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History 2008 edition*



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Dear Fellow IADS members,

Going through the history of the IADS has been such an interesting fulfilling experience, seeing how an idea of 6 students in 1951 grown to be what we have in 2008, with more than 80,000 members from around the world.

Seeing what had to be faced and challenges that were overcome, how many generations have struggled sometimes to ensure the future of IADS, connections and communication that was established between the 6 continents way before there was internet or even easy ways of communication that we have now.

A history that made me proud, inspired and grateful to all the previous generations that had worked, partied and cooperated to give us what we have now, feeling an even more responsibility to be able to continue what those IADS legends have started and always be sure that faces changes but what will always remain is the IADS spirit that kept it growing and growing .

The information here is clearly incomplete, but is as complete as our records allow and any member knowing any information that may be useful to this task , please pass it on so that we have the most comprehensive history on our association.



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The Early Years: by P. B. F. Swiss, FDI Liaison Officer with IADS 1977.

This address was given at the Opening Ceremony of the 24th Congress of the IADS in Malta, July 1977.

Honorable Ministers, Rector Magnificus, and colleagues

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This proposal was unanimously welcomed, and, in September of that same year, representatives from

Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Holland, Norway, Sweden and the United Kingdom met in

Copenhagen. A committee consisting of representatives from Denmark, Holland and the United

Kingdom was formed to work out the basic principles on which to build the constitution of the Association. This constitution was drafted and the first Executive Committee was elected; Leslie Sorling from Sweden having the honour of being elected the first President, with Mogens Skougaard from Denmark, Secretary and Carlo Nevejan from Holland, Treasurer. This draft constitution and other Organizational matters were worked out with the advice and encouragement of Professor P.O. Pedersen whose great knowledge of the affairs of the Federation Dentaire International was invaluable and whose interest in dental students is well known. It was indeed appropriate that he was later appointed the first Honorary Life Member of the IADS

In July 1952, the IADS Council (now the General Assembly) met in Birmingham. The constitution, regulations and plans for the future were put forward by the Executive Committee and it was decided that, in the future, the Annual Session of the Council should coincide with an international dental student congress. It was therefore in 1953 that the first IADS Congress was held at the University of Marburg/Lahn in Germany; some 120 students attended and the official constitution was approved and signed at the Council meeting. The preliminaries had therefore been completed and the Association was launched.

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those in Newcastle, Oslo, Ghent, Berlin, Stockholm, London, Dusseldorf, Amsterdam and London again in 1965. Only in 1963, due to late cancellation, was there no Congress.

During this time the membership increased to fifteen countries and the Association had become well established in the dental world. The Annual Congress had become a most enjoyable, although mainly social, gathering; it provided almost the only communication between members as the finances of the Association precluded circularized publications. However, the exchange program had become established and this international exchange of dental students has continued to be a most worthwhile and successful project and one of which the IADS can be justly proud. It was in 1966 that the IADS Congress was held outside Europe for the first time in its history-in Jerusalem. Incidentally, this meeting was my first introduction to the IADS and was the first of the ten Congresses which it has been my privilege to attend. Not only did our Israeli hosts put on a magnificent Congress for the 200 participants, showing us many of the historical and biblical sites of their country from Nazareth to the Dead Sea and from the Mediterranean to the desert, but this Congress also marked the transition of the IADS from that of a young association to that of a mature one attempting to solve its present problems and to plan for a successful future. The General Assembly considered several urgent matters. Firstly, it was appreciated that the enrollment of new members had so far been confined almost entirely to Western Europe; a recruitment drive in the Middle East, Eastern Europe and North America was therefore initiated. Secondly, it was stressed that some regular contact between member countries must be provided throughout the year if the association was to retain the interest and co-operation of its members, and a newsletter with some commercial sponsorship was planned. Thirdly, the increasing volume and complexity of business to be considered by the General Assembly made it essential that this be conducted in a well-ordered 'and democratic manner, presided over by an independent Chairman. . .

At the 1967 Congress in Paris there was already evidence that the recruitment drive was meeting with some success and that the newsletter, although at this time rather thin and infrequent, was being appreciated by the members. It was also in 1967 that Dr. Gerald Leatherman, the Executive Director of the F.D.I, in view of the increasing importance of the IADS, decided that a permanent liaison officer should be appointed whose job it would be to keep the F.D.I. informed of IADS matters and to assist the IADS when requested by its Executive Committee, thus contributing some degree of continuity. It was my good fortune to be appointed to this office on completion of my year as IADS Treasurer. In 1968 the IADS visited Eastern Europe for its Congress in Czechoslovakia at which observers from Egypt, Hungary, Japan and Turkey were present; by this time, also, the newsletter was becoming better produced, due almost entirely to the energy of its editor, Brian McMullen. *Even with* considerable sponsorship, it was costing the Association a large proportion of its annual, income; however, the continuing improvement in communication between members was certainly worth this high expenditure.



