

# *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). The project is now being discussed by the government and then the parliament.

PDA created four new specialties Endodontology, Prostodontology, Dental Public Health, Hospital Dentistry.

### *II. Trends and developments:*

#### *- in professional politics;*

The Portuguese Dental Association (PDA) recently promoted the actualization of the data of the members (Dentists) within their files.

#### *- in health politics;*

New regulation for prescription for National Health Service was introduced and PDA was deeply involved in the legislation, functionality and implementation of the project.

- *in educational politics;*

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

The PDA introduces a CE program with several courses free of charge for the members. Educational leaflets about Bleaching, Non transmissible diseases and other issues were produced for the population to be distributed in the dentists' clinics.

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

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

*III. Further information (activities, concerns).*

The PDA together with government authorities carried out several surveillance actions in order to identify illegal practice and to highlight the competences of the dental technician regarding that they should only construct custom made dental appliances and not contact with the patients without the dentist supervision.

Facing the spread of dental bleaching practice in unqualified places, PDA stood a position together with the government institutions to clarify this issue amongst the population and defining the products that could be available for public access.