

Regional European Organisation of the FDI

National Report

Country: Portugal

Association: Portuguese Dental Association

Venue: Porto - PDA

Year: 2013

Please classify your national report by following subjects:

I. Changes in the association and its organisation.

By law, Portuguese Dental Association (PDA) was obliged to present a new project for the regulation of its activity (statutes).

A program for prevention, detection and early diagnosis of Oral Cancer is prepared together with the Ministry of Health for introduction in National Oral Health Program - "Cheque Dentista" ("Dentist Voucher").

Legislation regarding specialities.

II. Trends and developments:

- in professional politics;

Evaluation of the geographic distribution and dentists work time .

- in health politics;

Analysis of National health system, complementary health systems, insurance plans and private.

Compliance with authorities in identifying illegal activity.

- *in educational politics;*

The PDA continues to strengthen its commitment to continuous education (CE) reinforcing the CE program and the National Congress.

Implementing three specialities: oral surgery, periodontics and pedodontics.

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

Contribution in dental assistants regulation law and curriculum graduation content.

III. Further information (activities, concerns).

Together with minister of health and the minister of education it will be held a public meeting celebrating the WOHD. FDI 2013 toolkit will be used. Several public and private institutions and general public, especially kids will be involved. A concourse for dentists to do a poem about oral health will be held and a toolkit with information about oral health will be distributed to every basic school library.

Promotion and results of the initiative will be available in our website, Enewsletter, journal and facebook.

Active participation in government decisions about oral health, including National Oral Health Program

PDA organized the Annual Congress;