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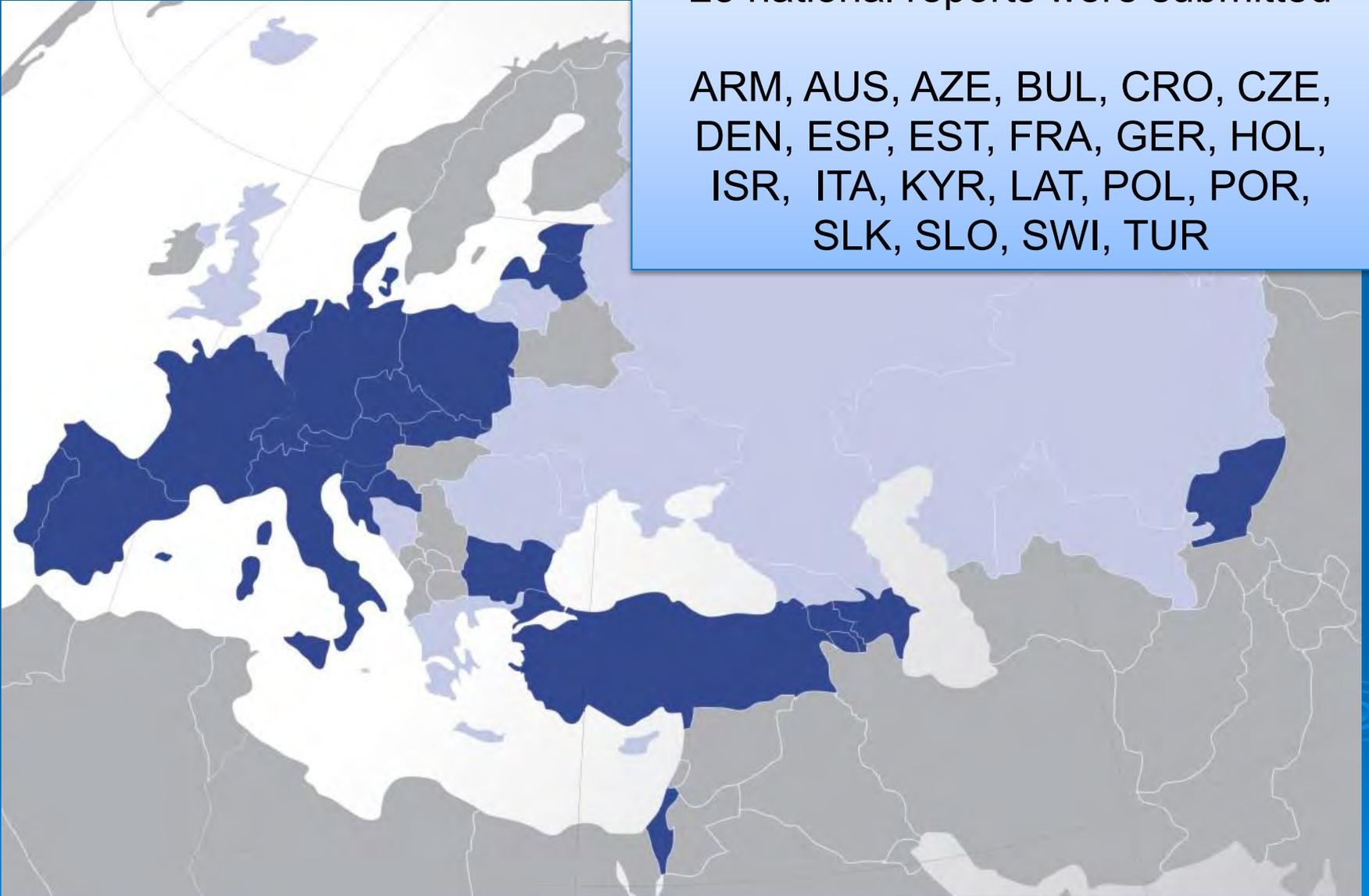
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23 national reports were submitted

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Organizational developments

Elections:

ARM, AUS, DEN, FRA, ISR, SLK

Croatian Dental Chamber:

- Since 2010 the registers dental technicians and since 1 January 2012 also dental assistants

Bulgarian Dental Association:

- Establishment of a Fund for Support of Members with Serious Health Problems

Professional matters

The cooperation of dentists with auxiliary professions and the question of the scope of their professional competences is an ongoing concern.

Austria – the Chamber succeeded in banning the dental technicians' desire to extend their competences

Spain – dental technicians continually claim their right to act directly in the patients' oral cavity

Professional matters

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Slovakia – training of dental technicians will only be available at university level (bachelor degree)

Poland – cooperation between dentists and technicians regarding the interpretation and application of the law on medical devices

Professional matters

In Armenia & in Spain – excessive number of dental students and dental schools (too many dental graduates in which leads to underemployment and unemployment among the professionals)

In Poland – a set of new laws affecting the exercise of the dental profession entered into force – resulted in particular in huge problems with issuing prescriptions for reimbursed products

In Turkey – new law precludes dentists employed in public facilities to take up additional private work

Professional matters

Continuing struggle of the dental profession in Israel against third parties (non professionals) setting up dental facilities

The French Competition Authority rejected complaints against dental organisations regarding direct sale of prostheses and use of tooth whitening products

Similar proceedings regarding alleged restriction of free competition are pending in Spain

Professional matters

The European Court of Justice delivered an important judgement in a case that came from Italy regarding fees for background music played in a dental practice

Series of changes in the Czech Republic regarding the laws on the licence to provide healthcare services

Dental education

In the Netherlands – dental studies extended to 6 years

In Germany – new licence regulations are expected which will result in updating the dental curriculum by orienting it more to medical issues, also the intake of students is to be lowered

In Poland - cancellation of the obligatory post-graduate internship for students commencing dental studies in 2012

Dental education

In France – additional dental specialties are formally recognized since April 2011 (oral surgery, oral medicine)

In Italy – success in stopping dental university education offered by a private university from Portugal

As in previous years, most of the reporting organizations indicate their active involvement in providing continuing education for dentists.

Insurance system

No major developments in the insurance systems
have been reported

Other information

Czech Republic

20th Anniversary of the Czech Dental Chamber

Estonia

90th Anniversary of the Estonian Dental Association

Switzerland

125th Anniversary of the Swiss Dental Association

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Other information

Poland

Conference „Stomatology 2011”

organized by the Chamber gathering large interest of media and public

Denmark

A major campaign to identify and track undiagnosed diabetics launched by Dental Association and Diabetes Association

Portugal

Dental Association defined the official scientific nomenclature for the dental profession

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**Thank you for your attention
and engagement
in the ERO-FDI activities**

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