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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The FDI was established in Paris on 15 August 1900. Since its establishment, with the exception of the years during World War I & II, the FDI has held Annual World Dental Congresses.

At present, the FDI is an organisation of international standing widely recognised as one of the largest professional organisations boasting one of the largest turnouts in attendance.

We are delighted to be holding the annual congress in New Delhi, India in September this year. I urge you to capitalise on this golden opportunity to visit this country rich in culture and history.

As we prepare for the New Delhi Congress, I am glad and honoured to present you with a new challenge.

In 2012, we shall hold the 100th Annual World Dental Congress (AWDC). No other organisation in the world has had the honour and pleasure of holding a World Congress for the 100th time.

I firmly believe that we should take full advantage of this golden opportunity of historical importance from various angles - academically, culturally, financially and politically. Throughout our history, the FDI and the dental community has contributed, and will no doubt continue to further contribute, enormously to oral health and oral health care all over the world.

I believe it is imperative to utilise the 100th AWDC as the springboard to communicate the importance of the dental community to all mankind and further elevate the status of our already respected profession.



It goes without saying that the success of this Congress as for all other Annual World Dental Congresses depends on the interest, participation, cooperation and creative thinking on the part of all our members of the dental community.

Your interest and participation is the core of the success of our proud organisation.

Whatever challenges and obstacles that may lie in front of us, I am confident that we can and will overcome them – and in flying colours.

I look forward to seeing you all in New Delhi!

Dr. Heung-Ryul Yoon
President
FDI World Dental Federation

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FDI MEETING

Congress & Education Committee aims high

A very energetic and creative group of CEC members and consultants developed a series of new innovations to make future Annual World Dental Congresses even more unique and attractive than at present. This happened at a workshop held back to back with their mid-year meeting. They also reviewed and re-established the scope and criteria for the development of scientific programmes and speaker selection at Annual World Dental Congresses.



Congress and Education Committee in the Palais des Congrès, Montréal: Chairman Katherine Kell in front row to the right.

Just a few aspects from the long list of envisaged enhancements to the congress are: live telecasts, celebrities and experts to speak on non-dental, but relevant matters, new product spotlights - to highlight the latest developments in dentistry, more emphasis on non-clinical matters such as practice and financial management, programmes and social activities for young dentists and those young at heart, lifestyle management aspects and many more.

Naturally, the key aspects of the congress will remain and well regarded scientists and speakers from around the globe will be invited to participate. Verbal free communication sessions, posters, hands-on clinics and limited attendance courses will supplement the scientific sessions as always.

The trade exhibition, the business meetings programme, workshops, and an exciting social programme will continue to form an integral part of the Annual World Dental Congress.

In line with the proposals on Governance presented by Council, the CEC considered the key result areas of the Committee and of committee members. It was seen to be imperative that dentists elected to serve on CEC (as with any other FDI committee) should have a certain expertise and experience in the fields of dental education, continuing dental education and a significant standing in international dentistry.

WEB SITE

New web site launched



By the time you read this, the new web site will have been up and running for a number of weeks. If you have not already had a look, please, do! The address is the same as before www.fdiworldental.org. As you can see the site now has four distinctive and different parts; Federation, Resources, Public Health and Congress & Partners. You will, of course, be able to find all the information from the former site in the new site but there are also additional items as for example press releases and information on Corporate Partners and Recognition Programmes. Some items are now truly international as well as they are presented in four - or more - languages. Although the web site is mainly in English some items, statements for example, are now presented in four – or more – languages.

We have also added a new member's only part which can be found in Federation, Members associations, Members access. This has been requested for some time now and we are happy to have it in place just in time for the New Delhi Congress and the General Assembly. We of course

envisage an extensive use of this part of the site in the future.

The completely new addition to the website is the Public Health part and this reflects the increased Public Health profile of the FDI. Aside from a general area with latest news related to public and dental public health there is detailed information about the activities of the FDI and the World Dental Development Fund in global oral health development. Other important topics like diet and nutrition, tobacco or the new Global Goals for Oral Health are explained in detail with ample links and background information.

