

## **Regional European Organisation of the FDI**

### **National Report**

**Country: Portugal**

**Association: OMD – Portuguese Dental Association**

**Venue: Porto**

**Year: 2020**

*Please classify your national report by following subjects:*

#### **Changes**

*in the association and its organisation*

*OMD - Portuguese Dental Association had elections on June 2020. The swearing-in ceremony of the new governing bodies of the OMD - Portuguese Dental Association took place in the city of Braga, on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Miguel Pavão is the new OMD President.*

#### **Trends and developments:**

*The first half of 2020 was essentially focused at the evolution of the pandemic situation and its constraints to the activity of dental medicine. Meantime, with the new governing bodies, beyond the close monitoring of the Covid-19 evolution, OMD introduced new aims, such as: Strong environmental sustainability policies; creation of a training grant. OMD also has reinforced its concern with continuous professional education and students of Dental Medicine, under the framework of the organization of a Forum dedicated to this issue, together with the ANEMD - National Association of Dental Medicine Students.*

#### **Corporate Dentistry**

*Focusing on and valuing prevention in oral health, health literacy and including prophylactic measures in the national health strategy, where dentists should use their best endeavours and OMD assume a leading position, through dynamism and collaboration.*

*Rethinking the profession, planning it and debating the future path we want to follow is an assumption for change to happen.*

#### **Changes in fees:**

*Due to the pandemic situation OMD suspended (2020) payment fees.*

#### **What are your 3 main concerns?**

- It is essential to mitigate problems inherent to the profession.*
- refine Portuguese Dentists COVID-19 vaccination plans.*
- Ambition that 30% of the Coca Cola Tax could be invested in oral health.*

*OMD's new Board will affirm dentistry as a factor of social cohesion and achievements for a less unequal, healthier and more prosperous society.*