

Regional European Organisation of the FDI

National Report

Country: Portugal

Association: Portuguese Dental Association

Venue: Porto - PDA

Year: 2012

Please classify your national report by following subjects:

I. Changes in the association and its organisation.

Portuguese Dental Association (PDA) created two new specialties Pediatric Dentistry and Periodontology.

II. Trends and developments:

- in professional politics;

The Portuguese Dental Association (PDA) recently defined the official scientific nomenclature for the profession and the adoption of the two-digit notation, in order to harmonize both clinical and professional language amongst professionals and several stakeholders.

- in health politics;

It was published, in Portugal, on 18th May 2011 the Directive for Electronic Prescription and the Prescription by International Common Denomination (ICD) were regulated (*Portaria n° 198/2011 de 18 de Maio*) for the national health services. The permanent PDA monitoring and intervention resulted in a more adequate legislation for dentists specific professional, providing some exceptions to the Directive, namely for does

prescribing less than 50 prescription/month. This technology framework allows that all medical practitioners to send prescriptions electronically instead of using handwritten in prescriptions.

- *in educational politics;*

The PDA continues to strengthen its commitment to continuous education (CE) reinforcing the CE program and the National Congress.

The PDA introduces a CE program with several courses free of charges for the members. Several educational leaflets were produced for the population to be distributed in the dentists' clinics.

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

The access for HIV patients was introduced in National Oral Health Program, "Cheque Dentista".

III. Further information (activities, concerns).

The PDA together with government institutions carried out several surveillance actions in order to identify illegal practice.

Facing the spread of dental bleaching practice in unqualified places, PDA stood a position together with the government institutions to clarify this issue amongst the population and defining the products that could be used by other professions.