

# Regional European Organisation of the FDI

## National Report

**Country: ITALY**

**Association: ASSOCIAZIONE NAZIONALE DENTISTI ITALIANI**

**Venue: TBILISI, GEORGIA                      Year: 2015**

### I. Changes in the association and its organisation.

In May 2014 the election for the National Presidency and Board of ANDI saw the confirm of the outgoing positions: President, dr Gianfranco Prada, and the Board will be in charge in the period 2014-2017.

### II. Trends and developments:

- in professional politics;
- in health politics;
- in educational politics;
- in the insurance system (incl. the public health insurance and private insurance schemes).

#### Law of Stability, 2015

Main fiscal measures of interest are contained in the "Stability Law" (Law 23.12.2014 No. 190, published in the Official Gazette of 29.12.2014) entered into force on 1 January 2015. Some of these measures may affect the management of the dental profession.

#### ANDI for Integrative health

To meet the needs of patients and help ensure that oral health is safeguarded, ANDI and Cadiprof have signed on feb.13<sup>th</sup>, the agreement "Dentist for the family" in order to ensure employees - and their families - of professional studies, quality dental treatments by continuing to consult their own ANDI dentist. The agreement covers all workers of professional studies, and then the employees of the studies of lawyers, notaries, accountants, employment consultants, doctors, veterinarians, architects, engineers, etc., enrolled with their families in Cadiprof (a total of about 350 thousand).

The project "Dentist for the family" stands as the main objective of promoting and supporting, beyond the culture of oral health, the optimization of the

cost-benefit and cost-effectiveness of dental treatment also integrating and expanding dental treatment already offered by Cadiprof with treatments of orthodontics and implantology.

#### **ACTIVITIES OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH:**

##### **Ministry of Health's Technical Group concerning dentistry**

It met for the last time on January 15<sup>th</sup> 2015 and now it should be renamed. The goal of the Group, established in 2012, was to produce guidance documents in the field of oral health and on all related problems.

These, in brief, the activities of the Technical Group in 2014:

- Drafting of the document "National Guidelines for the prevention and treatment of dental obstructive sleep apnea".
- Drafting of the document "National Guidelines for the promotion of oral health in the perinatal age".
- Clinical Recommendations in Dentistry.
- Review of the document "Guidelines for the national oral health promotion and prevention of oral disease in adults".
- Drafting of the document "Guidelines for the promotion of oral health in secondary schools".
- Drafting of the document "Ethical and legal communication in dentistry".

##### **7<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Medical Devices**

The conference was held in Rome on December 18-19, 2015. Among the speakers, On. Beatrice Lorenzin, the Italian Minister of Health and Ms Sabine Lercrenier, Head of the section responsible for medical devices in the European Commission. The latter gave an update on the proposal of the new European regulation that is currently under discussion in the Council.

### **III. Further information (ANDI activities).**

#### **Adopt a smile of a child" Project**

The project of the ANDI Onlus Foundation is proceeding successfully. The project deals with the prevention and treatment of oral health of children in foster care with a family or a residential community. Young patients with difficult stories that, thanks to custody, they get an answer to their needs for attention and affection. Many ANDI members participate in this initiative, which is already active in the provinces of Teramo, Milan, Massa-Carrara, Pisa, Trieste and Terni.

#### **Working Group concerning the Legionella disease**

ANDI has established this WG, in order to give a clear info to avoid 'criminalizing' the dental practice. Ahead of the recent events, which have again brought a dental practice in the spotlight on the risk Legionella, ANDI has decided to activate a working group on the topic. The problem of Legionella is inherent in everyday life but is not a priority in dentistry although sometimes the dental practice has been associated with alleged cases of infection.

The risks of infection are minimal, so ANDI have to make clear to the institutions but also to the media that very often the dentists are the potential infected and not the spreaders of this disease. The objective of the Working Group will be to underline the activities taken, given the lack of specific rules, to prevent the risk of infection, both for the dentists and patients alike and to define clearly the percentage of the risk.

### **First practical courses "Helping to save lives"**

38 Colleagues of 149 members have passed the theoretical part of the first training course on emergency management within medical dental practice. In collaboration with their respective ANDI provincial sections, they will be among the first ANDI members, tentatively in early February 2015, to be able to deal with the use of dummies and defibrillators, under the guidance of experienced and qualified instructors.

Dentists and members of the dental team, thanks to the project "We help save lives - in memory of Claudia Braga", can now acquire and implement the skills necessary to implement emergency health interventions, such as cardiopulmonary resuscitation and unblocking the respiratory tract, along with an appropriate use of the defibrillator.

At the end of the course, a certification valid throughout the country will be delivered to all participants, dentists and their team, and a license AHA (American Heart Association), valid internationally, of health professional or layperson BLS-D / D-PBLS capable for such operations.

### **Month of Dental Prevention**

The 34th edition of Month of Dental Prevention was held in October 2014, an event that, over the years, has given rise to various prevention projects, highlighting the central role and purposeful that our Association has always played in the Italian dental panorama.

The first change is the significant visibility to ANDI and its Associates given in the television and radio campaigns dedicated to the initiative, as well as support activities by the press offices at launch and in subsequent periods. Spots will invite the public to join the project: first, to make a free visit at the studios ANDI members and then program a correct preventive path, at pre-defined tariffs, if the dentist deems it necessary.

This MDP 2014, differently from the previous editions, will have a second leg of activity in March 2015.