



Changes in the association and its organisations

BELGIUM

The Flemish Dental Association elected Philippe Decrook as new president. Stefaan Hanson retired as executive director having completed this mandate for 21 years.

BULGARIA

Dr. Borislav Milanov was re-elected president; Dr. Nikolai Sharkov was elected Secretary General of Bulgarian dental association.

ESTONIA

Two new boardmembers have been incorporated: Dr. Martin Martma and Dr. Eva Vakra.

ITALY

In ANDI (Associazione nazionale dentist italiana) president Dr. Gianfranco Prada and the board were re-elected.

Poland

2014 marked the 25th anniversary of reestablishment of the chamber of physicians and dental practitioners of Poland.

Switzerland

Dr. Beat Wäckerle was elected president of SSO.

SPAIN

Elected a new board around president Dr. Oscar CASTRO REINO

TURKEY

The current Board with president Prof. Dr.Taner Yücel will continue to serve until the period determined by a new law.

Trends and developments in professional politics

Austrian parliament introduced a new law, which guarantees free orthodontic treatment for everyone but according to the budget of 80 million Euros, there will be a free treatment only for children with IOTN grades 4 and 5 only.

In Belgium, there are problems with the workforce planning as French-speaking universities accept 5 times more students than the federal government planning.

The French national dental council confirms the significant increase in the number of holders of foreign graduates practicing in France
Almost 35% of the first registered were graduates outside France.

In Germany, the long awaited amendment of the Licensing regulations has not yet been approved.

Greece: In accordance with law, the co-location of dental offices is allowed with beauty parlours, slimming diet or weight loss centres, nutrition centres and so on. The Hellenic Dental Association will be the competent authority for the granting of licence to practise dentistry.

In Italy, the Law of Stability entered into force, containing main fiscal measures of interest.

The Israel dental association continues to struggle against commercial organisations to open dental clinics and provide non-ethical treatments on patients.

The Polish chamber is involved in the transposition of the revised directive of recognition of professional qualifications and the directive on the application of patients' rights in cross border healthcare.

Since January this year, every dental practitioner in individual practice will have to use a fiscal cash register when the patient pays a service.

The Portugal dental association presented the first Oral health barometer in Portugal.

Switzerland: The immigration of dentists from the EU is still very important. At the end of 2014, 4187 the Swiss authorities have recognized diplomas of dentists.

Spanish dental association fights against unauthorized practice of the profession by dental technicians. There is still a plethora of dental professionals and it is possible to detect more and more advertising campaigns, which are extremely aggressive.

In Turkey, the Ministry of health tried to continue to increase the employment of dentists in public sector. The Social Security Institution of Turkey, showing the economic conditions as reason, stated that public should not get services from private dental clinics

Health politics

In Azerbaijan public dental clinics were privatized.

In France the draft health bill was presented in late 2014 by the Minister of health. It is perceived as a means for the state to regain control over health and raises a number of concerns among dentists. The private general practitioners unions launched a vast protestation campaign and the dental profession took part in the national demonstration on March 15th which was attended by 50.000 angry healthcare professionals.

Spain: the last year's economic recession is causing cuts in certain health services and value added tax on medical devices was raised to the standard rate of 21%

The ministry of health of the Republic of Turkey promulgated the Regulation on healthcare organizations providing oral and dental healthcare services. This regulation will bring the dentists in a workmanlike position besides capital owners and dentists will no longer be a self-governing professional group

Education

Because of transition of the education system of AZERBAIJAN Republic into Bologna system, some changes were carried out.

Croatian dental chamber initiated a program of e – learning.

Kyrgyz government attempts to reduce number of high schools with dental faculties, one was closed already.

Insurance system

Almost each association has to realise the economic pressure on the tariff for dental treatment.

BULGARIAN dental association signed a new framework contract with the national health insurance fund. For children up to 18 years one check and four activities per year, for adults one check and two activities.

The government of Israel enacted a law that provides free dental treatment for children up to 12 and partial treatments for adults from age 65.

Further information

Many activities and announcement of congresses could be found in the reports.

I would like to mention the Bulgarian Fund for Support of regular members of the Association with serious health problems

Croatian dental chamber celebrates 20th anniversary.

In Greece, due to the fiscal and economic crisis, the migration stream of young dentists keeps increasing at an alarming rate.

I have to congratulate all organisations for their activities and thanks to those who sent a report. You can find the complete reports on our website (<http://www.erodental.org/organs-and-bodies/plenary-session/tbilisi-2015/reports>).