

Regional European Organisation of the FDI

National Report

Country: Denmark

Association: Danish Dental Association

Venue: Copenhagen

Year: 2012

Please classify your national report by following subjects:

- I. Changes in the association and its organisation.
During the National Meeting in the DDA, the elections to the Board was at a tie. Thus, there was called for a general election among all the members of the association
- II. Trends and developments:
 - in professional politics;
The Minister for Health lost an election in her Socialist Peoples Party for the chairmanship, and has returned as minister and common member of the Party Board.
 - in health politics;
The Danish government has extended benefits to the very poor regarding oral health care in the area of 24 EURmillion; alas, the money have been taken from the benefits to the adult-health care plans, so it is the same money being diverted from one needy to another.

The Danish Dental Association has been in dialogue with politicians in order to obtain financial subvention to patients with rare congenital diseases affecting oral health e.g. hypohidrotic ectodermal dysplasia, osteogenesis imperfecta and Ehlers-Danlos syndrome. As a result a new law was passed and appr. 3 EURmillion per year has been allocated to dental treatment of these patients.
 - in educational politics;
The education of dental hygienists is now at "professional BA-level". It is a popular novelty to offer short/middle term educations of "professional BA".
 - in the insurance system (incl. the public health insurance and private insurance schemes).
N/A
- III. Further information (activities, concerns).
National legislation has implemented EU legislation regarding tooth bleaching products.