

Regional European Organisation of the FDI

National Report

Country: The Netherlands

Association: KNMT

Venue: Nieuwegein

Year: 2016

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Changes

in the association and its organisation

Per 23 June 2016 the KNMT-board consists of:

Wolter Brands, chair/president

Henk Donker, vice president/treasurer

Richard Kohsiek, vice president

Trends and developments:

In 2016 the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport proposed a change to the Individual Healthcare Professions Act, the so called BIG Act. Since 2006 dental hygienists are by law allowed to independently perform two reserved procedures: administer local anesthesia and treat primary caries. And this solely on the condition that a registered dentist has given the explicit order to do so. The proposed change, which still needs to pass in the House of Representatives of The Netherlands, does no longer require dentists to give the order. Furthermore, the proposed change allows for dental hygienists to independently take dental x-rays.

The Royal Dutch Dental Association strongly opposes the proposed measures and has been in contact with the Ministry to discuss the risks involved.

Changes in fees:

In general the rates were pressed down with 5% starting July 1. 2015. The rates for dental Implantology were pressed down with over 19%. Per 1 January 2016 the rates were indexed according to the usual system.

Information regarding promotion of the World Oral Health Day:

Last year we promoted WOHD through our magazine Nt, our website and through social media; also we spread the poster for the waiting-room; the subject was diabetes campaign. This year we have campaigned about rapid alert (oral health/general health); we used the same ways as mentioned above.

Further information (activities, concerns):

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