

Regional European Organisation of the FDI

National Report

Country: Portugal

Association: Ordem dos Médicos Dentistas – Portuguese Dental Association

Venue: ***Year:*** 2017

Please classify your national report by following subjects:

Changes

In 2017, under PDA's new statutes, the revision of this association's Registration Regulation was discussed.

Under PDA's new statutes a General Council is now part of the governing bodies and its President, Paulo Ribeiro de Melo, was reelected in March.

Trends and developments: in professional politics

The first specialists in periodontology and paediatric dentistry were identified after a process of that included the curriculum analysis and clinical cases public presentation. The ceremony for the award of Specialist title in oral surgery, periodontology and paediatric dentistry was held in November 2017.

in health and social politics

In 2017 PDA published the results of the Oral Health Barometer, a useful tool to analyse oral health status of the Portuguese population and the access to oral healthcare.

PDA also published a study concerning employability among dentists including the younger ones. With this study PDA can trace a profile of its members, as well as their motivations, expectations, worries and perceptions.

in educational politics

In a moment in which dental medicine students are preparing to finalize their studies, PDA, for the seventh consecutive year, has visited the seven institutions that teach the course, with the objective of informing future professionals about how PDA works and important issues for their practice of dentistry in Portugal.

During these sessions, the students have a first chance to contact what will soon be their professional association.

PDA has reinforced its continuous professional education programme, nationwide, under the framework of hands-on courses organised by PDA, together with the ongoing commitment to PDA's annual congress.

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

In 2017, the Ministry of Health, with PDA's collaboration continued to broaden the access to public oral healthcare with dentists in more primary health care services.

In addition, the Early Intervention Programme for Oral Cancer (PIPICO) was implemented in the Autonomous Region of Madeira.

in dental care for persons applying for asylum or refugees

PDA is one of the entities participating in the project developed by the former President of the Portuguese Republic, Jorge Sampaio, designated Global Academic Emergency Assistance Programme for Syrian Students. This programme consists of the award of scholarships to Syrian university students, thus creating conditions for these students to proceed with their studies in Portugal and one day be apt to return to their country and contribute to its reconstruction.

PDA has contributed to this programme in sense of referring these students with urgent dental needs to Portuguese dentists pro bono.

Migration:

of dentists: problems and possible solutions

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

Changes in fees:

N/A

Information regarding promotion of the World Oral Health Day:

Promotion of the World Oral Health Day was disseminated through Portuguese media and social networks, with significant participation of PDA.

Further information (activities):

What are your 3 main concerns?

3 points you would like to discuss