Greetings to iADH Members

It has been almost a year since we all met at our Council Meeting in Dubai, at the 2018 Congress. As you might have guessed from our online updates and multiple recruitment call outs, the iADH Executive have been galvanised into action and have been very busy behind the scenes setting up the framework to propel iADH into its next phase of development as a mature international organisation. We hope this newsletter will help shed some light on past events and update you on the exciting things ahead…

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In addition to ongoing business by email, the iADH Executive has been meeting monthly with the primary objective of restructure of the Association and the recruitment of a large number of influential and enthusiastic new committee members. It is hoped that the productivity of the association will be increased to reflect the new membership and to encourage international participation within our organisation. This new committee has been busy recruiting for the iADH and has issued:

- a Call for Candidates and Nomination of new Shadow Secretary
- a Call for Candidates and Nomination of International Advisory Committee
- a Call for Candidates and Nominations for the Education Committee
- a Call for Candidates for a Membership Secretary

The establishing of the new nominations committee was confirmed during the iADH Council Meeting in Dubai. Its new structure takes advantage of the knowledge and wise counsel of past presidents of IADH including succession planning and talent spotting within the organisation. The current nomination committee is chaired by Dr Alison Dougall in her role as President elect iADH and includes immediate 4 iADH past presidents Prof Shouiji Hironaki, Dr Timucin Ari, Dr Dimitris Emmanouil and Dr Gabriela Scagnet.

**Appointment of Shadow Secretary**

Congratulations and welcome to Avanti Karve of Sydney, Australia, who successfully bid for the post. Avanti will follow the current Secretary, Johanna Norderyd, and take over her role in 2020 as Johanna has expressed her wish to retire from the executive at this time.
Creation of an International Advisory Committee

A Call of Interest was published in May 2019 and the committee held its first meeting on the 16th February 2019. The committee is chaired by Gustavo Molina (Argentina) and the successful applicants were: Hilde Nordgarden (Norway), Mohamad Saad (Lebanon), Young J Kim (South Korea), Almir Oliva (Brazil), Siti Zaleha Hamzah (Malaysia) and Kerry Punshon (Australia).

The committee’s terms of reference include advising Executive on strategy and cultural appropriateness, whilst feeding back on models of good practice, opportunities and activities from their different world regions.

They will meet online every 3 months and continue their work through email.

iADH Scientific Committee

New terms of reference have been developed for the Scientific committee, whose role includes judging the abstracts submitted to congress, awarding the iADH prizes and guaranteeing the scientific quality of information on the website.

New members have been recruited to the Scientific committee, which is now complete. We would like to welcome Shun-Te Huang, Andreas Schulte, Suzanne Krämer, Gustavo Molina and Colman McGrath on board. They join Luc Marks, Denise Faulks, Tim Newton, Blanaid Daly, Jan Pablo Lloyola Rodriguez, Alison Dougall, and Pedro Diz Dios.
iADH Education Committee

The Education Committee chair, Shelagh Thompson is joined by existing members: Denise Faulks, Alison Dougall, Sharat Chandra Pani, Andreas Schulte, Gabriela Scagnet, Clive Friedman, New members are: Avanti Karve, Fatimah Alsayer, Daniel Careno, Cam Dogan, Young J Kim, Nadiya Al-Kindi, Jacobo Limeres Posse and Ana Vukovic.

The committee aims to facilitate global education and research networks. As part of this work, educational resources will continue to be collected and collated, and new resources should be available soon via the webpage. In addition, the iADH curricula are up for review and there is a new project of scoping an iADH Fellowship programme in Special Care Dentistry. The Education Committee hopes also to coordinate a dedicated session at the forthcoming iADH congress.

iADH Financial Committee

The financial committee is run by iADH President Luc Marks, Treasurer Martin Arts and Past Presidents Shouji Hironaka and Timucin Ari.

Sponsorship:

Negotiations are ongoing with several potential long-term sponsors for the iADH in order to be able to fund increased iADH activity and to support the different committees effectively.
Numerous associations have reported difficulties paying their membership fees, with bank transfers being refused or bounced by the Canadian bank that holds the iADH accounts. Negotiation is underway to obtain improved internet services and to improve the secure PayPal option. It is hoped that this problem will soon be resolved.

