

Regional European Organization of the FDI

National Report

Country: CROATIA

Association: CROATIAN DENTAL CHAMBER

Venue: POTSDAM

Year: 2013

I. Changes in the association and its organization:

Since 2009 the Croatian Dental Chamber has adopted a new vocational category of dental technicians and at this moment is forming the category of dental assistants. The listed category is still in its emerging and not yet completely defined.

II. Trends and developments:

By the beginning of July of 2013, it is expected that Croatia enters the European Union. As one of the member state, the prior goal of our government is implementing the EU laws and Regulations in our legislation, within the statutory area of healthcare, as well as dentistry.

2013 is a very significant year for healthcare in Croatia. The second quarter of the year, precisely the 1st of April, the new model of contracting with Croatian Institute of Health Insurance (in further text: CIOHI) entered the force. There is a difference between old and new model especially in the field of financing. With the new model the doctors of dental medicine will have an opportunity to finance themselves through basic income and additional income. Basic income implies; capital fee (price + service), cold drive (overhead expenses, utilities, salary for dental assistant, taxes, lease, regression, accounting etc.) and DTP (diagnostic-therapeutic procedures). Additional income implies; KPI (key performance indicator), QI (quality indicator), group practice, preventive therapy and five star Dental practice (5*). In addition, the new model does not apply to of our members that have strictly private dental practice, only the ones that have concluded the convention with CIOHI.

The membership in the Croatian Dental Chamber is, pursuant to the provisions of the Act on Dentistry, mandatory for all doctors of dental medicine who practice dentistry in the Republic of Croatia, in which case by becoming the member they get the approval for practicing dentistry (licence). All of our members have an obligation of professional (long live) education through the period of six years, considering the license duration.

Most of the courses of professional education are organized by our Chamber. The courses can be working or theoretical.

Also, one of the plans, that will bring Croatian Dental Chamber to the modern ways of communication and using all the possible benefits of interactions with its members, is e-learning.