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The year 2011 was expected with an outlook of specific actions from the new coalition and reform government, as they called themselves. Their ideas of inevitable, not only healthcare, reformatory steps were introduced by the government as well as individual resorts and professional groups.

HEALTH CARE REFORMS

In 2011, the Czech Dental Chamber (ČSK) kept persuading politicians how necessary it is to have a realistic view of economic possibilities of the public health insurance system, especially with regard to an ever more distinct start of an economic recession. Payments from the public health insurance must cover only such health care that is inevitable, beyond the financial means of most population and is not easily influenceable by people's own behaviour. Nevertheless, this care must be paid sufficiently so that services of good quality could be provided. Also the scope of dental care paid from the public health insurance calls for revision. However, rational proposals of the ČSK were once again beaten by populism of political representation and neither the year 2011 brought any changes in dental care financing.

CONDITIONS FOR THE PRACTICE OF PROFESSION

Reformatory healthcare legislation produced series of changes concerning the licence to provide healthcare services, changes in its terminology and a number of new duties introduced for dentists. The Czech Dental Chamber actively followed the preparation of the legislative changes, commented new standards thoroughly and managed to enforce most of their requirements. The Chamber intensively cooperated with the Coalition of Private Doctors which associates organizations of private doctors providing ambulatory care who have similar or concordant interests to dentists.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

In 2011, the Czech Dental Chamber commemorated the 20th anniversary of its establishment. The celebrations took their course centrally as well as regionally and culminated in October at a gala evening which brought acknowledgements for those who had merit in the establishment of the independent professional organisation. The Chamber's history was shown at an exhibition documenting the highest moments of its activity in the past two decades. The jubilee-year also witnessed the premature payment of a loan for Apolenka – House of Czech Dentists. It has been the seat and the administration and educational centre of the Czech Dental Chamber since 2005. Professional activities further focused on tasks set for the whole functional period 2009–2013. A revision of internal regulations proceeded – completely new ČSK Rules of Procedure were adopted, there were regular meetings with chairs of regional dental chambers and the ČSK Board members were cooperating with individual regions for the whole year. The working group of the ČSK Board prepared principles of a new model of life-long education for dentists and also the preparations of web pages for patients were commenced. The traditional international cooperation in the CED and the FDI carried on. Prague once again hosted an international workshop, this time on the topic of standards in dentistry. Regional cooperation with Polish and Slovak dental chambers notably intensified.

PRAGUE DENTAL DAYS

The Czech Dental Chamber held already 14th international congress Prague Dental Days which in October 2011 recorded historically the highest number of participants. The congress also offered a varied supporting programme including social programme, presentation of a new specialized publication from ČSK book series, Days of Children Prevention, press conferences and many other meetings and gatherings.

ČSK members classified by the method of their practice

Entrepreneurs with their own surgery and partners of corporate bodies	5899	64,41 %
Employees	1818	19,85 %
ČSK members on maternity leave	293	3,20 %
Retired	920	10,05 %
The others – not working in this sector in the Czech Republic	228	2,49 %
Total	9158	100 %

Dentists practising in the Czech Republic, classified by age and sex

Age	Men	Women	Total
24 – 29	343	679	1022
30 – 34	307	261	568
35 – 39	232	256	488
40 – 44	187	400	587
45 – 49	181	322	503
50 – 54	205	554	759
55 – 59	592	1463	2055
60 – 64	355	627	982
65 – 69	209	362	571
70 – 99	100	72	172
Total	2711	4996	7707

Dentists practising in the Czech Republic, classified by age and expertise

Age	DP*	Orthodontists	Surgery**	Total
24 – 29	1022	0	0	1022
30 – 34	553	14	1	568
35 – 39	452	31	5	488
40 – 44	544	32	11	587
45 – 49	476	16	11	503
50 – 54	730	27	2	759
55 – 59	1944	100	11	2055
60 – 64	919	53	10	982

65 - 69	529	33	9	571
70 - 99	150	12	10	172
Total	7319	318	70	7707

*Dentists, members of the Czech Dental Chamber, with professional competency to exercise the dentist profession as per Act No. 95/2004

**Oral and maxillofacial surgery

Foreigners practising dentistry in the Czech Republic

EU citizens	Non-EU citizens	Total
165	153	318

The Czech Dental Chamber (ČSK) prepares medical school graduates for their independent practice. The ČSK organizes lifelong learning programmes for dentists and confirms compliance with lifelong learning requirements by issuing the Certificate of Proficiency. Simultaneously, the Chamber organizes training for dental auxiliaries.

Holders of the valid Certificate of Proficiency

Type of the Certificate of Proficiency	No. of certificates	Issued 2011
Dentist Practitioner holding the Certificate of Proficiency	4599	1754
Dentist Practitioner holding the Certificate of Proficiency in Periodontology	475	78
Dentist Practitioner holding the Certificate of Proficiency in Oral Surgery	490	55
<i>Dentist Practitioner holding the Certificate of Proficiency in Paediatric Dentistry</i>	19	0
Dentist holding the Certificate of Proficiency in Orthodontics	33	1
Total	5616	1888

Training organized by the ČSK

Training		No. of participants	
Type of training	No. of training events	Dentists	The others
Theoretical	108	2641	173
<i>Practical</i>	9	66	10
<i>Prague Dental Days</i>	1	695	701
Total	118	3402	884

Training and short-term trainee-ships held by other organizers, registered with the ČSK

No. of training events	912
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