



TURKISH DENTAL ASSOCIATION

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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.

The 20th Term Board Members mentioned in the 2024 ERO National Report continue in their positions. These members were elected at the 20th Ordinary General Assembly held in Ankara on **1-2-3 November 2024**:

Turkish Dental Association 20th Term Board of Directors	
Fatih Güler	President
Tolga Beray	Vice President
Gassan Yücel	Secretary General
Alper Dilek	Treasurer
Gürbüz Eldeniz	Board Member
Uğur Mercan	Board Member
R. Naim Şenyurt	Board Member
Fatih Uçar	Board Member
Esra Yamak	Board Member
Meltem Çağın Alkan Yıldırım	Board Member
Hüseyin Emir Yüzbaşıoğlu	Board Member

- ❖ With the establishment of the Tokat Dental Association in our province of Tokat on 10 December 2026, the number of Dental Associations in our country has risen to 45.

2. Main Concerns

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

a) Non-Dental Professionals Becoming Partners in Oral Health Care Facilities

The ownership or partnership of dental clinics by third-party investors who are not dentists remains a serious issue. Profit-driven commercial concerns may jeopardise professional autonomy and ethics. This situation poses a potential risk to the quality of patient care and the long-term sustainability of our profession.

Our Association expresses its concern about non-professionals entering the dentistry sector by exploiting legal loopholes. The transfer of ownership of oral health clinics from dentists to capital owners leads to the erosion of ethical boundaries in the field of dentistry



This change also leads to unfair competition against our independent colleagues who prioritise health over financial concerns.

b) Dentists' Pensions Not Being Sufficient to Maintain a Comfortable Standard of Living.

Dentistry is a profession that requires high physical and mental effort, but in return can generate high income during the "active working" period. However, the fact that the retirement pension corresponds to only a very small portion of the income earned during active working life causes a sudden decline in the quality of life of retired dentists.

c) Visa Issues Encountered When Attending Scientific Conferences

There are significant difficulties in visa applications made from our country, particularly for participation in scientific congresses held in Europe.

3. Key Discussion Points

a) N/A

4. Trends and Developments

Please describe relevant trends and developments in the following areas:

a) In Professional Politics

- **Employment Issues and Professional Inflation:** Due to the uncontrolled increase in the number of dental schools and graduates, the employment of new graduates and professional sustainability have become one of the most important professional policies.
- **Protection of Professional Independence:** Focus is on legal and ethical regulations that will protect the "professional autonomy of dentists" against the entry of capital groups and non-dentist investors into the sector.
- **Personal Rights:** Advocacy activities aimed at improving the living standards of retired dentists and eliminating wage inequality have gained momentum.



b) In Health and Social Politics

- **Preventive Dentistry:** There is a trend towards preventive health policies aimed at raising public awareness of oral and dental health rather than curative services
- **Public Service Delivery:** Strategic planning aimed at reducing congestion in public hospitals (ADSM) and improving service quality is on the agenda.
- **Digital Health Records:** Work is ongoing to integrate patients' oral and dental health data with centralised systems and evaluate their applications within an ethical framework.

c) Educational Politics

- **Request for Quota Restrictions:** Academic pressure is being exerted to transition to realistic planning aligned with the Ministry of Health's past projections to maintain education quality.
- **Specialisation and Continuing Education:** There is a trend towards structuring interest in dental specialisations through the mandatory implementation or accreditation of postgraduate continuing education.
- **Preventing the Establishment of New Faculties:** Rather than establishing new faculties with inadequate infrastructure and educational facilities, the focus is on improving the technical and academic capabilities of existing faculties.

d) In the Insurance System

(Including public health insurance and private insurance systems)

- **Integration with Private Health Insurance:** Standardisation of working models between private oral and dental health institutions and private health insurance in favour of dentists is being discussed
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5. World Oral Health Day Promotion

Does your Association promote World Oral Health Day?

- Yes (X) No

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

- **Integrated Digital Communication Strategy:** Our Association will use its website and extensive social media network to spread this year's World Oral Health Day message: 'Happy mouth, happy life'.
- **Localisation of Global Campaigns:** Translations and cultural adaptations of FDI posters will be carried out to ensure that the population in our country benefits to the maximum extent from the relevant campaign materials.
- **Participation of Chambers:** Campaign posters will be shared with our 45 local Chambers to ensure that the World Oral Health Day message is shared in a synchronised manner across all regions of Türkiye.

Official Seal (if available):



SOURCES

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