

FERNEY communiqué

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear colleagues and friends,

As I prepare to write this edition of the Ferney Communiqué, I have the 1990 General Assembly Binder in front of me.

This was during Dr Gonzalez-Giralda's presidency. One thing that immediately catches my attention is the fact that the documents within this 15-year-old binder are printed on both sides of each page. Also it becomes apparent that the agenda covered during that time is considerably shorter than that which is set forth in front of us today. The most striking difference from then and now may be more readily felt when the numbers speak.

In 1990 the FDI had 77 subscription paying Member Associations, with 470,625 members. In 2005, the numbers have changed drastically. The FDI now boasts 157 strong Member Associations with close to one million members.

In recent years enormous developments have taken place; we have relocated our headquarters from London to Ferney-Voltaire, France, adopted a new Constitution last year and a significant number of communications are conducted electronically. In fact, the Council binder that I have in front of me has been 'distributed' via the web site.

The developments and changes that we have witnessed during our proud 105 year history have been made possible through the efforts and compassion of all those who have been involved with, and contributed to, the FDI. We should always remember and thank all those before us who have played such an invaluable role in FDI's history.

One constant amid these great changes is, and shall continue to be the fact that we are dentists and that the FDI is the World Leader in our profession.

Everyday, I take great pride and pleasure to unequivocally state that the FDI is regarded and respected as the authoritative, worldwide voice of our profession.

With this proud history behind us I now believe it is high time to seriously ponder who we are to the citizens of the world and how we would like to be regarded in this world that we inhabit. Are there any gaps



between "our conception and practice of time" and the demands of our rapidly changing times?

The FDI New Beginning Council Workshop took place 23 -24 April.

Some of the concrete issues that I addressed during the workshop were:

- The need to establish a global standard that provides a guideline for the minimum level of oral health
- Prepare for and announce a global declaration to the effect that the FDI and its Members will go "no smoking" within the next few years
- As the only NGO in the world to hold an Annual World Dental Congress for the 100th time in 2012. We should do our utmost to prepare for, capitalise on and promote this historic event.

We stand at a watershed in the history of the FDI where I believe we should salute the achievements of our past and prepare for a new beginning by establishing a clear blueprint for the future. This process is one that requires the wisdom and knowledge of everyone involved with and passionate about the FDI.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Heung-Ryul Yoon
President
FDI World Dental Federation

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MEETINGS IN FRANCE

19 – 24 April saw a number of meetings; all held in a small hotel in the Jura mountains, close to the FDI Head Office. The Executive and Finance Committees preceded the Council meeting and workshop.

Council and Board of Directors meetings

The meetings covered the wide scope of activities in which the FDI is involved but centred mainly on the following:

- Further changes to the Constitution to be recommended to the General Assembly in Montréal.
- A document on *Ethical Guidelines for the FDI World Dental Federation* was adopted. The Guidelines will be implemented as FDI Policy and circulated to all members for information.
- Changes in FDI Awards were approved and the constitutional changes will be recommended to the General Assembly in Montréal.
- A new FDI Section 'Women Dentists Worldwide' was approved.
- Finances, including a 2005 budget update showing a larger surplus than the budget which was approved in New Delhi and a resolution on subscriptions for membership for 2006 to be recommended to this year's General Assembly. A decision was taken to review the auditors of the FDI by requesting that a number of audit companies submit a bid for the audit.
- The following draft Policy Statements were approved for recommendation to the General Assembly:
 1. Sterilisation and Cross Infection Control in Dental Practice
 2. Occupational Health in Dentistry
 3. Bleaching Materials and Tooth Whiteners
 4. Post-Exposure Prophylaxis for HBV, HCV and HIV
 5. Dental Unit Water Lines
 6. Diagnostic Screening Techniques for Oral Cancer
 7. Guidelines for Dental Volunteers
 8. Saliva as Diagnostic Fluid

The statements – including the revised ones mentioned below - are available for comments on the FDI web site in the Federation members' access area until 8 June. Please, send your comments to staff@fdiworldental.org

Two revised Policy Statements were approved for recommendation to the General Assembly, namely:

- A. Need and Demand for Oral Health Care
- B. Improving Access to Oral Care

Revision for other statements was on the agenda as well but these were not approved and will be referred back to the Dental Practice and to the World Dental Development and Health Promotion Committees for wider consultation with members. Based on the responses received, the statements are to be adjusted and re-submitted to Council.

