

Regional European Organisation of the FDI

NATIONAL REPORT

Country: ARMENIA

Association: The ARMENIAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION

Venue: Year: 2017

Changes

-Following the death of ADA President Dr Asot GEVORGYAN,

Prof Dr. Lazar YESSAYAN has been elected as the New President and Prof. Dr. Bedros YAVRU-SAKUK as the Chairman of the ADA Foreign Relations.

The Acting Board of Directors of the ADA has remained the same.

Trends and developments:

In professional politics: Immediate Re-groupment and Re-unification of distant members has been initiated as well as the formation of the new working groups based on the example of the FDI...e.g. WG Quality, WG Dental Practice, WG. Science....

In health and social politics: New Efforts to Stress the importance of Oral Health for General Health.

In educational politics: Review of the list of the Continuing Education Courses, Addition of New Courses done

In the insurance system: Government subsidized Dental Coverage exists however tariffs should be revised and increased according to the inflation. Private Dental Insurance exists but being too expensive, it is not affordable for the majority of the population.

In dental care for persons applying for asylum or refugees: Creation of a WG of Voluntary Dentists ready to treat for free without Any Discrimination ALL accepted Asylum people and Refugees.

Migration:

Of dentists: Many dentists migrate to foreign countries. Due to the overproduction of dentists from Universities and lack of needed number of patients for all dentists.

Of persons applying for asylum or refugees: High number of Asylum seeking needy people and Refugees. The problem has been solved by the Formation of Local Voluntary Dentists Groups In All Regions, Counties, Cities and Villages, ready to Treat for Free, these truly needy and suffering adults and children.

Changes in fees: Fees slightly increased 10% (based on tariffs dating 10 years ago) but Not Enough....

Information regarding promotion of the World Oral Health Day:

- Preparation, Printing and Distribution of educational Flyers on the Importance of Daily Oral Hygiene and Regular Dental Check-Ups to catch and treat in time any dental problem.

- National TV Advertisements, for the same purposes, based on the Principle that Prevention is More Important than Treatments

Further information (activities): Evaluating Quality of treatments in Government Dental Clinics as Well as Private Ones and Decide Ways and Means to Improve it.

What are your 3 main concerns?

- The high number of newly graduates dentists from the State as Well as Private Universities.

- A New Law forcing ALL Dentists to provide All Medical and Dental data of the patients to the Centralized Health Ministry Centre. The Dentists and the Patients of Armenia are completely against this requirement.

- To provide dental care in the most underserved areas of Armenia.

3 Points that you would like to discuss:

- Possibility of writing a letter from ERO to the Health Ministry of Armenia explaining the need for a controlled number of new dental graduates per year.
- Sharing the European Therapeutic as well as Prosthodontics Protocols Manuals among All ERO Member Countries
- Existence / Possibility of Equivalency of Dental Diplomas and Licenses Among European Countries.