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President's message



Dear House of Delegates (HOD) Members, Association Member presidents and members, individual members, corporate members, and potential members:

Before I begin, I would like to express our sincere sadness over the catastrophic events that have occurred in Japan and New Zealand. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Japanese and New Zealand delegates, members, friends and families, and with all the people affected by the earthquake in New Zealand, and the earthquake, tsunami, and subsequent tragic events in Japan. Our thoughts and best wishes are with all of you.

2010-2013 IFDH GOALS:

1. Strengthen the professional profile of dental hygiene worldwide.
2. Increase IFDH membership in all eligible categories.
3. Strengthen collaboration with other organizations.
4. Support the development and visibility of dental hygiene education.
5. Support the dissemination of research by dental hygienists.
6. Facilitate communication within the IFDH.
7. Encourage the formation of SIGs.

I am happy to report on behalf of the Executive Council (EC). It seems like ages since the International Symposium on Dental Hygiene in Scotland (ISDH), and the EC has been busy. We meet on a monthly basis via SKYPE, and met recently in person concurrent with the International Association for Dental Research Meeting (IADR) in March. We have been working on implementing the actions of the HOD, meeting with corporate sponsors, preparing a new Information Leaflet (that will be available for download on the new website), and updating the HOD via email, as needed. (Goal 6)

We met with our new International Journal of Dental Hygiene (IJDH) Editor, Kerstin Öhrn, to explore ways the IFDH and the IJDH can work more closely together. I met with representatives of Sunstar Inc. to discuss their continued sponsorship of the Sunstar/IFDH/IJDH Award. If you are not receiving the IJDH, I encourage you to do so. It is a very well respected and excellent publication. Individual members receive the IJDH as a member benefit. (Goals 1, 3, 4, 5, 6)

The IFDH goals, as well as the recommendations from the HOD Workshop, were reviewed in detail by the EC. These items will be prioritized and suggested actions to implement the goals and HOD Workshop recommendations will be shared with the various IFDH committees. We will be contacting the committees to see what activities they have underway.

We have been asked to partner with an International charitable organization whose mission is:

“To eliminate pediatric oral disease and promote overall health and well being for millions of children from vulnerable populations. We do this by being a comprehensive resource provider for non-profit community programs delivering critical preventive, educational and treatment services.”

They seek partners who share their passion and mission to improve the lives of children. As we have no guidelines for partnerships with other groups, we declined a partnership at this time. The EC will develop draft guidelines for HOD review to allow us to take advantage of opportunities such as these when they arise. If there are groups you wish us to consider, please let us know. (Goals 1, 2, 3)

We are pleased to announce that the 2013 ISDH preparations are well underway. Marie Ferreira, Elna Schutte, and the Organizing Committee are hard at work planning our next meeting. The 2013 ISDH website is active and you can visit the site by going to: www.ohasanet.co.za, clicking on the 2013 ISDH logo (above) and that will link them directly to the 2013 ISDH website.

As most of you know the 2016 ISDH will be held in Switzerland. We have a bright future! (Goals 1, 3, 4, 5, 6)

Our website is in the final stages of preparation. We have had some technical difficulties, and are finally ready to proceed. We are looking at an April 2011 launch date. (Goals 1 through 7)

The Special Interest Groups (SIGs) guidelines and necessary forms were sent out and were to appear on our website. However, due to confusion, concerns, and questions from some countries regarding SIGs, we will delay implementation of the SIGs until these issues are resolved and the HOD is comfortable

President's message

with the guidelines. (Goals 3, 6, 7) We will encourage those interested in forming SIGs to do so under their own auspices, and perhaps one day they can be a part of the IFDH.

I had a nice visit with members of the Korean Dental Hygienists Association (KDHA) here in the USA in late November. I met with President Mrs. Kim Wonsook, Vice President Mrs. Kang Myoungsook, and assistant and interpreter, Ms. Nari Kim. We discussed items of interest in Korea, such as education, practice settings, regulatory issues, and other matters that are presenting themselves in Korea. They are very interested in sharing information with other countries, and in the concept of regional groups. (Goals 1, 4, 6)