As this was the President's last mid-year meeting he said he would like to leave a message with the FDI to "always consider others before yourself". Dr Yoon did this by presenting the artwork by the famous Korean artist, Young Bok Shin, as a present to the FDI. The Korean symbols indicate faith, body, heart and neighbour and it reads: "What you sense is more important than what you see. What you feel is more important than what you sense. What you feel for others is, however, most important of all."



Dr H-R Yoon, President and DR JT Barnard, Executive Director.

Council Workshop

The objective of the workshop was to revisit the vision and mission statements develop a new strategic plan for the FDI up to 2008 and. Participants in the workshop were the Council members, chairmen of committees, Directors of FDI companies and managers. Dr Delon Human, former Executive Director of the World Medical Association was the moderator. All met in plenary a couple of

times and in the meantime worked in five small groups covering Advocacy, Public health, Member support, Dentistry as a profession and Finance. The groups tried to define goals for each mission statement supplemented by objectives and short and medium term action points.

The results of the workshop, a draft strategic plan, is presently being put together and will be reviewed by Council before it is presented to the General Assembly in Montréal

Meeting with the IDM Board

All members of the IDM board were present for the first time during the many years of meetings between the FDI and the IDM for this meeting with the FDI Executive and other representatives of the FDI.

Some of the key discussion points were aspects regarding venues for future congresses, FDI's dental development work and Continuing Education Programmes.

FDI/IADR SCIENCE TRANSFER

One of the four main missions of the FDI World Dental Federation is: 'To advance and promote the art, science and practice of dentistry'. As a response to this obligation, FDI committees continuously consider new and innovative methods for accumulating and sharing relevant professional knowledge among its members. One such venture is the FDI-IADR science transfer seminar organised in cooperation with the International Association for Dental Research, IADR, at their annual congresses.

During an intensive half-day seminar, invited speakers summarise the ongoing oral health research activities within twenty-one thematic research fields. The main highlighting is on what it is believed general practitioners should become aware of and respond to in their daily practice.

The science transfer seminar seems to have gained popularity since the first one organised in Göteborg in 2003, and this year's seminar in Baltimore attracted a record attendance. The IADR board and head office staff strongly display support the seminars. We are therefore optimistic with regard to successful science transfer seminars in the future. We are grateful to Nobel Biocare AB for the sponsorship of the seminars.

A synthesis of the previous science transfer seminars has recently been published in the *International Dental Journal* and copyright released to all national dental association official journals. The synthesis of the information is used by the FDI congress committee when planning future world dental congresses, and by the FDI science committee for potential future project plans.

WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY 31 MAY

This day will be focused on the role of health professionals in tobacco control. They have a fundamental role to play in this field as they reach a high percentage of the population.

The FDI and the World Health Organization have jointly developed an advocacy guide for dentists and dental associations. The guide outlines tangible steps on how every dentist can get involved in tobacco control. The guide will be launched together with a joint press release and a fact sheet on tobacco and oral health developed by the WHO. The publication of the recently adopted Crete declaration on oral cancer prevention will accompany the activities.

For further information visit the WHO web site
<http://www.who.int/tobacco/communications/events/wntd/2005/en/>

or contact the FDI Head Office, Dr Habib Benzian, Public Health & Development Manager hbenzian@fdiworldental.org

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR STANDARDIZATION

ISO is a non-governmental organisation and a network of national standards institutes of 150 countries. The Central Secretariat is located in Geneva, Switzerland. A "state of standardisation" can be said to exist when products or services in a particular sector conform to requirements in international standards and these are achieved through agreements between national delegations representing all stakeholders concerned.

Within ISO there are 228 Technical Committees covering as differing subjects as for example footwear, tourism, gas turbines, ceramic tiles, jewellery, air quality, furniture and packaging. So how and where does dentistry come into ISO standardisation?

One of the 228 committees is TC 106, Dentistry with the scope of standardising the terminology, quality requirements of the methods of testing and other specifications applicable to materials, instruments, appliances and equipment used in all branches of dentistry. In this committee there are 8 sub committees and 50 workgroups. The sub committees deal with materials, instruments, equipment, hygiene products, implants and dental vocabulary/coding. The chair of TC 106 is presently Prof. Dennis Smith who is also the ISO representative on the FDI Science Committee. The TC 106 secretariat has recently been moved to the Head Office of the Canadian Dental Association in Ottawa. There are 24 national standardisation agencies participating in the work of TC 106 and it liaises with the EU-CEN, WHO and the FDI among others.

