

FERNÉY communiqué

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We are at the dawn of a new year and it is natural to look forward to all the exciting things that we wish to accomplish this year. But it is also good to look back on what was achieved during the past year.

2005 was a very good year for the FDI. Just a few examples:

- We have had an excellent and very successful Congress in Montréal,
- Our development programmes in many parts of the world have grown and expanded
- The World Dental Development Fund reached its highest ever level
- Our involvement in continuing education around the world was maintained and increased
- The new approaches to governance in the FDI are in the final stages of implementation and the FDI has started to function according to the new Constitution
- The General Assembly adopted, for the second year in a row, a record number of high quality Policy Statements
- Council held a very successful workshop which resulted in a new vision and slightly revised mission statements and we believe that the impact of the new strategic plan will be very positive for the FDI over the next few years
- The FDI has joined the World Medical Association, the International Council of Nurses and the World Pharmaceutical Federation as the fourth member of the World Health Professions Alliance.
- Last but not least, it has been an extremely good year financially for the FDI. Preliminary indications are that we will show a healthy surplus.



The Constitution as adopted in Montréal has been scrutinised by the Governance Task Team and the Head Office staff and we are confident that it is now sound and accurate. All translations have been completed and printing is under way.

The preparations for Shenzhen are coming along nicely. All business meetings, the scientific programme and the dental trade exhibition will all be held in the brand new, state of the art Shenzhen Congress and Exhibition Centre (SZCEC). The Preliminary Programme and the Prospectus will soon go to print. Further on in this issue of the Fernéy Communiqué and on the website where there is a wealth of information on the Shenzhen Congress.

It is my privilege to extend to all the FDI Member Associations and their members, our Corporate Partners and all FDI officers and staff and our friends around the world, a very happy, healthy and successful 2006.

Michèle Aerden
President
FDI World Dental Federation

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INFORMATION ON CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

Africa - CE Programme in Abuja, Nigeria

The joint FDI and Nigerian Dental Association programme in October 2005, was attended by representatives from over half of Nigeria's thirty-six States and by representatives from Benin and South Africa. It was the first such meeting to be held in West Africa and the second in Southern Africa. The theme of the meeting was: Common Oral Infections, Infection Control and HIV/AIDS in Dental Practice. The guest lecturers were Professor Jean Morkel, University of the Western Cape, South Africa and Professor Martin Hobdell, University College London, United Kingdom.

Professor Morkel's experience in the management of oral infections and trauma was amply illustrated during his presentations and resulted in lively discussions. Professor Hobdell's experience of infection control in challenging situations provided the opportunity for participants to discuss the practical implications of meeting exacting infection control criteria in situations where resources are sometimes scarce. The enthusiasm of the participants, in this the most populated country in Southern Africa, underscores the great need for FDI CE Programmes to be expanded in this Region.

The FDI's Programme Manager for Africa, Prof Martin Hobdell, is congratulated for having completed this excellent course.



From left to right: Dr Lethko Tsiu; Dr Kofo Savage; Prof Martin Hobdell; Ms Foluso Babasola, Unilever, Nigeria; Prof Jean Morkel

Eastern Europe – Progress report

The continuing education programmes in Eastern Europe are now in their 4th year. From the start in 2003 with one programme in Bulgaria it has now grown

to eight programmes in 2006; in Romania, Ukraine, Hungary, Slovakia, Bulgaria, Serbia Montenegro, Armenia and Georgia. The programmes are always organised in conjunction with a national meeting and in agreement with the national dental association.

These programmes could not take place without the help of sponsors. We are extremely grateful to the following: Colgate, Danisco Sweeteners, GC Europe, KAVo, Procter & Gamble, Wrigley and the FDI World Dental Development Fund without whom these programmes would not have been possible. We are also grateful to the speakers who bring their skills and expertise. The programmes cover most aspects of dentistry with the main focus on oral health measures and high quality clinical procedures.

The FDI's Programme Manager for Eastern Europe, Prof Göran Koch, is congratulated for his outstanding work.

Latin America – CE Programme in Lima, Peru

One of the Latin American CE-programmes took place in Lima in November, 2005 and was organised in conjunction with a meeting of Peru's *Academia de Estomatología* and in collaboration with the International Academy of Periodontology. The programme was a great success and was attended by over 120 dentists. Dr Serge Dibart of the University of Boston was the speaker. The following is an excerpt from a letter written by Dr G Henestroza, Vice President of Peru's *Academia de Estomatología* to the Programme Manager, Dr Ana Pereira:

"Dr Disbart's course on Periodontics was excellent and much praised by all participants. I am grateful to you for having made the course possible. The help provided and the high level of the event contributed to enhance the image of the FDI in Latin America and I hope that something similar can be repeated in the future."

2006 MEETINGS

Below are details of some of the meetings that are taking place from now through to the Congress in Shenzhen that will be of interest to readers.

The committee meetings will all take place at the Head Office and slightly overlap each other. Please, feel free to make suggestions to the committees regarding possible projects. All proposals will be highly appreciated and taken into consideration.

