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NATIONAL REPORT

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Changes in the association and its organisation.

ANDI National Assembly, in May 31st,2013, approved the **Association's Code of Ethics**. The sharing of the Code began in 2011 involving the ANDI members and Provincial departments, allowing to draft a document that meets the requirements of the profession. The purpose is to indicate some of the principles in a more stringent and binding way to those who voluntarily decides to join ANDI. The ANDI Code of Ethics is not in opposition with the Code of Ethics of the National Chamber, as it regulates in a more compelling aspects of the behavior of the ANDI Dentist establishing a greater sense of belonging to the Association. In addition, the Code of Ethics ANDI, can deepen and better exploit such important issues as the generational pact, advertising and behavior compared to patients and colleagues, especially in case of litigation.

This year, on 31 May the **election for the new ANDI National Board** for 2014-2017 will be held.

Trends and developments:

- *in professional politics;*

The competent parliamentary committees will have to provide a final opinion on the draft legislative decree implementing Directive 2010/32/EU implementing the Framework Agreement on the prevention of **sharp injuries** in the hospital and healthcare sector. Among the appropriate measures of prevention and protection to be adopted to guarantee an effective protection of operators, the decree lists, incorrectly, with respect to the original text of the Directive, the health surveillance.

This is why ANDI has immediately activated an initiative to avoid the requirement of a Medical Officer in all medical and dental practices to carry out the health surveillance, which would turn into heavier economic and bureaucratic burdens, without giving greater security to the workers. In addition to raising the awareness of MPs, thanks to the synergic action with



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the National Commission for Dental registers, ANDI proceeded to write to the Chairmen of the Committees of the House and Senate in charge of giving opinion on the decree, requiring the editing of the text.

UPDATE

Contrary to what was said by the parliamentary bodies ANDI contacted prior to the approval of the Legislative Decree N.19/2014, [implementing Directive 2010/32/EU implementing the Framework Agreement between HOSPEEM and EPSU concerning the prevention from sharp injuries in hospital and health sector and published in the Official Gazette no. 57 of 03.10.2014], the article 286*sexies*, point 'e' of the said decree, regarding the specific preventive measures, states the need of the relevant health surveillance. And this compliance is also applied to dental practices.

In 2013, ANDI urged the Minister of Health to enter a specific article into a government measure in order to penalize **illegal practice**, also providing for the confiscation of goods used.

The Minister of Health has granted the requests made by ANDI, having included in a Law Decree, approved by the Council of Ministers in July 2013, the rule that heavily penalizes those who exercise and those who favor the **illegal exercise of a health profession**.

More recently, the changing in the Government leadership and team has seen the **confirm of Hon. Beatrice Lorenzin as Minister of Health**. ANDI welcomes this confirmation since during the period in which he served in that office, she has been able to give a strong impression to the policy of his important ministry and to the field of health in general. We then can reasonably ask for those responses citizens and professionals in dentistry, in particular, are waiting, aiming at optimizing the NHS, thanks to the support of private dentistry which currently delivers over 90% of care in our country.

The Senate has finally approved on October 29, 2013 the new text of the Decree "Urgent provisions for the pursuit of the objectives of rationalization in the public sector". The Decree is of interest for the dental sector as it contains a provision (Article 11), which exempts professionals (including dentists) from the system for the disposal of **hazardous waste**.



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Thanks to the strong action lobbying for changes to the original text of the decree, dental professionals will not have an obligation to adhere to the electronic system (SISTRI) for the traceability of hazardous waste, previously expected only for organizations and businesses, avoiding all the paperwork and associated costs. The only required task, will be the signing of the new forms that will be provided by the waste disposal companies.

- *in health politics;*

ANDI received the official invitation from the Ministry of Health to attend, in November 2013, to the presentation of "**Clinical Recommendations in Dentistry.**" It is a project started a few years ago with the goal to establish the scientific and behavioral indications on the practice of dental care of each branch, to guarantee a minimum quality standard. This will protect the patient, from the invasion of the low cost and commercial logic, but also to protect the dentist who will take concrete operational guidance, remaining better protected against possible medical-legal and fiscal disputes. ANDI has participated with various interventions in the drafting of the Recommendations and had the main role to verify the sustainability of the application to the professionals. This result has been possible thanks to the unified will of all the Italian components of dentistry, CAO, ANDI, AIO, Universities, scientific Societies, which have worked together on the project in an atmosphere of good will and cooperation.

Unfortunately, due to the political situation which is leading to a new government, this formal act has been shifted to a next occasion.

UPDATE:

After the constitution of the new government, the meeting at Ministry of Health to present these Recommendations has been now scheduled on March, 20, 2014.

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

In consideration of the current economic situation, **ENPAM (the national social security institute for the physicians and dentists)** has decided to extend and make possible to pay in installments the social security contributions owed by physicians and dentists. Colleagues who have



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suffered (or are supposing to suffer) this year a reduction of at least thirty percent of their income to that of 2012 can take advantage of this measure, an act to safeguard persons who are in a proven, serious economic difficulties due to the crisis. The physicians and dentists that will apply are not required to pay contributions on self-employment in a lump sum by 31 October this year but will receive three newsletters expiring on December 31, 2013, February 28, 2014 and 30 April 2014. The sums due will be added only legal interest (0.2 per cent per month) and minimum costs of collection.

More recently, all doctors and dentists can pay social security contributions in installments. To do so, they should access to the private area of the ENPAM site and ask ENPAM to debit to their own bank account. The new system involves lower costs for members and savings for the social security institute.

Further information (activities, concerns).

The **Oral Cancer Day** has been scheduled on May 17.

The 2013 event, organized on 18 May by ANDI Foundation has proved a success. A fixture for both dentists and the ANDI citizens increasingly that demonstrate the importance of the initiative that saw the participation of more than 8,000 dentists who have voluntarily joined the initiative attending ANDI booth placed in the squares of the Italian main cities where they had the opportunity to inform and make aware the public about the prevention of oral cancer, inviting to book a free visit to one of ANDI dentists. The media coverage of the event was extensive and rich: in particular, the 3-hours transmission organized by ANDI Lombardy and broadcast on Sky Channel.

The **Month of Dental Prevention**, realized by ANDI with the support of Mentadent will be organized, as usual, during the next month of October. It gave access Italians to a free dental visit. 'Month of Dental Prevention' is in fact the first and perhaps the only national oral prevention program that allows all citizens, free of charge, a yearly checkup in order to maintain a good oral health. The 'Month' has been active without interruption for 34 years throughout the country with an intense advertising campaign, both on major television networks and print media and on the web.



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