

Regional European Organisation of the FDI

National Report

Country: Portugal

Association: Ordem dos Médicos Dentistas (Portuguese Dental Association)

Venue: Porto

Year: 2016

Please classify your national report by following subjects:

Changes in the association and its organisation

The President of the Portuguese Dental Association, Orlando Monteiro da Silva and the new PDA governing bodies, were reelected and started its mandate in January.

Under PDA's new statutes a General Council is now part of the governing bodies and its President, Paulo Ribeiro de Melo, was elected in February.

Trends and developments: in professional politics

The submission procedures through an electronic platform, under the special application process for PDA's new specialities of oral surgery, periodontology and paediatric dentistry was concluded in may 2016.

in health and social politics

PDA published a study titled "Oral Healthcare - Universal Coverage" that identifies the need for oral health care services, of different natures, that is not being met and suggests alternative possibilities for this improvement. The study also develops a possible layout for a future national network of oral healthcare services, as well as a model for its implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

PDA also elaborated a diagnosis of the profession, with several statistical data concerning the exercise of the dental profession.

in educational politics

In a moment in which dental medicine undergraduates are preparing to finalize their studies, PDA, for the seventh consecutive year, has visited the seven institutions that teach the course, with the objective of informing future professionals about how PDA works and important issues for the practice of dentistry.

During these sessions, the undergraduate students have a first chance to contact what will soon be their professional association.

PDA has reinforced its continuous professional education programme, nationwide, under the framework of hands-on courses organised by PDA, together with the ongoing commitment to PDA's annual congress.

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

In 2016, with the purpose of broadening access to oral healthcare, the Ministry of Health, with PDA's collaboration implemented a public tender for the creation of oral healthcare in 13 primary health care services in an initial phase in Lisboa and Alentejo Regions.

In addition, the dentist-voucher, public oral care programme, was extended to Children and young people of 7, 10 and 13 years with special needs, mental health, particularly those with mental illness, cerebral palsy, trisomy 21, among others, which have not yet been covered by the programme.

Information regarding promotion of the World Oral Health Day:

Promotion of the World Oral Health Day was disseminated through Portuguese media and social networks, with significant participation of PDA.

Further information (activities, concerns):
