

## **Regional European Organisation of the FDI**

### **National Report**

**Country: Austria**

**Association: Austrian Dental Chamber**

**Venue: Plenary Almaty 2020**

**Year: 2019**

Please classify your national report by following subjects:

#### **Changes**

*in the association and its organisation*

*No changes*

#### **Trends and developments:**

*in professional politics - as almost the whole year of 2019 due to political disturbances there was no "normal" government in Austria, there were no new developments in professional politics.*

*in health and social politics – Austrian Dental Chamber was actively promoting an anti-sugar campaign with our health minister.*

*in educational politics – because of the removal of a special quota for Austrian dental students by European Union, we have now the situation, that in some public universities (Graz and Innsbruck) only 25% of dental students are Austrians, all the rest come from other EU countries (almost all of them Germans), which will have two results: on the one hand Austrian students now have to do their studies in the 2 existing private dental universities with high tuition fees (~ € 200.000 – 250.000 for six years) while public universities are still free, on the other hand we are expecting a shortage of dentists in the next years.*

*in the insurance system (incl. the public health insurance and private insurance schemes) – with the end of 2019 more than 20 existing social security funds ("Krankenkassen") were merged into 3 remaining ones, one for all employed persons, one for civil servants and one for self-employed.*

## **Corporate Dentistry**

*position of NDA towards dental chains – Austrian Dental Chamber is due to quality reasons against the establishment of dental chains.*

*problems with dental chains – as they are not really established in Austria we did not face any problems up to now.*

*possible solutions – Austrian Dental Chamber is actively trying to find new solutions for young dentists (new forms of cooperation like job-sharing and others) in order to make the liberal profession of dentistry on a self-employed basis as attractive as it was in the past.*

*Changes in fees: - dental fees inside social security system were raised by 2,70% with January 1<sup>st</sup> 2020.*

*Information regarding promotion of the World Oral Health Day: - Austrian Dental Chamber was actively promoting World Oral Health Day in all available dental media.*

*Further information (activities):*

***What are your 3 main concerns? - Corporate dentistry, migration of dentists, quality of university training***

***3 points you would like to discuss - Same as above***