

Regional European Organisation of the FDI

National Report on the activities of 2023

Country: CYPRUS

Association: CYPRUS DENTAL ASSOCIATION

Changes:

There are NO changes in the association and its organisation.

Trends and developments:

In professional politics

Since 2012, the CDA has implemented a program of continuing professional development CPD. With this program dentists must accumulate a minimum of 45 credits through continuing education within a period of 3 years, and with a minimum requirement 15 credits per year. We are now discussing to find ways to connect CPD with the annual renewal of licence to practice dentistry.

In educational politics

The European University in Nicosia is the first university that has a dental school which started in 2017.

Most of the register dentists practising in Cyprus have graduated from Greece, other European countries, the United States of America, Canada and Russia. Since 2022 there are graduates from the European University in Nicosia too.

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

The original GeSY legislation was passed in 2001, but the three government bills and regulations introducing the system were only agreed by parliament on 16 June 2017 after prolonged negotiations led by the Minister of Health. It is fully operational since the mid-2020.

Starting on the 1st of December of 2020, 766 dentists have joined the Health System with preventive dental care, that covers:

- a free scaling and polishing of the teeth once a year for the adults,
- scaling, polishing and fluoride treatment for kids from the age of 6 to 12,

- a free check-up for kids from 4 to 6 years of age.

Corporate Dentistry

*position of NDA towards dental chains
problems with dental chains
possible solutions*

Changes in fees:

No changes in fees

Information regarding promotion of the World Oral Health Day:

The local dental associations in cooperation with the CDA, have prepared posters and send them to all their members, to promote Oral Health in their private dental offices. The CDA have urged the dentists to offer free check up from the 20/3/2023 until 24/3/2023. On Saturday the 18th of March 2023, members of the local dental associations have met at the big shopping malls of their cities and gave out free samples of oral hygiene products and instructions for practicing good oral hygiene. Articles about the WOHD were printed and send out. Dentists of the public sector also offered free check-ups and oral examinations in the public hospitals.

Further information (activities):

What are your 3 main concerns?

1. Illegal practice of dentistry in Cyprus from people outside the EU.
2. Dental hygienists, which are not recognised in Cyprus, are working in some dental practices and the general population of the dentists are unhappy.
3. The growing obligations and expenses for the dentists every year [x-ray unit check control, lobbying of medical waste companies that increase the price every year, amalgam separators getting very expensive, data protection expenses] is of great concern.

3 points you would like to discuss:

All three subjects mentioned above.