

Policy Statement 7.1 – International Representation¹

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Australian Dental Association (ADA) is an active member of FDI World Dental Federation (FDI) and is entitled to send to the FDI World Dental Parliament three delegates and two alternative delegates.
- 1.2 The ADA established the Perth Group in 2009, consisting of following invited FDI members
- American Dental Association (AmDA),
 - Australian Dental Association (ADA)
 - British Dental Association (BDA)
 - Canadian Dental Association (CDA)
 - Japan Dental Association (JDA)
 - Korean Dental Association (KDA) and
 - New Zealand Dental Association (NZDA)
- 1.3 The ADA has held meetings and lunches at FDI with the Four Nations, consisting of the following invited FDI members
- Australian Dental Association (ADA)
 - Japan Dental Association (JDA)
 - Korean Dental Association (KDA) and
 - New Zealand Dental Association (NZDA)
- These meetings have become less important with the establishment of the Perth Group. This group is developing a new constitution for an alternate Asian Pacific organisation.
- 1.4 The ADA resigned from Asia Pacific Dental Federation in 2006.
- 1.5 The ADA resigned from the Commonwealth Dental Association in 2016.
- 1.6 The ADA meets biennially with the New Zealand Dental Association (NZDA).
- 1.7 Australian delegates attend the annual meeting of the International Organization for Standardization Technical Committee 106 (Dentistry) (ISO/TC106) as experts in the development of new dental standards and the revision of existing dental standards.

2. Principles

- 2.1 To be effective nationally, an association must be abreast of international issues and trends.

3. Policy

- 3.1 The ADA should be a member of FDI.
- 3.2 The usual delegation to the FDI World Dental Parliament should be:
- The Federal President as a delegate
 - The Federal Vice-President as a delegate
 - The Federal Treasurer as a delegate
 - The Chief Executive Officer as an alternate delegate and the National Liaison Officer
- 3.3 Members who, after nomination by ADA, have been successfully elected to positions within the FDI, and who are entitled to payment of economy class travel by FDI, may be reimbursed by ADA the balance occasioned by overseas travel in business class.

¹ This Policy Statement is linked to other Policy Statements:

- 3.4 The ADA should provide secretariat support for the Perth Group.
- 3.5 The ADA should be a member of the Four Nations group.
- 3.6 The ADA should meet biennially with the NZDA with each association hosting the other alternatively.
- 3.7 ADA members of the Australian delegation attending ISO/TC106 should be selectively supported.

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