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President's message



Dear Colleagues,

The Executive Council (EC) has been working on implementing the actions of the House of Delegates (HOD), meeting with

corporate sponsors, updating the IFDH website, and updating the HOD via email, as needed. (Goals 1,3, 6) We have been working with the Organizing Committee for the 2013 International Symposium on Dental Hygiene (ISDH), along with the appointed EC Liaison, to assist them in organizing the ISDH as well as the HOD meetings and social functions.

The EC has been compiling information on the registration process. The HOD will be updated on this process by private correspondence.

Regarding the website, we have been discussing content for the Education, Research, and Community Health pages. We are also planning to implement a secure part of the website where HOD members can access documents, specifically related to the 2013 HOD meeting. (Goals 1,4, 5, 6)

The EC, under the direction of Vice President Catherine Waldron, is conferring with the Association of Dental Educators in Europe (ADEE) about including the education of dental hygienists as a discussion topic at their meeting in Lyon France, 29th August – 1st of September 2012. It may provide an opportunity for dental hygiene educators in Europe to discuss the standardization of dental hygiene education and curriculum structure. (Goals 1, 3, 4)

There are dental hygienists in many countries around the world. We work together with dentists, dental assistants, dental therapists, dental nurses, and other professionals.

The earliest established dental hygiene program was started in the USA in 1913. In 2013 the American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) will celebrate 100 years of existence in Boston. For more information, visit <http://www.adha.org>. In a recent publication from the ADHA, experts predict that the dental hygiene profession is coming to a crossroads of change that may require difficult personal and collective decisions to either "seize new roles and leadership opportunities or stay with a familiar yet possibly declining direction".¹ The publication can be downloaded free of charge.

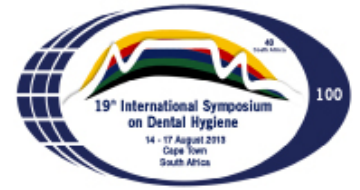
The scope of practice for dental hygienists varies widely by country, and in some countries by state, region, or province. The UK is but one country that is researching ways to get preventive care to the public in a safe and efficient manner. President Sally Simpson, of the British Society of Dental Hygiene & Therapy (BSDHT) is urging members to get involved in the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) study in order to move towards direct access of dental hygiene services to patients.²

We would like to hear from you. If you have ideas or suggestions, please let the EC know. Happy Spring!

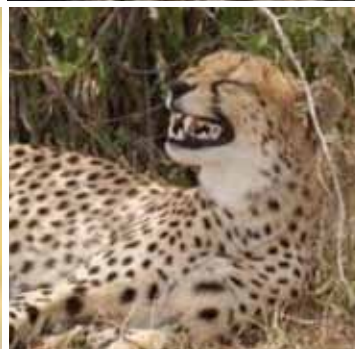
Maria Perno Goldie, RDH, MS

1. Marsha Rhea and Craig Bettles. AMERICAN DENTAL HYGIENISTS' ASSOCIATION (ADHA). Dental Hygiene at the Crossroads of Change Environmental Scan 2011 2021, p 1-28. http://www.adha.org/downloads/ADHA_Environmental_Scan.pdf.
2. Hygienists call for direct access to patients. Dentistry.co.uk, 11th Dec 2011. <http://www.dentistry.co.uk/news/4703--Oral-health-Hygienists-call-for-direct-access-to-patients>.

We are getting ready for our hygienist appointment in 2013.



19th International
Symposium on
Dental Hygiene



14 – 17
August 2013
Cape Town,
South Africa

Are you ready?

VISIT US AT:

<http://www.embassyconferences.co.za/portfolio/present/19th-international-symposium-on-dental-hygiene/10>

UPDATES INCLUDE:

- Delegate Registration Rates
- Social Events
- Hotel Accommodation Options
- Pre and Post Symposium Tours

Member Country Report

Australia

NAME OF ASSOCIATION

Dental Hygienists Association of Australia Inc

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

964 Full members

5 Affiliate members

227 Student members

9 Branch life Members

29 New graduate members

3 National life members

11 Associate members

Total: 1248 members

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

Total of 10 Training institutions in Australia.

SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2011 (LIST 3 ONLY)

- Lobby for policy changes to enable Hygienists to continue provide services for veteran and chronically ill under Medicare schemes
- 2012 Interim policy wording for reinstatement-further regulation changes required
- Introduction of DHAA Media Kit www.dhaasponsorship.com
- Continued success of Dental Hygiene Research Fund and record applications, fostering membership research

KEY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2012 (LIST 3 ONLY)

- Launching of National DHAA Aged Care model and training packages and kits
- Promoting preventive models in unique partnership with NGO and QLD and NSW Gov Health services and Medicare

DATE AND THEME OF NEXT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

- National Symposium Brisbane 20-21 October 2012
"Preventive Dentistry – a Code for all Seasons"

LINK TO WEBSITE

www.dhaa.asn.au

REPORT SUBMITTED BY

Hellen Checker, President DHAA Inc.

Austria

NAME OF ASSOCIATION

Austrian dental hygienists Association, VDHÖ

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

6

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

0

SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2011 (LIST 3 ONLY)

- Professional involvement at the Department of Periodontology at the dental school of the University of Vienna

KEY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2012 (LIST 3 ONLY)

- Professional involvement at the dental school of the University of Vienna, although the Department of Periodontology has been closed since 31.01.2012
- Participate in the EDHF and IFDH
- Renew the website www.dentalhygienists.at

DATE AND THEME OF NEXT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

16th March 2012

LINK TO WEBSITE

www.dentalhygienists.at

REPORT SUBMITTED BY

Anne-Claire van der Lans

Member Country Report

Canada

NAME OF ASSOCIATION

Canadian Dental Hygienists Association

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

16,500

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

50

SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2011 (LIST 3 ONLY)

- In April 2011, CDHA was featured in an Oral Health Report in the Toronto Star, reaching 1.6 million readers. This publication featured an advertisement emphasizing the link between oral health and general health and several articles on daily oral hygiene, oral diseases/systemic diseases and oral cancer
- CDHA celebrated the success of our advocacy efforts with the development of a pilot project in Ontario and Alberta to pay dental hygienists directly for their services through the First Nations Inuit Health Branch, Non-insured Health Benefits Program
- CDHA was one of the six organizations awarded funding by the Federal Elder Abuse Initiative for raising awareness on the issue of older adult abuse and neglect. CDHA was awarded \$176,000 over a period of two years to develop professional development resources for members; the very professionals who meet and care for the well being of older adults. The bilingual resources developed include an editorial in the Canadian Journal of Dental Hygiene, an asynchronous four module online course, two of three live and on demand webinars, a panel presentation at the CDHA national conference and a chair side resource
- Development and launch of a position statement on community water fluoridation and question and answer sheet resource for members

KEY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2012 (LIST 3 ONLY)

- Public Awareness- recognition of the role dental hygienists play in oral and overall health through National Dental Hygiene Week, media relations strategy and social media
- Release of new Code of Ethics and Employment and Job Market Survey
- Professional development activities including webinars and workshops

DATE AND THEME OF NEXT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

Next Annual General Meeting is 15 September, 2012 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Next conference is our 50th Anniversary and will be held in the Fall of 2013 in Toronto, Ontario.