By 1969, North America was showing interest in the Association and, at the Congress arranged jointly between Copenhagen and Malmo, both the United States of America and Canada attended as observers for the first time. The New York Dental School applied for corresponding membership and thus the door to North America was at last opening. By this time, also, another international dental student association was being established, albeit a regional one. The Asian Pacific Dental Students Association was formed in

Southeastern Asia and liaison with this Association was established. The A.P.D.S.A. is now a flourishing regional organization, obviously fulfilling a local need, and there has, to the best of my knowledge, never been any intention to expand the A.P.D.S.A. outside its present area. It is my hope that, as intercontinental travel becomes ever easier, a future combined meeting might be arranged, for I am sure that an insight into each other's very different approaches to dentistry would be of great mutual interest and benefit.

Berlin was host to the IADS for the second time in 1970 and it was at this Congress that a major reappraisal of the Scientific Program for future Congresses took place. It was Mr. Mark-John Vella-Bardon who urged that discussion groups should replace formal lectures as the major content of the Scientific Program; whilst dental students have a great variety of lectures available in their own countries, the IADS Congress provides a unique opportunity for international discussion on dental topics of mutual interest. The success of these groups was immediately apparent when they were subsequently introduced. The conclusions of these discussion groups were forwarded to, amongst others, the relevant F.D.I. Commission. As a result, in 1973, the F.D.I. Commissions on Dental Education, Dental Practice and Public Dental Health each invited the IADS to appoint a representative to participate in their Commission meetings at the F.D.I. Congresses. It is obviously of benefit to the F.D.I. to have informed student opinion available-the very considerable contributions to the 1976 F.D.I. meetings in Athens made by your representative, Asterios Doukoudakis, were greatly appreciated. I hope that the IADS will continue to avail itself of this invitation to participate on the FDI Commissions. It provides the IADS representatives with the opportunity to meet and talk with many of the world's most important and influential dental clinicians, educators and administrators and to spread information about the IADS

In 1971, the Association paid its first visit to its smallest member, Malta, and under the Chairmanship of Mark-John Vella-Bardon, a magnificent Congress was arranged. It was at this meeting that the two very active North American Coordinators, Jeffrey Leeds and Barry Grayson, presented the application for membership of the newly-formed American Student Dental Association, as well as more Canadian Schools, Mexico and Nicaragua. In addition, Egypt, Greece and Italy were elected members at this meeting. It is to be hoped that it will not be too long before the American Student Dental Association rejoins the IADS once again as a full member.

1972 saw a hastily arranged Congress in England and the joining of Australia as a corresponding member. Very much more important, it was the year in which Quintessence International took over the publication and distribution of the



newsletter. This most generous offer by the Berlin publishing house has provided the IADS with the opportunity to provide its members with a quarterly newsletter of the highest quality and which is printed and circulated worldwide at no expense to the Association. So far, your editors have produced a newsletter worthy of such publication and it is of paramount importance that this be maintained.

The overnight improvement to the IADS finances brought about by this publishing arrangement is most welcome as for so many years the Association's financial situation restricted its activities. There is now the real opportunity for the IADS to secure its financial position and to build for the future.

1973 and 1974, with the two highly successful Congresses in Finland and Holland, saw one of the most difficult and serious problems facing IADS at least partly solved. Any student organization which is administered and governed by students faces considerable problems of continuity from one year to the next, as almost all of the office holders serve for either one or two years before graduation and hand over to a successor who is frequently resident in a different country. This has been, I believe, the greatest hindrance to the growth of the Association ever since its foundation in 1951. However, I have always believed that this is preferable to a student organization where the students do not retain sole executive powers. Indeed, the FDI, whilst always available to assist your Association, have always been insistent that such assistance must first be requested or approved by the IADS, as we have no wish to interfere in the affairs of your association.

At the General Assembly in 1974, delegates learned of the offer of the Medical Protection Society, a professional insurance organization in London, to provide a central address and some secretarial assistance to the IADS. Since the acceptance of this offer, a restructuring of the administration has been gradually very evident that the continuity offered by this arrangement is of great value to the Association. The IADS, I believe, owes a very considerable debt of gratitude to Mr. John Seear for initiating this service.

