

## **Regional European Organisation of the FDI**

### **National Report on the activities of 2023**

**Country: Austria**

**Association: Austrian Dental Chamber**

Please classify your national report by following subjects:

#### **Changes**

*in the association and its organisation*

#### **New Board:**

*President: Dr. Birgit Vetter-Scheidl*

*Vice-Presidents: DDr. Martin Hönlinger*

*MR Dr. Günter Gottfried*

*OMR DI Dr. Karl Anton Rezac*

*Treasurer: MR Dr. Erwin Bernklau*

*International affairs: Prof. DDr. Christof Ruda*

*Dr. Ozren Markovic, MPH, MSc*

#### **Trends and developments:**

*in professional politics*

*After election of new board professional politics of Austrian Dental Chamber is currently under review – first results (and possible changes) are expected in spring 2024*

*in health and social politics*

*New national law about changes in health politics is expected to influence also issues concerning oral health (mostly in the field of corporate dentistry)*

*in educational politics*

*Introduction of oral speciality for orthodontics with September 2023*

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

*No major changes*

### **Corporate Dentistry**

*position of NDA towards dental chains*

*Austrian Dental Chamber is still strictly against dental chains*

*problems with dental chains*

*New national law made it possible to found dental chains, either owned by dentists or by investors, by reducing the legal position of Austrian Dental Chamber. Though for the moment there are no chains, we expect their foundation in the next years.*

*possible solutions*

*Though our legal position is not as strong as it was in the past, Austrian Dental Chamber will still fight against foundation of dental chains.*

### **Changes in fees:**

*Dental fees inside social security system were raised by 6,95% with January 1<sup>st</sup> 2024, recommendation for private fees was raised by 9% with July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023.*

*Information regarding promotion of the World Oral Health Day:*

*Austrian Dental Chamber still celebrates month of oral health every September.*

*Further information (activities):*

**What are your 3 main concerns?**

**3 points you would like to discuss**