

# FERNEY communiqué

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Vice Premier Madame Wu Yi and Dr Michèle Aerden at FDI Welcome Ceremony.

### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Dear Colleagues and Friends,*

**Historic - The first FDI World Dental Congress in China with the Vice Premier of China Madame Wu Yi and the first woman President of the FDI!**

The 2006 FDI Annual World Dental Congress in China was a splendid success.

In addition to bringing a global platform of information to each of the Congress attendees, the FDI Congress elevated the status of oral health to the country where it took place.

This year in China, the recognition of FDI's role as key global player in oral health was demonstrated by the attendance of the Chinese Vice Premier, Madame Wu Yi and the Minister of Health of China at the Welcome Ceremony of the Congress.

Numerous news articles were published and television interviews were aired highlighting the importance of oral health as integral part of general health during the week of the Congress. A community event during the Congress and the launch of the *Live.Learn.Laugh.* programme in China further endorsed our mission to promote optimal oral and general health for all peoples

FDI received tremendous support from the people and the government of Shenzhen and China. The Welcome Ceremony, sponsored by the Shenzhen government, was one-of-a-kind and will stay in our memories forever.

The FDI World Dental Parliament received the applications for 10 new Member Associations. This shows the dynamic of the FDI and the interest of our colleagues from all over the world to be members of our great family. Together, we are stronger.

The FDI Policy Statements were discussed before they were adopted in the General Assembly. In line of excellency, we must strive towards the quality of our statements instead of quantity.



The well-attended Scientific Programme of the FDI Congress in Shenzhen shows the quality of the speakers and the commitment of our colleagues to reach excellence in their daily practice for the wellbeing of their patients. FDI was able to contribute to its mission to advance and promote the ethics, art, science and practice of dentistry.

In addition, the World Dental Exhibition provided a chance to get a first-hand look at the various new technologies and advances in dentistry from China and around the world.

Thank you for the Local Organising Committee, the FDI's Committee volunteers, the Head Office staff and everyone else who were involved with the organisation and execution of the Congress.

A special thank to Mr Paul Wilson, FDI Events Director, for a job well done.

I look forward to seeing you all again next year in Dubai. On behalf of the FDI World Dental Federation, I wish you a happy end of the year.

Best regards

Michèle Aerden  
President  
FDI World Dental Federation

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### 2006 FDI ANNUAL WORLD DENTAL CONGRESS POST-CONGRESS REPORT

The FDI saw its first Annual World Dental Congress in mainland China at the Shenzhen Convention and Exhibition Center on 22-25 September. The Congress was a success on numerous levels:

- The people of China, especially the 11 million people living in Shenzhen, were introduced to the FDI.
- The importance of oral health in a country where caries is a significant problem was elevated.
- A high level of support from both the people and the government of the country was received.
- The total number of attendances at the Congress was 10,700.
- There were representatives from 109 countries at the Congress.
- More than 220 delegates and alternates attended the General Assembly proceedings.



- Six FDI Policy Statements were adopted during the General Assembly.
- Ten applications for membership were accepted by General Assembly.
- A new FDI Councillor from the Latin American region, Dr Norberto Lubiana, was elected by General Assembly.
- New members for the Communications and Member Support, Science and World Dental Development and Health Promotion committees were elected by General Assembly.
- More than 70 speakers shared their expertise on numerous issues related to oral health and dentistry during the scientific sessions.
- The *Live.Learn.Laugh.* programme in China, which will benefit millions in both the rural and urban parts of the country, was launched.
- The Chinese version of the 'Tobacco or Oral Health' advocacy guide for oral health professionals was launched.
- 291 exhibitors from 28 countries

showcased their products and services at the World Dental Exhibition

- 6,500 square metres net exhibition space was sold in total.
- A one-of-a-kind Welcome Ceremony, featuring the art, culture and talents of China, took the spectators' breath away.



