



CALL FOR IADS

W O R K F O R C E

2026/2027 TERM



IADS
International Association
Of Dental Students

To our IADS community around the world,

It is with great enthusiasm that we open the call for the IADS Workforce for the 2026/27 term. The Workforce stands at the heart of our association, bringing together motivated dental students who are ready to contribute their ideas, develop meaningful projects, and strengthen IADS for its members worldwide.

This term marks the third and final year of the IADS Three-Year Action Plan, dedicated to Expansion and Implementation. Building on the foundations established during the previous two years, our focus will be on expanding successful initiatives and strengthening their implementation across all regions.

By joining the Workforce, you will have the opportunity to gain valuable experience and skills while actively shaping the projects, opportunities, and impact of IADS. Whether your interests lie in internal or external affairs, finances, public relations, exchanges, science and education, research, capacity building, public health, volunteering, or regional development, every role contributes to the growth and diversity of our association.

We warmly invite you to explore the positions presented in this booklet and identify where your skills and ideas can contribute most. Previous Workforce experience is not the only path to making an impact as motivation, commitment, curiosity, and the willingness to learn are equally important.

On behalf of the entire IADS Leadership, we look forward to receiving your applications and working alongside you throughout the term.

IADS Leadership 2026/27

P R E S I D E N T O F F I C E

Letter from the PRESIDENT

| RALITSA ANDROLOVA



To those who wish to shape the future of IADS,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you as we open the call for the position of Coordinator for International Cooperations within the Presidential Office. This role offers a unique opportunity to work directly with me in strengthening IADS' international partnerships, supporting the implementation of collaborative initiatives, and contributing to the daily work of the Presidential Office.

Although I have not previously served as a Workforce member, my experience as VPJA allowed me to work closely with the Workforce and witness the dedication behind every IADS initiative. It reinforced my belief that meaningful progress is only possible through trust, communication, and teamwork. The CIC embodies this spirit by connecting the Presidential Office with our international collaborators and helping turn opportunities for collaboration into concrete actions for our members.

This year, the CIC will also work closely with our newly established External Relations Committee. Together, they will strengthen the coordination of IADS' external representation, partnerships, and international collaborations, ensuring a more structured and consistent approach across the association.

This position is not only an opportunity to contribute to the advancement of IADS, but also a valuable experience for personal and professional development. I warmly encourage motivated, reliable, and enthusiastic members to apply and join me in building a term that creates meaningful opportunities for dental students worldwide.

I look forward to welcoming the new CIC into the Presidential Office and working together.

With warm regards,

Ralitsa Androlova

COORDINATOR FOR

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIONS (CIC)

Overview

The Coordinator for International Cooperations is a Workforce position within the IADS Presidential Office, in charge of maintaining relationships with the organisation's partners (organisations, universities, dental professionals, etc.) under the direct supervision and request of the IADS President, and liaise with the Internal Affairs Bureau and the External Relations Committee for referrals and documentation purposes related to their scope of work.

The position contributes to the expansion of IADS' international network and supports the implementation of collaborative projects. The CIC also assists the President with the organizational, administrative, and strategic activities of the Presidential Office.

Task Description

Project Implementation: Assist in transforming partnership agreements and proposals into concrete initiatives, activities, and opportunities for IADS members.

Presidential Support: Provide direct assistance to the President in daily activities, strategic responsibilities, external meetings, and official communications.

Meetings and Documentation: Prepare meeting agendas, take minutes, draft reports, and maintain accurate records of discussions, decisions, and follow-up actions.

Internal Coordination: Liaise with the relevant IADS Leadership members, committees, and regional teams to support the implementation and reporting of collaborative initiatives.

Confidentiality and Accountability: Handle sensitive information responsibly and comply with IADS regulations, including signing a Non-Disclosure Agreement before beginning the role.

Selection Criteria

In addition to the requirements established in the **IADS Workforce General Regulations**, applicants should meet the following criteria:

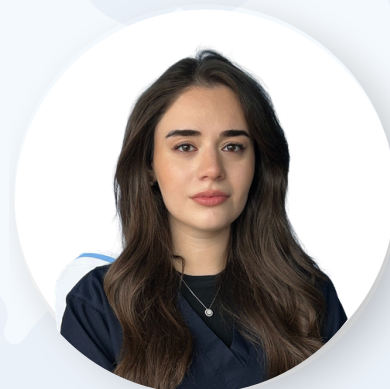
- Good understanding of the IADS structure, Constitution, Bylaws, and strategic objectives.
- Awareness of the role of international partnerships in supporting IADS projects and members.
- Previous involvement in IADS as a Workforce member, Delegate, National or Local Officer, trainer, project coordinator, or active member is considered an advantage.
- Previous experience in leadership positions.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Professional writing and presentation abilities.
- Organizational and time-management skills.
- Ability to manage several tasks and deadlines simultaneously.
- Attention to detail and consistency in documentation.
- Motivation to learn and contribute under direct presidential supervision.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

