeting](#).

**EADPH European Association of Dental Public**

**Health:** I represented ADEE at the EADPH held in Vilnius July 2017 where it was decided to propose the 2018 meeting in Palma de Mallorca on education. ADEE will be part of the scientific committee for this meeting.

**IADR CED Continental European Division:** We attended a meeting in Vienna where a possibility of a joint policy approach for a dental dedicated research topic so as to secure EU funding (as was proposed in Jerusalem in 2016). This final proposal will be presented in London 2018 with a workshop.



**FDI:** For the first time in some years ADEE sent a representative delegation of its Executive to attend FDI held in Madrid. Here greater collaboration was explored with FDI education groups and networked intensively on behalf of ADEE with FDI and Corporate contacts. Additionally we introduced IFDEA and agreed on possible collaboration in the field of networking for the coming months.

**WHO World Health Organisation:** I represented ADEE at a WHO meeting in Geneva discussing the Minamata convention where we explored a possible role of ADEE in order to promote prevention of caries.

**EU commission activity:** As is always the case the Executive constantly monitors the EU commission and other activities to ensure we are ready to respond to issues that impact on dental education and educators. As a result we attended meetings in Brussels with Andras Zsigmond of the DG GROW Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs where we discussed the proportionality test directive and the recognition of postgraduate education, allied health profession, dental hygienist and other relevant issues. Given the current political climate within the EU the pace of change in Directives etc is somewhat slow however we must remain vigilant to ensure the desired outcomes for Dental Education are communicated and successfully achieved.

**AMEE International Association For Medical Education:** The ADEE – AMEE collaboration continues to evolve. We attended meetings in Barcelona 2016 and Helsinki 2017 with the Executive and were lucky to be able to hold a Joint Executive's meeting to discuss strategic alliance and direction for the coming years.

I had the opportunity to visit as an invited speaker/ guest to a number of sessions where I availed of opportunities to promote the valuable work of ADEE:

- SEAADE IADR 2017 meeting theme gerodontology held in Taipei
- SEAADE 2016 meeting held in Ho Chi Minh City and again later in 2017 focusing on the international promotion of students mobility
- Calgary 2017 meeting for Collaboration for Health IT
- Nazareth 2017 for the public dental health congress
- Dubrovnik 2016 and 2017 for the annual EDSA summer school
- Portugal 2017 for the young dentists meetings together with EDSA in Coimbra and then in Porto
- Genève 2016 ERO European Regional Organization of FDI
- Tirana and Rome in November 2016 National Congresses
- EAPD 2017 European Academy of Paediatric Dentistry in Turin
- ACFF 2016 and 2017 Alliance for a Cavity-Free Future in Amsterdam
- EDHF 2017 (European Dental Hygienist Federation) annual meeting in Amsterdam
- FIDE Federation of the European Dental Industry and Association of Dental Dealers in Europe meeting in Milan, where UNIDI the Union of Italian Dental Industry will host the 2018 meeting of ISO Technical Committee 106 Dentistry
- And more meetings in my home country of Italy: Pavia for dental education, Novara / Chieti / Trieste for hygienists programmes, Florence / Modena for orthodontists programmes, Cernobbio for industry collaborations, Rome at the Ministry of Health for Best practices, and finally PhD and Masters supervision in Florence, Turin

In a personal capacity, I have also been able to promote ADEE activities at the following:

- Hong Kong University as a Visiting Professor
- Oman Dental College as international reviewer of graduation exams together with the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh
- Leuven University as reviewer of a master in orthodontics and PhD programme
- University College Cork as site visitor of the Irish Dental Council, as it is becoming more and more frequent ADEE is being requested to propose a selected list of reviewers and I thank my fellow executive and ADEE members for their participation in these activities
- Club de Morphologie Cranio Facial in Salzburg and Nantes
- IOFOS International Organization for Forensic Odonto-Stomatology in Venice 2016
- ICD International College of Dentists in London and Paris



Our vision of “One voice for dental education in Europe” might be compromised as we go forward in the current political environs. However, it is clear that many stakeholders in the dental arena are focusing on harmonizing the way dentistry is presented to the outside world. This will no doubt stand in ADEE’s favour going forward. As we enter this ‘brave new world’, there is even greater need for cohesion, collaboration and collegiality.

With this in mind, I look forward to working with incoming President of ADEE Professor Tubert as we devise a new strategy for ADEE that assists with enlightening and enhancing the core philosophies of ADEE:

- A culture of openness, inclusiveness and innovation
- Embracing change, listening and supporting novel solutions meaningfully that does not shrink from courageous decisions ‘out with the old and in with the new’.
- Proactively engaging in a world, where population health and technology are changing very quickly.
- Effectively leading drawing on best management practice, evidence base and global consensus through networks of excellence.
- Securing a healthy financial future with sustainability, affordability and the ability to prosper
- A secure and enlightened future where debate and collaborative enterprise work together for even greater advancements in dental and general education.

Educators can play an important role in developing inter-professional health education to prepare future graduates for involvement in holistic healthcare provision. I believe this to be especially important for developing countries in which dental healthcare professionals, in addition to providing much-needed oral healthcare, could make important contributions to, for example, health screening and vaccination programmes at marginal cost.



London 2017 was a challenging initiative made much easier by the great planning performed by my predecessor Prof Damien Walmsley’s presidency. Together with his team they had planned into even the smallest detail, I am sure that Brescia 2019 will be even tougher as our guests are becoming used to this level of interesting workshops. But I know the ADEE executive and staff are committed to delivering a world class association that its members are proud of as we grow and advance each year.

As I conclude, I ask you all to be the visionary dental educators that you desire ADEE members to be. ADEE is only ADEE with the commitment and dedication of the support of our membership. We are the leadership and vision you want us to be.

I offer sincere thanks to the ADEE Executive members of 2016/2017. You have been a committed and dedicated team. We worked hard together to achieve a lot in a short time. We have successfully delivered two meetings in 2017 and one in 2016, seen the delivery of the updating of the Graduating European Dentist published, considerably evolved the annual meeting format, grown the ADEE Executive committee support structure as well as further enhanced and evolved our corporate partnerships. Thanks and appreciation to our [corporate partners](#) for their ongoing support. Thanks also to Denis and Judith whose support and commitment is unwavering. I look forward to working with them all in 2018 under the Presidency of Prof Stephanie Tubert.

We look forward to welcoming you all to ADEE 2018 in Oslo.



**On behalf of the staff and Executive, I wish you all a very happy festive season and a wonderful and productive 2018.**

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