23-25 February	Corporate Partners meeting – Chicago (exact date to be determined)
18-19 March	Communications and Member Support Committee
19-20 March	Education Committee
20-21 March	Science Committee
21-22 March	World Dental Development and Health Promotion Committee
22-23 March	Dental Practice Committee
23 March	Remuneration Committee
24 March	Governance Task Team
25-26 March	Executive Committee
27 March	Organisational Structure Task Team
27-28 April	High Level Consultation on Fluorides for Oral Health, Geneva
15 May	Executive Committee FDI & IDM Executive Committees
16 May	Executive Committee Member Subscription Task Team
17 May	Finance Committee
18-20 May	Council
20-21 May	Council attends World Health Professions Alliance Forum
22-27 May	59th World Health Assembly – Geneva
19 September	Open Forum I
20 September	General Assembly A
24 September	General Assembly B
22-25 September	Scientific Programme and Dental Trade Exhibition

HEAD OFFICE NEWS

As has been communicated earlier Mrs Charlotte Nackstad left the FDI at the end of December to move back to her native Sweden.

We are delighted to have Ms Christina Lee Thorsen onboard as Communications Coordinator from the beginning of January. Christina has a Bachelors degree in Communications with emphasis on public relations from the University of Houston and a Masters degree in Pacific Asian Studies from the University of London. As a very special bonus, she is fluent in Mandarin, which will be of considerable benefit in the liaison with the LOC of the Shenzhen congress and the FDI's business partners in China. Her e-mail address is cthorsen@fdiworldental.org.

Chewing Orbit sugarfree gum increases salivary flow in patients with xerostomia by up to 7 times and, for people with at least some salivary activity, gum has been shown to be the preferred treatment.*



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* Bjornstrom M, Axel T, Birkhed D. (1990) Comparison between saliva stimulants and saliva substitutes in patients with symptoms related to dry mouth. A multi-centre study. *Swed Dent J*. 14: 153-161.

DENTISTS JOIN THE GLOBAL SAFE INJECTION NETWORK

During the 7th Global Injection Safety and Infection Control Meeting, organised by the WHO on 16 November 2005 in Hanoi, Vietnam, the FDI officially joined the Safe Injection Global Network (SIGN). This informal network of government agencies, Non-Governmental Organisations, international organisations and industry aims at promoting the safe and appropriate

use of injections worldwide. The prevention of infections through policy guidance and information sharing are key activities of the network.

It is estimated that oral health professionals worldwide administer 6 -10 million injections every day, illustrating the importance of high standards in infection control and injection safety. "The FDI is very pleased to join this important international initiative of the World Health Organisation", said Dr JT Barnard, Executive Director of the FDI. "There are many Policy Statements of the FDI that give guidance to national member associations. Through SIGN dentists will be able to share these policies in a larger health care context. The international momentum of this initiative will ensure the implementation of safe and responsible patient care in every dental clinic", added Dr Habib Benziari, Development & Public Health Manager who represented the FDI at the meeting.

More info on the SIGN network is available at www.injectionsafety.org

CHINA BEGINS ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN

China is the world's largest consumer and producer of tobacco products. Two-thirds of all Chinese men smoke and the number of women smokers is rising quickly. Because cigarettes were scarce under China's planned economy, the health costs of Chinese smoking are only starting to be seen now.

China has begun to implement regulations stipulated by the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control and will put health warnings on all tobacco products from 2008 and ban tobacco advertising by 2010. Plans for the future range from improved health education in schools to a smoke-free Olympics in 2008.

INTERNATIONAL DENTAL EXHIBITION AND MEETING (IDEM), SINGAPORE 7 – 9 April

Since the previous issue of the Communiqué several outstanding speakers have been included in the

3-day meetings. They are:

Professor Camilla Tulloch,
University of North Carolina, USA

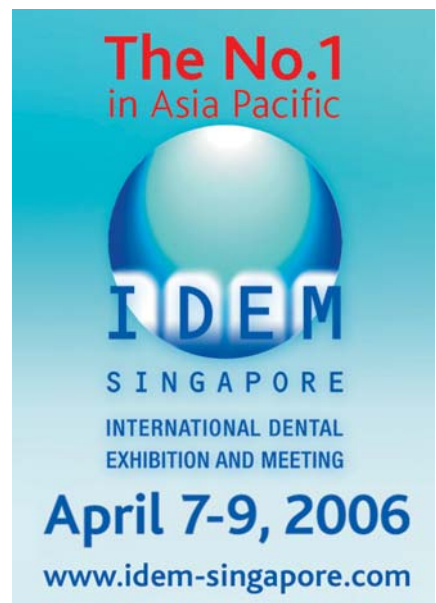
Professor David Parquette,
University of North Carolina, USA

Professor John Thomas,
West Virginia University, USA

Professor Grace Ong,
National University of Singapore

Professor Hien Ngo,
Adelaide University, Australia.

With these additional speakers the meeting on 5 – 9 April is heading for even greater success. The exhibition has more exhibitors than expected. The number of visitors is forecast to far exceed that of IDEM 2004 and the FDI is proud to be involved as a co-organiser of this event.