Letter from the

VICE PRESIDENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

| NIGAR AFANDIYEVA



Hello everyone,

My name is Nigar and I am honoured to serve as Vice President of Internal Affairs of the International Association of Dental Students for this term.

For me, Internal Affairs is the part of IADS that keeps everything else in place. It is where our decisions are recorded, our documents are kept in order and our members stay connected – the quiet work that lets every other part of the association move forward with confidence. My role is to make sure that IADS keeps its knowledge from one term to the next, that our processes are clear and fair, and that every member, new or experienced, knows how to find their place in our community.

I look forward to working with all of you this year to make IADS more organised, more transparent and more united.

Warm regards,

Nigar Afandiyeva

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

BUREAU

Bureau of Internal Affairs

The Bureau of Internal Affairs is the administrative heart of IADS. It looks after the documents and structures that hold the association together – minutes, archives, memberships and regulations – and makes sure that what one board builds is carried on by the next. This term the Bureau also drives the Welcome Pack, the decision register and the new handover toolkit.

What you will work on:

Documentation and records: keeping minutes, archives and the decision register accurate and up to date.

Memberships: following up on applications and staying in regular contact with our member associations.

Internal procedures: helping to standardise and improve the way IADS works internally.

Official documents and events: supporting the preparation of General Assemblies, leadership meetings and official IADS documents.

Continuity: contributing to the capacity building of the association and to a smooth handover between terms.

Legal framework: reviewing the IADS Bylaws and Constitution and proposing improvements.

Who I am looking for:

- Organised and reliable workforce members
- Careful with details and documents
- Interested in governance and structure
- A few hours per week for the team

FINANCIAL BUREAU

Letter from the VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCES

ALEXANDER FUCHS



My name is Alexander and I'm the Vice President of Finance of IADS for this term.

My role is to provide financial stability, transparency, and to create opportunities for our association through effective partnerships and sponsorships. I look forward to continuing to build a strong financial foundation for IADS this year and ensuring that our activities are sustainable.

Enough about me, let's talk about your role:

The main task of the Finance-team (us two) is to support the other departments with the resources to fulfill their tasks, bring projects to life and facilitate growth.

The role of Associate Vice President of Finance is an exciting opportunity to get directly involved in the core operations of IADS, working closely with me to manage our finances. You will also have contact with the other departments and sponsors. The position requires only a few hours each week, making it a flexible commitment alongside your studies, while offering valuable experience in financial management and international collaboration.

Warm regards,

Alexander Fuchs

ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCES

Main Tasks

- Assisting in the preparation and execution of payments
- Supporting the management of budgets and reports
- Following up on sponsorships and financial partnerships
- Helping to prepare financial documentation for events
- Contributing to the financial sustainability and transparency of IADS

Qualities

- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment (reply to E-Mails fast)
- Reliability and consistency
- Interest or background in finance
- Strong organizational skills and attention to detail
- Discretion and professionalism
- Team spirit

EDITORIAL BOARD

Letter from the

VICE PRESIDENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

VOON YONG SHEAN (ALICE)



Hello everyone,

My name is Voon Yong Shean (Alice), and I'm the Vice President of Public Relations of the International Association of Dental Students for the term 2026/2027.

My role as VPPR is to shape how IADS presents itself, communicates its work, engages its members, and builds its public image, both internally and externally. Whether through our magazines, website, social media, podcasts, or videos, I work closely with all our workforces to highlight their projects, strengthen our public presence, and ensure that the voice of IADS is represented and heard.

As an Editorial Board member, you are the face of IADS, bringing the IADS mission and ideas to life. You get to play a part in shaping how the association is seen by dental students and partners from all over the world. By joining us, you will have the chance to develop your skills, work with an international team, and leave a mark on the image and identity of IADS.

I look forward to welcoming new faces to the team. Come join me in this journey, and let's make an impact in IADS together!