- About 200 scientific posters were on display at the World Dental Exhibition.
- Six winners were selected for the FDI/Unilever Poster Award Competition.
- More than 400 children received free dental check-ups during a community outreach programme.
- More than 55 National Liaison Officers convened to discuss enhancing FDI member services.
- International Dental Journal Online ([www.idjonline.org](http://www.idjonline.org)) was introduced.
- Almost 700 applications were received for the FDI Friends programme ([www.fdiworldental.org/friends](http://www.fdiworldental.org/friends)).

### NEW FDI POLICY STATEMENTS

Six Policy Statements were approved by the 2006 General Assembly in Shenzhen.

- Adverse reactions to resin based direct filling materials
- Effects of dioxins on tooth development
- Root surface caries in adults
- Amalgam waste management
- Leading the world to optimal oral health – The Role of the dental team
- Ethical International Recruitment of Oral Health Professionals.

To view these and other FDI Policy Statements, please visit [http://www.fdiworldental.org/federation/3\\_0staments.html](http://www.fdiworldental.org/federation/3_0staments.html).

### NEWLY ELECTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The FDI would like to congratulate the following committee members who were elected during the 2006 FDI Annual World Dental Congress:

#### Communications and Member Support Committee –

- Dr Neil Campbell (South Africa)
- Dr Mark Goodhew (New Zealand)
- Prof Vladimir Margvelashvili (Georgia)

#### Science Committee –

- Prof Reiner Biffar (Germany)
  - Dr L.J. Jian (Hong Kong)
- Appointed by Council as expert to the Committee for a one-year period

#### World Dental Development & Health Promotion Committee –

- Prof Martin Hobdell (UK)
  - Dr Roberto Vianna (Brazil)
- Appointed by Council as expert to the Committee for a one-year period

### DR JOHN HUNT NAMED MEMBER OF THE LIST OF HONOUR

Dr Hunt has a long and distinguished record of achievement and experience in International, European and UK dentistry.

As a past-Speaker of the FDI's General Assembly, Dr Hunt has gained the respect of his colleagues for his work on behalf of the FDI.

The FDI congratulates Dr Hunt on a well-deserved honour. The Member of the List of Honour award will be presented next year during the Welcome Ceremony in Dubai.

### TOBACCO OR ORAL HEALTH GUIDE TO BENEFIT CHINESE-SPEAKING HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

The Chinese version of the "Tobacco or Oral Health: An advocacy guide for oral health professionals" was launched at the World Dental Development and Health Promotion Forum at the 2006 FDI Congress.

The translation of the guide from its original English version into traditional and simplified Chinese was taken up by The Hong Kong Council on Smoking and Health.

The guide, developed jointly by the FDI and the World Health Organization (WHO), was first published in May 2005. Since then, it has been translated into Portuguese and now into Chinese.

"In China, more than one billion and a half cigarettes are consumed every year— this is about one out of three cigarettes smoked every day worldwide. We believe that health professionals and their associations have a prominent role to play in preventing the largest preventable cause of death. In this guide, professionals can find tobacco facts and a large number of wide ranging recommendations to move the tobacco control agenda forward," said Dr JT Barnard, FDI Executive Director, at the launch of the publication.

"With current smoking patterns, it is expected that 3 million Chinese people will be killed by tobacco per year by 2050. Facing this public health challenge, health professionals, especially the oral health professionals, have a prominent role to play in tobacco control. Through individual advice to patients or advocacy actions in community, the oral health professionals are at the frontline to fight against the biggest preventable cause of suffering and death." said Dr Homer Tso, Chairman of Hong Kong Council on Smoking and Health.



COSH presents guide to CSA

### 2006 FDI/UNILEVER POSTER AWARD COMPETITION WINNERS

Six winners were selected from the 10 finalists for the FDI/Unilever Poster Award Competition.

The winners listed below along with the titles of their posters were each awarded a free registration and €1500 towards participation in a future Congress at a special luncheon in Shenzhen.

