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National Report

Country: Bulgaria

Association: Bulgarian Dental Association (BgDA)

Venue: Year: 2012

Please classify your national report by following subjects:

I. *Changes in the association and its organisation.*

Number of the BgDA members - approx. 8240.

In active practice – 8240.

Dentist to population ratio – 1/898.

Female dentist – 64%.

II. *Trends and developments:*

- *in health politics:*

Ministry of Health National Programme for Prevention of Oral Diseases in Children 0-18 in Republic of Bulgaria (NPPODC)

The budget for the NPPODC per year 2012 is app. 800 000 €.

All the activities of the NPPODC are strongly supported by BgDA. The first phase of the Campaign of putting pit and fissure sealants on the first permanent molars of 6-9 years old children, as a part of the NPPODC, started in October 2011. The second phase will start in June 2012.

- *in educational politics:*

The following shows the official number of students by State Procurement of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Science:

Number of public (state property) schools – 3.

State Procurement of the student intake per year is as follows: FDM, Sofia – 120 students ; FDM, Plovdiv – 100 students; FDM, Varna – 36 students;

Number of graduates per year – over 180.

The three state faculties of dental medicine established Paid Education Training in Dental Medicine (additional acceptance of students).

A training of dental students in English language started September 2011 in the FDM, Sofia. The first alumnus of physicians of dental medicine was promoted in the FDM, Varna.

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

National Framework Contract between BgDA and NHIF

The National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) is monitoring the quality of dental care in the system of mandatory insurance, according to criteria negotiated with the BgDA and included in the National Framework Contract, signed by the two parties. The budget of the NHIF for 2012 (voted in the Bulgarian Parliament) for dental care is 101 394 000 leva (Bulgarian lev – BGN), which are equal to app. 52 000 000 €, which is only 4,7% of the whole budget of the NHIF for health insurance payments per year. Compared with 2011 the budget for dental care was increased with 7,3%, which the Congress of BgDA pointed as a big success of BgDA during an economic and financial crisis.

The contracted, insufficient for adults, annual packages of activities in dental medicine varies according to the age:

- One check and four activities per year - filling(s), endodontic treatment(s), extraction(s) of the temporary and permanent teeth for the children up to 18 years;
- One check and two activities – fillings and/or extractions per year for the adults.

Over 6100 dentists have individual contracts with the NHIF.

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

BgDA Special Fund for Support of Regular Members of the Association with Serious Health Problems

The established BgDA Fund for Support of Regular Members of the Association with Serious Health Problems is a part of the social policy of the Association. The Managing Board of BgDA every year put aside 2,5 % from each annual fee in a special bank account (annual fee – app. 77€). A Council of 6 members, elected by the Congress, is taking decisions who to be supported according to strict Rules of the Fund approved by the BgDA Congress as well.

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