Warm regards,

Alice Voon

EDITORIAL BOARD

Depending on your strengths, you may join one of our teams:

- **Content Creation Team**

This team is responsible for generating content ideas, writing content for various platforms, including social media, video scripts and the **IADS magazine**. Their primary focus is on content creation, and their role includes **writing, proofreading**, and ensuring the quality of written materials. Their responsibilities are not limited to the mentioned platforms but extend to various communication channels.

- **Design Team**

This team comprises **graphic designers** responsible for creating designs for a wide range of IADS materials. This includes social media designs, magazine layout, merchandise, print materials (such as logos, posters, rollups, badges), and handling design requests from other IADS teams. They play a crucial role in maintaining a consistent and visually appealing IADS identity.

- **Social Media Team**

The Social Media Team focuses on managing and maintaining IADS' online presence. Their responsibilities include posting content on social media platforms, engaging with the community, and implementing **social media marketing strategies**. They also track analytics and provide feedback on how to enhance the effectiveness of IADS' social media efforts.

- **Video Editing Team**

This team specializes in **video editing** and is primarily responsible for creating engaging video content. Their work includes editing/creating videos for IADS. Their skills are essential in delivering visually captivating content to our audience.

- **IT Team**

The IT Team handles technical aspects of the Editorial Board's work, primarily focusing on maintaining and developing IADS platforms. Their responsibilities include managing and enhancing the **IADS website** and other related platforms. They are responsible for keeping these platforms up and running, troubleshooting, and resolving technical issues to ensure seamless operations.

Qualities

- Regular Participation
- Responsiveness and engagement in discussions
- Reliability and strict adherence in deadlines
- Attention to detail
- Good time management
- Willing to learn and improve continuously
- Adaptability

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Letter from the

VICE PRESIDENT OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS

MARTINA CATTADORI



Hello everyone,

My name is Martina, and I am honoured to serve as the Vice President of External Relations of the International Association of Dental Students for the 2026/2027 term.

I have always loved building meaningful relationships, connecting people, and discovering new opportunities. For this reason, I decided to dedicate myself to the service of our association—to put my skills at the disposal of IADS and support the next generation of dental students worldwide.

External Relations is about creating bridges. It is through strong partnerships, international collaboration, and strategic networking that we can expand our association's reach, open new horizons, and provide valuable opportunities for all our members. Beyond establishing connections, a crucial part of our department's work is keeping our communication organized, following up diligently on all contacts, and ensuring our legal and contract agreements are thoroughly reviewed and maintained. My goal for this term is to foster genuine connections, streamline our workflow, and ensure that IADS continues to grow as a reliable global partner.

I look forward to working with an enthusiastic and dedicated team to build lasting partnerships for our community.

Warm regards,

Martina Cattadori

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The External Relations Committee focuses on establishing, nurturing, and managing IADS' relationships with external organizations, sponsors, and global associations.

As a team member, you will take part in a variety of hands-on tasks that keep our external network running smoothly. You will help identify potential international partners and manage sponsorship opportunities. A significant focus will be placed on organizing our communication channels, where you will maintain records of our incoming and outgoing emails to ensure timely follow-ups and keep valuable contacts active. You will also collaborate closely with Committee Chairpersons across IADS to fulfill partner requests, bridge internal and external needs, and maintain an efficient organizational workflow. Additionally, you will assist in reviewing draft contracts, memorandums of understanding, and agreement proposals before we finalize them with partners.

I'm looking for motivated people with great communication skills who feel comfortable representing IADS on an international level. You'll need to be organized and detail-oriented to manage emails, coordinate requests between committees, and keep up with deadlines. Experience with legal agreements or contracts is definitely a plus, though not required.

CAPACITY BUILDING COMMITTEE

Letter from the CAPACITY BUILDING CHAIRPERSON

| NOURDEEN SALOUMA



Hello capacity building enthusiasts!

I'm Nourdeen Salouma, your Capacity Building Chairperson for the IADS 2026/27 term, and I'm so excited to welcome you to this new chapter of Capacity Building.

I know you're probably wondering, "What is Capacity Building?" — especially because this term is brand new to IADS! But don't worry, the core of what we do is not new. Capacity Building grows from what we already know as Training.

At its heart, it is still about learning and development — training members in communication, leadership, teamwork, facilitation, and many other skills that help us grow both inside and outside IADS. What's changing is that we are taking this further: creating more ways to learn, developing trainers, supporting other committees, and making these opportunities accessible to more members.

As a workforce member, you won't just be asked to complete tasks. I want you to bring your ideas, challenge existing approaches, share your perspective, and help us build things that can last beyond one term.