Just as an example: on the menu item "Tobacco" you will find information about the role of the dentist and the dental team in tobacco control, background about the FDI Statement on Tobacco, a full explanation of the major regulations of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) as well as links to websites with further information on the impact of smoking on health and oral health. Reports about events where the FDI participated, such as the World Conference Tobacco or Health, complete the picture.

The partnership with other organisations, in particular with WHO, is highlighted and all recent joint activities, such as the Nairobi Planning Conference on Oral Health in Africa are detailed.

We hope that you like the new site and that you will find it easier to navigate. If you encounter any problems or have suggestions for further improvements, please, contact Mrs Laurence Jocaille at ljocaille@fdiworldental.org.

Hosting of web sites

The FDI is happy to host web sites for member associations who do not have this facility or the ability to do so in their own countries. The associations will be responsible for the content and must advise FDI about updating; the FDI would do the hosting only. If your association is interested in this, please, contact the Science Manager, Professor Asbjørn Jokstad, at science@fdiworldental.org.

SCIENCE MANAGER SERVICES

FDI Head office provides all member associations with information and assistance on request on all dental

scientific matters through the Science Manager. The FDI will not become directly involved in scientific debates on national levels, but will assist all member associations in such matters.

During the last few years, research support has been provided to the associations in Belgium regarding the banning of fluorides, in Uruguay on the subject of VAT on dental treatment, to Israel in relation the use of medical lasers and to Korea with regard to the safety of amalgam.

Within reasonable limits, assistance is also provided to dentists who are members of member associations. The range of topics is vast and illustrates our capacity to assist. It has recently included for example: the correct use of the ICD-10 codes for endodontic diagnosis (Belarus), world wide usage data of different dental materials (Germany), the roles of dental educators internationally (Finland), general sedation policies (Ireland), FDI tooth identification system (questions from many countries), identifying orthodontic resources on the www (Egypt), guidelines for impression disinfection (Canada), occupational health hazards in dental practice (Malaysia), Xylitol and its effects on dental caries (Australia).

FDI has an extensive network of contacts with experts and individuals within organisations such as the IADR (International Association of Dental Research), the Cochrane Oral Health Group – Evidence based dentistry networks, WHO, and the dental industry.

Should you require information on any aspect of dental science, please contact the Science Manager, Professor Asbjørn Jokstad, at science@fdiworldental.org.

GLOBAL ORAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM IN CHICAGO

Earlier this year Sunstar Butler hosted an educational evening focussing on key health problems worldwide. The evening was well attended by nearly 100 highly respected leaders in organised dentistry. New information was shared highlighting the global issues in healthcare as well as the potential linkages between oral health and general health and their relationship to quality of life. While the content was primarily oral health-based, it was presented in the context of larger global issues, including world politics, demographics, science & technology and

worldwide economic concerns. The consortium was moderated by Dr Robert Collins of the IADR and speakers were Dr Chris Fox, IADR, Dr JT Barnard, FDI and Dr William Maas, Oral Health Division of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

APPLICATION TO HOST FDI ANNUAL WORLD DENTAL CONGRESSES FROM 2008 AND ONWARDS

As we have now started considering venues for 2008 and onwards we would just like to remind you to send us your application if you are interested. Application forms can be obtained from Head Office, please contact info@fdiworldental.org. If you are interested in hosting the 2008 or subsequent congresses we would like to receive your application as soon as possible.

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* Szoke J, et al. J Dent Res 2001

NEW DELHI CONGRESS



NEW DELHI 2004

Press conference

At the beginning of July there was a press conference for the Indian lay press organised by the members of the Local Organising Committee. Taking part in the conference, as well as members of the LOC, were FDI President Dr Yoon, FDI Executive Director JT Barnard and the Patron of the FDI Congress, Dr. Bali, President of the Dental Council of India. The press conference was well attended and of course promoted the scientific programme at the congress and also the dental trade exhibition but addressed oral health concerns specific to India as well. Dr Yoon mentioned that among these are the high incidence of caries, gum diseases and oral cancer; 35-40 % of the oral cancers affect children. Dr. Gandhi, Chairman of the LOC, stressed the need for strict norms on smoking, warnings on sweets, and a ban on the chewing of pan masala and Gutka; the latter are two of the major causes of oral cancer in India.