The magnificent Congresses held in Israel in 1975 and in Switzerland in 1976 bring this short historical review up-to-date, except to report that already this year the first meeting of the newly-formed

Australian Dental Students Association, comprising the dental schools of Australia and New Zealand has been held in Dunedin and to commend the Maltese Dental Students for their invitation to hold the 1977 Congress in Malta at such short notice. Whilst I hope that this look back at the past problems and achievements of the IADS has been of interest, it is the present and future of your Association which is of greater importance and which will concern your General Assembly in Malta. Your Executive Committee and official delegates will be deciding the priorities for the coming year and I would not wish to comment on these.

As the FDI Liaison Officer, I have watched the development of the IADS over the past decade. The success of the newsletter, the improvements in administration and finances and the increasing membership augur well for the future. I take this



opportunity to congratulate the IADS on what has been achieved so far and to wish your Association a very happy and successful future



By Peter V. Dyer, FDI/IADS Liaison Officer 1987

(Address given during the 34th IADS CONGRESS in FINLAND 1987)

In an address at the Opening Ceremony of the IADS Congress in Malta in July 1977, Peter Swiss, the liaison officer, gave a comprehensive account of the history of the IADS, from its origin in Paris in 1951.

The Association has had its thirtieth birthday and is now an established forum for dental students all over the world and I plan in the next few paragraphs to give an account of how it has developed over the last ten years.

My first encounter with the IADS occurred during the mid-year meeting of 1977, These were not always held in London and that year Glasgow were the hosts and it coincided with my first attendance at a British Dental Students' Association conference. It was, however, a year later, at the midyear meeting in London when as secretary of the BDSA I was able to meet with members of the executive.

Later in 1978, I was fortunate to attend the Cleveland, Ohio Congress as one of the UK delegates. As well as being my first congress, this was also the first one for Mr. Lynn Waiters. I am not sure if either of us imagined that this would be the start of such a long association with the IADS. Lynn Waiters attended that Congress, as he has continued to do, on behalf of the Medical Protection Society, which since 1974 has acted as the central office for the IADS. Mr. John Seear was responsible for setting up this service and the Association owes a great deal to the MPS for the way in which they have maintained continuity over the last thirteen years. John Seear attended his last Congress in Alexandria, Egypt in 1981, just prior to his retirement, and those of us who were there will remember the skilful way in which he guided the General Assembly through one of its more difficult agendas.

It would be very easy to write an account of the last ten years; without mentioning some of the problems which have occurred. I don't intend to do this, because I believe that the Association has become stronger through facing up to its problems and that it will continue to progress providing it recognizes and then deals with the difficulties as they arise. The Congress of 1979 was set in the beautiful city of Freiburg, West Germany. It was however a conference beset by management problems due partly to failure of the CoCo, to appreciate the importance of sponsorship in a congress of such size. Successive CoCos have realized the necessity



of gaining help from commercial sources a daunting and difficult task, but one which has been tackled, in some cases, by hard-nosed business acumen. One of the main areas of difficulty, about which I felt strongly, was that of a constitution which seemed to slow down proceedings and often caused the General Assembly to come to a virtual standstill over a procedural point. Valuable debating time was often lost. In 1980, at the Utrecht Congress, a small working party, under the Chairmanship of the IADS President, Wojcieck Kowalski, set about reviewing the entire constitution. This proved to be a long and arduous task, and indeed two further attempts were necessary - Egypt 1981 and Puerto Rico 1983 - before the constitution we use today was finally accepted.

The period between the congress in Utrecht and the one in Helsinki 1982, was, for the Association, an unsettled time, the effects of which may still be felt today. The Association is a non-political organization from which nobody can be excluded through reasons of race or creed. I believe this is right and in many ways unique. The International Association of Medical Students for example is fraught with problems of a political nature. However, for a time, the Association was made to face political reality not unnaturally in view of its international composition, but in a way which left some member nations feeling that they had no alternative but to leave. I regret their decision but understand that not every student body is independent of government and its policies. I hope that in the future these countries will feel able to rejoin the IADS and realize that their views will be respected. I also hope that the Association will always keep its non-political stance.

