26th International Association for Disability & Oral Health

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QUALITY MATTERS...
ENSURING EQUITABLE HEALTH OUTCOMES

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Dear iADH Members,

Welcome to the 2021 Newsletter!

This has proven to be another year of trials and challenges as our world grappled with the Delta variant and now Omicron looms on the horizon. Our membership across the globe has been busy and relentless in advocating for the oral health of persons with disabilities.

In their recent SCDA Editorial, Dougall, Molina and Mac Giolla Phadraig summarise this beautifully in urging for...

... an equality-based approach be taken to build a transition out of COVID-19 that is fully inclusive to the needs and wishes of people with disabilities and includes clear messages and information in a variety of formats. The vaccine rollout must not exacerbate existing inequalities. Strategies should be devised through consultation with people with disabilities in order to assure that they are affordable and accessible and reach people with disabilities in rural and isolated areas...

As our world starts to find the new “COVID- Normal”, we on the iADH Executive, have been busy progressing various projects to showcase them for you in Paris 2022!

In this edition, we have for you:

- President’s message from Alison Dougall
- iADH Fellowship – details of our new initiative
- iADH International Advisory Committee- Introduction of new members
- iADH Jan Andersson-Norinder travel bursary award for Paris 2022
- iADH bidding process for the 2026 Congress

Our new website is currently under construction and will be launching shortly. In the meantime, we will continue to chat via emails and our social media platforms.

Hope you’re all booking your tickets to Paris soon!

With best wishes for a safe and restful holiday period and a Merry Christmas if you celebrate it in your part of the world

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President’s Message

On behalf of the Executive Board of the International Association of Disability and Oral Health (iADH), it is my great pleasure and honour invite you to join the 26th IADH Congress to be held in Paris, France under the auspices of Santé Orale et Soins Spécifiques (SOS). Since 1970, iADH has hosted a biennial congress that provides members from all over the world with an opportunity to assemble in one place, and share their scientific knowledge and collective experience to improve desired oral health outcomes for people with disabilities. I am thrilled that during my presidency we will have the opportunity to meet face to face heart of Paris. I can think of no better surroundings to gather with friends and colleagues to consider the important theme of “Quality Matters”.

Quality of healthcare is a key component of the route to equity and dignity for people with disabilities and disadvantages. Quality care has to be based on scientific knowledge and evidence-based guidelines and we anticipate that the 26th iADH conference will offer a phenomenal international scientific program with world-class keynote speakers and a showcase of the best available research in Special Care Dentistry. Quality care should also be people-centred which takes into account the preferences and aspirations of individual service users and the culture of their community. iADH is therefore particularly delighted and fortunate that people with disabilities are central to the organisation of this conference.

On an individual basis the IADH conference will give each of us the opportunity to share in new knowledge and techniques, and build a network of personal and professional support with which to better deliver quality special care dentistry for our patients when we return to our workplaces. On behalf of iADH, I would like to thank Dr Denise Faulks, chair of the scientific committee of the 26th Congress, and the local organizing committee for their hard work and vision into the planning of this event.

While we wait for Paris, I have been somewhat placated by the opportunity to connect with many of you by taking part in your online or virtual National Members Meetings. Thank you for your kind invitations, I have valued my time spent virtually in the UK, Malaysia, Canada, Argentina, Brazil, Italy, South Korea, Mexico, Peru, Ireland, and Spain with more meetings to come. This has given me more opportunity to learn about the activities of each society and communicate directly with members.

With this in mind I am very proud that 2021 will see the launch of our fellowship of iADH with the first fellows due to be recognised and awarded in Paris at a ceremony during conference. This will be opportunity to recognise and mark the amazing work that is being done worldwide in the area of disability and oral health by our members.

The iADH fellowship is a major innovation which has been a direct response to requests by members over the years. But its new and those people who have not heard me talking about it at National Members Meetings or last year at the AGM maybe be unaware of the details. We are planning two webinars in early 2022 where we will talk you through the application forms and answer your questions. Before that, there is some more information (refer to the next page) including the entry level eligibility alongside some introductory guidance.

So can I please end my message by taking this opportunity to wish you all the very best as we move towards the end of another challenging year. I hope that 2022 will perhaps start to ease our personal and collective burdens and the joy of IADH friendship and collegiality continues to support us all during these strange and challenging times in which we are living.

Alison Dougall
iADH Fellowship Announcement

iADH is delighted to announce the launch of its fellowship via 2 iADH Webinars which will be held to suit different time-zones on the week starting Monday 13th December and Monday 10th January 2022.