So, if you're enthusiastic, creative, curious, and love learning different topics in an interactive way, I would absolutely love to have you on my team!

Warm regards,

Nourdeen Salouma

CAPACITY BUILDING COMMITTEE

This term, we will be working on:

- Establishing what CB means, clarifying its role within IADS, and building stronger collaboration with Standing Committees and NMOs.
- Creating continuous learning opportunities that go beyond traditional training sessions through challenges, games, discussions, case scenarios, mini-workshops, and other interactive activities.
- Making opportunities more accessible across regions, strengthening regional engagement, and improving how we connect members with trainers and opportunities.
- Developing specialized workshops in areas such as **leadership, communication, advocacy, research, finance, public relations and other transferable skills**, with the potential to become recurring programmes.
- Showcasing trainers, opportunities, and real stories that demonstrate how Capacity Building and soft skills can contribute to members' personal and professional development
- Supporting Standing Committees in developing educational workshops while combining their technical expertise with Capacity Building skills.
- Promote different Capacity building events, like: TNT,TOT,SRT

I am looking for people who can bring different strengths to the team and accordingly contribute to the mentioned work according to a task distribution that will be determined after the selection process, taking into consideration their motivation, experience, strengths, and vision of the chairperson.

These skills include:

- Creativity & innovation.
- Effective communication
- Institutional skills: organization, documentation, Google Workspace, emails, spreadsheets, and keeping work structured.
- Design & Canva
- Teamwork & collaboration
- Adaptability & commitment
- Proactiveness: if you see an opportunity to improve a task, project, or process, don't hesitate to suggest it. I want to hear your ideas and, even more, see you take them into action.

Special Role: General Secretary

I will also be selecting a General Secretary to work closely with me throughout the term.

The General Secretary will help ensure that the workforce stays organized, connected, and on track,

You do not need to have every skill listed above. We are building a diverse workforce, and what matters most is knowing what you can bring, being willing to learn, and being ready to contribute.

Looking forward to seeing your application!

EXCHANGES COMMITTEE

Letter from the

VICE PRESIDENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

| NIGAR AFANDIYEVA

Hello everyone!

On behalf of the Exchange Committee, I'm delighted to introduce you to one of the most important and exciting parts of IADS.

Every year, our exchange programs open doors for students to travel, learn, and grow far beyond the classroom. You don't just gain new knowledge and professional experience in a different country; you step into its culture, taste its traditions, and see the world through new eyes.

But what makes these exchanges truly special are the people. The friendships and connections our students build along the way often become some of the most meaningful of their lives. Colleagues become friends, host cities become second homes, and a few days abroad turn into memories that last for years.

Our Exchange Committee works behind the scenes to make all of this possible: organizing opportunities, supporting students at every step, and helping each of you get the most out of your journey.

We look forward to continuing to create these amazing memories, and we would love for you to be part of them.

Warm regards,

Nigar Afandiyeva

EXCHANGES

COMMITTEE

Now, we are looking for YOU to be part of this mission. By becoming part of the Exchange Workforce, you won't just be helping with tasks. You'll be part of something bigger: creating opportunities that inspire, empower and connect dental students across the world. Together, we will continue to grow exchanges, expand their reach, and inspire the next generation of globally minded dentists.

Main Tasks

- Supportive of NEOs and LOCs, always ready to help them with coordination, planning, and day-to-day tasks, so every exchange runs smoothly from the first email to the last goodbye
- Contribution to reports: providing accurate information and helping prepare exchange reports

Qualities

- Reliable and responsible, someone who meets deadlines and follows through
- A great communicator, clear, friendly, and professional with students and officers alike
- A team player, ready to collaborate and share ideas
- Organized and proactive, able to solve problems before they grow
- Strong communication
- Creativity and open-mindedness
- Flexibility and adaptability to changes
- Experienced in areas like project management, international programs, content creation or digital tools

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Letter from the PUBLIC HEALTH CHAIRPERSON

İDİL CEBECİ

Hello everyone,

I'm İdil Cebeci and I am honoured to be serving as the Public Health Chairperson of the International Association of Dental Students for the 2026/2027 term.

Before taking on this position, I was a member of the Public Health Workforce. I initially joined the team to develop myself, learn new things, meet people from different backgrounds, and strengthen my network within IADS. I also wanted to step outside my comfort zone and explore how I could contribute to the field of public health.

