

NATIONAL REPORT 2016

Country: Switzerland
Organisation: Swiss Dental Association SSO
Meetings: ERO Meeting of April 29th/30th 2016 in Baku
CED Meeting of May 20th/21st 2016 in La Haye

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I. Changes in the National Association and their structures

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II. Trends and developments

- Immigration of dentists from the European Union

The free circulation of persons between the EU and Switzerland exists since June 1st 2002 according to the bilateral treatments. The immigration is still very strong and the Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH) has recognized till end of the year 2015 4'681 diplomas of recognized dentists. The number of the recognitions exceeds more than three times the number of Swiss diplomas issued in the same period.

Initiative in the canton of Vaud to submit dental treatment under the social security system

In the canton of Vaud an initiative was lanced to submit the dental treatment under the social security system. This initiative shall have a negative impact on the responsibility of the patient for his oral health. Also the free choice of therapy would be limited. The initiative will be submitted to the people in the canton of Vaud. The result of this vote may have also an influence to the other cantons especially in the Western part of Switzerland. The SSO has set up a taskforce fight against this initiative in the canton of Vaud.

Gerodontology

The SSO has set up a working group "gerodontology", who has elaborated a strategy to improve oral health of elderly persons. The same topic was also subject of an international symposium in gerodontology, which have been held on February 13th 2015 in Berne. The symposium was although very good reflected in the media.

Continuing education

During the reporting year 2015 around 7 % of the dentists working in Switzerland have been asked to proof their continuing education. 73,2 % have fulfilled the requirements in the first run. Dentists, who do not reach the requirements, have to submit further proof of their continuing education. Reimbursements by the social security system will be reduced by 15 % for dentists, who do not reach the requirements in the second run.

Tariff for dental treatment

The negotiation for a total revision of the dental tariff is still going on. Several problems have been raised and this time it is not possible to name the end of the negotiations.

III Further information

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