LINK TO WEBSITE

www.cdha.ca

REPORT SUBMITTED BY

Ondina Love, Executive Director, CDHA

Member Country Report

Denmark

NAME OF ASSOCIATION

The Danish Association of Dental Hygienists

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

1485

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

2 institutions: Copenhagen University and Aarhus University

SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2011 (LIST 3 ONLY)

- 3 year Bachelor degree for Dental Hygienist from September 2011
- Developing a Diploma education in Periodontology
- All the Danish members are connected our extranet www.dtpnet.dk and has electronic access to the International Journal of Dental Hygiene, at least 100 members use the facilities every day

KEY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2012 (LIST 3 ONLY)

- Participate at "Roskilde Music Festival 2012", where dental hygienist will offer tooth brushing. (Promotion act)
- Work with practise development and documentary. (Research in small scale)
- Negotiation with the Danish Government about the payment for Dental Hygienist in public service

DATE AND THEME OF NEXT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

1–3 March 2012, and the 28 September 2012 and 6 December 2012

LINK TO WEBSITE

www.dansktip.dk

REPORT SUBMITTED BY

Alice Kristensen and Elisabeth Gregersen

Finland

NAME OF ASSOCIATION

Finnish Federation of Dental Hygienists FFDH

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

836

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

4

SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2010

- Updating the strategy
- Starting cooperation with new umbrella organization
- Strengthen the professional identity

KEY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2012 (LIST 3 ONLY)

- Increasing the number of members
- Increasing cooperation with DH schools (Universities of applied sciences)
- Strengthen the international cooperation

DATE AND THEME OF NEXT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

09-28 2012 Nationwide Training Day of Dental Hygienists

LINK TO WEBSITE

www.suuhygienistiliitto.fi

REPORT SUBMITTED BY

Satu Mäkinen
President of FFDH

Member Country Report

Ireland

NAME OF ASSOCIATION

Irish Dental Hygienist Association

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

180

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS

Dublin Dental University Hospital
Cork University Dental Hospital

SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2011

- 2 X IDHA meetings Dublin and Sligo
- Developed and Launched self-managed website idha.ie
- Attended the EFDH meeting Milan Sept 2011

KEY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2012

- Launch the new branding of the IDHA including new IDHA Journal
- Meet with Minister for Health Dr James O'Reilly
- Engage and work with Dental Council on having a foreign qualified Dental Hygienists examination Summer 2012

DATE AND THEME OF NEXT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

14th April, Continuous Education for the Dental Hygienist

LINK TO WEBSITE

www.idha.ie
[Facebook.com/irishdentalhygienistsassociation](https://www.facebook.com/irishdentalhygienistsassociation)
Twitter; @irishhygienists

REPORT SUBMITTED BY

Eimear Mithen

Israel

NAME OF ASSOCIATION

Israeli Dental Hygiene Association

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

700

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

4

SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS 2011 (LIST 3 ONLY)

- Liaison with legal council to consolidate rights for dental hygienists
- Hiring the aid of government lobbyists to expedite baccalaureate in dental hygiene
- A team of dental hygienists counselled in dialysis department of Shaarei Zedek hospital

KEY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2012 (LIST 3 ONLY)

- Working to aid the rights of hygienists working in public clinics
- Working towards baccalaureate in dental hygiene
- Updating the association website

DATE AND THEME OF NEXT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

11th June 2012

LINK TO WEBSITE

www.idha.org.il

REPORT SUBMITTED BY

Cherry Flax
Adele Shevach

Member Country Report

Italy

NAME OF ASSOCIATION

A.I.D.I.
Associazione Igienisti Dentali Italiani

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

958 at 31 December 2011

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

33

SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2009

- Relationship development with other health professions
- Educational programs for primary schools
- Significant increase in membership

KEY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2012 (LIST 3 ONLY)

- Sustaining, promoting and stimulating the free circulation of professionals across Italy, Europe & extra EU territories
- Monitoring/observing the enforcement of the national law dl 270/04 "Riforma ordinamenti didattici" (Italian law that gives clear indication about uniform UNI curricula for the professionals in Italy, basic element for the free circulation of the Dental Hygienists)
- Verifying status and promoting the Erasmus projects in both Italy and abroad
- Encourage exchange programs for students and teachers to share international experiences

DATE AND THEME OF NEXT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

27th-28th-29th September 2012
Theme: 'The Dental Hygienist between Science and Interdisciplinary'

LINK TO WEBSITE

www.aiditalia.it

REPORT SUBMITTED BY

Marialice Boldi – National President of AIDI
Italian Delegate IFDH

Japan

NAME OF ASSOCIATION

Japan Dental Hygienists' Association

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

13,060

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

155

SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2011 (LIST 3 ONLY)

- Oral health support activities for the Great East Japan Earthquake disaster victims.
- Issue a certificate to 491 members in 5 acknowledged fields of dental hygiene.
- Over 1400 members participated in the 6th Annual Meeting of The Japan Society for Dental Hygiene in Niigata.

