



European Dental Students' Association

44th EDSA Meeting



**August 23-26th
2009
Helsinki · Finland**

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to participate in **44th EDSA Meeting**, which will be held between **23rd and 26th August 2009** in the Faculty of Dental Medicine in **Helsinki, Finland**.

The capital of Finland will have the honour to host the EDSA Delegates from each European country member, that gather twice a year in a different city to discuss the current problems of the European dental students, find solutions to improve the dental education and promote/ share national projects.

The EDSA Meeting will be right before the Annual Meeting of the Association for Dental Education in Europe (ADEE), which is going to be held from 26th until 29th of August. Therefore ADEE representatives will participate to our meeting and EDSA delegates will represent the dental students' point of view during the workshops and special interest groups of the ADEE Meeting.

We are positive that your presence at the meeting will improve the European dental students' network and your ideas will be highly appreciated by the other participants.

Please find enclosed to this Invitation Letter all information regarding EDSA, Preliminary Program, Applications fees and Contacts of the Upcoming event. The registration deadline is **10th of July**.

Further information about the Upcoming event is available at the Helsinki Meeting website: <http://helsinki.edsa2010.com/> or at the EDSA Web portal www.edsa.globaldent.com.

The Local Organizing & Executive Committees look forward to welcoming you in the EDSA family and we assure you that you are going to have an unforgettable stay!

Sincerely Yours,

Ville Paalasmaa,
LOC Chairman

Emiliya Taneva,
EDSA President

44th EDSA Meeting, Helsinki, Finland

Preliminary Program

23.08.2009 (Sunday) – ARRIVAL DAY

- Arrival of Delegates
- Welcome cocktail

24.08.2009 (Monday) – 1st day of EDSA Meeting

- Breakfast
- EDSA General Assembly SESSION 1
- Lunch
- EDSA General Assembly SESSION 2
- Gala Dinner

25.08.2009 (Tuesday) – 2nd day of EDSA Meeting

- Breakfast
- EDSA General Assembly SESSION 3
- Lunch
- Sightseeing
- Dinner

26.08.2009 (Wednesday) – 3rd day of EDSA Meeting

- Breakfast
- EDSA General Assembly SESSION 4
- Lunch
- EDSA General Assembly SESSION 5
- EDSA Vision Song Contest

Departure of the EDSA Meeting attendees

27.08.2008 (Thursday) – ADEE Meeting

- ADEE Program

28.08.2008 (Friday) – ADEE Meeting

- ADEE Program

29.08.2008 (Saturday) – DEPARTURE DAY

- ADEE Program

Departure of the EDSA-ADEE Meeting attendees





Fee and Application info

Registration Deadline: July 10, 2009

EDSA meeting + ADEE (23.08. - 29.08.)	360 €
EDSA meeting only (23.08. - 26.08.)	280 €
ADEE meeting only 26.08. - 29.08.)	Please refer to www.hammas.helsinki.fi/ADEE2009/

The fees include accommodation, food and beverage, all social activities and the EDSA membership fee of € 30!

Take notice that your application becomes valid only after submitting filled application form at <http://helsinki.edsa2010.com/registration/> and the down payment of the fees.

After wiring the fee, please send a scanned copy of your proof of payment to edsa2009@gmail.com

Fees should be transferred to the following bank account number:

- *European Dental Students' Association*
- *Address: Dental School & Hospital, Lincoln Place, Dublin 2, Dublin, Ireland*
- *Bank Name: Bank of Ireland*
- *Bank Address: Trinity Branch, Trinity College Dublin, Dublin 2, Ireland.*
- *Account Number: 51477212*
- *IBAN Number: IE06 BOFI 9000 1751 4772 12*
- *Swift Number: BOFI IE 2D*
- *Bank Sort Code: 90-00-17*

IMPORTANT: The account should include following information (which meeting you are paying for: EDSA or both EDSA –ADEE and your name, surname)

Name, Surname – EDSA

Name, Surname- EDSA-ADEE

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EDSA International Network

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EDSA

European Dental Students' Association

What is EDSA?

European Dental Students' Association (EDSA) is a non-profitable, non-political organization. It was founded in 1988 in Paris and has a reliable network of more than 65,000 dental students in 182 dental schools in 26 countries. The registered offices of the Association are established in Dublin, Ireland.

The Aim

The primary aim is to promote and develop international contacts and to exchange ideas, as well as to improve the knowledge of dental students. The association also aims to introduce students to the dental industry and educational system of other countries, creating a globally connected student community.

The People

The whole EDSA International Network is borne by the unsalaried work, the organizational talent and the commitment of its members.

The members of EDSA are willing to broaden their horizons by visiting different cultures and educational systems and by working together in multicultural teams during EDSA workshops.

Delegates representing each country are both active on national and European level, promote student activities and establishing and developing close relations with professional and academic authorities and associations.

Meetings & Congresses

EDSA delegates from each member country gather twice a year in a different European city and discuss current dental and educational affairs, make suggestions on future activities, promote solutions and make decisions.

The autumn EDSA Meeting is held immediately before each Association for Dental Education (ADEE) Annual Meeting which allows sufficient time for students to discuss the relevant ADEE scientific theme and then facilitate a number of students' participation in the working and special interest groups at the ADEE Meeting.



The greatest event however in EDSA is the Congress, a meeting open to all Dental Students that takes place every two years.

Dental Education Involvement

EDSA is always in a state of action, full of energy and spirit having been involved in dental education affairs for many years. EDSA held and moderated one of the fourteen working groups on topic “Academic environment: Student perspective” during the Global Congress on Dental Education III that took place in Dublin in September 2007.