For each ISO standard being developed, there are 13 stages of communication

Each agreed work item, e.g. standard or technical report, is being developed within dedicated workgroups. Currently, there are some 50 active workgroups within TC106

Some workgroups are very active, and produce several standards over a relatively short time, while the majority of workgroups use up to the designated 36 months from the first invitation for voting on a new work item to the final completed standard. All ISO standards are reappraised every five years according to systematic reviews.

It is estimated that the FDI receives about 250 items of correspondence about ongoing standardisation activities per year. This includes correspondence from various ISO TC106 workgroups and subcommittees, the TC106 secretariat as well as minutes from meetings. Moreover, it includes items from active workgroups in other standardisation bodies and ISO technical committees

National Dental Associations that would like to have more information about specific standardisation issues can contact the Scientific Affairs Manager, Prof Asbjørn Jokstad at science@fdiworldental.org.

WORLD MEDICAL ASSOCIATION LAUNCHED MANUAL ON ETHICS

The Medical Ethics Manual has been written to help physicians to face ethical challenges in their relationships with other health professionals,

patients, governments, health insurance and social security systems. The origin of the manual was a recommendation from the WMA in 1999 that medical schools should include the teaching of medical ethics and human rights in their curriculum.

The manual has been translated and is presently available in English, Japanese and Spanish and is available from the WMA web site at <http://www.wma.net/e/ethicsunit/resources.htm>



FDI'S "BIGGEST" MEMBER ASSOCIATION

The ABO, the FDI's Member in Brazil, has declared their new membership figure as 190,000. This makes the ABO the member with the biggest membership. According to the newly adopted Constitution, the ABO will be entitled to 12 delegates at the General Assembly.

SPECIAL FDI CONSULTANT

Dr Kikuchi, Japan has been named Special FDI Consultant – Japan to act as consultant and special advisor to the FDI relating to relevant business activities in Japan. Dr Kikuchi will liaise closely with the JDA in providing support to the FDI.

AC FORUM MEETING AT HEAD OFFICE

On the 10th March the FDI Head Office played host to a meeting of the AcForum organisation. The meeting was convened to discuss the very important aspects of tax implications on congresses in different countries. Acforum was set up in 1999 for not-for-profit medical associations to create a network for communication and information exchange relating to international congress organisation. The meeting in Ferney was attended by a number of international health organisations. FDI is a founding member and Mr Paul Wilson has served both as a member of the executive committee and the board. For more information please visit www.acforum.net

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MONTREAL

Worldental Daily

Everyone who pre-registers for the scientific programme will receive a copy of the advance issue of the *Worldental Daily* congress newspaper. There will be daily issues on site 24, 25 and 26 August and it will be in French and English.



Montréal Business Meetings

Open Forum 1

Sunday 21 August

General Assembly A

Monday 22 August

Open Forum 2

Tuesday 23 August

Aid Organisations

Tuesday 23 August

Open Forum 3

Wednesday 24 August

National Liaison Officers

Wednesday 24 August

Women Dentists Worldwide

Thursday 25 August

Challenges for Women Dentists Worldwide

The complexity and richness of women's involvement in society

Diane Legault, Canada

A review of the rise of the presence of women in Quebec

Monique Michaud, Canada

The status of United States women dentists in Leadership

Trucia Drummond

PAHO/CDO (Pan American Health Organisation/Chief Dental Officers)

Thursday 25 August

Young Dentists Worldwide

Thursday 25 August

World Dental Development & Health Promotion Forum

Thursday 25 August

Ethical recruitment and workforce migration

Dental Practice Forum

Friday 26 August

Financing of Oral Health

Tax Funded System

Dr. Anthony Kravitz, UK

Insurance System determined by the State

Dr. Peter Engel, Germany

Fee for Service, Privately Funded/Insurance, Public Funded

Dr. Howard Jones, USA

Section: Public Health

Friday 26 August

Canadian Public Health Dentistry Meeting

Access to dental care for the under-privileged

Dr Paul Allison, Canada

General Assembly B

Friday 26 August

Tobacco Symposium

Saturday 27 August

Tobacco control – an ethical challenge for the dental team

IADS (International Association of Dental Students)

Saturday 27 August

Science Committee Workshops

Friday 26 August

Biofilms, Waterlines and Dental Units

Lakshman P Samaranayake

Saturday 27 August

Evidence Based Dentistry

Asbjørn Jokstad

Saturday 27 August

Oral Health & General Health

Reiner Biffar

For further information, please, visit <http://www.fdiworldental.org/microsites/montreal/congress5.html>

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