

NATIONAL REPORT 2014

Country: Switzerland
Organisation: Swiss Dental Association SSO
Meetings: ERO Meeting of April 11th/12th 2013 in Paris
CED Meeting of May 23th/24th 2013 in Athens

The immigration of dentists from the European Union to Switzerland is still very important. At the end of 2013 3'838 diplomas of dentists have been recognized by the Swiss authorities!

I. Changes in the National Association and their structures

Dr. iur. Alexander Weber has resigned by the end of 2013 as legal consultant and general secretary of the SSO. Within the last 30 years he has endorsed with great engagement the success of our profession, especially the Swiss dental model as the free professional activities of our members. We thank him very much for his extraordinary engagement. Mr. Simon Gassmann, attorney at law, has been nominated as his successor.

II. Trends and developments

- Immigration of dentists from the European Union

The free circulation of persons between the EU and Switzerland exists since June 1st 2002 according to the bilateral treatments. The immigration is still very strong. At the end of the year 2013 1'919'800 foreigners lived in Switzerland by a whole population of 8'112'200; this represents a fraction of foreigners of 23,7%.

- **Unique health insurance system**

The committee of the SSO renounce the introduction of a unique health insurance in Switzerland. It is convinced, that the creation of such an institution will not bring any cost reduction and would be also a clear step to a national health system.

- **Harmonisation of the service for emergency dental treatment**

The committee of the SSO imposes on the regional cantonal organisations to harmonise their emergency service rules. It is very important, that a functional emergency dental service is not only important for the patients but also as a sign for the professional association.

- **Costs of dental medicine in Switzerland**

According to the Swiss federal statistical office the costs for dental treatment of a private household (2.23 persons) amount to CHF 64.01 per month. We can also recognize, that the costs for dental treatment in comparison to other fields of the health care have been much more less progressive as the other fields of the health services.

- **Tariff for dental treatment**

The negotiations for a total revision of the dental tariff is still going on. The situation is not easy and at this moment the end cannot be foreseen.

- **“Die Schweizer Monatsschrift für Zahnmedizin” in a new look, figures now under the name “SWISS DENTAL JOURNAL”.**

The monthly review of the SSO as single scientific Swiss journal in the dental field has made a striking “Facelifting”. It is now edited under the name “SWISS DENTAL JOURNAL” and brings a single name instead of the names in the 3 official Swiss languages.

III. **Further information :**

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