In 1967 at the Paris Congress, Peter Swiss who was then IADS Treasurer was appointed FDI/LADS liaison officer by Dr. G.F. Leatherman, the Executive Director of the FDI. He continued in this post until 1983, during which time he regularly attended Congresses, acting as Chairman of the General Assemblies, and was always ready to assist the Association in any way possible. It was with regret that he retired from office, on appointment as Dental Secretary to the Medical Defence Union in London. He always maintains a great interest in the activities of the Association. I was fortunate to be appointed his successor and chaired my first General Assembly in Israel 1984.

In 1984 Lynn Walters was granted Honorary Life Membership by the General Assembly in recognition of the work he had done for the IADS. This honor had previously last been granted to Asterious Doukadakis (President 1977- 78). Following a successful Congress in New York in 1985, the IADS met in Singapore in 1986. This was the first time that an IADS Congress coincided with a meeting of the Asian Pacific Dental Students' Association, and it is worth recalling what Peter Swiss wrote in his history of the IADS:

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It was indeed a tribute to the organizational skills of the Singaporean hosts that such a meeting was managed and, as Peter Swiss hoped, it did provide a unique opportunity for exchange of ideas.

I hope and believe that the Association can look forward to another thirty years. There are immediate problems to face a declining membership, an uncertain future of Central Office, the loss of the Quintessence International account and more long term decisions to make should there be a voluntary work abroad scheme ? How can the exchange program be improved? In Cleveland I remember vividly one General Assembly which convinced me of the importance and value of the IADS. Delegates from two countries, not enjoying good diplomatic relations, crossed the floor, shook hands and embraced. Wouldn't it be a better world if all our leaders could meet in the same atmosphere of cooperation and friendship -there would be a much greater understanding of each others problems and solutions might be more easily found....

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1996: Formation of the AIDS committee, gather information about AIDS and send it through the Dental Students. Organizing a summer school, producing a booklet that is to be published and distributed by IADS.

1998 SPECIAL SESSION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY BARCELONA, SPAIN:

A. This was the year when the annual meeting that was planned to take place in August 1998 in Belgrade was cancelled due after a long process of consultation with the organizers, the Executive Committee, the FDI, various foreign ministries, the member associations and the Honorary Life members.

The Congress had been cancelled because of:

- A low number of registrations (25), which included 3 NEOs. This would have made it impossible to hold a valid General Assembly. The deadline for registrations had been extended, twice, at the request of the CoCo to allow more time for people to register. However, this had not been successful.
- A lack of sponsorship, which together with the lack of registrations, made the Congress financially unviable.
- Political problems in Yugoslavia, which made people not want to attend.

This contributed to the low numbers of registrations.

And thus a special session was held in Barcelona in October to compensate for the meeting.

B. the acceptance of the school in Bergen (Norway) as Full School Members, the two Norwegian schools had formed an International Committee, which would represent both of them as Full Country Members for Norway.

1999: IADS Committee was thanked for their work and after they collected enough information, Organized a summer school, made the

booklet and present a seminar, their job was done and the committee was closed.

APDSA offered to help organizing the 2001 annual meeting for IADS in Kuala Lumpur in order to celebrate the IADS 50th anniversary with the FDI.

2000: A 3 year plan was set with FDI concerning promotion and fund raising for the IADS as well as enhancing the FDI-IADS communication. VCP for IADS in Tanzania and Romania were put in to action.

IADS as part of the UNESCO collective consultations was invited to all their meetings.

The 50th anniversary for IADS will be celebrated during the joint FDI-IADS meeting taking place in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia in 2001.

Poland, Nigeria and Estonia were accepted for IADS membership

2002: Prague MYM and Sharm elsheikh annual meeting.

Memberships of France, Lithuania, Sweden, Switzerland, Russia, Puerto rico, Mexico and Iceland were lapsed

Launch of IADS domain www.iads-web.org

Standing Committee On Research and Education –SCORE- was formed.

Georgia (GSSA) was accepted for membership.

2003: Cracow MYM and Istanbul annual meeting.

IADS president accepted the invitation and attended the 8th UNESCO/ NGO Consultation on Higher education January of the same year in Paris.

The Sudanese Association of Dental Students (SADS) was accepted as a full National Member

The Scientific Association if Hellenic Dental Students (EEFOE) was accepted as a National Corresponding, representing the 2 dental schools in Greece.

The Maltese Association of Dental Students (MADS) was accepted as a full National Member representing the one and only dental school in Malta

The Italian Association of Dental Students (AISO) was accepted as a National Corresponding Member representing 22 local organizations.

2005: Bergen MYM and Prague annual meeting

Haitian Dental Student Association applied for Full Country/National Membership.

