

NATIONAL REPORT 2012

Country: Switzerland
Organisation: Swiss Dental Association SSO
Meetings: ERO Meeting of April 27th/28th 2012 in Prague
CED Meeting of May 11th/12th 2012 in Copenhagen

Switzerland is still object of an intense immigration of dentists from the European Union. More than 3'000 diplomas from dentists have been recognized by the Swiss authorities!

I. Changes in the National Association and their structures

The year 2011 was for the Swiss Dental Association SSO very special, as the Association could commemorate his 125 years jubilee.

II. Trends and developments

- Immigration of dentists from the European Union

The free circulation of persons entered into force to Switzerland on June 1st 2002. Until the end of the year 2011 there was a massy increase onto 5196 dentists practicing in Switzerland. More than 3'000 dentists of the European Union have been recognized by the Swiss authorities.

- Revision of the statute of health insurance

The Swiss parliament has decided to change the Swiss statute of the health insurance by promoting a managed care system. The SSO and other organisations from the medical field regard the revision as an institution restricting the free choice of his doctor or dentist. The liberal profession of doctors and dentists will be restricted. The SSO has supported the referendum against this revision and the vote of the changes of the statute will be decided a popular decision in June 2012.

- Unique health insurance company?

The socialist party and the greens are collecting signatures for an initiative to create a unique health insurance institution. This brings the health insurances to a national health system, which is not in the interest of the free dental profession and the SSO will be against this initiative.

- Adaption of the social security tariff

The adaptation of the tariff for dental services for patients of the social security is still pending. Unfortunately we don't see much of movements.

- Hygienic controls

Based on the revised statute about medical devices, the cantons are charged to organize the hygienic controls in the dental practices. The responsible authorities have to establish a protocol of the control which shall be applied throughout Switzerland.

III. Further information :

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