- Mutation and Reduced Expression of Axin1 Gene in Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma, ZHOU Chuan-Xiang; GAO Yan, China
- Biomechanical Behaviour of Endodontically Treated Maxillary Premolars Restored with Bonded All-Ceramic Restorations, L.L. SEOW, C.G.TOH, N.H.F WILSON, Malaysia

- How Different Mandibular Advancements with Functional Appliances Affect Improvements in Molar Relationship, WEY MC, HÄGG U, BENDEUS M, Malaysia

- Evaluation of Periodontal Disease Relationship with Elevated C - reactive protein in Acute Myocardial Infarction Patients, RADAFSHAR Golpar, SHAD Bijan, MIRFEIZI Mirjalal, Iran

- Hypoxia Regulates Osteogenic Differentiation of Human Periodontal Ligament Stem Cells (PDLSCS), Jianxia HOU and Peter LOOMER, China

- Effect of TGF- $\beta$  on IL-11 Production in Periodontal Connective Tissue Cells, Lu HE, China

To read the abstracts of the Poster Award Competition winners. Please visit [http://www.fdiworldental.org/microsites/Shenzhen/congress3\\_pop.html](http://www.fdiworldental.org/microsites/Shenzhen/congress3_pop.html).

### 2009 AWDC IN SINGAPORE

The FDI is happy to announce that the city of Singapore has been selected as the 2009 Annual World Dental Congress venue by the FDI Council during their meeting in Shenzhen.

The Congress will be held in the Suntec Convention Centre, which is located right in the heart of Singapore, in early September 2009. There is a large number of top hotels within easy walking distance from the convention centre.

Singapore is a unique and dynamic city located in Southeast Asia. It is rich in contrast and colour and hosts a harmonious blend of culture, cuisine, arts and architecture. Brimming with unbridled energy, Singapore embodies the finest of both East and West.

The FDI looks forward to a successful 2009 Congress in Singapore.

### 2007 FDI CE PROGRAMME

The 2007 FDI Continuing Education (CE) Programme is now available for viewing online.

There will be more than 25 continuing education sessions sponsored by the FDI in the upcoming year, an average of one CE programme every two weeks.

The FDI CE Programme is now in its 12th year. According to FDI Programme Manager, Dr Choo Teck Chuan, the FDI CE Programme started humbly with two meetings held in Malaysia and Singapore. Since then, the programme has grown in popularity. Invitations are often received by the FDI from countries around the world requesting for help in their efforts to update their dental professionals through continuing education, because dentistry, like medicine, does not stand still and great developments are taking place almost every year.

"Although finance has always been a difficult stumbling block to the FDI's efforts, luckily, the programmes in the Asia Pacific region have been very well-supported by the industry," said Dr Choo. "In 2007, the Asia Pacific region will offer no less than 14 CE sessions. Programmes in Latin America and Eastern Europe are also growing very well and although progress in Africa is hampered by many factors beyond our control, it will still see two FDI CE programmes in the region in 2007."

To see the 2007 FDI CE Programme calendar, please visit [http://www.fdiworldental.org/federation/4\\_calendar.html](http://www.fdiworldental.org/federation/4_calendar.html).

### HOW THE FDI ASSISTS MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

FDI helps improve relations between the authorities and Cyprus Dental Association (CDA)

Last July, FDI President, Dr Michèle Aerden, on invitation from Dr Irodotou, CDA President, visited the CDA during the inauguration of their new offices in the Republic of Cyprus. Using the FDI President's visit to Cyprus as an opportunity, Dr Irodotou made appointments with the President, the Health Working Group of Parliament and the Minister of Health of Cyprus to open communication between the dentists and the authorities of the country.

During each of these meetings, Dr Aerden stressed the importance of oral health as an integral part of general health and also emphasised the necessity to integrate the dental profession in discussions concerning health. The FDI President's requests were especially pertinent at the time because of the new bylaws that were being drafted in the Republic of Cyprus concerning a new social security system and the purchase of

medicines. His Excellency, President Tassos Papadopoulos, a graduated physician, concerned by the health of the population, was open for positive discussion. Prior to Dr Aerden's visit, the dentists were not given the opportunity to contribute to the discussions concerning these legislations.

