

**ERO Regional European Organisation of the FDI
2009 National Report**

Country: **ITALY**

Association: **ANDI – Associazione Nazionale Dentisti Italiani**

Venue: **Rome** Year: **2009**

As per December 31st 2008 Italy counts **56,276** colleagues legally authorized for practising Dentistry for a population of **59,983,983** so that the ratio Dentist/population is **1:1,066** which almost double the WHO recommendation 1:2000.

Out of them just about 25,000 come from graduate studies according to the new dental training (E.U. Directives acknowledged from 1984).

I. Changes in the association and its organisation

- ANDI has a continuous positive trend in memberships reaching, as per today (14/04/2009) **23,332** members. This number has been legally certified.
- From May 2008 all the activities carried out by ANDI Headquarters will be certified as well. In fact, ANDI will receive a ISO-9001 certification.
- In recent years ANDI has elaborated with a major national insurance company a specific Professional Liability Insurance Policy which has had a great success among its members whose adhesions are constantly rising.

II. Trends and developments

- Trends in professional politics

The restriction on the number of new students admitted in 2008-2009 to study dentistry has decreased to **812**, from **848** in 2007-2008. The dental profession hopes that this *numerus clausus* will be set at a regional level in order to solve, in part at least, the problem of the uneven distribution of dentists across Italy.

A strong action against the introduction of a new clinical profile for dental technicians has been made by the Association and its President as member of the Consiglio Superiore di Sanità. These efforts resulted in a very low changing to the current profile which has prevented the introduction of a professional who could have been assumed the configuration of "Denturist".

- Trends in health and social politics

Although the resign, in early 2008, of the Italian Government has prevented ANDI to carry out a joint project of Social Dentistry with the Ministry of Health, the project has been rescued by the new Government and signed by ANDI in July 2008, and started on April 6, 2009.

- Trends in educational politics

The validation rules for **mandatory continuing education** set by the Italian Ministry of Health stipulate that dentists must obtain 150 credit points over three years (2008-2010), and at least 30/maximum 70 credit points each year.

There is a wide offer of courses and training conferences in Italy: many kinds of courses and training sessions, as well as routine training, are organized by A.N.D.I. with specific programs, i.e. **F.C.O.** (Formazione Continua in Odontoiatria - Continuing Dental Education), **ANDI Events**, etc.

III. Changes in the insurance system

No changes in the National insurance system.

IV. Changes in fees

According to D.Lgs. 248/2006 (a law for liberalization that abolished dental minimum fees) no minimum fee is scheduled in Italy.

On February 2008 ANDI revised the **Nomenclature & Fees Booklet** (a private scale of dental fees, such as minimum and maximum obtained ranges) accounted as a benchmark, adding **Orthodontics Therapies**.

V. Further new information

- In October 2008, the ANDI '**Month of Dental Prevention**' took place. It was the **28th** consecutive year for this popular event now regularly present in the Dentist's and citizen's calendar.
- In the same month, ANDI and the ANDI Foundation promoted the '**2nd Oral Cancer Day**' to make the citizens aware of this particular disease.
- **FAD ANDI** (Continuing Education on line) is starting!
This is the newest, easier, cheaper and useful project so that ANDI Members can obtain C. E. credits 'where and when' they prefer.

Our Publications (distributed as free of charge to all of our Associates and Institutions)

- We publish bimonthly our informative political-union catalog '*FS Informa*' (*ANDInfo*) while our scientific journal entitled '*R.I.S.*' (*Rivista Italiana di Stomatologia Stomatological Italian Journal*) is being published every three months.
- Our special issue '*PrivilegiANDI*' (which aims to serve as a reference desk source) is being distributed for once a year.
- '*La Linea Guida in Odontoiatria Forense*' (*Guidelines in Forensic Dentistry*) is a series of four manuals issued in 2007-2008.
- In early 2007 ANDI translated and published 25,000 copies of the Italian version of 'Tobacco or Oral Health' (F.D.I./WHO - 2005) distributed free of charge.
- Actually A.N.D.I. is translating and publishing the Italian version of "Dental Ethics Manual" (a publication of F.D.I. World Dental Federation) that will be issued and delivered to all Associates on July 2008
- ANDI has recently updated its own website (www.andi.it); it reports the ANDI Organisation as well as all of the Association's activities. It has a section for the general public and a separate section reserved to the members where they can register and/or have a full knowledge of the several services supplied by ANDI Service Ltd. (financial agreement and commercial activities), ANDI Chem (a scientific & research department supporting 'ANDI Seal Program'), ANDI ONLUS Foundation (domestic and foreign social dental projects), and so forth. Recently was added a 'Foreign' Section where news, directives, documents issued by FDI, ERO and CED are browseable.

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