

Regional European Organisation of the FDI

National Report on the activities of 2024

Country: Bulgaria

Association: Bulgarian Dental Association

Please classify your national report by following subjects:

Changes

No changes in the association and its organisation.

Trends and developments:

in professional politics – BgDA was the main player, together with the Ministry of Health and state company “Information Service” worked and elaborated a bylaw on the mandatory implementing National Health Information System for dentistry. It started from January 1st 2025 and all the dentist have to give electronic reports for their everyday dental services.

in health and social politics – BgDA gave proposals on oral health and health and all of them were included in the Bulgarian National Health Strategy 2030q which were adopted by the Bulgarian Parliament.

Dr. Nikolai Sharkov, the President of BgDA was appointed by the Minister of Health as a delegate in the WHO Global Oral Health Summit in Bangkok, November 2024 where on November 29th a Bangkok Declaration – “No Health without Oral Health. For Universal Oral Health Coverage 2030”.

in educational politics – new deans and governance were elected in two of the three Faculties of Dental Medicines - Sofia and Plovdiv.

in the insurance system (incl. the public health insurance and private insurance schemes) – the public health insurance system is the essential one in Bulgaria. Every year BgDA is negotiating with the National Health Insurance Fund concerning the budget, the prices of the dental services and the texts in the



National Frame Contract for Dental Services. The process includes strong lobbying in the Bulgarian Parliament for the dental budget. The National Frame Contract for Dental Services for 2024 was increased with 15% comparing the budget 2023, respectively and the prices of the dental services for 2024.

Corporate Dentistry

position of NDA towards dental chains – no prominent dental chains for the moment.

problems with dental chains

possible solutions

Changes in fees: No changes.

Information regarding promotion of the World Oral Health Day:

Events in regional bodies of BgDA, publications in the BgDA website, newspaper etc., posters translated in Bulgarian published and spread among members, interviews in mass media.

Further information (activities): *Every week, when needed the President and/or the responsible Vice-President were attending the Commission of Health of the Bulgarian Parliament and expressing BgDA opinion future legislation concerning health, financing etc. Big impact The Ministry of Health insists the competent opinion of BfDA on laws and bylaws concerning health.*

What are your 3 main concerns?

Appearance of new regulated professions in dentistry – for example in Bulgaria – Bulgarian Association of Dental (Lab) Technicians. The problems are that the dental lab technicians are eager to expropriate activities (CAD CAM systems and 3 D printers to be used only by the dental lab technicians) and to be active player in the National Health Insurance Contract.

3 points you would like to discuss

Artificial Intelligence in Dentistry and the reflection on the profession and dental team.