

Regional European Organisation of the FDI

National Report

Country: ARMENIA

Association: Armenian Dental Association

Venue: Yerevan

Year: 2020

Please classify your national report by following subjects:

Changes

There are No Changes in the Armenian Dental Association and its Organisation.

Trends and developments:

In professional politics:

- *Politics was Mostly Concentrated on People's Safety from Covid-19 Pandemic Based on the Enforcement of the Safety Measures.*
- *Safety Measures and Advices Sent by email/ Distributed to All Dental Clinics to Prevent Contamination and Infection of the Dental Team Members and to the Patients.*
- *Action at the Level of the Health Ministry: To Advise and Guide the Decisions of the Government to Decide and Monitor the Openings and the Closings of the Private and the Public Dental Clinics.*
- *Formation of the "Covid-19 Inspection" Task Team Formed by 3 Expert Dentists and 3 Medical Doctors to Inspect the dental Clinics for Eventual Violations of the Covid-19 Security Guidelines.*
- *Due to the Pandemic and the Closings of the Dental Clinics, the Income of Armenia's Dentists have Been Seriously Damaged.*

In health and social politics:

Politics was Mostly Concentrated on People's Safety from Covid-19 Pandemic Based on the Enforcement of the Safety Measures.

Home Quarantine Measures initiated.

In educational politics:

- *Due to the Pandemic and Also the War in Artsakh the State Medical-Dental University was Closed for almost 5 months
However, The Didactic Lectures Continued Online without Interruption, and the University Took the Decision of Having a Lengthier Hands on and Clinical Practical Sessions as Soon as the University Clinic will Reopen.*
- *It is Also Very Unfortunate That, due to the War in Artsakh (Karabagh) Where the Armenian Army had to Face Azeris, Turkish and the ISIS Terrorists Armies Combined, Many of Our Dental Students Enrolled in the Army Lost Their Lives...., Some Are Not Yet Found and are as "MIA"s ...And Some They are Still in Captivity in Azerbaijan.... Still The Exact Numbers are Not Known.... This is a Real Tragedy for Our Armenian Nation.*

In the insurance system (incl. the public health insurance and private insurance schemes):...

No Important Changes noted

Corporate Dentistry:

In Armenia There is no Corporate Dentistry. There are Either Private or Public (Governmental) Dental Clinics.

The Unlawful Interference and Abuse of the Freedom of Practice, of Diagnosis, of Treatment Decisions... of Duly Licensed Dental Professionals by Wealthy Corporations is Not Allowed.

*position of NDA towards dental chains
problems with dental chains
possible solutions*

Changes in fees:

Slight increase of the Dental Fees, about 5% compared to 2019

Information regarding promotion of the World Oral Health Day:

Preparation of Informational Advertisement on TV and Printed Material to Advise the People on the Importance of the Oral Health on General Health and Longevity...

Further information (activities):

- *ADA Actively Participated and Helped the Health Ministry of Armenia to Take the Necessary and Important Decisions in Regard to the Serious Pandemic situation in Armenia.*
- *Strict Rules and Regulations, for All Dental Clinics, in Regard to the Safety Guidelines Against Covid-19 Pandemic has been Formulated and Voted into Law.*
- *Formation of a Task Team (3 Expert Colleagues) to Visit and Evaluate Quality of Treatments in Government Dental Clinics as Well as Private Ones and To Decide Ways and Means to Improve it.*

What are your 3 main concerns?

All FDI Member Countries Must be Members of their Regional Organization Before Being Members of the FDI...Some Countries They Bypass their Region, They do not pay their Regional Membership Dues and They participate Only to the FDI...This is a Bad Example to the Other Associations and a Total Disregard to their Regional Organization

Because of Online Conferences, Congresses, Plenaries, Lectures ...The NDAs and Their Members are Beginning to Loose Interest in ERO and FDI....Hopefully Soon We Will be Able to Have a Face to Face ERO Plenaries like Before...Human Interaction is essential to Communicate and Decide More Efficiently.....

3 points you would like to discuss

- *Existence / Possibility of Equivalency of Dental Diplomas and Licenses Among European Countries.*
- *How to Improve Communication and Collaboration Between All ERO Member Countries in All Kind of Professional Matters.*
- *And for this Purpose, to have the Name and Coordinates of a Contact Person for Each ERO Member Country*