

National Report

Country: Slovakia
Association: The Slovak Chamber of Dentists
Venue: ERO, Prague 2012

I. Changes in the association and its organization

The Slovak Chamber of Dentists registers 3248 dentists, from those are 1973 women (62%) and 1275 (38%) men .

In the own private office there are 2495 dentists (76%), 579 (24%) dentists work as employees either in these private practices or in the state institutions. For the period from 01.01.2011 to 16.02.2012 – in total 9 Certificates of good standing have been issued.

A new Board and Council of the Slovak Chamber of Dentists has been elected as from November, 2011. The new elected Vice-Presidents are: Dr. Moravčík and Dr. Ursíny.

New Council has established new Committees and their chairmen/women as from December, 2011. The Foreign Affairs Committee members are: Dr. Gašič, Dr. Ursíny and Dr. Dianišková (Chairwoman).

II. Trends and developments in politics

The Chamber is in negotiating at creation of the new form of health documentation (patients records), which should be in use from 2012. New governmental election should be in Slovakia in March 2012. We expected a new Minister of Health to be voted.

Trends and developments in educational politics

The high school education of Dental technicians has been abolished, from this year only University education (bachelor grade) for Dental technician is possible.

There has been opened a new study for Dental assistants at Higher school for medical professionals.

Still too little governmental support to the University education in Dentistry studies, in sense of low wages for lecturers, too few teachers, and not sufficient material and technical equipment of the

III. Changes in the insurance system

There are still 3 insurance companies in 2012 at the market. No co-insurance or private insurance for dental services yet.

Changes in fees

No significant changes in payments.

Still low payments for dental services, especially for dentures from the insurance companies.

V. Further new information

The new 5 year continuing education period has been started, mandatory for all practising dentists.