Today, I am genuinely proud to have been entrusted with the responsibility of leading the Public Health Committee. As a member of the Workforce, I had the opportunity to develop new skills, expand my network, and explore different areas of public health. Now, I hope to build on that experience and create a Workforce that is open to learning, sharing, and meaningful contribution.

Public health is much more than individual projects or social media campaigns. It is about sharing knowledge, bringing people together and using what we know as dental students to create a broader impact. For this reason, it is important to me to create an environment where everyone feels able to bring their own perspectives and ideas to our work.

I do not expect everyone to have the same background or level of experience. What matters is the willingness to contribute and learn. At the same time, being able to dedicate sufficient time to Workforce responsibilities and complete assigned tasks on time is an important part of the process.

A strong Workforce is built on open communication, mutual respect, and active participation. I value people who are willing to share their ideas, give constructive feedback, and take responsibility for their work. I believe that challenges can be addressed through collaboration and a willingness to learn from one another.

At the end of this term, I hope we can look back not only on what we have achieved, but also on how we have grown both as a team and as individuals.

I look forward to working with all of you, learning from your perspectives, and making this term a meaningful and productive experience for all of us.

With kind regards,



PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

The teams are divided based on our public health activities:

Liaison Office ensures effective communication, coordination, and follow-up between the Public Health Chairperson, Workforce teams, and NPOs. It also supports project tracking, deadlines, reporting, and maintaining active Workforce engagement.

Development Team focuses on creating educational and skill-building opportunities for dental students. It supports knowledge sharing through educational content, workshops, training sessions, and other learning activities.

Advocacy Team focuses on raising awareness of important public health issues and encouraging active engagement in public health advocacy. It supports initiatives that promote the voice and involvement of dental students in public health matters.

Event Management Team is responsible for planning and coordinating public health events, webinars, campaigns, and other activities. It works on turning ideas into well-organised and engaging events.

Application criteria for the Public Health Office:

- **Genuine Interest in Public Health**
- **Commitment and consistency**
- **Strong Writing Skills** (scientific, social media or both)
- Teamwork and communication skills
- Event planning/ coordination (online or in-person)
- Strong organizational skills and ability to handle logistics. (experience is a plus)
- Interest in policy, advocacy or student development. (experience is a plus)
- Comfortable speaking and moderating in webinars/podcasts. (experience is a plus)
- Design & Canva Skills (Bonus Point)
- Availability to dedicate a few hours per week to Public Health Office activities and responsibilities.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Letter from the RESEARCH CHAIRPERSON

JANA MOGAHED



Hello Everyone,

My name is Jana Mogahed, Research Chairperson for the term 2026/2027 in the International Association of Dental Students. I am honoured to be leading the Research Committee and enthusiastic about this new chapter both for myself and for IADS.

As we kick off our first year as a standing committee, we have high hopes for research and our ability to influence students and empower them to develop research skills. Research is much more than collecting data and writing manuscripts. It is also about being curious, asking questions and observing the patterns within the community. It turns ideas into knowledge that can be studied and ultimately make a difference.

An integral part of research is teamwork, and a good team does not only consist of talented individuals, but also of people who communicate openly, take responsibility and are willing to learn and grow while also giving to IADS. Every member brings something different to the table and it is this diversity of perspectives and experiences that allows a team to thrive.

I am looking forward to working alongside you and am very excited to build a team that is committed to making research more accessible and impactful.

Warm regards,

Jana Mogahed

RESEARCH COMMITTEE

I am looking for:

- A motivated workforce
- Passion for research
- Commitment and reliability
- Diverse perspectives
- Preferably but not necessarily: knowledge/experience in data analysis, previous research experience

Workforce Distribution:

- General Secretary; work closely alongside me on all projects, take meeting minutes and manage schedules
- International Dental Research Program Team; organise research programs in different countries and regions
- Virtual Events Team; work on the Global Dental Research Summit which will include lectures, workshops and poster presentations
- International Journal of Dental Students Team; write summary and controversial topic articles to be published, in addition to working towards indexing our journal
- Dental Research Community Team; arrange online classes on the fundamentals of research and ensure that selected participants work on a research paper under the guidance of a mentor

SCIENCE & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Letter from the SCIENCE & EDUCATION CHAIRPERSON

RISHABH MISTRY

Hello Everyone!

My name is Rishabh Mistry, and I am honoured to serve as the Chairperson for Science & Education for the 2026/2027 term at the International Association of Dental Students (IADS).

I am truly excited to begin this journey with all of you and to lead a team that has the opportunity to shape how students learn, connect, share and grow within IADS.

