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National Report

Country: Czech republic

Association: Czech Dental Chamber

Venue: Prague Year: 2014

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Please classify your national report by following subjects:

I. <u>Changes in the association and its organisation.</u>

In the year 2013 was the periodical election of the new Board of the Czech Dental Chamber. The new elected Board and the new vice-president (Dr. Robert Houba, PhD) and the old-new president (Dr. Pavek Chrz) have stated their four year term of office.

II. <u>Trends and developments:</u>

- in professional politics;

In the last year there was no new legislation affecting dentistry in the Czech Republic.

- <u>in health politics; in the insurance system (incl. the public health insurance and private insurance schemes).</u>

In the Czech republic remains unchanged system. The insurance fund is the compulsory public health insurance system. The system of money distribution is limited by government health policy.

Up to 80% of dental care is paid from the health insurance system and the balance is through fully liberal practice. The Sick Funds are self-regulating under national legislation.

There is no co-payment by the patient for the standard items (the list of items and their description is presented in the Collection of Laws. There is no annual limit of treatment range, for an individual patient.

Cosmetic fillings and non-basic endodontic treatment (methods of lateral or vertical condensation of gutta-percha points or Thermofil-type systems), implants and fixed orthodontic appliances in adults have to be paid for completely by patients. Crowns and bridges, partial dentures and removable orthodontic appliances are paid partly from sick funds and partly by the patient.

- <u>in educational politics;</u>

The Czech Dental Chamber organised successful 16th International Congress PDD – Prague Dental Days, 9 - 11 October 2013 in the Prague Congress Centre with accompanying exhibition and workshops. The Congress had about 1000 participants from the Czech Republic (dentists, dental nurses, dental hygienists and other dental auxiliaries) and about 100 participants from foreign countries.

The system of continuing education is delivered mainly by CSK, but also other providers can take part in the system. There are organised theoretical and practical lectures.

The result of the CSK continuing postgraduate education cycle is a Certificate of Proficiency, issued by the CSK;

- Dentist Practitioner with Certificate of Proficiency
- Dentist Practitioner with a Certificate of Proficiency in Periodontology
- Dentist Practitioner with a Certificate of Proficiency in Oral Surgery
- Dentist Practitioner with a Certificate of Proficiency in Paediatric dentistry
- Dentist holding a Certificate of Proficiency in Orthodontics

The Certificate of Proficiency is evidence of the education of the dentist, for patients. The attendance of dentists on recommended practice-oriented courses or theoretical lectures is evaluated by credits. The participant in continuing postgraduate education can receive the Certificate if the required amount of credits and the prescribed spectrum of educational actions, during two years, is fulfilled.

The Certificate is valid usually for 3 to 5 years – it can be then repeated, if the conditions of postgraduate education are fulfilled. The holder of a Certificate has higher settlements for some dental care issues (about 10% higher) from the system of health insurance - the patient does not pay more.

III. Further information (activities, concerns). No

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