The EDSA WG discussed and documented online for one year what is a “positive academic environment” from the students’ point of view: dental school programs, settings, courses, evaluations etc. The paper, proposing effective strategies and educational innovations, was finalized during the Global Congress and later on published in the European Journal of Dental Education.

Moreover, EDSA has many interesting projects that provide dental students with the opportunity to actively participate, contribute and express their opinion. At this point we would like to put more light on our current projects and briefly present them.



EDSA Projects

Dental Guide

EDSA has actively been influencing dental education in Europe in cooperation with organizations such as ADEE and participating in DentEd in relation to the student academic environment. Students could contribute a lot to the European Integration and standardisation of Dental Education. In this direction EDSA continues once again "The Dental Guide", an ambitious project of major importance to the establishment of a globally connected student and young dentists' community.

A database consisting of general country information, different dental educational systems, admission and final exams, postgraduate specialties, student and dentists associations' contacts are available on the EDSA web page.

European Visiting Program (EVP)

For many years EDSA has strongly devoted itself to improving student mobility. The European Visiting Program (EVP) is an EDSA exchange program, which gives students the opportunity to visit other dental faculties in foreign countries for a couple of days or weeks with educational purpose. Students get the chance to broaden their views, develop ability to adapt to another environment and make new friends. In such a way, presenting culture, diversity and different habits of the different European people, boundaries are overcome and movement becomes easier.

Voluntary Work

Voluntary work is our new focus with the good cause to activate students in world health issues and encourage them to be a helping hand. There are literally billions of people who have absolutely no access to dental care. Most are simply resigned to suffering. By providing free dental student care to the less privileged around the world, we are happy to serve the humanity.

Green Dentistry

"Green Dentistry- Environmentally Responsible Dental Practice" is a project that operates under the auspices of the EDSA and the EU, through the "Youth" program. Currently, the countries which adopted this project are Croatia, Sweden, the Netherlands, UK, and Greece.

Main domains are to increase the "environmental awareness" and sensitivity among the dental professionals; the encouragement of procedures, regulations and policies compatible with the EU strategy for "sustainable development"; production of electronic and printed informative material to address and communicate the information to the dental society, particularly towards dental students and young



dentists. Another essential goal of the "Green Dentistry" project is the establishment of a network of cooperation, exchange information and opinions, proposals and innovations concerning the "Environmentally responsible dental practice" in Europe and international.

Personal Protective Equipment in Dentistry

In everyday practice, dentists, dental personnel and patients are constantly exposed to various chemical, biological and physical agents. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) includes gloves, eyewear, masks, and clinic attire. By studying, comparing and standardising the control measure protocol in all European dental schools, EDSA main objective is to reduce the risk of occupational exposure to blood and other potentially infectious materials among employees and students.

Research projects & Awareness campaigns

EDSA is to initiate research projects and awareness campaigns that are started at a national level and later introduced to EDSA, leading to a European comparison in that specific subject.

During the last 10 years some of the big EDSA projects were the Anti-Tobacco Campaign, Survey of dental students' HIV-related attitudes, knowledge and practices, Stress provoking factors in dental education and many more.



EDSA Publications

EDSA Magazine

The EDSA Magazine is published twice a year, and over 20,000 copies reach dental students at every dental school throughout Europe.

Consisting of different sections where students have a chance to present their own projects, achievements and innovations as well as interesting experiences from international EDSA events, the magazine is targeted at our members as a dental-related publication that they will enjoy reading in their spare time.

Scientific news, research, special events in each country and brainstorming ideas are virtually reaching everyone.

EDSA Newsletter

The Newsletter is a short bulletin to be written by a member of the Executive Committee, informing all delegates of what has been happening in the EDSA between meetings. It is published once between each meeting.

In the spirit of expanding EDSA all over Europe, we constantly seek for new ideas, members and sponsors to help us helping other students; we feel that we are not the agents of change, but the innovators of change in Europe without borders.

For further information on EDSA, its network, people and projects, please visit our website <http://www.edsa.globaldent.com>.



How to become an EDSA Member

EDSA has four classifications of members of the association. These are as followed:

- Full members
- Affiliated members
- Honorary lifetime members
- Alumni

Qualification of Full members

Full members shall be:

- I. National Associations of Dental Students, which collectively represent the majority of dental students in a local association at school or faculties in a country.
- II. An organization representing a minority of dental students in a country in which no national dental organisation exists, or where a larger national dental students association in the country does not want to affiliate to the Association.
- III. Individual local dental student organizations in the countries where no national dental students union exists. These organisations shall be collectively admitted to the Association.

Application of Membership

- A letter of intention in writing shall be sent to the General Secretary of the Association in English by the responsible officer of the applicant organisation not less than one month prior to the meeting of the Assembly at which the applicant is to be considered.
- The General Secretary shall notify all members of the Association regarding potential new members at least two weeks prior to the meeting. The application sent must be accompanied by a certified statement confirming that the organisation meets the requirements mentioned above and also by a current copy of the Constitution of the applicant organisation in English.
- A presentation shall be held by the applicant about their organisation at the meeting for the Assembly of EDSA.

Membership fee is €30 per delegate per Meeting incorporated into the Registration fee.



EDSA Full Member Countries

- Austria
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- France
- Georgia
- Greece
- Ireland
- Italy
- Norway
- Poland
- Romania
- Serbia
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Netherlands
- UK

EDSA Observer Member Countries

- Albania
- Estonia
- Finland
- Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- Germany
- Hungary
- Turkey