Dr Aerden also met with the Metropolitan Bishop, the Minister of Labour, the General Secretary of Health, the Chief Dental Officer, the Vice President of the Dental Liaison Committee and other important dental representatives while in Cyprus. Both the meetings and the inauguration of the new CDA offices received television coverage, putting oral health in the spotlight in Cyprus for three consecutive days.

According to a recent message from Dr Irodotou to Dr Aerden, "Michèle, it is like a miracle! Since your visit, at least once a week, we have contact with the Minister of Health and our relations are excellent!"

Congratulations to the CDA and President Irodotou for the outstanding organisation of these meetings and the media coverage.



Dr Aerden meets with the President of the Republic of Cyprus

## The recognition of dental professionals in Macau as physicians

Taking advantage of the proximity of its location and that of the 2006 FDI Annual World Dental Congress in Shenzhen, China, the Macau Dental Association (MDA) invited the FDI President, Dr Michèle Aerden, and other colleagues from around the world to their Sino-Portuguese Forum prior to the start of the FDI Congress in September.

A meeting was organised by Dr Choi, President of the MDA, for the FDI President and the Director of Health of Macau to discuss the medical positioning of the dental profession, since dentists in Macau are often recognised as technicians instead of physicians.

During this meeting and the press conference that coincided with the event, the FDI President stressed the importance of oral health as an integral part of general health, oral health prevention and medical positioning.

Congratulations to the MDA and President Dr Choi for these excellent initiatives.

## FDI HEAD OFFICE UPDATE

### Farewell to Prof Asbjørn Jokstad and Mrs Jenny Syrathev

Scientific Affairs Manager, Prof Asbjørn Jokstad, resigned his part-time position with the FDI in the beginning of October to concentrate on his new position as the Chair in Prosthodontics at the University of Toronto.

During the five years that Prof Jokstad has served as Scientific Affairs Manager, he has achieved many successes. His outstanding contributions include the development and maintenance of the guidelines database, the establishment of the science transfer sessions with the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) Special Groups, his involvement as the FDI's representative to the IADR, his high-level input to various scientific debates, such as the amalgam and fluoride issues, and many others.

The FDI wishes Prof Jokstad well in his career and look forward to seeing him at future FDI Congresses and other occasions.

Executive Assistant, Mrs Jenny Syrathev, has resigned her position with the FDI. Her last working day will be 22 December 2006.

Mrs Syrathev was one of the first staff members appointed after the relocation of the Head Office to Ferney-Voltaire and has played a significant role in establishing the secretariat in France. Her contributions to the administration of Member Associations and the Dental Practice Committee have been excellent. She has played an invaluable role in the preparation of Council and General Assembly documentation over the past years and had an active involvement in the redrafting of the new Constitution and Manuals in addition to a magnitude of other tasks.

The FDI has appreciated her hard work during the past five years and wishes her every success and happiness for the future.

## DR TEITELBAUM REMEMBERED

The FDI is devastated by the news that our colleague and friend, Dr Henrique Teitelbaum, passed away in early September.

Dr Teitelbaum was one of the first members elected to the Dental Practice Committee and would have reached the end of his second term next year. He was always the epitome of a true gentleman and demanded respect wherever he went. Our condolences to the family and friends of Dr Teitelbaum.

## FDI IS HONOURED THROUGH AWARDS TO PRESIDENT

FDI President, Dr Michèle Aerden, received two separate honours during the American Dental Association conference in October in Las Vegas.

Dr Aerden was elected International Dentist of the Year 2006 by the Academy of Dentistry International, which recognises her for her international leadership in the dental profession. She was also elected as an Honorary Member by the Pierre Fauchard Academy in recognition of exemplary services to the profession of Dentistry.

The FDI congratulates Dr Aerden on her achievements.

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