

Regional European Organisation of the FDI

National Report on the activities of 2023

Country: Portugal

Association: OMD – Portuguese Dental Association

Please classify your national report by following subjects:

- 1- Amendment to the statutes of the OMD, expansion of dentistry acts, redefinition of criteria for dentistry practice, introduction of stronger ethical safeguards, encompassing professional societies and multidisciplines.
- 2- Mitigation of radiological legislation, adaptation of radiological protection to dentistry.
- 3- Revision of the National Oral Health Program – the so-called dentist-cheque programme, and updated its value amount. The first aim of the National Oral Health Program consisted of enlarging the access of priority groups to dentistry cares. The way to allow the patient's access to appointments was through the "dentist-cheque", given to the beneficiaries of these measures and delivered by these to the Dentist of their choice. Nowadays OMD is in negotiations with Ministry of Health to enlarge it.

Changes in fees: None.

Information regarding promotion of the World Oral Health Day:

OMD celebrated WOHD in Faial, Azores. OMD sent a letter to the main Azores schools urging children to brush their teeth. In this scope, OMD warned of the importance of prevention in the school environment, remembering that oral diseases constitute, due to their high prevalence, one of the main health problems of the younger population. Pedro Pauleta, former international football player, born in Azores, left a testimony to the children who attended the WOHD session, calling for a good oral health care. At the same time, OMD promoted bilateral meetings with school and health entities, and dentists from Azores.

What are your 3 main concerns?

Quality of dental education in universities, number of dentists in Portugal.