

# *Regional European Organisation of the FDI*

## *National Report*

*Country: Bulgaria*

*Association: Bulgarian Dental Association (BgDA)*

*Venue:*

*Year: 2013*

*Please classify your national report by following subjects:*

I. *Changes in the association and its organisation.*

**Number of the BgDA members - approx. 8350.**

**In active practice – 8350.**

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II. *Trends and developments:*

- *in professional politics;*

**Bill in of amendments to all the laws, concerning health, medical and dental associations and national health insurance in favor of the profession.**

**No other changes.**

- *in health politics;*

**“National Programme for Prevention of Oral Diseases in Children 0-18 in Republic of Bulgaria” (NPPODC) of the Ministry of Health is in action.**

The budget for the NPPODC per year 2013 is app. 670 000 €. Epidemiological data on 21 160 children in three age groups were published.

The Campaign of putting pit and fissure sealants on the first permanent molars of 6-9 years old children, as a part of the NPPODC continuous and is successful.

BgDA maintains strongly all the activities of the NPPODC. BgDA for its support is financed by the Ministry of Health (app. 28 000 €/year).

- *in educational politics;*  
New specialty – Dental Implantology.  
Credential system. Each member of BgDA has to obtain minimum 30 credits (1 credit=1 academic hour of 45 min.) for a period of three years.
- *in the insurance system (incl. the public health insurance and private insurance schemes).*  
National Framework Contract between BgDA and NHIF was signed.

The National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) is monitoring the quality of dental care in the system of mandatory insurance, according to criteria negotiated with the BgDA and included in the National Framework Contract, signed by the two parties. The budget of the NHIF for 2013 (voted in the Bulgarian Parliament) for dental care is 101 394 000 levs (Bulgarian lev – BGN), which are equal to app. 55 000 000 €, which is only 4,7% of the whole budget of the NHIF for health insurance payments per year. Compared with 2011 the budget for dental care was increased with 7,3%, which the Congress of BgDA pointed as a big success of BgDA during an economic and financial crisis.

The contracted, insufficient for adults, annual packages of activities in dental medicine varies according to the age:

- One check and four activities per year - filling(s), endodontic treatment(s), extraction(s) of the temporary and permanent teeth for the children up to 18 years;
- One check and two activities – fillings and/or extractions per year for the adults.

Over 6000 dentists have individual contracts with the NHIF.

- *Further information (activities, concerns).*

**BgDA Special Fund for Support of Regular Members of the Association with Serious Health Problems**

The BgDA Fund for Support of Regular Members of the Association with Serious Health Problems is a part of the social policy of the Association. The Managing Board of BgDA every year

**put aside 2,5 % from each annual fee in a special bank account (annual fee – app. 77€). A Council of 6 members, elected by the Congress, is taking decisions who to be supported according to strict Rules of the Fund approved by the BgDA Congress as well.**

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