

## Regional European Organisation of the FDI

### National Report

**Country:** Cyprus

**Association:** Cyprus Dental Association (CDA)

**Venue:** Geneva

**Year:** 2017

Please classify your national report by following subjects:

#### **I. Changes in the association and its organisation**

New members for the Council of the Association were elected on February 2016.

President: Vrassidas Philippides, Vice President: Nicos Papadopoulos, Secretary General: Savvas Christofides, Treasurer: Antonis Antoniou.

Members: Avraam Kyriakides, Pantelis Komodromos, Ioanna Orfanou, Christiana Pilava, Nicos Kalamaras, Sotiris Papapetrou, Lelia Satsia-Demetriou, Zoi Nicolaou, Paraskevas Paraskeva, Xenia Papastylianou, Christakis Tselepos, Eleni Attiki, Niki Kouzoupou, Marios Zosimas, Xenakis Kyriakides, Sofia Tyrimou, Christos Samaras, Marina Kalli-Christodoulou, Pavlos Papageorgiou.

#### **II. Trends and developments:**

##### **-in professional politics**

Since 2012, the Cyprus Dental Association (CDA) has implemented a Programme of Continuing Professional Development of Dentists (CPDD). With this programme, dentists must accumulate a minimum of 45 Modules of Education (ME) in a period of 3 years (with a minimum of 15 ME/year).

##### **-in health and social politics**

None

##### **-in educational politics**

There are no dental schools in Cyprus. The dentists practising in Cyprus have graduated abroad (mainly from dental schools in Greece and other European Universities).

There are some plans for local private universities to institute dental schools.

##### **-in the insurance system (incl. the public health insurance and private insurance schemes)**

A General Health Insurance Scheme (GHIS) has not been implemented yet. It is scheduled for introduction in 2018. The GHIS will provide preventive dental care for children up to 16 years old, and second-degree and third-degree dental care for special groups of the population.

##### **-in dental care for persons applying for asylum or refugees**

Asylum or refugees are considered "special groups" and receive dental care in public hospitals.

#### **III. Changes in fees:**

No change.

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

-Press conference will be held on WOHD at Hilton Hotel for journalists and dentists;

-WOHD poster in Greek and WOHD video clip in English are posted on the CDA webpage and facebook page;

- Articles about the WOHD were sent to all printed media;
- Dentists are invited to national and local radio/tv stations to talk about WOHD
- A free oral exam for everybody will be given by the private dentists in their practices during working hours in the week 20-24 March 2017.

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

Due to the decision of Eurogroup in March 2013 and the subsequent bail-in that was imposed in the two major banks in Cyprus the dental profession has seen a major change in the daily routine. Less patients seek dental care, and when they do they are mostly focused in pain relief or minor treatments. The dental professionals have seen a huge reduction in monthly income and a rise in monthly cost due to obligations. There is a concern (due to the changes mentioned above and the high rising number of dentists in Cyprus (893 in a population of 862.000) that there will be a reduction of quality provided to patients, since the major criterion for patients to decide which dentist to visit and what treatment will be performed, is now the cost.

Due to the growing number of dentists (and saturation of the profession), the Cyprus Dental Association is currently trying to collect data concerning the actual need for dentists in Cyprus. The aim is to realistically inform prospective dental students in order to make an informed decision about their professional future.