

## ***Regional European Organisation of the FDI***

### ***National Report***

***Country: Albania***

***Association: Albanian Dental Association***

***Venue: Tirana***

***Year: 2017***

#### ***A. Changes in the association and its organisation:***

During the past year we didn't had any changes in the governance of the association, we just changed the position of the coordinator that covers also the NLO (National Liaison Officer), that now is covered by Cristian Cura.

#### ***B. Trends and developments:***

We don't have any new trends or developments in professional politics, health and social politics.

In educational politics we have a new system that selects the student that will win the opportunity for studying in public Universities. This reform is also for the Dental Medicine students. The 2016 was the first year of this system.

In the insurance system (incl. the public health insurance and private insurance schemes): the companies don't have any insurance opportunity for dental health, but the state gives free service for people that make treatments in public clinics, and also for children's.

In dental care for persons applying for asylum or refugees we give them free treatments in public clinics, same as the other national citizens.

***C. Changes in fees:*** No changes in fees for the 2016.

#### ***D. Information regarding promotion of the World Oral Health Day:***

The activities for promotion of the World Oral Health Day are now an annual tradition for the Albanian Dental Association. In the framework of the World Day of Oral Health, Albania Dental Association, in cooperation

with Albania Dental Student Association, organized two conferences, respectively the first one was for dentists and the other one was the First Conference of Dental Students. In the doctors' conference referred to, affirmed doctors, who have a multi-year experience in this profession, and apprentices. Regarding participation, a large number of doctors from Albania. The conference for students of dentistry was the first of its kind until now, participants were students from different universities of the branch of dentistry (from public and private universities), Italian students, and students from Kosovo. In the conference, lecturers referred to varying topics such as community service, prevention, orthodontics, etc. The events took place during March in Tirana. Education and promotion for oral health took place at several centres including autism children, Rom community, disability children, elderly and caregivers.

Oral Health Day conference focused on prevention with dentists as participants took place at Hotel Tirana International.

The aim was not just to inform people about oral health but to make them participate in fun activities. Another aim was to show to colleagues' new techniques or methods that can be applied in our profession.

Comments from professions and other people in delivering centres were absolutely positive. They left a good impression on some forms about lectures and conference as a whole. They showed interest in being an active part and cooperate with us for future activities on oral health care.

***E. Further information (activities, concerns):***

In November 2016 we also organised the 22 National Dental Conference with more than 1000 dentists from Albania, Kosovo and Macedonia. This is the biggest event of dentistry in Albania and we are glad that also this Conference was a real success. We worked with 3 big rooms for lectures and oral presentations, and with 5 rooms for the dental exhibition.

Also this year we will continue the activities as planned. We started the preparations for this year's activities on behalf of World Oral Health Day. We are focusing on community service this year. We are working for the 23 National Dental Conference. We are sure that it will be a real success as the past years.