Members requested the fellowship to recognise and document excellence in the field of Disability and Oral Health amongst its membership. This was especially important to those members living in areas where Special Care Dentistry was not a speciality, or remained an emerging discipline requiring recognition of those people working across other disciplines.

The iADH is not an accredited examining body so the design of the fellowship is that interested applicants submit a structured CV via an online form which is designed to award points to experience, skills and documented training across a number of domains. All of our professional members including dentists and allied healthcare professionals may apply if they have held a paid up membership for the previous three consecutive years. Alternatively they should show proof of membership of a National Member Society for the previous three consecutive years.

The fellowship will consist of a certificate and lapel badge to identify fellows amongst their peers, their patients and their governing bodies. This will be awarded by the President of the iADH at a ceremony every two years which will usually be held during the iADH conference.

Assessment fee will be a one-off payment of $300 USD. If applicants are unsuccessful they will receive feedback and will be given the chance to re-apply at no extra cost for a second time within 2 year period. There is a reduced fee of $200USD for members from developing economies and allied healthcare professionals. There is no additional annual fee to retain the fellowship other than the annual iADH membership fee or National Member Society Fee.

A merit points based system will be used by a panel of five calibrated ‘examiners’ who will assess applicants via the online structured application form across the following domains:

1. iADH and National Member Organisation Activity/Service
2. Clinical Experience
3. Scientific and Academic Activity
4. Education undertaken
5. Community Participation, Outreach Projects and Advocacy

It is expected that members will have strengths in some areas over other, but there is a reasonable minimum threshold of marks which needs to be achieved in each section of the application form.

It is also very much known that formal education in Special Care Dentistry remains elusive for many members, so there is plenty of opportunity to gain points for continuing education and documented clinical experience via an anonymised log book verified by 2 colleagues.

We also will credit evidenced disability and oral health training as part of other speciality training e.g. paediatric dentistry, orthodontics, gerodontics, medically compromised.

For those members interested in finding out about the fellowship, please ensure that you contact your National Society or our membership officer membership@iadh.org without delay to get your iADH membership number in the interim.
International Advisory Committee Update

The International Advisory Committee (IAC) was formed in 2019 to represent all of the global regions of iADH in order to monitor and guide the global progress and cultural appropriateness of the organisation. The IAC now in its second term and currently has 10 members altogether. 4 members have remained in the committee since the first term and 6 new members have been nominated to represent South East Asia, Eastern, Southern Asia, Europe, Central and North America. We remain hopeful to seek a representative from Africa.

Welcome to the following new members:

- David Lim (Singapore, South East Asia)
- Priya Verma (Eastern/Southern Asia)
- Koichiro Matsuo (Eastern/Southern Asia)
- Allen Wong (Central/Northern America)
- Juan Pablo Loyola Rodriguez (Central/Northern America)
- Anne Beate Sonju Clasen (Europe)
Calling iADH Members...

Announcing the iADH Jan Andersson-Norinder travel bursary award for the iADH 2022 Congress in Paris, France.

Applications are invited from iADH Members only. These may be individual members of iADH or members of affiliated member organisations. Your personal iADH membership number can be requested by emailing the iADH membership Officer membership@iadh.org

Two bursaries of up to 750 US dollars are available for individuals with limited means in order to assist them with travel costs to France in order to participate in the congress and give a scientific oral or poster presentation.

**Award Criteria:**

- Be the presenting author of an accepted abstract for a scientific oral or poster presentation at iADH 2022 Paris.
- Provide your personal iADH membership number (see above)
- Provide a cover letter of a maximum 1000 words, including the following information:
  - supporting information which demonstrates your activities related to promoting oral health for people requiring special care dentistry in your own country
  - details of any activities, collaboration and/or interaction with iADH within the last FIVE years
  - key messages in your oral presentation and the importance of sharing these with a global audience
  - your personal and professional goals in attending the conference.
- Be resident and employed in a developing country as defined by the World Data Bank (the list of eligible countries is given on the iADH 2022 website, registration page)
- Please send your application to: secretary@iadh.org

Before the final deadline of **21st May 2022**
Expression of Interest

Are you excited for Paris 2022 and Seoul 2024?
Would you like to host the 2026 Congress in your country?
Here is the process and timeline for your consideration!

Interested Member groups will email iADH Secretary for bidding documents

Suitable applications will be shortlisted and invited to present at Council meeting at Paris 2022

- Council members will pass an Advisory Vote

iADH Executive will finalise the Winning Bid

Successful bid will be announced at Paris 2022 AGM

Please contact Avanti Karve (iADH Secretary) on secretary@iadh.org to request our Bidding Documents