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## ***Regional European Organisation of the FDI***

### ***National Report***

**Country:** Slovakia  
**Association:** Slovak Chamber of Dentists  
**Venue:** ERO, Paris **Year:** 2014

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

The Slovak Chamber of Dentists registers 3380 dentists, from those are **2056 women (60%) and 1324 (40%) men** .

In the own private office there are 2752 dentists, 780 dentists work as employees in these private practices and 147 dentists are employed in the state institutions. For the period from 1.1.2013 to 25. 2. 2014 – in total 6 Certificates of good standing have been issued.

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

##### **In professional and health politics:**

The Slovak Chamber of Dentists is preparing a proposal for a mandatory membership in the chamber for all practising dentists. The chamber wishes to strengthen its powers and competencies, like control of the material-technical equipment and supervision over the profession.

Government has approved the proposal of Act on National Health Information System (NHIS) made by the Ministry of Health. Policyholders should get a health insurance card with an electronic chip until the end of 2015. Electronization of Health care should cost this year 1.2 million Euros. Money should be used to cover the operator's license of eHealth, support of legislative team and operating costs for the NHIS. Operation of the NHIS will require addition € 3.9 million this year. In the next year it will be 9.3 million and in 2015 and 2016 it should be € 9.5 million.

The National Council of the Slovak Republic has approved the Act No. 122/2013 Coll. on Protection of Personal Data, so the Slovak Dental Chamber is responsible to administer the Licence Register, including the personal identification number of the members. Also the duties for the dental praxis have been strengthened.

##### **In educational politics:**

The Slovak Medical University opened an undergraduate dental study from 2013/14. The university is state run, the study lasts for 6 years. The language of study is Slovak, the number of students is 20 in the 1st year.

##### **In the insurance system:**

There are still 3 insurance companies in 2014 at the market. No co-insurance or private insurance for dental services yet. Funding of oral care amounts in 3, 5 % from the Health Insurance



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Companies Budget and supplementary charges of patients. The Slovak Dental Chamber asks for increasing the payment by 5 % to lower the patient charges.

### III. Further information and activities

- The Slovak Chamber of Dentists is going to hold the press conference to draw media attention to the goals and importance of the WOHD 2014. It will take place at the elementary school in the capital city.
- Speakers will be dental professionals, representative of Ministry of Education, Director of the WHO County Office in the Slovak Republic.
- After the press conference, the journalist will be part of the lesson, held by dental students, focused on oral health and dental hygiene in the class of 7 years old children.
- All activities are supervised by the WHO County Office in the Slovak Republic
- An Information for all dentists in Slovakia about goals, importance and contents of WOHD 2014 will be published in the Slovak dental journal.

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