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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DENTAL ETHICS AND LAW

*The sixth conference on Dental Ethics and Law took place in Florence in October, 2005 with well over 200 participants from all over the world, both dentists and lawyers.

The main theme was *Conflicts of Interest* and a number of cases were presented to enhance deliberations. The possible conflicts of interest that were discussed were:

- dentist/patient
- dentist/dentist

- dentist/third party
- dentist/dental association
- within the dentist.

The ethical dilemma of access to care was also discussed as many countries and populations have no access – either because of financial difficulties or because of a deficit of dentists. When, as in Australia and the United States for example, dental nurses fill the void it sometimes results in conflicts between different groups within the dental team.

Some of the conclusions from the conference were:

- Ethics is necessary to sustain the respect for the profession by the patients and society at large and also for the self esteem of the dentists
- Ethical guidelines should be developed and they should include suggestions for solutions to conflicts of interest. Such guidelines must be developed by *professionals* that have no personal interest and who have no connections to third parties with conflicting interest
- Ethics should be included in the curricula at dental schools to a greater degree
- Guidelines should be developed on both ethical and professional issues
- There is also a great number of possible conflicts of interest within the dental profession; one of them being payment for treatment.
- Dentists should not take advantage of their potential position of "power" over patients
- A law on informed consent has been implemented in most countries; it is expected to increase both patient and dentist satisfaction.
- The dental profession should find and solve existing problems and protect the colleagues who "blow the whistle"
- Marketing must not contain frightening or other messages that might endanger the respect for the profession.

President of IDEALS: Richard Speers, Canada; President-Elect: Klaas-Jan Bakker, the Netherlands.

The next IDEALS conference will take place in Toronto, Canada 24 – 26 May, 2007 and the main theme will be *Human Rights and*

Oral Health.

* From a report written by Dr Birgit Kenrad, Copenhagen Dental School, for the Journal of the Association of Public Health Dentists in Denmark

FDI SHENZHEN 22-25 SEPTEMBER 2006

We are now in the year of FDI China and for the FDI this represents an exciting and significant milestone. The FDI will proudly be the first major International Health Organisation to hold its meeting in Shenzhen.

At the end of 2005 a small delegation of Chinese Stomatological Association and FDI staff were in Shenzhen to attend various meetings and work on some of the many aspects involved with the FDI 2006 Congress. During the visit a press conference was arranged providing the perfect opportunity to promote the Congress to some 35 Chinese journalists and to talk about the Global Missions and Activities of the FDI. Television interviews were also conducted with both Chinese and Hong Kong based news stations.



left to right: Huang Guoqiang – Deputy Secretary General – Shenzhen Municipal Peoples Government; Dr JT Barnard – Executive Director, FDI; Prof Zhang Zhen Kang – FDI 2006 Co-Chairman of Local Organising Committee

The brand new MRT (Metro Rail Transport) system is now up and running in Shenzhen. This wonderful new system cuts right through the middle of Shenzhen providing a very accessible and affordable way to travel round the city. Any trip will cost between 2 – 5 Chinese RMB (20 – 50 Euro Cents). The MRT currently has 20 stations which are very clean and modern with easy to use ticket machines and instructions in English

As you start to think about your trip to Shenzhen it would be wise to plan for any visas well in advance of your travels. If you come from Japan, Singapore and Brunei a visa to enter China is not required because

of the visa-free agreement between these countries. Delegates from other countries will need a visa to enter China. For those transferring in Hong Kong, it should be noted that a visa to Hong Kong will be needed besides the visa to China, unless there is a visa-free agreement between Hong Kong and your country. Furthermore, two round-trip visas to Hong Kong will be needed, if you still want to go back in the same way.

You may require a letter of invitation when applying for your visa. An official FDI Letter of Invitation to the Congress will be sent upon request. This invitation is intended only to facilitate participants' travel and visa arrangements and does not imply provisions of any financial or other support. If an invitation letter is required, please contact:

Ms. Vivian Zhou, Deputy Director –
Department of Convention & Exhibition
E-mail: vivianszb@hotmail.com
Fax: +86-10-62261849.

Delegates need to provide the following information: Name, Address, Occupation, Nationality, Passport No, City (closest Chinese embassies) to apply for a visa and date of arrival and departure.

If you wish to view many of the world's major landmarks in one day, why not do so in Shenzhen. The "Windows of the World" park covers some 480,000 m² of park land and divided into its 9 areas it has 118 replicas of some of the most spectacular sites on our planet. You will find the Grand Canyon and Mount Rushmore, the Pyramids, Eiffel tower, Leaning Tower of Pisa, Taj Mahal, the Kremlin and many many more!

We hope to see many of you in Shenzhen!

THANKS AND GOODBYE

As this is my last Fereny Communiqué, working a bit overtime since I have already left the FDI, I would just like to say thank you to everyone who has contributed with information and input. I have enjoyed tremendously working with all of you and at the FDI and the good memories will stay with me for the years to come.

Charlotte Nackstad.

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