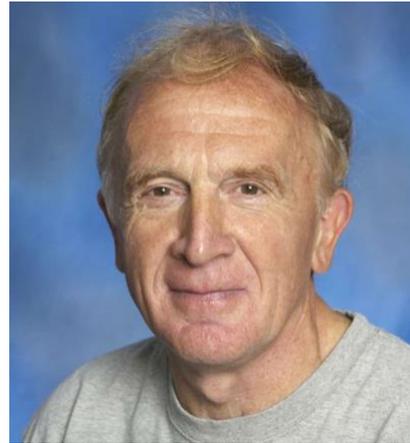


## Hamish Wood



It is with deep sadness that the Association of Hairdressing Teachers has become aware of the passing of Hamish Wood. Hamish was a stalwart supporter of the AHT. His infectious enthusiasm for the profession and his positive outlook on various further educational initiatives, such as the development of National Occupational Standards related to NVQs and SVQs made him an invaluable member of the organisation. As Vice-Chair in 1984 / 85 and then Chair in 1986 /87, he worked tirelessly with members such as Sylvia Thomas, Joan Watson and Reg O'Brien, to ensure the voice of the further education sector was heard for the benefit of part and full time students. When not holding a particular post he remained on the AHT executive representing not only Scotland but the wider profession. For his contribution to the work of the AHT Hamish was made a Life Vice-President. During his time on the Executive the political climate changed dramatically with the governments Review of Vocational Qualifications (1986), the launch of the National Council for Vocational Qualifications and the development of competence-based education and training. Hamish's experience and ability to provide guidance on the way forward was invaluable at this time. At the same time the AHT was also rapidly growing and developing services on behalf of students and members, such as the annual student competitions and the Nottingham seminar for teachers. Those members who attended the seminars will no doubt remember Hamish for his professionalism and, during the evening celebrations, his good humour and ability to put people at ease. The Annual General Meeting was an arena in which Hamish's oratory skills came to the fore, as was his distinctive Scottish dress sense and dance style. Happy and long-lasting memories were established on such occasions. The AHT is proud of Hamish's contribution to the further education sector and his accomplishments over the many years. He will be remembered with much affection by those he worked and played with him during his time as a member the AHT.

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