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Association: HELLENIC DENTAL ASSOCIATION

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1. Changes in the association and its organisation

- ✓ The Hellenic Dental Association will conduct elections (May 2015) for the election of the new Members of its Council for the term 2015-2018.

2. Trends and developments:

A. In professional politics:

✓ In accordance with Law 4272/2014, co-location of dental practices is allowed with: beauty parlours, slimming diet or weight loss centers, nutrition centers, offices of speech-and-language Therapists, offices of occupational Therapists, offices of Psychologists. However, co-location of dental practices and dental laboratories technicians is not permitted.

✓ In accordance with Laws 4025/2011 and 4316/2014, the Hellenic Dental Association will be the competent authority for the granting of licence to practise Dentistry (starting on May 1st, 2015).

✓ As provided for in Articles 35-37 of Law 4316/2014, the Regional Dental Societies will be responsible for the granting, withdrawal and renewal of special authorization of ionizing radiation laboratories, defined by the Law as "X-dental" category.

B. in health politics:

- ✓ After the official announcement of the programme statements of the newly-elected Greek Government, the Council of the Hellenic Dental Association had a meeting with the new Administration of the National Ministry of Health. The members of the Council presented the problems and concerns of the dental community to the new Deputy Minister for Health who was committed to working closely with the Hellenic Dental Association.

C. in educational politics:

- ✓ Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery is not currently a Dental specialty in Greece as it used to be up till 2014; presently it is a Medical Specialty.
- ✓ A new Specialty (Oral Surgery) is under discussion.

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

- ✓ The Hellenic Dental Association has not yet reached an agreement with the central health provider (ΕΟΠΥΥ) -which covers approximately 98% of the population- for the dental healthcare covering of the insured citizens.

D. Further information (activities, concerns)

- ✓ Due to the fiscal and economic crisis, the migration stream of young dentists, who are seeking employment abroad, keeps increasing at a constantly alarming rate. This brain-drain remained, presently as well as in 2014, one of the many tragic consequences of the social economic crisis and the prolonged recession that have affected Greece.
- ✓ **WORLD ORAL HEALTH DAY- CELEBRATION:**

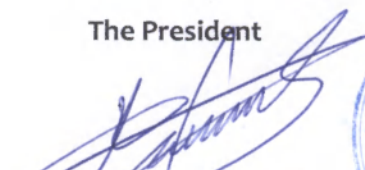
For the promotion of the World Oral Health Day -20th March- the Hellenic Dental Association has posted on its official website the logo and posters and has issued a press release.

We have addressed letters to the National Ministries of Health and Education requesting support for the promotion of the day.

We have communicated with our 52 Regional Dental Societies urging them to promote the day on a local level.

For the Hellenic Dental Association

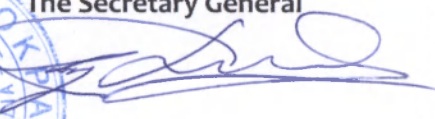
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