



TURKISH DENTAL ASSOCIATION

2015 NATIONAL REPORT

COUNTRY : TURKEY
ASSOCIATION : Turkish Dental Association
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YEAR : 2015

I. Changes

- In the Association and Its Organization

Board of Turkish Dental Association (TDA)

15th Term (2015-2016) Board of Directors of Turkish Dental Association

President	Prof. Dr. Taner Yücel
Vice President	Dr. Serdar Ak
Secretary General	Ali Gürlek
General Accountant	Yeşim Saraç
Member	Mehmet Ağaoğlu
Member	Mustafa Düğencioğlu
Member	Lutfi Gündoğdu
Member	İrfan Karababa
Member	Gökmen Kenan Özdal
Member	Zehra Nilgün Özyuva
Member	Tuncay Seven

Turkish Dental Association (TDA) selects its delegates who ensure its members with its General Assembly. Our law relating to the distribution of the delegates according to the Chambers was annulled by the Constitutional Court. Therefore the General Assembly planned to be taken place in October 2014 was organized in May 2015.

II. Trends and developments

- In professional politics

• Employment of dentists in public

Personnel Rights of Dentists and Public's Receiving Services from Clinics

When it comes to the issue why the public should get service from private dentists, our Association ended a project of 20-year projection to demonstrate its claim a scientific analysis that our offer containing protective applications will affect the public finance in in a positive way the long run.

The recruitment of the dentists in public sector also continued in this year. There has been a policy being pursued to equalize the numbers of the self-employed dentists and dentists working in public sector.

The Ministry of Health, via the practice based on performance, encourages not the policies prioritizing the qualified or preventive services but the populist policies that caring for more patients in number.

- **Preventive Practices for Public Oral Health Care**

Oral and Dental Health Action planning works 2013-2018 of Ministry of Health which aims to reach all school children was started in cooperation with our Association in 2013.

This Action Plan would be a an important and comprehensive application for the public finance by providing savings in terms of prioritizing the protective applications in oral health as well as having a dental problem-free generation by tracking the oral and dental health problems in children for a long time. But on the change of the Minister of Health, this project failed in the same year.

- **Regulation on Healthcare Organizations Providing Oral and Dental Healthcare Services**

The Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey promulgated the *Regulation on Healthcare Organizations Providing Oral and Dental Healthcare Services* with the date of 02.03.2015 and the number of 29256 despite all the objections and actions of the Turkish Dental Association.

With a number of changes made by the Ministry of Health in the *Regulation on Healthcare Organizations Providing Oral and Dental Healthcare Services* which regulates working conditions and requirements of the dentists, it was created a profit-oriented field to non-occupational capital. And our predictions regarding the fact that these changes would have many negative consequences against dentists and patients in the future have unfortunately come true. A circular letter was issued consisting of some arrangements and then the regulation has been postponed twice because of the chaos created in the area.

- **Health Figures**

TDA rejected the request of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey to send in silico the data of the patients who have applied to our surgeries without the consent of the patients although there is no regulation regarding health data protection of the basis and procedures of the protection of health data in our country yet. Our Chambers and our colleagues stood out against this request despite the threat of criminal sanctions of the Ministry. The Ministry of Health had to take steps backward from its request.

- **In educational politics**
 - **Academy of Turkish Dental Association**

Academy of Turkish Dental Association which has entered into force on September 2nd-3rd, 2015 by the Board of Directors of Turkish Dental Association has founded on the purpose of improving the profession of dentistry scientifically in national and international arenas and contributing to the science-based continuing education of the persons working in the dentistry-related areas.

- **Continuing Dental Education**

Turkish Dental Association Continuing Dental Education (CDE) aiming the post graduate education of our colleagues was disciplined by a directive regulation made in 1998.

In 2014, Continuing Dental Education (CDE) Directive has been renovated in a more comprehensive manner according to the changing needs. The new regulation highlighting accreditation provides that the competence development programs could be realized within the body of TDA and institutional and physical conditions were created more broadly described in the following article

- **TDA Competency Development Project**

The rapid development of dental profession in our country and around the world, the changing needs of society about the oral and dental health care and the need for professional continuing education have showed up more crucially than in the past decades.

Need for qualified human resources, reflections of fast-growing technology in dentistry, strengthening the service-quality oriented approaches and the demanding form quite a large market for professional training

There are many training activities organized in the field of dentistry. Contribution of each training activities to profession and colleague is not the same. The main principles of professional continuing education, application methods, and success criteria have been an important issue for many years studied by many professional institutions and universities around the world; they are generally accepted and their success has been determined.

The first information that is required to evaluate the success of any training given in any area is the educational gains that have been identified in various sizes. When it comes to professional continuing education, educational achievements have been revealed as the development of the capabilities that a dentist should have after the bachelor's degree.

For that purpose; in order to form a basis for the evaluation of continuing professional education programs by our Association, the structuring of the organization which includes the procedures for determination of Professional Qualifications and Standards is ongoing.

It has been requested contribution and co-operation from Ministry of Health for the implementation of the organization.

- **Dental Faculties**

In Turkey, by the year 2015, there are 70 Dental Faculties. Currently, there is education in 43 of these faculties.

In 2014, while the population of our country increased 1,37 %, the number of dental students increased 18,97%.

Due to the continuation of the opening of the new Dental Faculties without proper workforce planning, lack of the geographical distribution of the workforce and poor dental visits, our colleagues continue to face a serious unemployment problem.

- **Some Other Information**

- **Solidarity Fund**

In 2015, we helped to our 17 dentists from the Fund of Solidarity which aims to assist the dentists and their families who have great difficulty to practice their professions by reason of natural disasters or serious illnesses.

- **Incapacity Insurance and Personal Accident Insurance**

It is arranged by Turkish Dental Association the Incapacity Insurance and Personal Accident Insurance for the members whose names are notified by Chambers of TDA. Due to the Insurance, it is decided to pay approximately 7.500 USD for once only to the relatives of the dentists who has died or has been injured in an accident and unable to practice their profession. Also for the colleagues who has unable to practice their profession temporarily, Turkish Lira equivalent to USD 50 is paid for a period not to exceed 200 days in a year.

III.Changes in Fees

- **Medical Fee in Private Dentistry**

Examination and Treatment Wage Tariff in private practice is determined and put into effect by Turkish Dental Association through the right of legislation according to the cost analysis based on scientific data.

IV. Further New Information

- International Congresses of the Turkish Dental Association

The 22nd traditionalized International Dental Congress of Turkish Dental Association will be held between May 19th and 21st, 2016 in Izmir. The congress preparations are being maintained at national and international level.

- Cooperation with Other Health Association

In the partnership with the solidarity between Health labour and professional organizations, TDA takes part in the studies predominantly consisting of cooperation and solidarity to be more effective against negative enforcement of the government for patient health and healthcare professionals.

- TDA In Its New Office

Turkish Dental Association and Academy of Turkish Dental Association have started their operations in the newly purchased Central Office. Substructure which will allow us to do various and extensive meetings was set up in the new office building facilitating service with modern physical conditions.

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