

Minutes of the ADEE General Assembly of Members

Held on Monday 29th September 2025 delivered online via ZOOM online platform

Summary of meeting:

The General Assembly of ADEE 2025 reviewed and approved the minutes from the October 2024 meeting, officer reports, and financial documents. Key highlights of the assembly outlined by the President included work on the WHO oral health action plan, the Secretary General's term completion, and the Editor-in-Chief's appointment and new editorial board. The Treasurer reported a modest surplus for 2024 and a positive outlook for 2025 and 2026. New board members and co-opted members were approved, and the appointment of new Treasurer and Chair of the Board of Trustees was confirmed. An updated constitution and by-laws were unanimously approved by the assembly. The meeting concluded with a reminder of the upcoming ADEE 2026 meeting in Budapest.

Minutes of Meeting

A meeting of the assembly of members of ADEE was held online on Monday 29th September 2024 at 16:00 hrs Dublin time using the Zoom online platform. Notice of meeting issued to members on 26th August via the ADEE.org website and subsequently via several remainders using the e-news and direct mail systems. All officer reports have been prerecorded and any associated printed material made publicly available within the notice of meeting page.

The meeting was attended by the ADEE Executive Committee members with the exception of Prof Olivia Ottolenghi who's apologies were noted. In total representatives from 56 ADEE member institutions attended the assembly. No apologies were received from member institutions.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

ADEE President Prof Brian O'Connell welcomed everyone to the General Assembly of 2025 and asks for approval of the agenda. There being no additions or comments the meeting progressed as planned.

The President confirmed that all documents, including reports, minutes, and constitutional changes, have been circulated and are available on the website for the specified required times. However, the board are very much open to taking questions at the meeting should members have any concerns or need clarifications.

The minutes from the last meeting of the General Assembly held on 11th October 2024, were approved as an accurate reflection of the meeting. Proposed by Prof Barry Quinn, Seconded by Prof Cristina Manzanares with no dissenting voices.

Officer Reports: President's Report

President Prof Brian O'Connell in referring to his pre-recorded President's Report, stresses collaboration with sister organizations and the WHO on the global oral health action plan. The President also outlined the collaborative sessions held between sister organisations in Leuven, Barcelona, and Dublin, and the finalisation of the implementation plan for educational associations including a co-created animation that summarises the WHO action plan from an oral health educational perspective.

The President also commended the ongoing work of the GED Task Force, which held a very successful workshop in Dublin in February 2025 and increased regional representation by expanding its membership to have representation from each of ADEE's regions.

A personal highlight for the President was the hosting of 50th anniversary year in Dublin during August and the associated celebrations of ADEE's 50th Anniversary through curating ADEE archived materials published online, and a special issue of the European Journal of Dental Education. The President stated he was proud to have served as ADEE's president during its 50th year. He commended his board and office colleagues for their commitment and collaborative approach.

The president invited questions or comment on his report, there being none, the report was taken as accepted and the meeting progressed to the next officers report, the Secretary General.

Officer Reports: Secretary General's Report

ADEE Secretary General Prof Barry Quinn, in presenting his 5th and final secretary general report thanked everyone for their support and mentions the presidents and board colleagues he served with and also the office team.

Prof Quinn highlights the changes in the role of the Secretary General due to constitutional updates presented to the meeting for final ratification at this meeting. He wished ADEE every success and expressed his pride in being involved with such a positive and broadly focused association. The Secretary General expressed his intention to continue engaging with ADEE for many years to come despite his term ending. He commended the role of volunteers within ADEE which relies very much of these individuals and groups to enable our work.

The president invited questions or comment on the report, there being none, the report was taken as accepted and the meeting progressed to the next officers report, the Editor in Chief.

Officer Reports: Editor of the Journal

ADEE Editor Professor Christina Manzanares thanked her predecessor, Dr Ronald Gorter, for his support during the transition into this exciting and challenging role. Prof Manzanares outlined the plans in place to migrate to a new submission system and the enlargement of the editorial team.

