



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

### ***National Report***

***Country: Slovakia***

***Association: Slovak Chamber of Dentists***

***Venue: ERO, Frankfurt***

***Year: 2018***

*Please classify your national report by following subjects:*

#### ***Changes***

Membership in the Slovak Chamber of Dentists comprises of 2,907 practising members (1,143 women and 1,764 men).

Between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2018 we have issued six Certificates of Good Standing.

#### ***Trends and developments:***

##### **Legislative developments in 2018:**

1) Pursuant *Regulation (EU) 2017/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 May 2017 on mercury*, Act No 578/2004 Coll. was adopted in Slovakia that sets out new penalty amounting up to Euro 3,319 that is to be charged to dentists who fail to introduce amalgam separators.

2) Act. No. 374/2018 Coll. introduced some changes in core patient records. The act establishes that new form of patient records is them being kept within the national health service information system (hereafter referred to as the NHSIS). Dentists can only log into the NHSIS by using patient ID card or by entering their own ID number. Further to *Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data*, unrestricted use of patient records in printed form is subject to three prerequisites: 1. An event of failure of NHSIS; 2. Act. No 576/2004 Coll. directly requiring a written form (informed consent); or 3. in the event that medical documentation exceeds the scope of the NHSIS patient records.

- There were no additional notable policy or legislative developments.

## ***Corporate Dentistry***

Slovak Chamber of Dentists has noted emergence of new dental practice chains in Slovakia. The situation has not, as yet, been discussed at national level as there seems to be a lack of political will to address and reverse this adverse development in dentistry.

***Changes in fees:*** no changes in fee

## ***Information regarding promotion of the World Oral Health Day:***

On the occasion of the World Oral Health Day, the Slovak Chamber of Dentists convenes a conference under the leitmotif "Say Ahh". The 2019 WOHD presentations focus on preventive examination under the motto "Look after of your oral health to protect your mouth and body".

Between 19 and 21 March 2019, Slovak Chamber of Dentists will hold 3 preventive events targeting schoolchildren, along with a special prevention promotion event dedicated to schoolchildren with special needs and their parents on 19 March 2019.

Main messages concerning WOHD in Slovakia are:

- How to properly brush teeth? It's not just about the toothbrush ...
- Dental caries and other diseases which affect teenagers
- Oral chemistry at your fingertips: How can sweets cause acidity? Drinks and food which damage teeth

A number of media dedicated to professional and general public have committed to promote the 2019 WOHD.

Slovak Chamber of Dentists promotes WOHD on the website, as well as on social networks and in the members newsletter.

## ***Further information (activities):***

Slovak Chamber of Dentists is the convenor of the Slovak Dental Days, the largest national congress with international outreach. The 2019 Slovak Dental Days 2019 is scheduled for 10 – 12 October 2019 in the congress venue at Čilistov near Bratislava. The event is held under the auspices of the Slovak Minister of Health and the FDI, and is organised in partnership with the Slovak Association of Dental Students, and the Slovak Chamber of Nurses and Midwives. Associated programme includes the 4th Dental Expo dedicated to presenting the latest developments in dentistry.

The second most significant learning event in Slovakia is the highly successful Congress of Young Dentists: held in February 2019, it brought together over 300 participants.



***What are your 3 main concerns?***

1. Quality of pre-gradual, postgradual and continuing education of dentists;
2. Competences of dental team members and leading role of the dentist in the dental team;
3. Reintroduction of compulsory membership in professional chambers.

***3 points you would like to discuss***

1. Competences of dental team members;
2. Measures of national level which are being implement to phase down the use of dental amalgam by 1 July 2019;
3. Aptitude to enter dental practice among fresh graduates in dentistry.