FDI World Dental Federation
Introduction

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About FDI

• Global representative body and international voice of over one million dentists worldwide

• Works through 200 National Dental Associations and specialist groups in over 130 countries

• In official relations World Health Organization and consultative status with United Nations

• Inter-professional collaboration: Member of the World Health Professions Alliance and member of the NCD Alliance Supporters Consultation Group
Vision 2020: FDIs Advocacy Strategy

- Raise awareness of global oral health challenges
- Better integrate oral health into the wider framework of general health
- Address global oral health inequalities
FDI’s advocacy and activities are carried out at two levels:

- Global
  - WHO/UN agencies
  - NCD Alliance
  - Other partners e.g. WHPA
- National
  - National Dental Associations
  - Oral Health Community
Vision 2020 Objectives

**UN Agencies**
WHO, UNEP, etc.

**Objective 1** Ensure the interests of the oral health community are included in all relevant WHO/UN outputs (consultations, publications, strategies, conventions)

**NCD Alliance**

**Objective 2** Gain global visibility for oral disease and integrate into general health by leveraging the NCD Alliance partnership

**Other partners**
E.g. WHPA

**Objective 3** Promote inter-professional collaborative practice (ICP) through working with international partners such as WHPA

**FDI Members/NDAs**

**Objective 4** Mobilize FDI member associations by equipping them with the tools and resources to advocate at a national level

**Oral health community**

**Objective 5** Unite the oral health community under the new global definition and provide a measurement tool by which to monitor progress

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## Major Advocacy achievements

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<td>2009</td>
<td>Influential player during negotiations for the Minamata Convention on Mercury and ensured phase-down approach (2009 onwards)</td>
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<td>2011</td>
<td>Successfully advocated for inclusion of oral disease in UN Political Declaration on Non-Communicable Diseases</td>
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<td>2012</td>
<td>Launch by Vision 2020 Task Team of <em>FDI Vision 2020 - Shaping the future of oral health</em>: specific focus on issues with a legislative, regulatory or advocacy dimension</td>
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Collaborative Practice April 2015

Oral Health Atlas September 2015

2014

2015

2016

2017

Vision 2020 Think Tank 
A novel Oral Health definition 
Adopted by FDI General Assembly (in Poznan) by 90%

Practical guide on sugars and dental caries

Advocacy toolkit
FDI’s Definition of Oral Health

Oral health is multi-faceted and includes the ability to speak, smile, smell, taste, touch, chew, swallow and convey a range of emotions through facial expressions with confidence and without pain, discomfort and disease of the craniofacial complex.
Oral Health Definition

Publications

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Phase II: Measurement and evaluation

• Aim:
  • Based on the agreed upon definition of oral health, develop a set of measurement tools that incorporates the three main elements (disease and condition status, physiological function, psycho-social function) of the oral health framework in order to monitor oral health outcomes.

• Timeline
  • Outcome measures and measurement instruments has been presented at the World Dental Congress in Madrid and full set will be presented in Buenos Aires
2017: Ratification milestone reached

• Minamata Convention reached 50-country ratification milestone in May 2017.
• Entered into force on the 16 August 2017 in the ratifying countries.
• First Conference of the Parties (COP1) took place from 24–29 September 2017 in Geneva, Switzerland.
• FDI participated.
• Switzerland has pledged $2 million USD to host the future Secretariat plus $1 to implement the special programme.
UNEP: Minamata Convention on Mercury

FDI’s future role

- COP1 is instrumental in deciding how the treaty will be adopted and implemented on a technical, administrative and operational level.

- Support member associations in understanding the implications of the Convention and provide tools as appropriate.

- Continue to represent the interests of member associations at relevant meetings and consultations.

- FDI focus to date has been on 3 provisions:
  - Prevention
  - Research on safe and affordable alternative materials
  - Waste Management

- Must ensure members in LMICs have access to safe and affordable alternatives to amalgam.
World Health Professions Alliance

• FDI World Dental Federation
• International Council of Nurses
• FIP International Federation of Pharmacists
• World Medical Association
• World Council of Physiotherapists
World Health Professions Regulations Conference

Better regulation for better health: Ensuring health professional regulation benefits all

Saturday 19 May 2018, Geneva

Key topics:

• A call to set the right standards in regulation!

• Safety, quality and compliance: benefitting patients, communities and populations

• Supporting the quality of lifelong learning
A call to set the right standards in regulation!

• How do we set the right standards? How do we make standards work for the better patient care?

• Who is regulating the regulators?

• Ethics and professional autonomy

• What are the barriers to implementation? Innovative practices not reimbursed, hierarchy, mercury example (dentists);
Safety, quality and compliance: benefitting patients, communities and populations

• Best practice guidelines, role of regulation in sustainable prevention and evidence-based practice

• Facilitation of migration (mutual recognition, innovation) and cross border care

• Use of Big data analysis and health outcomes measurements
World Health Professions Regulations Conference

Supporting the quality of lifelong learning

• What does continuing education (CE) mean? Why do we need CE and how does it serve the patient?

• Improving patient treatment through CE

• CE for patient and career development?
Thank you