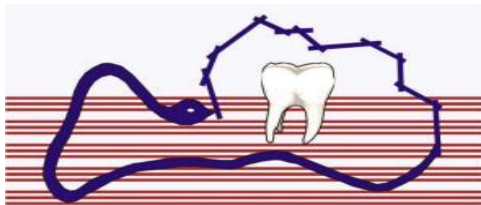


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1. Developments in dental associations/chambers

President Andris Bigestans (since 25.05.2007., re-elected 04.06.2010). Board: 12 members

- The work on a new edition of the LDA Articles of Association is in progress.
- The development of the common dentistry care strategy of the Baltic States and Nordic Countries for 2012-2020 is in progress. During the Baltic Dentistry specialist conference in August Sigulda, 2011 (Latvia) –cooperation agreement was signed by the three Dental Associations presidents.
- North European Dental associations meeting in Mexico, hosted by the Finish Dental association 13 September, 2011 (Denmark, Norway, Finland, Estonia, Latvia).

2. Changes to national legislation affecting dentistry, including implementation of EU legislation

- As of 1 January, 2012 the amendments to Regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers **No 723 „Licensing Arrangements Regarding the Handling of Ionizing Radiation Sources”** come into force, the preparation of which was assisted by the ad hoc group of the Latvian Dental Association (LDA) throughout 2011.

3. Changes to funding of oral care

- In common with 2011, it is provided that also in 2012 work will be carried out on the change of the procedure according to which the state reimburses the treatment of children’s teeth. However, there are no improvements in this sphere yet.

4. Dental education, including undergraduate, vocational, specialties, CPD etc.

- 50% less government financed plans for undergraduate and specialists education in dentistry.

5. Dentist workforce and dental team issues

Ratio Dentists: Population (1:1524)

Dental Hygienists: Population (1:9873) (DH: Dentists ratio 1:7)

DH education model is “step by step” - Dental assistant (1 year educ.) or dental nurse 2 y. + 2 years at DH academic school Riga Stradins University.

In working out process is additional one year programme to have bachelors’ degree in oral health.

6. Lobbying activities by the association/chamber based on CED policy documents

- The work on the amendments to the Regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers „**The Control and Registration Procedure of Employees’ Irradiation**” is in progress. The amendments to Regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers No 219 of March 10, 2009 „**The Procedure of Compulsory Health Examination Performance**” Our ad hoc group participates in the elaboration of both regulations.
- The ad hoc group participated in the elaboration of the amendments to the Regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers „**Regulations on Health Care Institution Waste Management**”, which have been submitted to the Cabinet of Ministers for approval.
- The methodological explanations for the disinfection and sterilization of dentistry devices and

instruments have been elaborated along with the Infection Control and Hygiene Association.

Latvian Dental Association board

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