

# Regional European Organisation of the FDI

## National Report

**Country: Cyprus**

**Association: Cyprus Dental Association**

**Venue: Paris**

**Year: 2014**

Please classify your national report by following subjects:

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

NEW members of the association were elected on February 2013. The new members of the council are: President: Morfo Kourouklari, Vice President: Gerogios Mina, General Secretary: Nicos Christodoulides, Treasurer: Vrassidas Philippides. Member: Anthousa Stavrianou, Pantelis Komodromos, Christiana Constantinou, Avraam Kyriakides, Alexis Loizides, Maria Loizidou Spyridonos, Yiannos Poyiatzis, Alexis Xenopoulos, Zoi Nicolaou, Nearchos Panayi, Christos Samaras, Antonis Tsaggaris, Marina Kalli Christodoulou, Eleftheria Saparilla, Yiagos Yiagou, Xenia Papastylianou, Kyriakos Ioannou, Constantia Constantinou, Christakis Tselepos. Next elections will be held in February 2016.

### **II. Trends and developments:**

#### **- in professional politics;**

Since 2012, the Cyprus Dental Association (CDA) has implemented a programme of Continuing Professional Development of Dentists (CPDD). With this programme dentists must accumulate a minimum of 45 Modules of Education (ME) in a period of 3 years.

#### **- in health politics;**

#### **- in educational politics;**

There are no dental schools in Cyprus. The dentists practising in Cyprus have graduated Abroad (mainly from Dental Schools in Greek and other EU Universities).

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

A General Health Insurance Scheme has not been implemented yet. It is scheduled for introduction in 2016. The GHIS will provide preventive dental care for children up to 16 years old, Second-degree and third-degree dental care for special groups.

### **III. Further information (activities, concerns).**

Due to the decision of Eurogroup in March 2013 and the subsequent bail-in that was imposed in the two major banks in Cyprus the dental profession has seen a major change in the daily routine.

Less patients seek dental care, and when they do they are mostly focused in pain relief or minor treatments. The dental professionals have seen a huge reduction in monthly income and a rise in monthly cost due to obligations. There is a concern (due to the changes mentioned above and the rising number of dentists in Cyprus (837 in a population of 862.000)) that there will be a reduction of quality provided to patients, since the major criterion for patients to decide which dentist to visit and what treatment will be performed, is now the cost.

Due to the growing number of dentists (and saturation of the profession), the Cyprus Dental Association hired a research firm to conduct a survey and present data concerning the need for dentists in Cyprus. This study will be presented to the ministry of education, and in turn used in schools. The students will then have all the data available to make an informed decision about their professional future.