



**TÜRK DİŞHEKİMLERİ BİRLİĞİ**  
**TURKISH DENTAL ASSOCIATION**

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**Dear Monika Lang,**

Please find the enclosed Turkish Dental Association National Report for the year 2021.

Should you need any more data, please contact with us.

Thank you.

**Best regards,**

**K.Tümay İmre**  
**Secretary-General**  
**Turkish Dental Association**

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## ***Regional European Organisation of the FDI***

### ***National Report***

**Country:** Turkey

**Association:** Turkish Dental Association

**Venue:**

**Year: 2021**

Please classify your national report by following subjects:

### **Changes**

#### **Changes in our Association**

In our association and in organizations of our association.

The General Assembly of the Turkish Dental Association, scheduled for October 2020, took place on July 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The new Board of Management has been established as follows:

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| <b>A. Tarık İşmen</b>     | - President         |
| <b>Hasan Yaman</b>        | - Vice President    |
| <b>K. Tümay İmre</b>      | - Secretary General |
| <b>Tolga Kutal</b>        | - Treasurer         |
| <b>Tolga Breay</b>        | - A Member of Board |
| <b>Gürbüz Eldeniz</b>     | - A Member of Board |
| <b>Naciye Gök Güleç</b>   | - A Member of Board |
| <b>Güler Gültekin</b>     | " A Member of Board |
| <b>Ali İhsan Güney</b>    | " A Member of Board |
| <b>Burak Saran</b>        | " A Member of Board |
| <b>Özgür Başar Var'''</b> | " A Member of Board |

## **Trends and Developments**

### **On Policies of Profession Specialization**

We have 8 areas of major in our country. Approximately 750 colleagues are receiving special e ducations. In 2021, 221 dentist specialists were appointed by the government.

### **On Health and Social Policies**

In 2020 and 2021 due to ongoing serious COVID -19 pandemic conditions, except private health organizations, in public sufficient health care could not be provided.

### **On Policies of Dental Education**

Dentistry faculties continued to be opened in 2021 at a ratio that does not comply the frequency of dental visit.

By 2020, there were 97 faculties, however, in 2021 the number of faculties had increased to 103. Between 2020 and 2021, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic dental students could not receive adequate dental education and training.

Turkish Dental Association Academy, which was established by our association in 2015 prepared for on-line training with dental program attended by 180 educators.

Approximately 9,000 dentistry students graduate from 88 of the 103 faculties.

In 2021, 1,137 dentists were appointed by the Minister of Health.

## **On Insurance System (Includes General Public Insurance and Private Insurance)**

In our country dental care is publicly funded free of charge that is to say by Genal Public Insuarence, however, especially after COVID -19 pandemic, service procurement and demand from private insurance companies has increased.

Our association asserts on all platforms that according to current data it is a necessity for the public to obtain service procurement from the private sector.

## **On Corporate Dentistry.**

### **Position of Our Association on Dentistry Chains.**

Although the Turkish Dental Association has a different opinion, in accordance with the Regulation of Private Health Institutions Providing Oral Health Services of the Ministry of Health, it is possible to open a second health institution by the owner institution of a clinic or health center.

Based on the restriction in the regulation as "a second health institution", it is determined that the owner of a polyclinic or center can open only one more health institution, not an unlimited number of health institutions, which has prevented healthcare services from being merely commercial organizations and chain health institutions.

## **Changes Fees:**

The high inflation rate in Turkey, continued this year as well.

Even so Medical fees of self-employed dentists have been increased at the rate of inflation since dental materials depend on the Dollar and Euro currencies and due to the volatility of their parity equivalents in our currency these increases was also insufficient at the end of the year.

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On the other hand, the wages of our colleagues in the public sector and other health care professionals have not been increased sufficiently in relation to the inflation rate.

## **Information about World Oral Health Day promotions.**

No physical activity took place because of the pandemic. Written messages and images prepared for the public have been made available on our Web site.

**20 March Oral Health Day Online Symposium 19-21 March 2021 [www.idoonline.org](http://www.idoonline.org)**

### **Further information (events):**

Due to COVID- 19, in 2021 Continuing Dental Education after the graduation could not be held, even though given weight to online educations instead it is considered that those were not sufficient.

Keeping a tradition since 1992, our 26th Scientific Congress, which also includes Exponential, could not take place in 2021 as in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **What are the top three areas that cause you concern?**

- Opening more than necessary dental faculties and because of the admission of students much more than needed result in cheap labor.
- Concern about increase malpractice in parallel with limitation in basic education and lack of appropriate labor force and employment plan.
- Health promotion problems caused by " digitalisation and social media".

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### **3 Points We Would Like to Discuss**

- Impact of the pandemic on the dentistry profession.
- Economic consequences of pandemic.
- The increasing cost of digitalisation.