KEY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2012 (LIST 3 ONLY)

- Ensure dental hygienist's knowledge is updated with the needs of the medically compromised patient
- Promote post-graduate programs and scientific research amongst members
- Increase of membership and secure a qualified, accredited member who can support the oral health care needs of the elderly

DATE AND THEME OF NEXT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

15-17 September 2012
The 7TH Annual Meeting of The Japan Society for Dental Hygiene.
Theme: 'Oral Health Care for support at the daily life-promote cooperation with the medical and nursing-care fields.'

LINK TO WEBSITE

<http://www.jdha.or.jp/english/>

REPORT SUBMITTED BY

Noriko Takei – Vice President of JDHA

Member Country Report

Latvia

NAME OF ASSOCIATION

Latvian Dental Hygienist Association

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

223

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

1

SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2010

- Professional improvement training course organization (9 times per 2011 year)
- Free of charge lectures in oral health prevention for preschool children in kindergartens
- Cooperation agreement with Wrigley about oral health education for school children (Wrigley Oral Healthcare Program) (September – December)

KEY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2011

- Postgraduate education trainings for professional growth and improvement (9 times per 2012 year);
- Sunstar GUM oral health school" in collaboration with Sunstar GUM for discussion of different professional issues and new technologies in oral health prevention
- Processing of the LDHA regulatory documents according to the national regulations and international requirements.

DATE AND THEME OF NEXT

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

9th-10th of March 2012.

5th Baltic Dental Prophylactic Conference

LINK TO WEBSITE

www.zobuhigienisti.lv

REPORT SUBMITTED BY

Gunta Dukse LDHA president

Netherlands

NAME OF ASSOCIATION

Nederlandse Vereniging van Mondhygiënisten

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

2087 members

and 418 student members

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

4

SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2011 (LIST 3 ONLY)

- The realization of the conditions that the minister has imposed on the free pricing, namely: re-defining the transactions within the oral health care (the performance), development of quality indicators for the profession and transparency for the patient by means of practice websites
- In the context of capacity estimates is a survey done by the occupational hygienists ie to the age structure of the profession, the scope and function fields
- Introduction of a diploma registry (+ website accessible to the public) and half of the profession meets the requirements of the quality register (+ website accessible to the public)

KEY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2012 (LIST 3 ONLY)

- Implementation and monitoring prices and free development of the last condition of the Minister, namely the patient satisfaction survey
- Develop uniform reporting to analyse the quality indicators
- Introduction association disciplinary and abolition of the order of a dentist to perform restricted actions (taking X-rays, giving local anesthesia and preparation of primary cavities)
- Celebration of 45 years anniversary with a three-day scientific conference (see website)

DATE AND THEME OF NEXT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

13th April 2012

Theme: Quality and Innovation

LINK TO WEBSITE

www.mondhygienisten.nl

REPORT SUBMITTED BY

Marian Brunt

Member Country Report

New Zealand

NAME OF ASSOCIATION

New Zealand Dental Hygiene Association

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

264

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

Otago university

Auckland University

SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2011 (LIST 3 ONLY)

- National Conference held in June in Auckland
- Participation in IFDH day in Elderly care facilities

KEY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2012 (LIST 3 ONLY)

- National Conference held in July in Wellington
- Participation in IFDH day in May in conjunction with Colgate and Plunket
- Attendance at AUT and Otago universities for prize giving awarded to both second and third year NZDHA award winners

