

Introduction

The Edinburgh Dental Alumni Society (EDAS) was founded in 1972 for the benefit of the graduates from the Edinburgh Dental School. The establishment of a President and fellow committee members was established in 1979, with Honorary Life members being appointed from 1980.

An important aspect of the society was the opportunity it created for graduates to embark on various research projects through the society's travel and research awards. Numerous applications were made by graduates for assistance in their dental research, with various amounts of funding being allocated by the society's committee to individuals. Reports of research trips as far a field as Nepal and Singapore were written for the society as evidence of how the awards were being utilised.

The first Annual General Meeting was held on 9th May 1980. Graduates from across the world had the opportunity to attend guest presentations, participate in the Dental Ball, and to meet fellow graduates of the Edinburgh Dental School.

Due to a lack of funding for dental education in Scotland, the Dental School was closed in 1995. Since its closure, the society has not been as active. There are approximately 1,000 members who continue to receive the annual Presidential Newsletter.

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- 1 9 May 1980 – 2 May 1998 EDAS AGM Minutes.
- 2 9 May 1980 – May 1998 EDAS AGM 1980 – 1998. Includes AGM programmes for 1980, 1987-1989; letters from President to Alumni; minutes; income and expenditure accounts; lists of members; copy of the constitution; invitation and form for May 1995 ball.
- 3 1982 – 1997 EDAS – The Constitution. Includes six copies originally labelled “Former Constitution” and including drafts, c1982; and one originally labelled as “Present Constitution”, May 1997.
- 4 1986- 1999 EDAS Minutes of meetings to 1999.
- 5 1979 Edinburgh Dental School Centenary Brochure. Two copies.
- 6 1979 – 1999 EDAS Committee Members and Presidents. Includes list of all committee members elected every year and the relevant Presidents; correspondence to individuals concerning committee members and meetings; insurance documents regarding personal property and household comprehensive policies; and lists of EDAS Presidents from 1979 – 1999.
- 7 1985 – 1998 EDAS Travel and Research Awards. Includes correspondence from society members applying for the Travel and Research Awards and the EDAS’ response; report to EDAS by Andrew J. Paterson as evidence of EDAS funding being utilised. Report is undated but accompanying correspondence indicates it was delivered to the society in 1993.
- 8 1986 – 1999 Edinburgh Dental Alumni Society General – 1999. Correspondence does not begin until 1988 but a photograph dated 9 Jul 1986 is included. Includes details of accounts; funding; applications for travel and research awards; the constitution; agenda; minutes for committee meetings; correspondence with British Medical Association Services on the society’s household policy and insurance details; three copies of a photograph and slide which, from correspondence with auctioneers, is thought to be the Presidents gold badge.
- 9 1991 – 2000 EDAS Meetings. Correspondence regarding dates of society meetings; list of EDAS speakers listing all lectures which took place from 1980-1998.

- 10 1994 – 2000 Two copies of an EDAS brochure which contain information on the history of the Dental School, graduates and committee members; minutes from a meeting held on 2 May 2000; templates of letters and dinner/dance invitations.
- 11 1994 – 2000 EDAS AGM 1999. Main correspondence is from 1998 – 2000 but earlier loose letters from 1994 were included. Includes arrangements of the 1998 and 1999 AGMs; correspondence between EDAS and the Caledonian Hotel; correspondence concerning individuals who left debt for the society.
- 12 1995 Report titled 'Dental Public Health Study Trip - Report to the Dental Division of the Ministry of Health – The public of Singapore', written by Colwyn M Jones.
- 13 1998 Report titled 'Nepalese Dental Project – Report of Various Meetings in Nepal during November 1998', written by David Geddes.
- 14 1998 -1999 EDAS Honorary Life Members. Includes lists of correspondence concerning the appointing of honorary members; new addresses and 12 blank copies of honorary life member certificates.
- 15 1998 – 2000 EDAS Christmas Mailshots. Includes correspondence of Christmas mailing to society members; copies of the Presidents newsletter from Dec 1999 and invitations to the annual meeting and dental ball.
- 16 1999 – 2001 EDAS Database, COAs [Change of Address] and Deceased Members. Includes correspondence regarding the change of addresses of current members; details of those deceased; copy of minutes from 2 May 1998 meeting; a copy of the Dental Ball invite and programme of events for 8 May 1999.
- 17 1999 EDAS – ED. Newsletter. Two copies of number 99.1 of June 1999 issue.
- 18 2000 EDAS General 2000. Only contains two items of correspondence.