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LETTER FROM *The President*

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A Word from the President

Dear Readers of the IADS Magazine,

For the first time, I am finally writing to you from the left side of the page. After serving two terms as Vice President of Public Relations, it is both a privilege and a humbling experience to now write to you in my role as President of IADS.

It makes me especially happy to witness how the Editorial Board has continued to evolve under the leadership of our current Vice President of Public Relations. Seeing this magazine come together so beautifully, as always, is a reminder of the dedication, creativity, and passion that exist within our association. What you hold in your hands is more than a publication. It is a reflection of the people behind it, and of the spirit of IADS itself.

As we look back on the first half of this term, it is truly a pleasure to reflect on how much IADS has already accomplished and how far we have come together. This year is especially significant as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of IADS, an opportunity to honor our history and the generations of dental students whose passion and hard work built the foundation we continue to grow upon.

At IADS, we have always strived to give our very best and to be our very best in the service of our members and dental students worldwide. We remain committed to representing their interests, amplifying their voices, and ensuring they are not only included in advocacy and policy discussions, but actively shaping them. Dental students deserve to be heard, empowered, and equipped to contribute to the future of oral health at every level.

As you explore this issue, I hope you feel the journey, ambition, and purpose that continue to drive IADS forward. May these pages remind you of the strength of our global community and of all that we can achieve when we work together.

With warmest wishes and appreciation.

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Abdullah Munqith Al-Zubaidi
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WORD FROM
The Editor-in-Chief

VOON **YONG SHEAN**

Dear readers

Welcome to the IADS Mid-Year Meeting 2026 Magazine, launched here in the vibrant city of Baku. Whether you are holding this magazine during the congress or reading from somewhere across the globe, I am truly grateful to have you here. This issue is especially meaningful to me, as it marks my first edition as Editor-in-Chief, a role that has brought equal parts excitement and the occasional midnight "why is this layout suddenly misaligned?" crisis.

This year is particularly special as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of IADS, a milestone that honours generations of students who built, shaped, and strengthened this global family. And what better place to begin this new chapter than Baku? Just as Baku blends history with modernity, this magazine brings together scientific depth, cultural insight, organisational updates, and a bit of fun along the way!

To my amazing Editorial Board, I owe my deepest gratitude. Thank you for your unwavering dedication throughout this first edition, for the long nights, the design miracles, the last-minute fixes, and your patience with my "just one more small edit" messages. Your work brings this magazine to life.

A heartfelt thank you as well to Dr. Abdullah Munqith Al-Zubaidi, our beloved President and past VPPR, whose guidance and legacy built the foundation I now have the privilege to continue. Your support throughout my transition into this role has meant more than I can put into words.

And finally, to every student reading this: you are the heart of our association. I hope these pages inspire you, inform you, and maybe give you a laugh between sessions. Here's to a meaningful congress, to new ideas, and to a community that continues to grow with every edition.

Until we meet again!

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