

# Regional European Organisation of the FDI

## National Report

**Country: Portugal**

**Association: Ordem dos Médicos Dentistas (Portuguese Dental Association)**

**Venue:**

**Year:**

Please classify your national report by following subjects:

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

By law, the Portuguese Dental Association (PDA) was obliged to present a new project for the regulation of its activity (statutes). The project is now being discussed by the Government and then the Parliament.

### 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).

The Portuguese Dental Association (PDA) presented the first Oral Health Barometer in Portugal last November 7<sup>th</sup>, during its Annual Congress. It is an absolutely unprecedented document with statistical validity allowing, for the first time, to draw important conclusions about Oral Health habits of the Portuguese population, what they think of it and how they choose their dentists.

PDA in association with the Directorate-General of Health (DGS), created the publication "Intervenção Precoce no Cancro Oral", under the framework of the new oral cancer program, which is integrated in the National Oral Health Program

- "Cheque-Dentista" (Dentist Voucher). The publication was distributed to 8200 dentists and more than 6000 family Doctors.

### III. Further information (activities, concerns).

PDA continues to strengthen its commitment to continuous education (CE) reinforcing the CE program and the National Congress.

PDA will organize a public meeting to celebrate World Oral Health Day - 20<sup>th</sup> March.