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# Submitted reports

18 national reports were submitted  
to the ERO Secretariat by 16 April 2013

AZE, CZE, DEN, ESP, FRA,  
GEO, HOL, ISR, ITA (ANDI & AIO),  
KYR, POL, POR, RUS,  
SLK, SLO, SWI, TUR

All national reports  
submitted to the ERO Secretariat  
are available in their entirety  
on the ERO website

# Organizational developments

Elections:

CZE, DEN (unsettled results), FRA, RUS, TUR

Some changes within the national association were reported by colleagues from Azerbaijan, Portugal (new statutes of the Dental Association have been presented and are under discussion at the Parliament),

Russia (plans of reorganization of the structure and work).

# Professional matters

The cooperation of dentists with auxiliary professions and the question of the scope of their professional competences (especially with regard to dental technicians, but also the hygienists) is still an issue of concern indicated by many national dental associations.

Spain – dental technicians continually claim their right to act directly in the patients' oral cavity; a complaint of the technicians' organization resulted in a fine for the Dental Association for anti-competitive attitude (appeal has been doled); on the other hand the Supreme Court's judgement confirms limitations of technicians' competences.

# Professional matters

Portugal – surveillance actions to identify illegal practice of some of the dental technicians.

Poland – one of the Members of the Polish Parliament sent a number of petitions related to dentistry with suggestions that dental technicians be vested a right to provide direct treatment to patients; offers have appeared in the internet regarding dental prostheses for patients to order online and place by themselves in their oral cavity.

In some countries tooth whitening practices by unqualified persons are also reported.

# Professional matters

Italy, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland & Turkey – report growing number of dentists, becoming excessive for the health needs of the population (e.g. in Italy in 22 years the number of dentists is appr. 40 000 higher; in Switzerland increase of dentists due to application of the EU free movement of persons principle; in Spain there are no limitations on the number of dental schools and admissions of dental students; in Turkey 95% more dental students within the last 5 years).

In Italy – in addition to the large number of dentists there is a big problem with illegal dental practice by unregistered persons (with fake diplomas or without diplomas).

# Professional matters

Continuing struggle of the dental profession in Israel against third parties (non professionals) setting up dental facilities and providing treatment in a non-ethical manner.

Privatization of dental facilities in Azerbaijan.

A new edition of a revised and updated Code of Ethics and Professional Deontology in Spain.

Swiss Dental Association elaborated a guideline for dental offices regarding hygienic requirements.

# Dental education

In the Netherlands – for the first time dental studies last 6 years (the last year is a of practical character)

In Poland – a new final state examination for graduates of dental studies

In Portugal – 4 new dental specialties

In Spain – endeavours to introduce a resident model of dental specialist training

In Georgia – plans to reintroduce the list of dental specialties

# Dental education

In France – actions aimed at stopping a private university from Portugal that offers dental education – it is not accredited and operates in breach of French law

In Denmark – dental hygienists at „professional BA level”

As in previous years, most of the of the reporting organizations indicate their active involvement in providing continuing education for dentists.

# Insurance system

the Netherlands – free pricing experiment abolished (due to increase of prices).

Switzerland – the principle of a free choice of doctor remains as a result of federal vote.

France – raise of the basic consultation fee; works on the common classification of medical procedures; doubts of the dental profession regarding a proposal to allow different levels of reimbursement.

# Insurance system

Turkey – abolishment of the minimal tariffs for dental treatment which were considered by the profession as a guarantee of the quality of care.

Slovakia – government's intention to create one health insurance company managed by the state.

Israel – dental treatment for children up to the age of 12 years is free of charge.

Czech Republic – despite the economic crisis, prices for 2013 were negotiated at the same level as in 2012.

# Other information

Many Dental Associations have been actively celebrating the World Oral Health Day promoting dentistry and raising awareness of the significance of oral health

## Russia

Russian Dental Association indicates its plans to organize the AWDC in Moscow.

**Thank you for your attention  
and engagement  
in the ERO-FDI activities**

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