Professor Christina Manzanares outlines the volume of work carried out in the preparation of a special issue for the 50th anniversary and the goal of maintaining ADEE's leading position in dental education. She expressed her gratitude to the authors who have contributed to this special issue as well as two other special issues during the year on AI and Haptics.

To conclude Professor Manzanares thanks the editorial board and all associated editors for their support. She also commended the office for their support as she evolved a better understanding of the Editorial role and relationship with the publisher.

The president invited questions or comment on the report, there being none, the report was taken as accepted and the meeting progressed to the next officers report, the European Affairs Officer.

Officer Reports: European Affairs Officer

Professor Sibylle Vital ADEE European Affairs Officer in referring to her pre-recorded report highlighted the success of the meeting on the graduating European Dental Framework in February. This has enabled a reinforcement of relationships with key stakeholder and positions ADEE well for future collaborative activity in key policy areas.

She also highlighted the April the visit to the European Parliament in in collaboration with CED, FEDCAR, EDSA, CEEDO, Platform for better oral health. This meeting in the presence of two relevant MEP's in health gave opportunity for ADEE to reinforce education's key role as gate keeper to the professions. Prof Vital emphasised the importance of modernising the directive to ensure patient safety and high-quality education. While there seems to be little appetite at present within the parliament it is clear there is benefit to the stakeholders speaking with a collective voice and this stresses the importance of clear connections with the stakeholders. For this reason, ADEE is currently working on devising a series of collaborative events building on the success of recent activities.

The president invited questions or comment on the report, there being none, the report was taken as accepted and the president call for a proposed and seconder for the reports.

The reports were approved on the proposal of Prof Mohammed Al Horani and Seconded by Prof Elene Gigineishvili, with no member dissenting.

The meeting then progressed to the report of the Treasurer.

Officers Report: Treasurers Report Financial and Compliance Reporting Matters

ADEE Treasurer Prof Julia Davis in referring to here pre-recorded report and the accompanying reports, namely the audited accounts, rolling budget and annual report for 2024 Speaker 5, Julia, presents the audited accounts for 2024, commenced by outlining the audit process and conclusion. Namely the auditors concluded that the accounts of ADEE are a true and fair representation of the financial status.

Moving to the specific numbers the Treasurer outlined that income for 2024 increased due to the annual meeting in Leuven, with membership and corporate support holding. She stressed that the expenditure lines are not operating at an absolute minimum due to considerable cost cutting measures taken by the Executive in the post covid era. All of

this has concluded in ADEE now being able to not a modest surplus for 2024 and this will enable ADEE for the first time in some years to add to transfer money to the savings account.

Progressing to budgets for 2025 and 2026 Prof Davis advised that the Executive is revising the 2025 Budget upwards to a modest surplus due to the positive attendance and management of ADEE 2025 in Dublin. Concerning 2026 due to unknown budget costs and a volatile political environment that may impact attendance ADEE also expect a small surplus in 2026.

The Treasurer concluded by reminding the assembly that this is her last annual general meeting as treasurer and the planned appointment of Prof Kathleen Van Dam as her successor. She wished Prof Vandamme every success in the role and also thanks the auditors and office team for their openness and patience that enabled her to discharge her treasurer role as effectively as possible.

The president invited questions or comment on the report. Prof Mohammed Al Horani highlighted the importance of using university facilities for ADEE meetings and ensuring that travel accessibility was also factored in when awarding ADEE meetings to venues.

The President then called for a proposed and seconder for the reports.

The 2024 audited accounts were accepted on the proposal of Prof Barry Quinn and seconded by Prof Cristina Manzanares.

The Treasurer's Report and budget for 2024-2026 were accepted on the proposal of Prof Cristina Manzanares and seconded by Prof Mohammad Al Horani.

The annual report for 2024 was presented by the CAO. It highlights the activities, governance, and financial status of ADEE during 2024. The General Assembly approved on the proposal of Prof Barry Quinn and seconded by Prof Cristina Manzanares with no dissents.

