

Vienna, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2012

## National Report

**Country:** Austria

**Association:** Austrian Dental Chamber

**Meeting:** **ERO – Plenary Session**  
27<sup>th</sup> until 28<sup>th</sup> April 2012 in Prague

**Number of members:**

Fachärzte für Zahn-, Mund- und Kieferheilkunde / Dres. med. dent. / Dentisten  
(as per March 2012):

- self-employed:	3.839
- employed / retired / beginners:	901
<b>total:</b>	<b>4.740</b>

**Trends and developments:**

**- within the profession:**

Elections were held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2011. In eight provinces only one electoral list was running, therefore in Lower Austria an election was carried out.

The constitutive meeting of the national board of the Austrian Dental Chamber took place on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2011 in Vienna. The term of office lasts five years again. OMR DDr. Hannes Westermayer has been elected unanimously for president, Furthermore, three vice-presidents were elected: MR Dr. Wolfgang Doneus, MR Dipl.-Ing. Dr. Karl-Anton Rezac and MR Dr. Wolfgang Kopp. Two new departments were installed.

**- trends in connection with health and social policy:**

The Austrian Dental Chamber was able to ban ambitions of the dental technicians who wanted to enlarge their competence - they wanted to work independently in patient's mouth – so far, that dental technicians are allowed to take prints **only under control** of a dentist and in a dental practice.

**- training:**

None.

**- continuing education:**

The Austrian Dental Chamber has further developed their continuing education program. In the meantime approximately 65 % of the Austrian dentists have a certificate.

**- Changes within the social insurance system:**

The fees for dental treatment were raised by 1,32 % on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012.

**Additional information:**

None.