

Regional European Organisation of the FDI

National Report

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Association: The Slovak Chamber of Dentists

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I. Changes in the association and its organisation.

There have been elections in the Slovak Chamber of Dentists, new members of Board of Presidents have been elected:
President of Slovak Chamber of Dentists is MUDr. Igor Moravčík.
Vicepresidents MUDr. Matúš Ursíny and MUDr. Jozef Hudec.
Director of foreign affairs committee is MUDr. Simona Dianišková.
A new Council has been elected for the upcoming period of 4 years and leaders of working groups have been partly changed. New, younger colleagues have been elected into the working groups in order to bring new ideas, energy and keep the continuity.

II. Trends and developments:

Professional and health politics

Among the legislative changes that have affected the field of dentistry belongs the approval of the Act. No 422/2015, Coll. which implement the Directive 2013/55/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 November 2013 amending Directive 2005/36/EC. Due to the Art. 53 of the Directive 2013/55/EU each professional benefiting from the recognition of professional qualifications shall have knowledge of the language necessary for practicing the profession in the host Member state. According to previous sentence and based on the Art. 55 par. 8 of Act. No 422/2015, Coll. each healthcare worker (including dentists) shall

absolve the examination of Slovak language on the Ministry of Healthcare. The positive decision from Ministry of Healthcare is the necessary prerequisite which must submit each applicant for registration in the register of healthcare workers. Without registration is providing healthcare excluded.

Educational politics

According to dental education and the whole education system and its politics, no changes under the legal order.

The insurance system.

The health care system in Slovakia (see Fig. 2.1) is based on universal coverage, compulsory health insurance, a basic benefit package and a competitive insurance model with selective contracting and flexible pricing. Health care, with exceptions, is provided to insured individuals for free as benefits-in-kind (paid for by a third party). After fulfilling certain explicit criteria, there are no barriers to entry to the health care provision and health insurance markets.

Based on the quality of their services, health insurance companies compete for insured individuals. Health care purchasing creates room for competition. Health insurance companies are obliged to ensure accessible health care to their insured according to provisions laid down by law. Health insurance companies fulfil this obligation by contracting health care providers. The HCSA is responsible for monitoring health insurance, health care provision and health care purchasing markets. Since 2005, all health insurance companies are joint stock companies, that is, they were transformed from (public) health insurance funds to health insurance companies operating under the Business Code. As of 2010, three health insurance companies operate on the market, one state-owned and two privately owned.

Different ownership structures characterize health care providers and health insurance companies. The state, represented by the Ministry of Health, is the owner of the largest health insurance company. Furthermore, the state owns the largest health care providers, including university hospitals, large regional hospitals, highly specialized institutions and almost all psychiatric hospitals and sanatoria. The majority of them are contributory organizations. This is a Slovak form of legal entity that is established by a government (including regional and municipal governments), to which part of the entity's budgets are linked; that is, they may have other revenue sources (for example, payments by

health insurance companies)

III. Further information (activities, concerns).

Slovak Chamber of Dentists is organizing traditional event- congress Slovak Dental Days which is one of educational events in FDI official calendar. Year 2016 is going to be big international event also in cooperation with Slovak Association of Dental Students and International Association of Dental Students, having FDI speakers, hands on free workshops during the whole congress and preventive project of students to children from kindergardens and primary schools.

Another Slovak Chamber of Dentists activities are following WHO and FDI calls and events, for example World Oral Health Day when Chamber has organized prevention projects and advertisement campaign in the main national TV- about importance of oral health and pure water (with no additives) for drinking.

Thank you.

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