



Regional European Organisation of the FDI

National Report

Country: Cyprus

Association: Cyprus Dental Association

Venue: Salzburg - Austria

Year: 2018

Please classify your national report by following subjects:

Changes

in the association and its organisation

Current members for the Council of the Association were elected on February 2016 (for 2016-18):. President: Vrassidas Philippides, Vice President: Nicos Papadopoulos, Secretary General: Savvas Christofides, Treasurer: Antonis Antoniou.

Members: Avraam Kyriakides, Pantelis Komodromos, Ioanna Orfanou, Christiana Pilava, Nicos Kalamaras, Sotiris Papapetrou, Lelia Satsia-Demetriou, Zoi Nicolaou, Paraskevas Paraskeva, Xenia Papastylianou, Christakis Tselepos, Eleni Attiki, Niki Kouzoupou, Marios Zosimas, Xenakis Kyriakides, Sofia Tyrimou, Christos Samaras, Marina Kalli-Christodoulou, Pavlos Papageorgiou.

Trends and developments:

in professional politics

Since 2012, the Cyprus Dental Association (CDA) has implemented a Programme of Continuing Professional Development of Dentists (CPDD). With this programme, Dentists must accumulate a minimum of 45 Modules of Education (ME) in a period of 3 years (with a minimum of 15 ME/year).

in health and social politics

None

in educational politics

One private Dental School started in the 2017-18 academic year with 23 students.

In general, the Registered Dentists practising in Cyprus have graduated abroad (mainly from dental schools in Greece and other European Universities).

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

A General Health Insurance Scheme (GHIS) has not been implemented yet. It is re-scheduled for introduction in 2019. Dental care in the GHIS is planned to start in June 2020 and will provide preventive dental care for all the population. Second-degree and third-degree dental care will only be provided to "special groups" of the population.

in dental care for persons applying for asylum or refugees

Asylum or refugees are considered "special groups" and receive dental care in public hospitals.

Migration:

of dentists: problems and possible solutions

of persons applying for asylum or refugees: problems and solutions in dental care.



Changes in fees:

No change.

Information regarding promotion of the World Oral Health Day:

- A 30-seconds video clip produced by the Cyprus Dental Association was transmitted on the national TV channels/radios and Social Media for one week before and during 20 March.
- Main advantages of good oral health care message was sent to Ministry of Education in order to be read on the occasion of WOHD
- A free oral exam for everybody was given by the private dentists in their practices for the whole week 19-23 March 2018 (during working hours). Public dentists in mobile units (outside hospitals) gave free oral exams for the day of 20 March.
- Press conference held on WOHD for journalists and dentists;
- WOHD poster in Greek and WOHD video clip in English are posted on the CDA webpage and facebook page;
- Articles about the WOHD were sent to all printed media;
- Dentists are invited to national and local Tv and radio stations to talk about WOHD

Further information (activities):

Due to the decision of Eurogroup in March 2013 and the subsequent bail-in that was imposed in the two major banks in Cyprus the dental profession has seen a major change in the daily routine. Less patients seek dental care, and when they do they are mostly focused in pain relief or minor treatments. The dental professionals have seen a huge reduction in monthly income and a rise in monthly cost due to obligations. There is a concern (due to the changes mentioned above and the high rising number of dentists in Cyprus (currently over 900 in a population of 862,000) that there will be a reduction of quality provided to patients, since the major criterion for patients to decide which dentist to visit and what treatment will be performed, is now the cost.

Due to the growing number of dentists (and saturation of the profession), the Cyprus Dental Association is currently trying to collect data concerning the actual need for dentists in Cyprus. The aim is to realistically inform prospective dental students in order to make an informed decision about their professional future.

What are your 3 main concerns?

- Illegal practise of Dentistry
- Growing obligations/expenses for Dentists (every year x-ray machine check control, lobbying of companies in medical waste collection, Data protection expenses, amalgam separators obligation, etc)
- Dental assistants/hygienist/technicians growing presence

3 points you would like to discuss

- Possible ways of (national and European) limitation of the production of Dentists
- Growing obligations/expenses for Dentists
- Illegal practice by non-Dentists