

NATIONAL REPORT 2013

Country: Switzerland
Organisation: Swiss Dental Association SSO
Meetings: ERO Meeting of April 19th/20th 2013 in Potsdam
CED Meeting of May 24th/25th 2013 in Dublin

Switzerland is still object of an intense immigration of dentists from the European Union. At the end of 2012 3'412 diplomas of dentists have been recognized by the Swiss authorities!

I. Changes in the National Association and their structures

There have been no changes.

II. Trends and developments

- Immigration of dentists from the European Union

The free circulation of persons to Switzerland entered into force on June 1st 2002 and is still remarkable. In 2012 there was an increase of more than 13%.

- Revision of the statute of health insurance

On 17th June the Swiss population has rejected by federal vote with a majority of 3 to 1 the introduction of managed care. The free choice of the doctor was the main motive. For the Swiss people neither the health insurance company nor the state authority should restrict the free choice of the patient. It's only the patient who decides by which doctor he will be treated.

- Proposal to include dental treatment into the general insurance system is rejected

The Swiss parliament has rejected the initiative "Rielle" which asks to include all dentist treatments into the general insurance system. Once again the Swiss preventive model has been confirmed.

- Gerodontology

The committee of the Swiss Dental Association SSO is very keen on the quality of dental treatment for elder persons. The collaboration with the commission for the health policy committee of the SSO will take steps to promote more informations in the gerodontology field.

- Control of the continuing education

Since 1994 there has been as part of the tariff of the social insurance a demanded control of the continuing education of the dentists. Every year 10% of the dentists are interrogated and have to submit their documents for the continuing education. More than 75% fulfill the requirements. The dentists who do not achieve the requirements are ordered to increase their hours for the continuing education. If they do not reach the requirements financial punishments will be imposed by the social insurance.

- Change of the dental tariff

The final negotiations will come to an end in 2013.

- Hygienic controls

The Swiss statute requires that the dental offices are controlled if they respect the rules of the hygiene. The SSO has elaborated a guide line for the hygiene in dental offices.

III. Further information :

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