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National Report

Country: ITALY

Association: ASSOCIAZIONE NAZIONALE DENTISTI ITALIANI (ANDI)

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Year: 2012

I. Changes in the association and its organization.

ANDI members summed up to 23,197, marking an increase of a few hundred units over the same date of 2010. A growing number of members continues incessantly, in 1999 were 14,651 dentists ANDI. Numbers that certify ANDI as the most representative dental association in Italy.

II. Trends and developments:

- in professional politics;

ANDI's historic victory at the European Court of Justice - On 15 March 2012 the European Court of Justice has published its judgment with which it is stated that the free distribution of music in a dental practice (but the principle applies to every kind of freelance business) for the benefit of its patients, does not give the right to collect a fee in favor of phonographic producers. The case concerns some cases brought by SCF, a society which acts as agent of the consortium of Phonographic producers.

In conducting its activities S.C.F. had undertaken test cases against a few ANDI members, in order to prove that these professionals, in their own private dental practice, broadcast 'background' music without paying anything to SCF.

The judgments of first instance were won by dentists, with support provided by the ANDI Legal Office. S.C.F. appealed the rulings. The Court of Appeals referred the case to the European Court of Justice, to determine whether European law, which governs the matter, would cut the outcome of the dispute and to what extent. Before the Court of Justice, S.C.F. argued that the issue affected not only the category of dentists, but of all the professions. ANDI's lawyers opposed giving proper motivations. The European judges, whose decision has an efficacy binding legislation, fully upheld the suggestions brought by ANDI, stating that patients of a dentist - like customers of any other studio - cannot be classified as "people in general" since they are all known by the professional, who receives them individually and personally.

- in health politics;

Andi dentists reject liberalization and partnership between professionals

- This is what emerges from the survey conducted by the ANDI Research Department during the month of December 2011 and January 2012 on a representative sample of Italian dentists. Dentists have declared

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'disagreement' (31.42%) and 'strongly disagreement' (37.45%) with the rules on tariff liberalization in terms of advertising, including professional societies, etc. In particular, they are against (65.10%) to rule on the possibility of creating partnership between professionals with capital partners. Especially, 'against' dentists were male and aged between 46-55 years, while those in agreement with the norm (15.7%) are predominantly women with an age under 35 years. Despite the criticism on this new instrument of practice (still on paper, waiting the issue of decrees indicating the operating mode) 45.8% of Italian dentists consider the possibility of entering into these companies. About the consequences that the liberalization and increased competition will have on the profession and, more specifically, to the patients, 51.5% of the dentists involved in the survey believed that the liberalization will bring a further lowering of rates, while 33.8% think that nothing will change. In particular, 45.9% of respondents believe that the elimination of minimum rates will bring a worsening of the profession in particular for young people.

- in educational politics;

A joint action stops the business of university education in dentistry in Italy - Risks that could arise if the Portuguese private university "Pessoa" of Lisbon had opened a branch in Italy, were highlighted by ANDI. A joint work of lobbying from the Ministry of University, AIO, ANDI, CAO, the Academic Board and the Standing Conference degree courses, have managed to block the initiative through an ad hoc decree signed by the Minister of University

III. Further information (activities, concerns).

How the Italian dentist carries its profession and how faces the crisis:

This was the topic of a survey conducted by the ANDI Research Department in December 2011 and January 2012 on a representative sample by age, sex, geographic residence and size of the study of Italian dentists. A sample composed predominantly of men (61%), aged between 46 and 55 (21%) of dentists enrolled to the Dental Register in the years between 1981 and 1990 (39.51%) for over ten years, struggle to open his own practice within 5 years from the date the Professional registration. Despite this fact, considering the total amount of Italian dentists, 89% of registered dentists has its own practice. Dentists aged less than 35 years (69%), residents in the Northeast Italy, are struggling more than others to open their practice.

Italian dentist works mostly in a single study (57%) active in the city center (47%). Asked to rate his own practice in size, available equipment, personnel and number of customers, they replied: medium (52.8%), small (30.6%), very small (8.2%), large (7, 9%), very large 0.4%.

Regarding the employment situation and economic dentists are pessimistic given the results obtained in 2011. 42.17% showed a deterioration from the previous year, while 6.05% believe their situation is much worse. An economic situation far from ideal, upheld by 40.19% of professionals as they declared that compared to 2010, their situation remained unchanged in 2011, whereas has improved for 10.86% of the sample. Research conducted by the ANDI Research Department shows



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that the majority of Italian dentists (64%) did not give up and want to react to this situation by investing in their profession and in particular by modernizing their office. In particular they want to invest in high-tech equipment (57%), renovation of existing equipment (23%) and HR (20%).

May 5, 2012: Oral Cancer Day - The appointment with the prevention of oral cancer returns in 2012 in the main squares throughout Italy with the Oral Cancer Day, which, now in its sixth edition, will take place Saturday, May 5. Organized by the ANDI Foundation, OCD this year will make available to all citizens an even larger number of dental offices throughout the month of May for free consultations on oral cancer prevention.

Launch of the first training course for volunteer dentists - The first basic course of voluntary cooperation and collaboration between ANDI Foundation - non-profit organization - and COI (International Dental Cooperation Onlus, kicks off in Turin on March 30 and 31. Free for ANDI members, the course's aim is to offer basic training to ensure that dentists are able to operate in poor and inadequately serviced areas in the field of oral and dental health. ANDI Foundation has undertaken through voluntary actions assistance operations in some countries like Guatemala and Ladakh.

Project "Oral Health in penal institutions - Launched three years ago following the Memorandum of Understanding signed with the Provincial and Regional prisons of Sicily - where it has already reached major prisons of the territory - the project continued in February in the prison of Caltanissetta. What has been initiated in Sicily, thanks to many volunteer dentists, is a pilot project of an activity that will soon be extended to Piedmont and Lazio thanks to the local Regional Departments of ANDI. In particular, in Rome, at the Rebibbia prison, where ANDI dentists are already active providing oral health care, the project will also be integrated in terms of clinical care.

In general, proper hygiene and cleanliness of the mouth and teeth by regular use of toothbrush and toothpaste are crucial to prevent the many diseases that can affect the mouth, but they are not granted and, indeed, become fundamental in reality, such as prisons, where the forced cohabitation makes bad habits and promiscuity in the use of care tools, the usual behavior. This leads to a high risk of transmission of viruses and bacteria, such as hepatitis or AIDS. For this reason ANDI Foundation focuses its support in the Italian prisons with a project that, on one hand, through a training course on the culture of solidarity and prevention, promotes oral hygiene of the prison staff and officials of prison administration, and, secondly, through periodic training sessions and through the distribution of information kits and toothbrush-toothpaste, sensitizes the inmates to proper oral hygiene

Data Security - Art. 45 of Law Decree 9 February 2012, n. 5 - eliminates the requirement to draw up the "Document of Security" (DPS) and related penalties. This decree has yet to be finally enacted into law but in any case the following obligations remain in force under the Decree 196/2003 - "Privacy Code":

- Appointment of a person responsible of personal data treatment



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- Designation of in writing of the person(s) in charge of data processing
- Password access to the computer system and periodic change of passwords, firewalls and antivirus software (in this latter case, treatment of sensitive data) and update antivirus software
- Save (backup) data and updating of software patches
- Take steps to recover data within 7 days
- Acquisition of documentation in the case of reliance on external parties for implementation of security measures

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