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EDITOR'S WORD

Dear fellow IADS Magazine readers,

Farewell is always a pity, unless you have an impactful achievement that will sustainably honor your contribution during the office term. The Editorial Board is the masterpiece of all what I have achieved so far for this organization. It all began two years ago, as tens of hours were dedicated to learn and consult about the best maneuver to functionally form a task force (working group) that is able to undertake all needed duties collaboratively and sustainably. Every member of the board has own skills, experience and preferences, so just try to imagine the outcome quality of twenty two creative editors.

Talking about the IADS Magazine issue in your hands:

First and foremost you are invited to join the upcoming IADS Mid Year Meeting that will be hosted by UNECD next March in Strasbourg, meanwhile you can enjoy interesting introductory article about the world cup winner France. Then Ave Pold takes you for another exciting tour among the walls of World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva where she honorably represented IADS this May at the World Health Assembly (WHA) which is the highest governing forum that combines all health policy makers worldwide together to let the future be shaped. After that Alexa and Silvi will discuss the stereotype conflicts between medical and dental students. While at the renowned Human Rights section you can read 'Dental Insurance Coverage: A Life-Saving Measure or Mere Luxury?' which is written by Alakyaz and Banoub. Yes don't forget to chill and check the IADS Lite section and laugh a bit.

Last but not least, I would like to extend thanks to every prominent leader contributed to establishment and development of this organization, every leadership colleague I worked with during my editor's office term, every delegate supports the mission of IADS in her/his own domain and to every student believes in the value of IADS.

Yours, Respectfully!

editor@iads-web.org

PRESIDENT'S WORD



Dear readers,

It's my pleasure to address you one last time as a president of this organization. It was a fruitful year in office for me and my colleagues, and for organization as a whole. I'm very grateful for the delegates who granted me with an honor to lead this organization and i tried to do my best to contribute to its success. My presidential medal was hanging on the wall just over my PC screen to remind me about my duty every day. During the year it was some intense work we had, and here are the few numbers: we've had over 50 online meetings and 3 offline ones just this year, countless emails were sent/answered, we've managed to grow the number of people working for IADS almost 7 times(from 17 to 117), raised over 10, 000€ for Association directly and it's projects, developed and accepted a new constitution, developed better relations with partners and sponsors and i can go on an on... All of it would not have been possible without the efforts of the Leaders. I can describe this year's leadership team with just one word "the best". I could not wish for a better one to work with! I want to thank every leader and every committee member for their input in IADSs success this year.

It is almost an end of the journey for me and it's feels both sad and good. Sad, because my 5 years journey with IADS is about to end, and good because I feel IADS will be in good hands and it will become better, bigger, wealthier and prettier. I want to wish the next generation of leaders good luck(which we know comes only with hard work), I wish that they would be even more dedicated to develop this organization and contribute to the worldwide dental student community. I can't wait to see you in our next meeting in Taiwan later this month, where we would as always work, learn, mingle and have fun. As we know there are no goodbyes in IADS, only "see you somewhere in the world later on" so see you in Taiwan and then somewhere, where IADS would be.

Cheers!

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Luggage in their hands, enthusiasm in their heads, ambition in their hearts and sparkle in their eyes; they tied their countries' flags firm to their wrists yet they were in full willingness to expose their souls and minds and seize the first moment till the last one of TNT Beirut. That is how we bonded with our nine international trainees as they laid their feet in Beirut international airport on the 22nd of June flying all the way from UAE, Jordan, Iran, Iraq, Sudan and Egypt.

They began as trainees, stepped out as devoted trainers, vowed to pass their legacy to other IADS members. This was the cherished pursuit of Ismail Rifai (Chairman of IADS TNT/SRT Beirut 2018, Training officer at LADS, and IADS certified trainer from Lebanon), Julien Issa (IADS certified trainers from Lebanon), Gabriel Toma (IADS certified trainer from Romania) and Anthony Nmer (Old IFMSA trainer from Lebanon). Hand in hand, the trainers presented a series of guidance about 11 personal attributes linked to emotional intelligence about leadership, stress and time management, self-confidence and

stress and time management, self-confidence and presentation skills for 9 international and 9 local trainees.

Not only did they plan an ingenious, mastered skills schedule for each of the 7 days but also they arranged interactive outings to a number of places in the mesmerizing nature of Lebanon. Through this week, between training by day and amusement by night, the affiliation, teamwork and unity was increasing among the trainees and trainers where their relationship surpassed empirical values to become a noble, lofty one.

Part of TNT training, was indulging the trainees to exhale insecurities and inhale self-confidence, to repel negativity and cohere with positivity. Thus, TNTx was the module where trainees allocated their experiences about several perspectives of life, how they did manage to pull off fear and stand face to face to their responsibilities. Utterly, having such people still in action within their societies brings peace of mind and optimism of a prosperous future to our world.

How did it end?

The SRT was held in BAU (Beirut Arab University) where the trainees presented five different topics considering building a better association such as fundraising and project management.



What about Lebanon?

Lebanon is a small country, which you may have heard of, or not, but for sure you still have a lot to know about. Lebanon is a country with around 4 million citizens but also more than 2.5 million refugees and is still the country of hospitality. It is the country where people gather from all over the world to beach all day or party all night, cruise during summer or ski during winter. It is the country where the sound of church's bells go along with the Athan of mosque and its people belong to more than 18 religions all living on these 10452 km2 of land. We can talk about Lebanon for hours but I think you should come and discover it by yourself. Gratitude and appreciation to everyone who was part of the triumph of TNT Beirut. You made it true! Mainly, we thank BIOREPAIR for their tangible support, IADS and particularly IADS chairman Ms. Deniz Yenidünya, sincerely LADS family and BAU faculty of dentistry.

The Dean of the faculty of dentistry in BAU, Pro.Essam Osman, who was an old IADS member and the number one supporter of LADS (Lebanese Association of Dental Student) currently, attended the closure ceremony and helped us in delivering the certificates to our trainees, announcing that they are officially well deserved trainers, ready to pass the pennant to a newer generation of trainers. Also, emphasizing that we, as dental students in general and IADS in particular, are robust and influential adults fully responsible of our jobs as dentists and doctors treating people and heave our egos along with our identities up high. Farewell moments were sonorous, yes! TNT Beirut we've become a family.

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