To me, Science & Education is much more than lectures, courses or academic resources. It is about staying curious, exchanging ideas, creating opportunities and making quality learning accessible to dental students—regardless of where they come from.

This year, our goal is to build a Science & Education team that connects people, ideas and opportunities across every region of IADS and creates meaningful experiences for students around the world.

And while ideas and programmes are important, a great team is built by its people. It is built on communication, responsibility, collaboration and, most importantly, the willingness to support one another and keep learning. Each of us brings a different background, experience and perspective—and I believe that this diversity is what will make our team truly strong.

I am looking forward to getting to know each of you, learning from you, and working together to turn our ideas into meaningful opportunities for students.

Let's make Science & Education more accessible, more engaging and truly global within IADS.

With kind regards,

Rishabh Mistry



SCIENCE & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Criteria

- Previous IADS experience (experience is a plus)
- Passion for science, education and academic development
- Willingness to learn, contribute and take initiative
- Ability to work collaboratively in an international team
- Clear and effective communication skills
- Interest in organising scientific and educational activities
- Curiosity and ability to bring new ideas to the team
- Academic, research or scientific experience (experience is a plus)
- Public speaking, presentation or moderation skills (experience is a plus)
- Content writing, editing, Designing & Canva skills (additional skills)

Workforce Positions

1. Head of Webinars

- Lead the IADS webinar programme.
- Plan topics, speakers and the annual webinar calendar.

2. Director of IDCP

- Oversee the International Dental Courses Programme.
- Coordinate with LOC, NSOs and participants.
- Develop and expand international course opportunities.

3–7. Regional Coordinators

- Represent Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe, Americas and Middle East & Northern Africa
- Identify regional needs, opportunities, speakers and collaborations.
- Promote Science & Education activities within the region.

8. Editor: Postgraduate Booklet

- Lead the development of the IADS Postgraduate Booklet.
- Coordinate contributors, content, editing and final publication.

9. General Secretary

- Maintain team documentation and meetings
- Track action points, deadlines and progress.
- Support communication and coordination within the workforce.

VOLUNTARY COMMITTEE

Letter from the VOLUNTARY CHAIRPERSON

EMILI KLIMENKO



Hi! My name is Emili Klimenko, and I am the Voluntary Chairperson of the International Association of Dental Students (IADS) for the term 2026/2027. As someone who has dreamed of volunteering since I was a kid, this is a dream coming true!

There is something special about volunteering. You give your time when you could be doing a hundred other things. You choose to contribute when no one is forcing you to. And somewhere between the meetings, the messages, the late-night ideas and the projects that take longer than expected, you realise that volunteering is not simply about completing tasks- it is about building something that will remain after your term is over.

The Voluntary Committee has the opportunity to turn one of the most meaningful parts of dentistry, using our knowledge and skills to serve others, into action. Through our International Voluntary Programmes, collaborations, educational initiatives and new ideas, we can create opportunities for dental students to contribute beyond the walls of their universities and countries.

But I do not want us to be a committee that only runs projects. I want us to be a committee that creates possibilities. I want us to look at what already exists, ask what could be better, and have the courage to build something new when an opportunity is missing. I want us to connect people who would otherwise never meet, bring different perspectives into the same room, and make it easier for dental students around the world to turn their willingness to help into meaningful action. And I want every person on this team to know that their contribution matters.

What I am looking for is people who care, people who take ownership, and people who are willing to grow. We should be able to challenge each other without putting each other down. We should be able to disagree and still leave the meeting as a team. We should celebrate each other's successes, help each other when things become difficult, and never make someone feel that they have to carry a responsibility alone.

At the same time, I will have high expectations of us. If you join this committee, I want you to bring your ideas. I want you to question things respectfully. I want you to tell me when you think something can be done differently. And when you see a problem, I would much rather hear "I have an idea" than simply "there is a problem."

I am not looking for people who wait to be told what to do. I am looking for people who see an empty space and think, "Maybe I can build something here." So if you are someone who wants to contribute, learn, lead, collaborate and occasionally step outside your comfort zone, I would love to hear from you. I cannot promise that the year will always be easy. I can promise that it will be ours to build. I look forward to meeting the people who will build it with me!

With kind regards,

Emili Klimenko

VOLUNTARY COMMITTEE

What I am looking for in my team:

1. Ownership

I want people who take responsibility for what they commit to. If you say you will do something, I should be able to trust that it will happen, or that you will communicate early if something changes. You do not have to be available 24/7. You do have to be reliable.