Ratification of ADEE Constitution Update

ADEE President Prof O'Connell outlined to the meeting the process to date with regards the updating of the ADEE constitution and by-laws. Following an open consultation and work by the ADEE Executive draft updates to the constitution it was tabled at the 2024 General Assembly. These changes being proposed in the following key aspects:

1. Merging of the CAO and Secretary General Roles
2. Changing terminology to refer to the Board rather than Executive Committee to better reflect the function it now discharges
3. Define specific board roles and responsibilities aligned to ADEE functions

The President explains the outcome of updating the ADEE constitution and bylaws, will result in fundamental changes to better enable the operations of ADEE. There having been no queries concerning the proposed changes since they were tabled at general assembly 2024, and they having received CRA the Executive Committee is now placing the revised constitution before the assembly for ratification.

The General Assembly unanimously approved the ratification of the updated constitution and bylaws and that they take effect from 01.01.26.

The meeting then progressed to the report of the nominations committee.

Reports of the Nominations Committee

The president presented the following for appointment:

- The appointment of the following new board members for a three-year period commencing 01.01.2026: Professor Eduardo Valmaseda Castellon (Spain) and Dr Dalia Mesha (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia), proposed by Prof Barry Quinn (UK), seconded by Prof Ivan Alajbeg (Croatia)
- Re-appointment of Professor Sibylle Vital (France) for a period of one year commencing 01.01.2026: Proposed by Prof Barry Quinn (UK), seconded by Prof Ivan Alajbeg (Croatia)

- Re-appointment of Professor Elene Gigineishvili for a three-year period commencing 01.01.2026: Proposed by Prof Barry Quinn (UK), seconded by Prof Ivan Alajbeg (Croatia)
- Co-option of Professor Gabor Gerber (Hungary) for a period of one year effective 01.01.2026 to align with delivery of ADEE 2026 Budapest: Proposed by Prof Ivan Alajbeg (Croatia), seconded by Professor Elene Gigineishvili
- Co-option of Professor Renata Chalas (Poland) for a period of two years effective 01.01.2026 to align with delivery of ADEE 2027 Lubin: Proposed by Prof Ivan Alajbeg (Croatia), seconded by Professor Elene Gigineishvili
- Appointment of Professor Kathleen Vandamme as the ADEE treasurer and Chair of the Board of Trustees for a five-year term commencing 01.01.2026. Proposed Prof Barry Quinn (UK), seconded by Prof Julia Davis (Sweden)

The General Assembly approved all appointments by a show of hands with no dissents.

Presentation of ADEE 2026 Budapest

The President invited Prof Gabor Gerber to outline the upcoming ADEE 2026 Budapest meeting. Prof Gerber invited all ADEE members to Budapest and Semmelweis University for ADEE's 51st meeting where members will experience a warm and inviting welcome. He advised that the local organising committee are working hard to evolve a suitable programme and to ensure delegates will feel safe and welcomed to Hungary. Further meeting information and a call for programme content will issues later in 2025.

Any other business

Prior to closing the president invited members to raise any matters not on the agenda. The following were discussed:

- Prof Mohammed Al Horani update the Assembly on discussion and actions arising from the ADEE Regional Council. He encouraged member institutions to engage with the regional representative to ensure the Board is as up to date on regional concerns and activities as possible. The President
- The CAO asked the meeting to formally acknowledge that Ms Judith O'Brien will retire from ADEE on 31.10.2024. Judith has been a consistent member of the ADEE team for almost 15 years and will leave behind a consider gap in knowledge and understanding of ADEE as well as being a key link for ADEE members. The Office team will miss Judith considerable however we wish a very happy and ling retirement. The meeting acknowledged Judith's departure by a round of applause. Ms Vesna Colic has been appointed to fill the role from 01.11.25 and will be introduced to members in the coming weeks. The President thanked Judith on behalf of the Executive and membership and reiterated the well wished for a happy retirement.

Closing Remarks and Acknowledgments

There being no other items for discussion the President thanked the members of their attendance. As this was his last meeting as President, he expressed his gratitude to all who had served on the Executive committee and commended them for their contribution and work for ADEE. He also thanked the office team for the support they give the executive in delivering the day-to-day operations of ADEE. The President wished Prof Alajbeg well in his upcoming term as ADEE president 2026 – 2027 and he looked forward to be a support to him in the coming months.

With that the meeting concluded at 16:45.