

## ***Regional European Organisation of the FDI***

### ***National Report***

**Country:** Italy  
**Association:** Associazione Nazionale Dentisti Italiani  
**Venue:** Salzburg  
**Year:** 2018

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#### ***Changes***

**July 2017** saw the ANDI Members exceeded the threshold of 25,000. Elections for the new ANDI National Board will be held in **May 2018**. There will be some changes because the current President, dr Gianfranco Prada, being at the end of his second term, cannot be re-elected.

#### ***Trends and developments:***

##### ***November 2017 –***

##### **Fair remuneration for professionals. An important step forward for Dentistry too.**

The Senate Budget Committee approved an amendment to the Fiscal Decree, supported by Confprofessioni and by Andi, regarding the recognition of the fair compensation for Professionals. The protection sets a minimum level, under which one cannot go, and has been now extended to all professions.

ANDI is studying its downfall on our profession: it could be a fundamental means of protection, especially for dentists working in large healthcare facilities and in dental chains.

##### ***August 2017 –***

After more than thirty months of discussion, the Competition Law has been finally approved, but Parliament lost the opportunity to properly regulate the practice of dentistry

In fact, the debate on the amendments - resubmitted thanks to the action of ANDI - to regulate correctly the practice of dentistry by the companies did not take place.

The text of the law at paragraphs 153,154,155.156 deals with dentistry, leaving open the controversial possibility, as has happened up to now, to let capital entry into a profession protected and regulated as ours. The only substantial change required by law is the obligation for companies to have a medical director enrolled in the Register of Dentists, who can only perform his function in a single structure.

ANDI will then continue the action to combat commercial companies, because of the discrimination of dentistry compared to other professions, and also because the Ministry of Economic Development recently reiterated that the only context in which it is possible to exercise regulated professions in an 'order system' is the one of the Society of Professionals.

**November 23** - The State-Regions Conference gave a positive opinion to the profile of the Assistant of the Dental Practice (ASO) proposed by the Ministry of Health after a series of steps and comparisons with the Regions.

The training of the ASO is the responsibility of the Regions that should plan the courses and authorize the accredited training institutions. ANDI will activate as soon as possible proper steps to offer the Regions the training experience developed over the years by many ANDI provincial sections in terms of ASO training, proposing itself as a partner to organize the courses.

The total length of the training cannot be less than 700 hours, divided into 300 hours of theory and practical exercises and 400 hours of training. The training course lasts no longer than 12 months with four disciplinary areas: socio-cultural, legislative and organizational area; hygienic-sanitary area; technical-operational area; relational area.

Attendance to the course is compulsory and those who attended no less than 90% of the scheduled hours can take the final exam, consisting of a theoretical and a practical test to obtain the Certificate. The ASO must then follow compulsory professional refresher courses lasting at least 10 hours each year, these can also be provided directly by the individual ANDI Sections.

The text will become operative through a decree of the President of the Council of Ministers, which for the time being has not been issued yet.

### **September 13**

The Ministry of Health presented the revision of the Clinical Recommendations in odontostomatology. A work carried out in accordance with and supported by the professional world and the scientific community of the sector, including ANDI. The aim of the document is the definition of national technical addresses both of a clinical nature and of the appropriate use, in the dental field, of equipment and materials. In addition, the document gives indications on how to avoid the provision of health care of unacceptable quality, so as to prevent consequent risks to health. Among the novelties of this edition, in addition to the clinical and technical updates that have become necessary with the evolution of the profession and scientific research, two new aspects have been inserted: communication and digital prosthetic dentistry.

Training expenses: Thanks to an ANDI amendment, also stay and travel are fully deductible.

With the definitive approval of the Decree Job Act for self-employment, dentists too will be able to fully deduct the expenses incurred for professional updating (with a ceiling of 10 thousand euros) but also the expenses incurred for travel and stay, the latter initially excluded from the norm.

## *Information regarding promotion of the World Oral Health Day:*

ANDI Foundation, like last year, is translating and adapting the FDI international campaign materials into Italian language. It is a poster and a brochure, plus a second poster, as it becomes available, dedicated to children and teens.

Two events are scheduled:

**Saturday 17 March** in Monza: there will be a joint initiative by the local ANDI section, with the association Villa Brivio and in collaboration with the Order of Physicians and Surgeons of the Monza and Brianza section.

The first half day includes a meeting between the population and dentists and doctors. WOHD flyers will be distributed and the importance of the relationship between oral and organ health will be reiterated as well as the link between communicable and non-communicable diseases.

The ANDI Foundation will present videos on the simplest and most effective methods of personal oral hygiene, while dentists assisted by colleagues in the order will give the necessary advices.

In the second half of the day a conference will be held on the importance of nutrition, oral hygiene, relationships with the general state of health and related diseases.

Tuesday, **March 20 in Rome**, ANDI Foundation and ANDI will organize a meeting at the Enpam headquarters and welcome schoolchildren to whom the materials produced will be handed. There will be also a number of speakers explaining the school about the importance of oral health and prevention.

## *Further information (activities):*

ANDI has had the usual activities in scientific, preventive, associative fields both a local than national level: among the most important ones are:

**15-16 September 2017**, Riccione - 62° National Scientific Congress: two days lectures, meetings and confrontation on clinical themes with a marked "practical" approach and addressed to "professional practice". It has been a successful opportunity for scientific updating thanks to the presence of top-level speakers who have made it possible to provide, in the light of new technologies and new materials, all the scientific innovations relevant to our profession. The ANDI Young Congress 2017, held in the same days and venue, took the opportunity to present in an important showcase to underline how ANDI points on young dentists and how the Association wants to give colleagues the necessary support to start the profession. Under this point of view is the release, few weeks later, of the fifth book of the series dedicated to ANDI Young members, titled "Diagnosis and treatment of dental pain in urgency "

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**October 2017 – Month of Prevention:** An initiative promoted and organized by ANDI, in collaboration with Mentadent, to inform Italian citizens about the importance of oral health: to date, the Month of Dental Prevention is the only dental prevention program active throughout the country.

Since 1980, every year in October, thanks to the collaboration of ANDI dentists, it is possible for all citizens to carry out a free annual check-up visit, an important opportunity to assess the oral health status of the whole family and receive ad hoc advice for all the components.

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**Oral Cancer Day**, the annual oral cancer prevention event, has reached its 11th edition this year.

Volunteer dentists met citizens in some Italian squares and informed about the importance of proper oral hygiene, healthy lifestyles and screening activities. After the event, the studies of participating dentists were available for a month of free follow-up visits, **from May 15th to June 16th**.

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**17 February 2018** - COI AIOG, ANDI, ANDI Foundation, SIOH, with the support of UNIDI, and with the sponsorship of CAO Nazionale, presented the project of Dental Medicine which develops aspects of the dental treatment of fragile patients suffering from systemic diseases, entitled "Dentistry in frail subjects and in patients with systemic diseases".

The project stems from the need to deepen, and develop, the aspects of dental treatment of and in vulnerable patients, and in those who suffer from systemic diseases.

The Project, having clear the ethical and deontological principles, will be divided into several workshops.

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