

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

# **National Report**

#### Country: Germany Association: German Dental Association Venue: Berlin Year: 2017

Please classify your national report by following subjects:

Changes

- in the association and its organisation
- None -

Trends and developments:

**Professional politics:** 

### Health and social politics

### **Educational politics**

The statutory framework for dental training at the 31 German universities has been regulated for decades by the "approbation regulation dental medicine" since 1955. On 20 October last year, the Federal Ministry of Health presented a draft report on the new regulation on dental training. The German Dental Association (BZÄK), the German Society of Dentistry, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (DGZMK), the Association of university teachers for dentistry, oral and maxillofacial surgery (VHZMK) as well as the National Association of Statutory Health Insurance (KZBV) have positioned themselves in a joint draft statement on the ZÄPrO.

BZÄK, VHZMK, DGZMK and KZBV welcome the overarching reform elements for the dentistry study, in particular:



- the re-weighting of the content of the study by its on-going professional development of the curriculum of the dental medicine study in the direction of prevention, therapy and old-age dentistry;
- the stronger integration of the dental medicine study into the medical, in particular the intensified interdisciplinary teaching cooperation with medicine;
- which reinforces practical preventive training already in the pre- clinical study section;
- the promotion of the quality of practical training during the clinical study;
- the admission of an internship (Famulaturzeit).

BZÄK, VHZMK, DGZMK and KZBV agree that the content of the approbation agreement cannot be renegotiated without endangering their implementation. However, a revision is necessary in some areas of the approbation drafting procedure. This applies in particular to the dental field as well as to the care relation and the fulfillment effort against the background of required cost neutrality.

Due to a pending legal examination by the Federal Ministry of Justice, the Cabinet is expected to receive the revised draft proposal at the end of February 2017, from where it is to be submitted by the end of March to the Federal Council, which could vote on 12 May.

# Insurance system (incl. the public health insurance and private insurance schemes)

Dental care for persons applying for asylum or refugees -Changes in fees:

Information regarding promotion of the World Oral Health Day:

Further information (activities, concerns):

#### **European Day:**

The German Dental Association (BZÄK) is organizing – alternating Brussels and Berlin – its annual European Day to raise awareness of the European issues interacting national policy, the dental profession and other interested parties. Concurrently we would like to integrate with the format of the European Day the growing importance of the European Policy in and for Germany and document our interest in the European developments to the outside world.



The European Day of the German Dental Association will take place in Brussels on 7 June 2017. As regards the content we will discuss – the service package proposed by the European Commission in January 2017.

In addition, an evening event will be organized by the German Dental Organisation (BZAEK) with German delegates of the European Parliament as well as with officials of the European Commission from Germany in autumn 2017.

#### FDI in Madrid 2017 – German Evening

In cooperation with the Association of German Dental Manufacturers (Verband der Deutschen Dentalindustrie – VDDI), the German Dental Association (BZÄK) cordially invites to a German Evening as part of the FDI Congress 2017 in Madrid. This event takes place on Wednesday, 30 August 2017.