2. Initiative and curiosity

My ideal team member does not stop at "What should I do?" They also ask: Why are we doing it this way? Could we do it differently? Who else could we collaborate with? What are we missing? What could this become?

If you have an idea, bring it. It does not need to be perfect before you say it out loud.

3. Good communication

I want you to speak. Tell me when you agree. Tell me when you disagree. Tell me when you have a better idea. Constructive disagreement is not a problem in a team: silence can be. At the same time, being outspoken does not mean speaking over others. I want people who can express their position clearly while genuinely listening to someone else's.

4. Follow-through and quality

Ideas are exciting, but execution is what creates impact. It is important to meet deadlines, keep track of details, follow up with collaborators and communicate when something is delayed. I care about quality, not because everything has to be perfect, but because our work represents IADS.

5. A team mentality

Your project might be your responsibility, but its success belongs to all of us. Help someone when you have the capacity. Share a useful contact. Give feedback. Celebrate someone's idea even when it was not yours. And perhaps most importantly: do not be afraid to ask for help.

In short:

I am looking for people who are reliable enough to be trusted, curious enough to question, brave enough to speak up, humble enough to learn, and proactive enough to turn ideas into action. You do not need to know everything when you join this team, but you should be willing to learn, contribute and take ownership. Most importantly, I want people who care about both the work and the people they work with.

REGIONAL ASSOCIATE

Letter from the

REGIONAL AMBASSADOR OF AFRICA

IBILOYE SIMBIAT IBILOLA



Hello everyone,

My name is Ibioloye Simbiat Ibilola, and I am the Regional Ambassador of Africa of the International Association of Dental Students for the 2026/2027 term.

Africa is diverse, dynamic, and full of young dental students with ideas, talent, and the desire to make a difference. But our greatest strength lies not only in what each of us can achieve individually – it lies in what we can achieve when we connect and work together.

The Regional Ambassador's role is therefore not simply to communicate information from IADS to Africa. It is to listen to Africa, understand its realities, connect its people, identify opportunities, support its associations, and bring its voice back to IADS.

But this journey cannot be built by one person.

I want to listen to you, learn from you, work with you, and build with you.

You do not need to know everything.

You do not need to have held every leadership position.

What matters is your **willingness to learn, contribute, collaborate, and take initiative.**

Joining the IADS Workforce means entering a global community where collaboration and vision can create real change. I want this Workforce to be a space where an idea from one Member Association can become an opportunity for another; where emerging leaders can learn from experienced ones; and where every member feels that their contribution matters.

The goal is simple:

A more connected Africa.

Stronger Member Associations.

More empowered students.

Greater participation.

And a stronger African voice within IADS.

I am excited to build this journey with you.

Together is Better.

Yours in Service,

Ibioloye Simbiat Ibilola

REGIONAL ASSOCIATE

Letter from the

REGIONAL AMBASSADOR OF AMERICAS

LIZBETH DUARTE

Hi everyone!

I'm Lizbeth, Regional Ambassador of Americas for the term 2026–2027.

I'm very excited to begin this new journey and, most importantly, to build a team of motivated, proactive, and passionate people who want to contribute to the IADS community and help strengthen our region.

The Americas is a diverse and vibrant region, bringing together different cultures, dental education systems, student associations, and perspectives. I believe this diversity is one of our greatest strengths, and I want our workforce to reflect it by creating a space where everyone can share their ideas, learn from one another, and contribute in their own way.

Being part of the Americas Regional Workforce will be an opportunity to connect with dental students and associations from across the region, develop leadership and communication skills, promote IADS opportunities, support regional initiatives, and create meaningful international collaborations.

I'm looking for people who are willing to take initiative, share their ideas, collaborate with others, and turn those ideas into action. You don't need to have previous leadership or IADS experience – what matters most is your motivation, commitment, and willingness to learn and contribute.

If you're excited about meeting people from across the Americas, growing alongside an international community, and helping us make our region more connected and active within IADS, I would love to have you on board!

Let's connect the Americas, share our ideas, and build something meaningful together!!
See you in the workforce!

Let's connect the Americas and build something meaningful together.

See you in the workforce!

Warmly,

Lizbeth Duarte



REGIONAL ASSOCIATE

Letter from the

REGIONAL AMBASSADOR OF ASIA PACIFIC

HANIA AMJAD

Hello everyone,

My name is Hania Amjad, and I'm honoured to serve as the Regional Ambassador of Asia-Pacific for the 2026/27 term.