DATE AND THEME OF NEXT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

Friday 20th July and Saturday 21st July 2012

Theme: 'Absolutely Positively Hygiene'

LINK TO WEBSITE

www.nzdha.co.nz

REPORT SUBMITTED BY

Diane Harris NZDHA Editor

Norway

NAME OF ASSOCIATION

The Norwegian Association of Dental Hygienists, NTpF

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

790 active members and approximately 200 inactive members

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

4

SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2011 (LIST 3 ONLY)

Two dental hygienists are the first to be awarded their Doctorate in Norway and the association arranged a research day in celebration with great success.

Course in infiltration anaesthesia

Practising independently on social security.

The NTpF is almost "in goal"!

KEY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2012 (LIST 3 ONLY)

- Co-ordination of the content of the education in the different institutions
- Master degree for the dental hygienists
- Professional continuing education

DATE AND THEME OF NEXT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

10th and 11th of May 2012

LINK TO WEBSITE

www.tannpleier.no

REPORT SUBMITTED BY:

Hilde Aga

Member Country Report

Portugal

NAME OF ASSOCIATION

Portuguese Dental Hygienists Association

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

113 active members (including student members)

470 total members

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

4 (Lisbon, Póvoa do Lanhoso, Gandara e Portalegre)

SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2011

(LIST 3 ONLY)

XI Congress of APHO

Revision of Constitution and bylaws

KEY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2012 (LIST 3 ONLY)

- Continue to prepare the self-regulation process for the Professional Board of Allied Health Professionals
- Develop a new website
- Prepare the October meeting

DATE AND THEME OF NEXT NATIONAL

ASSOCIATION MEETING

19th, 20th October

LINK TO WEBSITE

www.geral@apho.pt

REPORT SUBMITTED BY

Sandra Graca

South Africa

NAME OF ASSOCIATION

The Oral Hygienists' Association of South Africa

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

368 (2011)

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

5

SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2010

- Our goal has also been to get recognition outside our own association and our OHASA members have certainly done that by being visibly involved with the HPCSA (Health Professional Council of South Africa), SADA (South African Dental Association), SASDI (South African Society of Dental Implantology), NOMADS and the Department of Health.
- Serving on various committees and boards. We need to be the voice for the oral hygiene profession in the holistic view of the dental team and we did this through television, printed media and outreach to the public. I trust this will continue in the future and that our voice will never fade or be silenced.
- Motion proposed to include CPD units in our membership fees were accepted and implemented successfully

KEY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2012 (LIST 3 ONLY)

- Joint international congress with SADA (South African Dental Association)
- Organizing participation in the Cape Dental Show

DATE AND THEME OF NEXT NATIONAL

ASSOCIATION MEETING:

AGM in November 2012 – “Dental dignity for all”

LINK TO WEBSITE

www.ohasanet.co.za

REPORT SUBMITTED BY

Mrs Elna van der Ham

Member Country Report

Switzerland

NAME OF ASSOCIATION

Swiss Dental Hygienists

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

1948 (1774 active)

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

4 Higher Schools for Dental Hygiene in Zurich (2), Bern and Geneva

SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2011 (LIST 3 ONLY)

- Annual congress with 1000 participants (60 % of our members) and 57 exhibitors
- Revision of our ethic codes
- Creating a new brochure about dental hygienists in cooperation with OdA Santé, the umbrella organization of health professionals
- Several PR-activities with sponsoring partners: 4 exhibitions, 1 medical congress
- Participation on 1 career fair
- Successful campaign "Oral Health Mouth 2011" in cooperation with the company Colgate and the Swiss Dental Association
- 12 continuing educations courses for our members
- Successful symposium for the independent dental hygienists
- Education for nurses oral hygiene: 53 courses with over 1200 participants.