Press Conference, 2 July, in New Delhi

Changes in the scientific programme/new pre-congress course

3M Symposium: Restorative and Prosthodontic Solutions for Predictable Clinical Practice

John Sorensen, USA

Price: €15, including Open Forum and Lunch

For further information on pre-congress courses, please, contact congress@fdiworldental.org.

World Dental Development Forum

The Forum will take place on Monday 13 September between 14.30 and 16.30 in Hall 4, Pragati Maidan.

Fluoride and a New Era in Oral Health

Speakers: Dr Daniel Meyer, Prof Stephen Moss, Prof Monty Duggal, Prof Wim van Palenstein Helderma, Dr Brian Mouatt

Fluorides have played a major role in the decline of caries over the last decades. Their widespread use and availability is one of the most important public health measures available. The World Dental Development Forum will entirely focus on fluorides with speakers highlighting the mechanisms of fluoride action and the necessity of including fluoride in preventive measures. Examples of fluoride programmes from around the world will display the need for increased efforts towards equitable access to affordable fluoride for all populations.

Science Commission Workshops

This year the Science Commission has planned three workshops:

Emerging Infections

Friday 10 September
09.30 – 12.00

Prof Lakshman Samaranayake,
Hong Kong

The emergence of SARS, bird flu and other new infections has resulted in modification of the universal infection control measures leading to the implementation of "standard precautions". This workshop offers an opportunity for all attendees to participate in a forum on the emergence of newly recognised infectious diseases, and the challenges they pose to the dental community in terms of disease diagnosis, infection control, and ethical issues.

The Impact of Environmental Pollutants on Tooth Development

Friday 10 September
14.30 – 17.00

Prof Henry Magloire, France

Environmental pollutants such as dioxins or furans interfere with tooth morphogenesis and generate tooth defects. The objective of this workshop is to inform practitioners and set up an international network at the epidemiological level.

Evidence Based Dentistry in Underserved Countries

Monday 13 September
09.30 – 12.00

Prof Asbjørn Jokstad, Norway

This workshop will discuss the problems encountered by trying to introduce evidence-based teaching and practice in underserved and underprivileged societies. There will be reports from dentists who have tried to implement EBD in teaching in India and elsewhere. It is hoped that participants may identify solutions to the problems and discuss whether some of these have been, or can be, resolved.

Post-congress course, 15 September

There will be a one day course in Katmandu, Nepal on "Aesthetic Dentistry, Infection Control in Dental Practice and HIV/AIDS" following the congress. This is a part of the FDI Continuing Education Programme for 2004. For more information please contact Dr Neil Pande at neil@smilenepal.com.

Speakers are: A Yap, Singapore;
L Samaranayake, Hong Kong;
Newell Johnson, UK and S Naidoo,
South Africa.

Katmandu is just an hour and 15 minutes flight from New Delhi and travel packages are being organised.

OBITUARY

Professor Emeritus, Arje Scheinin, passed away in October last year in Turku, Finland, at the age of 80.



Professor Arje Scheinin

Professor Scheinin was appointed the first Professor of the newly opened Dental School in Turku in 1961 and was later the Dean of the school for 14 years and

subsequently, Dean of Turku University. He was the Editor of Acta Odontologica Scandinavica from 1966 to 1976 and also served as an Associate Editor of the Scandinavian Journal of Dental Research.

He carried out the famous "Turku Sugar Studies" on the caries preventive effect of xylitol in the early 1970s with Professor Kauko Mäkinen and in total published over 200 original articles in international journals.

Professor Scheinin, who was on the FDI List of Honour, served the FDI in a number of roles over many years, among these were as Councillor between 1964-1968, and Speaker 1969-1974. He was the chairman of the Local Organising Committee of the Helsinki Congress in 1961 and again served in the same position in 1984 which makes him unique in the history of the Federation and its congresses.

Arje Scheinin will be remembered as a passionate pioneer in many areas of caries prevention. He was a talented person with a charisma that made him eminently memorable and had an almost endless capacity for work; something from which the FDI, among others, benefited greatly.