

Regional European Organisation of the FDI

National Report

Year: 2021

Country: ARMENIA

Association: Armenian Dental Association

Venue: Yerevan

Please classify your national report by following subjects:

Changes

There are No Changes in the Armenian Dental Association and its Organisation.

Trends and developments:

- *Politics continued to be Mostly Concentrated on People's Safety from Covid-19 Pandemic Based on the Enforcement of the Safety Measures.*
- *Safety Measures and Advice Sent by email/ Distributed to All Dental Clinics to Prevent Contamination and Infection of the Dental Team Members and to the Patients.*
- *Continued Action at the Level of the Health Ministry: To Advise and Guide the Decisions of the Government to Decide and Monitor the Openings and the Closings of the Private and the Public Dental Clinics.*
- *Continued Efficient Activity of the ADA "Covid-19 Inspection Task Team" Formed by 3 Expert Dentists and 3 Medical Doctors to Inspect the dental Clinics for Eventual Violations of the Covid-19 Security Guidelines.*
- *Unfortunately, Due to the Pandemic, the Political and the Economic Situation of Armenia, the Income of Armenia's Dentists have Been Seriously Damaged.*

In health and social politics:

Politics was Mostly Concentrated on People's Safety from Covid-19 Pandemic Based on the Enforcement of the Safety Measures.

And, on the War in Artsakh (Karabagh) and the Economic Situation in Armenia.

In educational politics:

- *Due to the Pandemic and the War in Artsakh the State Medical-Dental University which was Closed for almost 5 months has been reopened.*

The Didactic and Practical Clinical Lectures Restarted without Interruption, and the University Took the Decision of Having a Lengthier Hands on and Clinical Practical Sessions to catch-up with the lost time.

In the insurance system (incl. the public health insurance and private insurance schemes): ...

No Important Changes noted in Armenia

Corporate Dentistry:

In Armenia There is no Corporate Dentistry. There are Either Private or Public (Governmental) Dental Clinics.

The Unlawful Interference and Abuse of the Freedom of Practice, of Diagnosis, of Treatment Decisions, of Duly Licensed Dental Professionals by Wealthy Corporations is Not Allowed.

Changes in fees:

Generally, no Dental Fee increase compared to 2020

Information regarding promotion of the World Oral Health Day:

Preparation of Informational Advertisement on TV and Printed Materials by the Armenian Dental Association, to Advise the People on the Importance of the Oral Health on General Health and on Longevity...

Further information (activities):

- *ADA Continues to Actively Participate and Help the Health Ministry to Take the Necessary and Important Decisions regarding the Pandemic situation in Armenia.*
- *Enforcement of Strict Rules and Regulations, for All Dental Clinics, regarding the Safety Guidelines Against Covid-19 Pandemic, Which Was Formulated and Voted into Law.*

Continued Activity of the "ADA Quality Task Team" (3 Expert Colleagues) to Visit and Evaluate Quality of Premises and of Treatments in Government Dental Clinics as Well as Private Ones and to Advise about Ways and Means to Improve.

What are your 3 main concerns?

- *All FDI Member Countries Must be Members of their Regional Organization Before Being Members of the FDI...*
- *Some Countries They Bypass their Region, they do not pay their Regional Membership Dues and They participate Only to the FDI...*
- *This is a Bad Example to the Other Associations and a Total Disregard to their Regional Organization.*

A motion should be made to the FDI by the ERO to make the necessary change in the FDI Constitution

Also, Because of a Multitude of Online Conferences, Congresses, Plenaries, Lectures ...

- *The NDAs and Their Members are Beginning to Lose Interest in ERO and FDI....*
- *Hopefully Soon We Will be Able to Have a Face to Face ERO Plenaries like Before...Human Interaction is essential to Communicate and Decide More Efficiently....*

3 points you would like to discuss:

- *Universal Health Coverage... Possibility of having a Universal Health Coverage in ERO Member countries and in All Europe at large.*
- *Possibility of Equivalency of Dental Diplomas and Licenses Among European Countries. Actual Situation*
- *Ways to Improve Communication and Collaboration Between All ERO Member Countries in All Kind of Professional Matters.*