KEY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2012 (LIST 3 ONLY)

- The annual congress will be again a success in terms of participation, content, finance and participants satisfaction
- Evaluation of the association by a membership survey
- Re-certification of the NPO-Label in management excellence
- Several PR-activities with our sponsors and partners
- Several continuing educations courses for our members
- Creating a post-graduation exam with diploma
- Education for nurses oral hygiene

DATE AND THEME OF NEXT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

Theme of the annual Congress: We care

Date: 9-10 November 2012 in Interlaken

LINK TO WEBSITE

www.dentalhygienists.ch

REPORT SUBMITTED BY

Isabelle Küttel Bürkler
General Secretary

Sweden

NAME OF ASSOCIATION:

Swedish Dental Hygienist Association, SDHA

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

3800

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

8

SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2011 (LIST 3 ONLY)

- National Congress, held every 3 years . New board with a reduced number of persons (from 8 to 6) means a new method of working with several networks in different areas within the field of Dental Hygienists.
- First Network conference
- Creation of a Facebook site

KEY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2012 (LIST 3 ONLY)

- Extending the International collaboration: EuroPerio 7 in Vienna, Oslo university teachers meeting, Lecture tour in Japan, Nordic and EDHF meeting in Prague
- Conference with the 24 local chapter chairman's
- Collaboration with the universities and the Dentist association in a project called "A new start for Swedish odontology research"

DATE AND THEME OF NEXT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

22-24 April, "Women's health – reality and myths" about women's heart, mindfulness, fluorides and tobacco

LINK TO WEBSITE

www.tandhygienistforening.se

Facebook: Sveriges Tandhygienistförening

REPORT SUBMITTED BY

Yvonne Nyblom, President SDHA

Member Country Report

United Kingdom

NAME OF ASSOCIATION

The British Society of Dental Hygiene & Therapy

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

3671

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

21

SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2011 (LIST 3 ONLY)

- Re-developed and modernized the BSDHT website and re-launched it in October 2011
- Developed stronger links and provided information and opportunities for research for its members
- Submitted a proposal to the UK Dental Professionals Regulator, the General Dental Council, proposing Dental Hygienists and Dental Hygienist-Therapists be given direct access for the UK population without the requirement of a referral from a Dentist for the prevention and treatment of dental disease to coincide with the General Dental Councils review of dental professionals "Scope of Practice" and "Standards Guidance"

KEY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2012 (LIST 3 ONLY)

- Organisation of the BSDHT Annual Oral Health Conference 9-10 November 2012, Liverpool ACC, England
- Following the launch of the BSDHT Accreditation scheme designed to ensure BSDHT members have a consistency of quality and standard for continuing professional development (CPD) educational material provided commercially, companies and other organisations will now be able to apply to the BSDHT for accreditation of their CPD educational material, and where approval is granted, the material will carry an BSDHT accreditation logo

- BSDHT have planned an internal restructure and this year will recruit a Business Development Manager to provide strategic leadership, manage its day to day development activities and deliver on the strategic business targets for the Society. The post holder will drive forward the aims of BSDHT and enhance its public and professional profile. They will also pro- actively seek to expand the activities of the Society through maintaining a very close working relationship with other organisations and commercial partners as defined by the Executive Team

DATE AND THEME OF NEXT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

9-10 November 2012 BSDHT Oral Health Conference, Liverpool ACC, England

LINK TO WEBSITE

www.bsdht.org.uk

REPORT SUBMITTED BY

Sally Simpson, President

IFDH Day Italy

Associazione Igienisti Dentali Italiani

TUTTI IN PIAZZA SORRIDENTI

Giornata Internazionale dell'Igienista dentale

10 ottobre 2011

Il 10 ottobre 2011 si celebrerà "La Giornata Internazionale dell'Igienista dentale" che la Federazione Internazionale degli Igienisti Dentali (I.F.D.H.) vuole dedicare alla prevenzione.

