

Regional European Organisation of the FDI

National Report

Country: Slovakia

Association: Slovak Chamber of Dentists

Venue: ERO, Salzburg

Year: 2017

Changes in the association and its organisation

The Slovak Chamber of Dentists registers 2,870 active practising members, of which 1,114 are women and 1,747 are men.

2,262 dentists work in their own private practice, 599 dentists work as employees in these private practices. From 1.1.2017 to 31.1.2017 – 6 Certificates of Good Standing in total have been issued.

No other changes were implemented in the Slovak Chamber of Dentists for this period.

Trends and developments in professional, health and social politics:

One of the legislative changes that have affected the field of dentistry is passing of amendments to Act No. 355/2007 Coll. - Issues of the occupational health service - dentists will be able to continue performing work health services for their employees by themselves, without the need for external companies.

The main purpose of Dental-medical emergency service is to provide healthcare service in public interest out of office hours of common providers. Even though is dental-medical emergency operated by concrete licence holder, it is realized by dental practitioners of common providers of dental medical services. Common providers need to send their dental practitioners and, in many cases, also nurses to serve dental-medical emergency in the space of the holder of licence. In the sense of the new legislation effective since 1st July 2018 the common providers will not need to send their nurses. The next change is that they will not serve continuously as it is now (although it is not respected in reality even today) but during working days only within office hours approved by the Self-Governing Region as competent authority and at least 4 hours during weekends and days off.

In the insurance system - as of 2010, three health insurance companies operating on the market, one state-owned and two privately owned. No co-insurance or private insurance for dental services yet.

Slovak Chamber of Dentists has not registered any problems in dental care for persons applying for asylum or refugees yet.

Changes in fees: no significant changes in payments

Information regarding promotion of the World Oral Health Day:

On the occasion of the World Oral Health Day, the Slovak Chamber of Dentists organizes an all-day conference under the motto "Think Mouth, Think Health". WOHD 2018 lectures are focused on diabetes and related changes and oral problems in diabetes, oral hygiene in diabetes patients and others. A large part of the conference focuses on the preventive programme of elementary school pupils (teenagers). Some media for professional and general public has dedicate to promote the WOHD 2018.

Further information (activities):

Slovak Chamber of Dentists organizes the largest national congress of international significance - Slovak Dental Days 2018 from 11th to 13th October 2018, which will be held under the auspices of the Minister of Health of the Slovak Republic and of the FDI.

The Congress is organizing in cooperation with the Slovak Association of Dental Students and the Slovak Chamber of Nurses and Midwives. We perceive positively the increasing interest of both congress participants and foreign lecturers whose number growth every year. Last year, 221 dentists, 56 dental students and 216 nurses and dental hygienists attended the SDD.

The accompanying program of the Congress will be the 3rd Annual Dental Expo - Presentation of news in Dental Medicine, Dentistry and other professional workshops.

What are your 3 main concerns?

- a) Tasing down the use of amalgam and what are its alternatives
- b) Reinstatement of compulsory membership in professional chambers
- c) Reconciliation the policy of recognizing diplomas from third countries

3 points you would like to discuss

- a) The mandatory introduction of eHealth in dental clinics from 1.1.2018 – best practices, experience so far

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