Students Union of Medical Faculty Novi Sad, Serbian & Montenegro - Full Local Membership- 350 members

Georgian Dental Students Association (GeDSA)- Full Membership-300 members





Associazione Italiana Studenti di Odontoiatria (AISO)- Full Membership- 820 members

2006 Split MYM and Sudan annual meeting

COSPIE the committee with an aim to help solve problems often occurring during exchanges was created.

The "Insurance Deposit System" was created;

- deals with exchanges of students and young dentists,
- aim - to help NEO to arrange the exchange,
- points related to accommodation, transportation
- Rules of any changes that might be done before the exchange.

First time to connect a voluntary work project with an IADS congress around 4000 patients were treated by the congress participants in combination with the students and doctors from Khartoum University during the trip.

2007 Georgia MYM and Hungary annual meeting:

HCCM, Russian Federation- application for full country membership, 7000 members, and 12 schools represented

The "Abc of Exchange":

- general duties of NEO,
- duties of NEO and LEO during exchange
- Student obligations.

Palestinian Association of Dental Students (PADS)

2008 Lublin MYM and Sharm el-Sheikh annual meeting:

- a. Muhammadiyah University of Yogyakarta – Indonesia – Corresponding Membership
- b. The League of Students in Dental Medicine Bucharest (LSMDB) - Full Local Membership - 300 members
- c. Dental Students' Society of Iasi (Societatea Studentilor Stomatologi Iasi)- Full Local Membership – 240 members
- d. Dental Students Scientific Association of Egypt - Full National (Country) Membership -650 members

More than 40 IADS members participated in the IADS voluntary project and more than 300 students took part in IADS Exchange Program.

Partnerships were made with the European Dental Students' Association – EDSA, as well as Dentist Network and SICOB AIR.



SCORE:

a. reached an agreement with Institute of dental Research –Washington university USA that the latter will host selected IADS students to conduct their own research in the premises of Washington University.

B. A database of students' researches and lectures were made on the IADS website

C A database of post graduate studies in many countries were prepared

D. a students' lecture contest were conducted during the 55th annual meeting.

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2008 Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt
2007 lake balaton, Hungary
2006 Khartoum-Sudan
2005 Prague –Czech republic
2004 Berlin, Germany
2003 Istanbul, Turkey
2002 Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt
2001 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (joint Congress with FDI World Dental Federation)
2000 Bugibba, Malta
1999 Istanbul, Turkey
1998 congress in Belgrade, Yugoslavia cancelled;
Business meetings held at FDI Barcelona Congress
1997 San Juan, Puerto Rico
1996 Goteborg, Sweden
1995 Sau Paulo, Brazil
1994 Cape Town, South Africa
1993 Budapest, Hungary



1992 Leeds, UK
1991 Coimbra, Portugal
1990 San Juan, Puerto Rico
1989 Berne, Switzerland
1988 Verona, Italy
1987 Turku, Finland
1986 Singapore
1985 New York, USA
1984 Israel
1983 San Juan, Puerto Rico
1982 Helsinki, Finland
1981 Alexandria, Egypt
1980 Utrecht, Netherlands
1979 Freiburg, Germany
1978 Cleveland, Ohio, USA
1977 Malta
1976 Switzerland
1975 Israel
1974 Holland
1973 Finland
1972 UK
1971 Malta
1970 Berlin, Germany
1969 Copenhagen, Denmark & Malmo, Sweden
1968 Czechoslovakia
1967 Paris, France
1966 Jerusalem, Israel
1965 London, UK
1964 Amsterdam, Holland
1963 No congress
1962 Dusseldorf, Germany
1961 London, UK
1960 Stockholm, Sweden
1959 Berlin, Germany
1958 Ghent, Belgium
1957 Oslo, Norway
1956 Newcastle, UK
1955 Malmo, Sweden
1954 Gronigen & Utrecht, Netherlands
1953 Marburg, Germany (1st Congress)
1952 Birmingham, UK (business meetings only)
1951 Paris, France (business meetings only)
Copenhagen, Denmark

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2008 Lublin- Poland

2007 Tbilisi

2006 Split

2005 Bergen

2004 Ljubljana, Slovenia

2003 Cracow, Poland

2002 Prague, Czech

2001 Istanbul, Turkey

2000 Budapest, Hungary

1999 London, UK

1998 Rijeka, Croatia

1997 Bucharest & Sinia, Romania

1996 London, UK

1995 Istanbul, Turkey

1994 Paris, France



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