La giornata è fortemente voluta dalla nostra Associazione per proporre ai cittadini in età pediatrica e adulta, in modo diretto, una fotografia sulla prevenzione della salute orale. In questa occasione l'Associazione Igienisti Dentali Italiani (AIDI) offrirà ai cittadini italiani un numero verde 800.116.331, disponibile dall'1 al 15 ottobre grazie al quale sarà possibile parlare con uno specialista ed ottenere consigli, informazioni utili sull'igiene orale e sui professionisti presenti sul territorio.

Inoltre, tra l'8 e il 16 ottobre, in 21 città italiane, l'AIDI sarà presente con un suo gazebo per informare direttamente i cittadini.

Chiamaci o vai su www.aiditalia.it e scopri tutti i dettagli dell'iniziativa.

Numero Verde 800. 116. 331
www.aiditalia.it

La giornata si svolgerà nelle seguenti città:

- AOSTA (16 Ottobre)
- BARI (16 Ottobre)
- BOLOGNA (8 Ottobre)
- CAGLIARI (9 Ottobre)
- CATANZARO (9 Ottobre)
- SCANDICCI (FI) (16 Ottobre)
- GENOVA (8 Ottobre)
- LUCCA (8 Ottobre)
- MILANO (9 Ottobre)
- NAPOLI (9 Ottobre)
- PADOVA (9 Ottobre)
- ROMA (9 Ottobre)
- SALERNO (9 Ottobre)
- SASSARI (8 Ottobre)
- SIENA (9 Ottobre)
- TERAMO (8 Ottobre)
- TORINO (8 Ottobre)
- TRENTO (8 Ottobre)
- VARESE (15 Ottobre)
- VERONA (9 Ottobre)
- VILLA D'AGRI (PZ) (8 Ottobre)

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IFDH Day poster



Lucca



Salerno



Villa D'agri



Varese

IFDH Day Denmark

In Denmark the IFDH day in 2011 was primarily celebrated by two activities.

On the very day which was decided to be 8th October 2011 a group of dental hygienist and some of their friends gathered on a central spot in Copenhagen to do a flash mob.

Members were encouraged to take photos of the pink mouth in different contexts which they did with great ingenuity. Also a member located in Dubai.

The photos were shared on Facebook in a competition:
www.facebook.dk/tandplejeren



Previously the pink mouth was distributed with our trade magazine (Tandplejeren = The Dental Hygienist):

<http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/e119976f/#/e119976f/16>

Please also watch the flash mob from Amager Torv (Storkepringvandet):

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ddy9UCRs9RA&list=LLLpX6MG0m5ciDomS6nMiQvA&feature=mh_lolz



Other spots flash mobs were made by dental hygienists to celebrate the profession:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W6LNCz3kgvQ&feature=related>
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qAze7_j0foo&feature=related

Other links:

<http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/1ff7c869#/1ff7c869/24>
<http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/f14991f9#/f14991f9/1>
<http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/f14991f9#/f14991f9/24>

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New CE/CPD resource from Colgate

As the commitment to life long learning becomes a mandatory element of dental hygiene practice around the world, IFDH Vice President Catherine Waldron reviews one of the online resources available to support this important component of care:

Continuing Professional Development (CPD), Continuing Education (CE), Continuing Professional Education (CPE), Continuing Medical Education (CME) and Continuing Education Units (CEU) are familiar descriptions associated with the ongoing commitment that dental hygienists have to maintaining up to date professional practice. Colgate Oral Care mirrors this commitment to professional best practice via their support of a myriad of scientific exchange forums.

These include online options providing valuable resources that can be accessed at the convenience of the health professional via the following links:

<http://www.oralhealthscience.co.uk/>

<http://www.colgateprofessional.com/professionaleducation>

As a recent guest of Colgate Oral Care at their global head quarters in New Jersey, I was reminded again of the tremendous support that dental hygienists receive from Colgate. Collaboration between Colgate Oral Care and the IFDH is a long standing, mutually beneficial example of a truly professional relationship. The IFDH encourages all dental hygienists to visit these online resources in support of continuing professional development.



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