



Regional European Organisation of the FDI

National Report

Country: Germany

Association: Bundeszahnärztekammer/German Dental Association

Venue: Tbilisi/Georgien

Year: 2015

Please classify your national report by following subjects:

I. Changes in the association and its organisation.

The health insurance system

There is an urgent need to reform the German healthcare system. The dental profession believes that this vital healthcare reform should aim for a moderate yet targeted evolution of the dual healthcare system (comprising statutory and private schemes) in terms of health insurance, treatment and reimbursement. Statutory health insurance must create a healthcare system which guarantees equal treatment across all generations, whilst private health insurance must offer a social and competitive healthcare system.

II. Trends and developments:

Dental treatment for people in care and for people with special needs

In summer 2014 a working group was launched to improve the point of single contact "EA 2.0" of which the BZÄK was also involved. The EA was set up in the implementation of the Services- and Professional Qualification Directive.

Dental education and training, including undergraduate, vocational, specialist and CPD level education and training etc.

The long awaited amendment of the Licensing Regulations for Dentists (Approbationsordnung) has unfortunately not yet been approved due to opposition from the German Federal States. There is an urgent need to update the dental curriculum to foster

closer ties with medicine studies in the first years of university education and to reduce the sizes of groups for clinical training.

Educational Training

The contents of dental education were described in a national catalogue of Learning Objectives in Dentistry (NKLZ). Universities and dental associations were involved in its drafting. The NKLZ shall be adopted together with the National Catalogue of Learning Objectives in Medicine in 2015.

Dental assistants and dental teams

The BZÄK wants to develop the education of the dental assistance personnel. The principle “Delegation yes – Substitution No” is fundamental. The dentist is and remains the contact person of all matters of oral health.

Registered dental assistants can qualify for dental specialist, dental administrative assistant, dental assistant or hygienist prophylaxis assistant. The German Dental Association (BZÄK) coordinates an update of the EU training scheme accordingly to the requirements of the European Qualification Framework (EQF). Completion is expected in early 2015.

III. Further information (activities, concerns).

Association / chambers' lobbying activities within the political aspect of the CED

The BZÄK organises an annual European Day between Brussels and Berlin on a yearly basis. This event raises awareness of European issues and how they interact with national policies among the dental profession and other interested parties. At the same time, the European Day format reflects our desire to recognise the growing importance of European policy in and for Germany whilst also ensuring that our interest in European developments is noted.

The next European day will take place in Brussels on 16 September 2015. Presumable topic is the transparency exercise.

Additionally an evening event is foreseen between the German Dental Association (BZÄK), German Members of the European Parliaments and German officials of the European Commission mid Mai 2015. Beyond this BZÄK had several meetings with German MEPs and German MP on European dossiers during the reporting period.

FDI in Bangkok – 2015 – German Evening

In cooperation with the Association of German Dental Manufacturers (Verband der Deutschen Dentalindustrie – VDDI), the BZÄK cordially invites in a future personal invitation to a German Evening as part of the FDI Congress 2015 in Bangkok. This event takes place on Wednesday, 23rd September 2015.