

Regional European Organisation of the FDI

National Report

Country: AUSTRIA

Association: Austrian Dental Chamber

Venue: ERO-Plenary Geneva

Year: 2017

Please classify your national report by following subjects:

I. Changes in the association and its organisation.

Following elections in spring 2016 a new board of the chamber did start its work in July 2016:

President: MR Dr. Thomas Horejs

Vicepresidents: DDr. Martin Hönlinger, OMR Dr. Hans Schrangl,
OMR Dr. Wolfgang Kopp

Treasurer: MR Dr. Gerhart Bachmann

II. Trends and developments:

- in professional politics;

The new elected board of the Austrian Dental Chamber and all the new elected boards of our 9 regional chambers met in autumn 2016 and decided about the general direction politics of the chamber will pursue during the next years.

- in health politics;

There is a continuing trend driven by the government to replace medical (and in a next step also dental) offices with so called primary health centers where more than one single

medical (or dental) practitioner should work together and which in contrary to single offices could be owned by investors who are not doctors or dentists. Austrian Dental Chamber opposes this trend and will fight against it.

- in educational politics;

European Union decided that the existing quota for Austrian students studying dentistry in Austria will be abolished in 2017. One of the results expected could be, that foreign – especially German – students will fill up our university courses as it is much easier to get university access in Austria than in other European countries (especially than in Germany).

- in the insurance system (incl. the public health insurance and private insurance schemes).

The fees for dental treatment inside the social security system were raised by 1,31% on January 1st 2017

III. Further information (activities, concerns).