

Regional European Organisation of the FDI

National Report on the activities of 2023

Country:...ARMENIA

Association:....Armenian Dental Association

Please classify your national report by following subjects:

Changes: *No Changes in the Association and its Organisation*

- *Prof. Dr. Lazar Yessayan: President of the ADA- the Armenian Dental Association*
- *Prof. Dr. Bedros Yavru-Sakuk: Chairman of the International Relations of the ADANLO to the ERO and the FDI*

Trends and developments:

In professional politics:

- *Improvement of the relations with the Government for Better Protection of the Dentist's Rights.*
- *Elimination of additional taxes on Dental Clinics*
- *Better Protection of Dentists against ill-intended legal actions from ill-wishing patients seeking financial rewards.*
- *Formation of an ADA Committee for Un-announced Regular Check-ups of the Public and Private Dental Clinics for Following Acceptable Dental Practice and Hygiene Standards and to Report to the ADA and the Health Ministry for Disciplinary Action.*

In health and social politics:

- *Formation of an ADA Committee for Elementary School visitations for Oral Hygiene Education and Hands-on Demonstrations*
- *Formation of an ADA Committee for Educating People and Parents in Community Centres on Important Oral and General Health Issues*

In educational politics:

- *Review and Improvement of the Undergraduate and Post-Graduate Educational Curriculums with New Technologies, Digitalisation...etc*
- *Increased Number of Free Continuing Education Courses to the ADA Members*

In the insurance system:

Improved public dental health insurance coverage for children and Elderly.

Private Insurance exist but still to expensive and do not cover major prosthodontic expenses.

Corporate Dentistry

Position of the ADA towards dental chains is negative.

Problems with dental chains are:

- *First and foremost, the “Non-Dental” Ownership*
- *Operating like a Dental Factory which success is Based Mainly on Quantity Production and Not on Quality*

Possible solutions are:

- *The Owner of a Dental Clinic Should Be a Duly Licensed Dentist and*
- *Such Owner Should be the person present in the Clinic and*
- *Should be responsible of All the Activities of the Dental Clinic*

Changes in fees: Overall Dental Fees Increased 15% compared to 2022.

Information regarding promotion of the World Oral Health Day:

- *Informational Advertisements and Promotion of the Importance of Oral Health Day on Radio, Television and Newspapers*
- *Preparation, Printing and Distribution of Educational Advertisement Flyers on the Importance of Oral and General Hygiene and Regular Dental Check-ups for Better Prevention*

Further information (activities):No further Activities

What are your 3 main concerns?

- *Still the High Number of Newly Graduates from the State and Private Universities*
- *Unemployment of these Newly Graduated Dentists*
- *To Provide Dental Care to Underserved Areas of Armenia*

3 points you would like to discuss:

- *To update the 2015 European Dental Manual (We are in 2023...)and to be able to Translate it in Russian.*
- *ERO Providing More On-Line or in Person Continuing Education Courses and Lecturers to the Eastern European Countries*
- *ERO Supporting and Participating to the National Congresses of the Eastern European Countries*