

National Report on Activities – 2025

General Information

Country: Georgia

Association: Georgian Stomatological Association

Reporting Period: January–December 2025

Contact Person (Name / Position): Professor Vladimer Margvelashvili

Email Address: v_marg@yahoo.com

Date of Submission: 11.03.2026.....

Instructions

Please complete this form clearly and concisely. Where applicable, you may attach additional documents or provide references. If a section is not applicable, please indicate "N/A".

1. Changes in the Association and Its Organisation

Please describe any significant structural, strategic, leadership, or membership-related changes during 2025.

N/A

2. Main Concerns

Please list the three most important concerns currently facing your association.

a) Lack of Delegated Authority: In Georgia, there is still no delegation of regulatory responsibilities to professional associations. The sector is managed directly by the Ministry of Health and despite being a highly authoritative and influential organization, the GSA- Georgian Stomatological Association holds only a consultative role at the state level.

b) Voluntary Membership and Licensing: The Association does not conduct professional examinations, and membership remains voluntary. This lack of a mandatory regulatory framework makes it challenging to maintain and exercise consistent professional influence across the field.

c) Financial Sustainability: Since membership is not compulsory and Georgia is a country with a middle-income economy and a small population, maintaining a robust budget and ensuring adequate staffing for the Association remains a significant challenge.

3. Key Discussion Points

a) It is important to address the global disparities in dental education, specifically how different approaches to undergraduate and postgraduate training create systemic barriers for students, applicants and practitioners due to the differences between systems.

b) There is a clear need to discuss the lack of unified European clinical guidelines and the potential for developing more standardized professional protocols across the region.

c) Another priority is the further integration of public health principles into dentistry to ensure that oral health is better aligned with broader healthcare strategies and social well-being.

4. Trends and Developments

Please describe relevant trends and developments in the following areas:

a) Professional Politics

The regulatory environment in Georgia has seen a significant shift with the update of technical regulations and stricter requirements for dental facilities. While dental clinics do not yet require a formal license, they must obtain written authorization to operate, which is granted only after a mandatory inspection by the regulatory agency. These requirements focus heavily on infection prevention and control standards. Although the Georgian Dental Association was actively involved in developing these regulatory documents, the final decision-making power remains centralized within the Ministry of Health.

b) Health and Social Politics

There is currently a notable lack of coordinated social campaigns related to oral health in Georgia. Neither the state nor the private sector has launched significant public health initiatives or awareness programs aimed at oral disease prevention or health promotion at the national level.

c) Educational Politics

The Association played a key role in developing the Sectoral Characteristics for Dental Higher Education, which serves as the academic standard for the field. While this standard was established in 2023 to align Georgian dental education with European systems, universities were given a three-year transition period to implement the changes and many have already integrated these updates into their curricula. Additionally, the Continuous Professional Development (CPD) system, which was initiated in 2024, has been actively implemented throughout 2025. The Dental Association remains the leading provider of accredited CPD programs in the country.

d) Insurance System

The state-funded healthcare system in Georgia generally does not cover dental services, with a few specific exceptions such as certain maxillofacial procedures and dental treatment under general anesthesia for persons with disabilities. Consequently, the dental sector remains almost entirely dependent on out-of-pocket payments and private insurance schemes. While challenges persist in the relationship between providers and insurers, the market continues to evolve under competitive conditions.

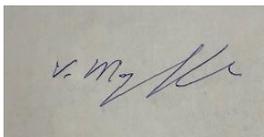
5. World Oral Health Day Promotion

Does your association promote World Oral Health Day?

Yes No

If yes, please describe the type of activities (e.g. campaigns, events, media outreach, partnerships):

For 2026, the association's activities for World Oral Health Day will transition to an online format. Members of the association will participate as guests in popular Georgian scientific and medical podcasts to discuss the significance of the day and promote oral health awareness among the general public.



Signature (optional):

Official Stamp (if applicable):