

KEITH REMNANT



It is with great sadness and shock that we report the passing of our friend and colleague Keith, who died from Covid complications on November 18th.

Keith's whole focus in education was based on the care and support for children and schools, with an emphasis on curriculum development and assessment. After a teaching career and service with the School Examination and Assessment Council [SEAC] nationally, he was an Adviser with East Sussex and Kent and developed a special interest in science education with the support of his wife Hellen and the pair became important members of the Association for Science Education [ASE]. As Hellen's career progressed Keith worked with her on student education, which took them on frequent trips abroad, to monitor the quality of teaching and learning which the trainees were delivering.

Keith joined AAIA in 1996 and served on the Executive as the Membership Secretary from 2001, then became Vice President and finally President of the Association. Apart from these responsibilities, which he carried out with great panache, Keith became AAIA's 'Mr.Fixit' in sourcing hotels for the annual conferences, where his skills as a negotiator were legendary. Alongside Mike Viner and their teams, the pair were responsible for organising 23 conferences, at relatively low cost but of very high quality, with a range of distinguished speakers over the years, usually with Keith as the resident MC.

Our current President, Liz Depper, summed up the thoughts of the Executive when she said ' I simply cannot believe I shall never see or hear from Keith again or exchange emails with him. However, the crumb of comfort is we can all remember him at his best in Bournemouth this October, doing what he relished doing and being the socially adept person he always was'.

Our thoughts at this very difficult time are with Hellen and all the family.