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Dear Colleagues,

Dear Friends,

Recently, we had the opportunity to meet during the FDI World Dental Parliament 2024 and the ERO Plenary Session, both held in ICE Istanbul.



As always, the European Members have had a strong voice and had a major influence in all decisions taken during the General Assembly, or by the Council of FDI.

First of all, we would like to congratulate all our European colleagues who won elections during the FDI General Assembly.

Our dear colleagues from FDI Council have been re-elected:

- Dr Sophie Dartevelle (Association Dentaire Française)
- Dr Anna Lella (Polish Chamber of Physicians and Dentists and Polish Dental Society)
- Asst. Prof. Duygu Ilhan (Turkish Dental Association)



PRESIDENT
Sep 2023 - Sep 2025
Dr Greg Chadwick
United States of America



PRESIDENT-ELECT
Sep 2023 - Sep 2025
Assist. Prof. Nikolai Sharkov
Bulgaria



TREASURER
Sep 2023 - Sep 2026
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Sep 2024 - Sep 2027
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Assist. Prof. Duygu Ilhan
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Assoc. Prof. Elham Kateeb
State of Palestine



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Dr Anna Lella
Poland

We had also won elections for positions in other FDI Standing Committees:

- Assoc. Prof. Simona Dianišková (ERO President and Slovak Chamber of Dentists) in Public Health Committee
- Dr Doniphan Hammer (Association Dentaire Française) in Dental Practice Committee
- Dr Antonio Roma Torres (Ordem dos Médicos Dentistas - Portuguese Dental Association) in Education Committee
- Prof. Dr Falk Schwendicke (Bundeszahnärztekammer (BZAEK), Dr Wendy Thompson (British Dental Association) and Prof. Dr Kivanc Bektaş Kayhan (Turkish Dental Association) in Science Committee



We would also like to acknowledge Assist. Prof. Nikolai Sharkov (Bulgaria), who is the PRESIDENT-ELECT for Sep 2023 - Sep 2025, Dr. Mick Armstrong (United Kingdom) and Dr. Doniphan Hammer (France), who are CHAIR and VICE-CHAIR of FDI Dental Practice Committee, Dr. Wendy Thompson (United Kingdom), who is VICE-CHAIR of the Science Committee, Prof. Dr Paula Perlea (Romania), who is CHAIR of Membership, Liaison and Support Committee.



This year, the following FDI policy statements (available for download on FDI web page) have been adopted by the GA after consultations, discussions, and consensus among leading dental experts from around the world:

- Artificial intelligence in dentistry
- Reduction of sugar consumption
- Early childhood caries

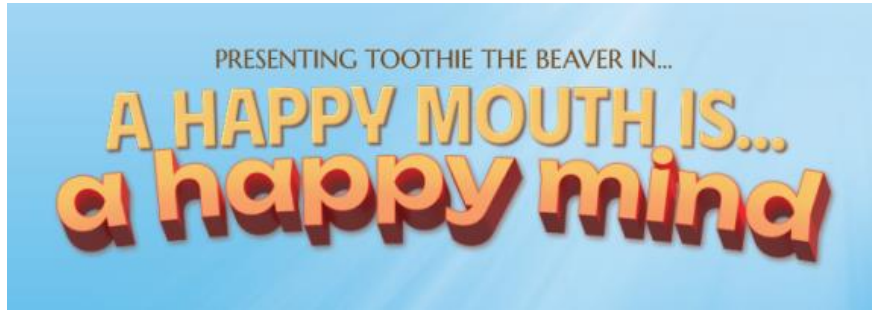
- Special care dentistry
- Oral health and NCDs
- Ethics in dentistry
- Dental laboratory technician
- Lasers in dentistry

After a decade since the last FDI World Dental Congress in Asia, FDI is excited to announce its return to the largest continent in the world, in Shanghai, September 2025. Alongside CSA, Held in the financial hub of mainland China and the Asia-Pacific region, this congress promises unparalleled opportunities for innovation and collaboration.



FDI also promotes environmental responsibility in dentistry. This year, FDI granted four awards – two for dental practices and two for individuals – each honouring those who have gone above and beyond to enhance sustainability in their operations. In the Dental Practice Category, Dove Holistic Dental Centre from the United Kingdom was recognized for its comprehensive approach to integrating sustainable methods into everyday dental care. In the Individual Category, Dr Mohammed Ahmed from Belgium was honoured for his personal contributions to sustainable dental practices.

The World Oral Health Day (WOHD) 2025 campaign was officially launched during FDI's World Dental Congress, in Istanbul, on 12 September.



In 2024, the theme was "A HAPPY MOUTH IS A HAPPY BODY," highlighting the strong connection between oral health and general health. In 2025, the

focus shifts to the mouth-mind connection, with the tagline "A HAPPY MOUTH IS... A HAPPY MIND."

Another event which gathered most of us was the 2024 NLO Forum. After the opening speech of the FDI president Dr. Greg Chadwick and the report presented by the MLSC Chair Prof. Dr. Paula Perlea, we had presentations on the main topics of NLO Forum 2024:

- National Oral Health Plans
- Digitalization in dentistry
- The role of dentist in recognizing the signs of violence



A very important moment was the certificate of appreciation presented for the involvement in the Project "Member Supports Member" "Member Supports Member" , to Bulgarian Dental Association who provided support to Association Médicale Scientifique Républicaine de Stomatologie - Bulgaria by paying its membership fee, to Dr. Michael Sereny from Bundeszahnärztekammer (German Dental Association) who provided support to Association des Chirurgiens-Dentistes du Bénin, (A.C.D.B.) by paying its membership fee. The event was concluded with group sessions during lunch, where MLSC members, CE Regional Directors and NLOs had the opportunity to interact. Again, our European group was the largest and the



discussions was moderated by Prof. Dr. Paula Perlea, MLSC Chair and Prof. Dr. Hande Şar Sancakli, as FDI CE Director for Europe.

We would like to thank to the Turkish Dental Association who organized the World Dental Congress, a flagship continuing-education event for FDI, and a unique opportunity for us to strengthen ties and foster collaboration within the global oral health community, where we had the chance to get together and meet with leaders within the oral health profession, and beyond, from around the globe. Fortunately, we had also some amazing social events organized by our colleagues from France, Germany and Turkey. THANK YOU!

All the Best!

Prof. Dr. Paula Perlea

(to be continued with the presentation of the ERO
Plenary Session Istanbul 2024)

