

Regional European Organisation of the FDI

National Report on the activities of 2023

Country: SPAIN

Association: SPANISH DENTAL COUNCIL (Consejo General de Colegios Oficiales de Odontólogos y Estomatólogos de España)

Please classify your national report by following subjects:

Changes

There is no change in the composition of the Executive Committee members.

Trends and developments:

In professional politics:

Misleading advertising, official recognition of specialties, regulation of plethora, and fighting against intrusion and unethical invisible orthodontic companies, are still remarkable topics for us to work in.

In health and social politics: there is no relevant development in this field.

In educational politics: there is no relevant development in this field.

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

Portfolio of Public Dental Services:

The plan to expand the portfolio of oral health care services has already started in Spain. Five population groups are distinguished as subsidiaries of this expansion:

- Child and adolescent population from 0 to 14 years of age.
- Programme for pregnant women
- Programme for people with disabilities
- Programme for patients diagnosed with head or neck cancer

Corporate Dentistry

Problems with some dental clinic companies/Position of NDA towards dental clinic companies:

Issues concerning dental chains such as IDental and Dentix remain the same as last year.

Changes in fees

As in 2022, a 2.5% reduction in membership fees has been maintained due to the economic impact of COVID-19 during 2023

Information regarding promotion of the World Oral Health Day

In 2023, activities to celebrate World Oral Health Day included the organisation of a photo competition by patients of dental clinics, as well as a press conference and a press release to the media.

Further information (activities)

During 2023, we have once again promoted continuous face-to-face training, essentially through clinical classrooms. However, the lessons learned during the pandemic period have enabled us to develop a wide range of free, non-clinical courses, which have been very popular.

Publications:

We continue the editing of our journals: "RCOE", with a purely scientific content, and "Dentistas", with general and informative subjects addressed to professionals and people. Both are published in quarterly editions. From 2018 onwards, the RCOE magazine becomes a digital format, maintaining the Dentistas magazine which increases to 6 issues per year. In 2020, "Tips from your dentist", a patient-oriented supplement with up-to-date information on dental pathologies and treatments, was also created.

In addition, 2 White Papers have been published in 2023: one on sustainability in Dentistry, through a survey of dental clinics, and the other on oral health in the Spanish population, through a population-based CATI survey. A study has been initiated to assess the possible impact of the pandemic on oral health status, oral quality of life and hygiene habits in the population in Spain, by telephone interviewing more than 1,000 families.

Campaigns:

In 2023, 2 important health education campaigns have been developed: One on children's oral health and the other on the relationship between oral health and nutrition.

A major television and radio campaign on the importance of maintaining a healthy mouth at all stages of life (Healthy Mouth for Life) has also been launched. Accompanying this campaign was the publication of a Guide of 100 questions and answers on various aspects of oral health, aimed at the general public.

International presence: Our Association has attended several international events:

CED

Working Group meetings online:

- CED Oral Health
- CED Safety Patient
- CED EPQ Education and Professional Qualifications
- CED Dental Materials and Medical Devices
- CED Work Force Internal Market

General Meetings in Brussels and Stokholm

FEDCAR

- Our Council hosted the Spring Meeting in Madrid and we also participated in the meeting that took place in November, in Paris.

ERO

- ERO-Plenary Session-Istanbul

Professional Directory of Dentists: The update is still in progress, and it depends on the Ministry of Health.

Congress of Health Law (Spanish Association of Health Law): Collaborating in round tables and workshops.

Implementation of support programs for collegiate giving up smoking and anti-smoking programs in dental clinics, in collaboration with the National Committee for Smoking Prevention.

FDI

- Sídney Congress

OMD

- Porto Congress

MAIN CONCERNS

- **Misleading health advertising**
- **Problems with new models of professional practice (corporate clinics)**
- **Professional plethora**
- **The creation of Dental Specialities**
- **Intrusion**