Asia-Pacific is one of the largest and most varied regions in IADS. Our associations differ in size, language and resources, yet dental students across the region face many of the same questions about their education, their patients and their futures. My aim this year is simple: that every country in the region feels heard, and that no association is left on the sidelines because it is small, new or far from the centre of things.

To get there, I'll be listening first. Through regional consultations, one-on-one meetings with national associations and steady communication with our delegates, I want to understand what each country actually needs, and then turn that into opportunities: capacity-building sessions, regional online activities, stronger partnerships and real support for associations that want to grow.

None of this is a one-person job. I'm looking for people who bring initiative and genuine care for the students we represent, and who follow through on what they take on. As part of my workforce, you'll help shape how our region works together, and you'll gain experience in international collaboration that stays with you long after this term.

If you want to be part of building something lasting for Asia-Pacific, I'd love to work with you.

Warm Regards,

Hania Amjad



REGIONAL ASSOCIATE

Letter from the

REGIONAL AMBASSADOR OF EUROPE

MA'IN OMRAN

Hi,

I'm Ma'in, and I'm the Regional Ambassador of Europe this term.

I'm here to support the delegates in the region with anything they may need throughout the term; whether it be a question about IADS, help with an issue, guidance, or just figuring out who to contact, I'm here to help.

Part of my role is also to stay informed and updated on what's happening across the region, what the different national associations are working on, and whether there are any problems or needs that I should be aware of, as well as making sure relevant updates are communicated clearly across the region.

So please don't hesitate to contact me at any point. If I can help directly, I will, and if not, I'll do my best to point you in the right direction.

Warmly,

Ma'in Omeran



REGIONAL ASSOCIATE

Letter from the

**REGIONAL AMBASSADOR OF
MIDDLE EAST & NORTHERN AFRICA**

| KHAIR EDDEEN OWAI DAT



Hello everyone,

My name is Khair Eddeen Owaidat, and I am truly honored to serve as the Regional Ambassador of the Middle East & North Africa (MENA) for the 2026/27 term.

The MENA region is home to passionate dental students, talented leaders, and associations with incredible potential. Despite the diversity of our countries, cultures, and experiences, we are connected by a shared ambition to learn, grow, and create a meaningful impact. My goal is to ensure that every association in our region feels heard, supported, represented, and empowered to participate actively within IADS.

As Regional Ambassador, I will focus on strengthening communication between our National Member Associations, creating opportunities for collaboration, and supporting associations according to their individual needs. I also hope to increase the visibility of MENA by celebrating the achievements of our members and sharing their projects, ideas, and successes with the wider IADS community.

However, building a stronger region is not something that can be achieved by one person alone. It requires all of us to communicate openly, exchange experiences, support one another, and transform our ideas into action. Every association and every member has something valuable to contribute to our collective progress.

I am excited to listen to your ideas, learn from your experiences, and work alongside you throughout this term. Together, we can build a more connected, active, and impactful MENA region, one where opportunities are created together and every voice has a place. I look forward to meeting, supporting, and growing with all of you. Let us make this a meaningful and memorable term for MENA within IADS!

Warm Regards,

Khair Eddeen Owaidat

REGIONAL ASSOCIATE

The **International Association of Dental Students** works as a global community of dental students, encouraging active multiregional involvement to build capacity and enhance collaboration among its members.

As a **Regional Associate**, you will work hand-in-hand with your Regional Ambassador to strengthen communication, support delegates, and ensure the smooth implementation of IADS projects within your region. Your role is crucial in helping shape the regional work of IADS and ensuring continuity for future generations.

There is also the position of **Junior Associate Regional Ambassador**. In this role, you will support both the Regional Ambassador and the Regional Associate, gaining valuable experience in international collaboration while gradually stepping into more responsibilities. It is a great opportunity to learn, contribute, and prepare for future leadership within the association.

Main Tasks:

- Taking accurate and organized meeting minutes
- Attending meetings with delegates and partners
- Supporting collaborations and orienting associations
- Tracking associations' generational shifts and ensuring continuity

Qualities:

- A good command of English, both spoken and written
- Motivation and willingness to stay actively involved
- Flexibility and adaptability across different time zones
- Strong communication skills and reliability
- Team spirit and proactive engagement

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be a member of a dental students' association in the region where you apply
- Motivation and genuine interest in the role and community
- Proactiveness and independent problem-solving
- Ability to manage time effectively and respond promptly
- Confidence in sharing ideas and contributing creatively
- International exposure or willingness to engage in a global setting

