

Vienna, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2010

## National Report

**Country:** Austria

**Association:** Austrian Dental Chamber

**Meeting:** **ERO – Plenary Session**  
29<sup>th</sup> April / 1<sup>st</sup> May 2010 in Yerevan

### Number of members:

Fachärzte für Zahn-, Mund- und Kieferheilkunde / Dres. med. dent. / Dentisten  
(as per March 2010):

- self-employed:	3.761
- employed / retired / beginners:	854
<b>total:</b>	<b>4.615</b>

### Trends and developments:

#### - within the profession:

In May 2008 started the statutory quality assurance for all dental practices all over Austria, which have been completed since the end of 2009. Realized was this project in form of a Self-Evaluation with control in certain samples. An extern autonomous company implemented the organizational activity and control.

#### - trends in connection with health and social policy:

The Austrian Dental Chamber avoided ambitions of the dental technicians who wanted to enlarge their competence - they wanted to work in patient's mouth – on parliamentary level.

**- training:**

The ambitions of private investors to setup a private dental study with dubious quality could at least been delayed.

**- continuing education:**

It succeeded to integrate the legal compulsory radiation protection into the Diplom-Fortbildungs-Programm (DFP).

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**- Changes within the social insurance system:**

Talks about the new system of dental treatment in the social insurance system were renewed. The fees for dental treatment were raised up to 1,99 % by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010.

**Additional information:**

None.