

Regional European Organisation of the FDI

National Report

Country: Croatia

Association: Croatian Dental Chamber

Venue: ERO Plenary session

Year: 2016.

I. Changes in the association and its organisation.

Croatian Dental Chamber (in further text: CDC) has launched the project for "on -line register". In order to keep up with new technologies and constant changes of laws and rulebooks, the vision of Croatian Dental Chamber is to provide up-to-date information for its members, with possibility for prompt issuing of every document (no later than 2 weeks). "On-line register" will be a significant project for the future activities of the Chamber, especially in the field of communication with the members, as well as with the patients.

II. Trends and developments:

- in professional politics;

Croatian Dental Chamber has started with the project of publishing and distribution of the book "Dental Mammoth - Foundations of Clinical Dentistry" (in further text: DM) on the Croatian territory in Croatian language. DM is the only available information source offering access to comprehensive up-to-date scientific knowledge of clinical dentistry. The book covers not only the present execution of different procedures for treating all dental patients based on evidence but also all relevant theoretical backgrounds to fully understand biological and anatomical backgrounds to them. It serves well as a practical clinical manual and reference at all challenges in dentistry and provides easily available support for decision making in every day dental practice. After

competition of the translation and issuing, the book will be delivered to the members of the Croatian Dental Chamber (DDM) for free.

- in health politics;

CDC has completed the project of researching oral health of Croatian nation. The role of CDC was to organize, coordinate and conduct the dental checkups (as per agreed planogram) recording all necessary data as described in the manual "Oral Health Survey - Basic Method Manual" 5th edition 2013. (4 target groups: 12 years old children, 15 years old teenagers, adults 35-44 years of age and adults 65-74 years of age, at least 300 people per group, totaling at least 1.200 people) and the additional dental check up's among 12 years old children (another 800 children) recording all necessary data as described in the Manual. Acquired data was analyzed and the final result was DMFT Index among all target groups (WHO method) as well as among 12-years old children (FDI method). The given results has showed that Croatian 12-years old children are at the bottom of EU scale, with DMFT Index of 4,51.

- in educational politics;

According to the demands of the profession and with accordance to the European Union's Directives, Croatian Dental Chamber has given positive opinion upon establishing schools for dental hygienists. In 2015. in two cities of Croatia are constituted schools for dental hygienists.

III. Further information (activities, concerns).

1. Dental technicians are the members of the CDC since 2010 and, according to the Rulebook of licensing and registration, they are obliged to renew their licence every 6 years. Therefore, 2016th is the Year of 1st licence renewal of dental technicians. Every week we receive at least 100 applications for licence renewal of dental technicians.

2. CDC is the owner and organisator of Dentex - dental fair that is held every two Years in Zagreb. It is a biennale exhibition with wide range of professional programme including live dental practice and operations, congress, various educations, workshops, dental laboratories, children education corner, etc. Dentex'16 will gather entire dental profession as well as manufacturers and distributors of equipment and services, offering them the opportunity to initialize contacts, do business and

arrange future collaboration in one place in only three days. For the first time in Croatia, on Dentex fair, our visitors will have the opportunity watch 3D presentation.

3. CDC is, at this moment, in the procedure of amendments of Rulebook of advertising of the members of the chamber. The primary goal is that every member of the chamber has the opportunity to advertise its services with maximum consideration of the rules of ethics and deontology. The advertisement should be true and fair, otherwise the member of the chamber will incur the consequences of the false, untrue and excessive advertisement.

4. General Assembly of CDC has adopted “The Strategy of dental medicine protection development 2009 – 2015”, which covers plans, specifications, goals of dental medicine for above mentioned period. In December of 2015, General Assembly of CDC decided to draw up a new Strategy for 2016- 2025. At the moment, working groups of CDC, Executive board, Administrative Council, Scientific Council, Professional Council as well as every member of the Chamber are invited to create the new Strategy for 2016- 2025. By the end of June 2016 CDC will have new strategic document for forthcoming period.