As we are in the process of clarifying membership matters, a list of correctly paid up members is attached as an annexe to this Newsletter. If your organisation has paid but is not on this list, or if you need to be resent a reminder Invoice, please contact the treasurer, Martin Arts, by email at treasurer@iadoh.org

Members should also note that more than one association can now join the iADH from each country, and that individual membership is also possible.

In addition, iADH has been working towards establishing a secure online platform which meets GDPR regulations so that iADH member associations can share email addresses of individual members in a safe manner. This will allow iADH to communicate directly with their members, provide individual membership numbers, and most importantly, facilitate access to the Journal of Disability and Oral Health for all members worldwide.

A Call the new position of Membership Secretary was issued to help our current treasurer, Martin Arts, and our media officer, Sharat Pani, with these tasks, but has not successfully been filled to date. If you, or any member of your local organisation has the required skillset and qualities for this post, please contact the iADH Secretary, Johanna Norderyd.

Memorandums of Understanding have been signed by the iADH President, Luc Marks, with two world-region associations - AADOH (Asia Association for Disability and Oral Health) and AADMD (American Association of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry) and we look forward to future collaboration with these groups.
As you may remember, Sharat Chandra Pani was appointed Media and Communications Officer at the Council Meeting in Dubai in 2018.

Sharat has been very busy setting up a new ‘iADH Now’ Youtube Channel and updating the website portal to ensure that the iADH website is secure and fit for purpose. He will be collaborating with the future membership secretary in the creation of a secure login and email database for membership correspondence. A space will be created on the website for member associations to publish their news and advertise their national conferences, courses and activities.

As we go to press, Sharat is moving to a new job in Canada, so will be out of action for a couple of months. We would like to wish him all the best for the move and look forward to him getting back on board with all his usual enthusiasm and energy!

The iADH Facebook page is very active with over 1500 members – thanks to Alison Dougall for moderating this forum and for all of your enthusiastic posts.

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Congress 2018 Dubai

Thanks to the considerable efforts for the iADH community, the Dubai 2018 Congress was a financial success with better attendance than expected given the change of location mid-planning. Unfortunately, despite numerous reminders and correspondence from the iADH Executive, the host member association TEAD have failed to fulfil their contract signed with iADH, which requires payment of $20 per participant within 60 days of closure of the congress. Sanctions are being considered with respect to the local host organisation.

To ensure transparency to the membership at large, any iADH member who wishes to be further informed of the timeline and details of events, can do so simply by contacting the iADH secretary to request the complete set of documents.

In the absence of payment from the 2018 congress, the interim Executive meeting for 2019 will be held as an online conference for lack of travel funds. This creates a certain number of constraints due to the number of different time zones concerned.

Congress 2020 Mexico

The iADH 2020 Congress is to be hosted in Mexico on 23rd to 26th Sept 2020.

Juan Pablo Lloyola Rodriguez, Congress Chair and Chair of Local Organising Committee is working along with Medardo Gomez Anguiano and Uriel Soto Barreras. The iADH members on the organising committee are Luc Marks and Shouji Hironaka.

As we go to press, we haven’t yet received details of the website or congress location to share with you. The organising committee have promised to communicate these as soon as possible and we will pass on this information via email and on the website as soon as it is available.

In the meantime, iADH Executive is negotiating with Skyteam for reduced air fares for the conference (airline group including Air Mexico, Air France, KLM, Delta airlines, amongst others).
Congress 2022 France

The 2022 conference will be held from the 23rd to 26th August 2022, at La Maison de la Chimie, Paris France.

Denise Faulks is the local organising committee chair and Alison Dougall the iADH member on this committee. The official launch for the local organising committee will be held on 18th September 2019 in Paris.

Next Steps

Now that the restructure and recruitment of iADH is almost complete, the Executive will be using the next quarter to develop a strategic plan for future action and projects. This will be based upon the iADH Policy Statement for Oral Health and Disability that was developed in 2016, in collaboration with the iADH Council Members and disability groups. There is much to be done and it is not possible to list all suggested projects here. We hope to focus our attention on one or two major areas where we can feasibly intervene within a defined timescale, and produce a measurable result. Now that we are up to full man-power we need to get full speed ahead!

Do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have ideas, suggestions or opportunities for suitable iADH projects. We would love to hear from you!

Warm regards

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