

Regional European Organisation of the FDI

National Report

Country: SLOVAKIA
Association: Slovak Chamber of Dentists
Venue: Bucharest **Year: 2021**

Please classify your national report by following subjects:

Changes

in the association and its organisation

Most of the chamber's meetings in 2021 were held online. Congresses organized by the Chamber - the Congress of Young Dentists and the International Congress - the Slovak Dental Days were also held online. The home office was also preferred for employees. The spring and autumn plenary sessions of the Slovak Chamber of Dentists were canceled.

Schools remain closed, after January 2022 opened but with daily testing the children at home. Dentistry students have limited or practical education. The majority of dentists working normally, but seeing less patients. Chamber supports possibility to **test patients in dental office**. Chamber **promotes vaccination**. The dentists are among first vaccinated persons, together with other health care workers. Slovak dental chamber collects information about how pandemics influenced the dental practitioner's life.

Trends and developments:

in professional politics - no changes

in health and social politics – services in the basic version fully covered by health insurance to ensure the availability of basic health care

educational politics - no news

in the insurance system (incl. the public health insurance and private insurance schemes) – Dentists ask for more sources of funding for dentistry (public health insurance + patients payments)

Corporate Dentistry

position of NDA towards dental chains: potential problems seen

problems with dental chains: no clarity, who works as dentist there

possible solutions:

Chamber asks for mandatory reporting the employed dentists in dental chain offices to be able to check their registration

Changes in fees: *None*

Information regarding promotion of the World Oral Health Day:

We will celebrate WOHD in the terms of the headline "Be proud of your mouth". The main goal would be to increase the number of preventive examinations.

Further information (activities):

The Chamber organizes prevention activities for the public and a program for pre-school children to teach them not only about oral hygiene, but also to direct them to the impact of a healthy diet in preventing not only to oral health. In cooperation with parents and schools, we will create a campaign to support preventive check-ups of children twice a year and invite them to participate in the competition for by sending a drawing from the preventive check-up. On the social media we will cooperate with Slovakian influencers.

What are your 3 main concerns, problems to be discussed:

- 1. Underfinancing of dental health care***
- 2. Lack of dentists outside the large cities***
- 3. Undergraduate dental education (is there enough practical education?)***

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