I recently went to Nepal with a group of International Dental Hygiene Educators, representing nine countries. I represented the IFDH, and soon we may have a new Association Member! There are two dental hygiene schools in Nepal, one on Kathmandu and one in Pokhara. We had an interesting program that showed the development of dental hygiene education in Nepal. We were introduced to the content of the program, the history of the curriculum development, and the scope of practice of the dental hygienist in Nepal. Barriers and challenges were highlighted and there was time for discussion, camaraderie, and enjoying the warmth of the Nepali people and the beautiful country. Ron J.M. Knevel, formerly of the Netherlands and now in Australia, has been very instrumental in prompting dental hygiene in Nepal. Marjolijn Hovius, IFDH Immediate Past President, has also been involved in the Nepali project. To read more about this project, view the article in the International Journal of Dental Hygiene (IJDH) on "Training rural women to improve access to oral health awareness programmes in remote villages in Nepal" at <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1601-5037.2010.00481.x/full> and "Giving in Nepal" at <http://www.rdhmag.com/index/display/article-display/3384865703/articles/rdh/volume-30/issue-11/columns/giving-in-nepal.html>. Ron is Chair of the Buddhi Bangara Foundation, http://www.buddhibangara.org/English_info.html. (Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7)

We are always looking for new members in all categories. If you know of a potential country eligible for Association Membership, individual member, or corporate member, please encourage them to join the IFDH. The EC is here to assist as necessary. (Goal 2).

We have had discussions with the FDI World Dental Federation and are exploring potential avenues of working together. Some of these potential projects may involve the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations (UN). We are in the early stages of discussion. (Goals 1, 3)

The IFDH will be represented at a number of Association Meetings throughout the 2010 year. I recently attended the International Dental Show (IDS) in Cologne, Germany, and was able to meet with various individuals, including a dental hygienist from Germany. President Elect Gurenlian and I will attend the American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) meeting, and the North American Dental Hygiene Research Conference (NADHRC). For more information on the NADHRC, visit: http://www.adha.org/research/research_conference.htm.

Vice President Waldron attended the Irish Dental Hygiene Association National Meeting and Treasurer Littlejohn will be attending the Dental Hygienists Association of Australia Inc. National Symposium celebrating their Platinum 20th Anniversary. I will attend the Italian research society meeting (SISIO), the meeting of the ADHS in the Slovak Republic, the AIDI meeting in Italy, and the Russian Dental Hygienists Association meeting in Moscow. (Goals 1 through 6)

We look forward to working with our committees and members throughout the year. Let us hear from you!

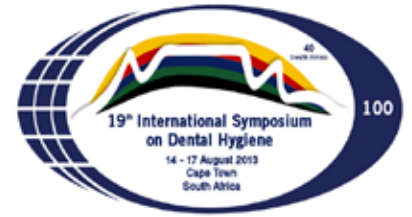
Warm regards,
Maria Perno Goldie,
RDH, MS on behalf of the EC

Photos from 18th ISDH



Welcome from OHASA

19th International Symposium on Dental Hygiene
14 – 17 August 2013 Cape Town, South Africa



ORAL HEALTH: VITAL LINK IN ACHIEVING TOTAL HEALTH

The Oral Hygienists' Association of South Africa in conjunction with the International Federation of Dental Hygienists (IFDH) wishes to invite all dental hygiene colleagues and other health professionals around the globe to join us on a South African and Global exploration to uncover the vital role of the oral hygienist in complete health care, and in uniting the disciplines of dental hygiene, dentistry and medicine.

When it comes to international conferences, Cape Town, South Africa is the place to be! This is simply because Cape Town has thus far won numerous accolades:

- Best City in Africa and the Middle East (Condé Nast Traveler® 2004, 2005)
- Favourite Foreign City (Daily Telegraph Travel Award 2004, 2005)

- Best City to Eat Out (British Highlife Award 2004, 2005)
- One of the World's Top 8 Creative Meccas (Newsweek, September 2002)
- Voted no. 5 on BBC TV's "50 Places to see before you die."
- Host city for the 2010 FIFA Soccer World Cup
- Robbie Williams, when he visited Cape Town, said: "It is the Best Kept Secret in the World"

In keeping with the global profile of the IFDH, you can participate in a comprehensive and diverse scientific programme that will benefit all attendees. It will be an international meeting of outstanding quality and a range of topics that will be of interest and benefit to all health professionals. We look forward to meeting you in South Africa!

www.ohasanet.co.za

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Member Country Report

Australia

NAME OF ASSOCIATION

Dental Hygienists' Association of Australia Inc

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

780 full members

374 student members

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

10 Training Institutions run accredited courses

3 are single stream Dental Hygiene programs (one 3yr bachelor,

one 2yr advanced diploma and one 2yr associate degree)

7 are dual stream Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy 3yr bachelor programs

Two new training institutions will be starting 2 yr Dental Hygiene programs within the next year. Currently they are proceeding through the accreditation and implementation process.

SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2010

- Appointment of an Administrator
- Restructure Executive to ensure succession (President, President Elect & Treasurer)
- Engage services of expert consultants to develop research fund, industry liaison, sponsorship support and industrial advocacy.

KEY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2011

- Launch DHAA Inc. Research Grant at National Symposium in July 2011. Application and guidelines available on new members section of website.
- Reconstruction of DHAA national website, introduction of National online membership application and renewal system preserving autonomy of Branches.
- National Symposium Darwin July 2011

DATE AND THEME OF NEXT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING:

National Symposium 2nd & 3rd July 2011, Holiday Inn, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia

“Striving for Excellence” Celebrating DHAA Inc. Platinum 20th Year Anniversary

National Registration Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements are 60 hours of CPD over a three

year period. The DHAA Inc. has a reputation for high quality professional education. This year the National DHAA Inc. celebrates the 20th Year Platinum anniversary and has a fantastic Scientific program for the National Symposium in Darwin. The objectives for the 2011 CPD program are:

National Symposium Darwin 2nd and 3rd of July 2011 is a Research based Program and will endeavour to provide our members with the following:

Professional Management Skills

Contractual advice, Industrial Relations advice, Indemnity-Scope of Practice

Improving Research IQ

Demystify terminology- understanding statistics, becoming research friendly, understanding Evidence Based Practice, ethics of research- working with vulnerable population groups- homeless, indigenous, refugees, children, infirmed and aging, improving research skills and IQ.

Rural and Remote- Highlighting work in the Northern Territory

Highlight programs in Northern Territory, rural community work- Aboriginal communities, Arnhem Land in Western Australia.

Dental Interests

Forensic Dentistry, Cone Beam Imaging

Expansion of Duties, Evidence Based Practice

Present Research supporting expansion of duties- Diagnostic, International research

LINK TO WEBSITE

<http://www.alloccasionsgroup.com/DHAA2011>

<http://www.dhaa.asn.au/>

REPORT SUBMITTED BY:

Executive DHAA Inc.

Jane Rossi President – Delegate

Hellen Checker President Elect

Linda Wallace Treasurer

Sue Aldenhoven – Delegate

Member Country Report

Austria

NAME OF ASSOCIATION

Austrian dental hygienists Association, VDHÖ

NUMBER OF MEMBERS:

6

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/TRAINING INSTITUTIONS:

0

SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2010

- Presentation on Ethics in Dental Care at IFDH Conference in Glasgow
- Health Organisation which advises Austrian Ministry concludes that there is a dire need for dental hygiene profession in Austrian and makes recommendation to the Ministry to introduce the profession. This recommendation is based on a report written by the president of VDHÖ
- Professional involvement at the Department of Periodontology and in the Master of Science Programm (Periodontology) at the dental school of the University of Vienna

KEY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2011

- Participate in IFDH and EDHF
- To be decided by new president

DATE AND THEME OF NEXT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING:

May to be announced

LINK TO WEBSITE

www.dentalhygienists.at

REPORT SUBMITTED BY:

Dr. Claudia Luciak-Donsberger, President
Anne-Claire van der Lans, Secretary

Canada

NAME OF ASSOCIATION

Canadian Dental Hygienists Associations

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

21,000

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

47

SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2010

- 99 % of dental hygienists attained self governance and self initiation status.
- We presented 2 briefs to 2 federal government committees one on finance and the other on The Status of Women.
- We released two important documents; the Labor and Employment Survey for dental hygienists, and the National Competencies and Standards for Entry to Practice for adoption by dental hygiene educational institutions.

KEY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2011

- Welcome a new Executive Director
- Launch our ownership linkage plan
- Hold our first of a series of bi annual national conferences

DATE AND THEME OF NEXT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

June 9 – 11, 2011

LINK TO WEBSITE

www.cdha.ca

REPORT SUBMITTED BY

Wanda Fedora

Member Country Report

Denmark

NAME OF ASSOCIATION

The Danish Association of Dental Hygienists (Dansk Tandplejerforening)

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

1,400 state authorised dental hygienists (1230 active working members in Denmark)and 90 student members

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

2 training institutes, one at the University of Copenhagen and one at the University of Aarhus.

SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2009

- 300 members have participated the Advanced Carries Therapy Course arranged by Dansk Tandplejerforening (DTP) in participation with the University of Copenhagen
- 1130 of the members have used our electronic intranet www. DTPnet.dk in 2009 (apx 116 log ins pr. Day) DTPnet is a communication platform. Unique Users pr. Month is 1100 members
- In Collaboration with the Diabetes Association the Danish Association of Dental Hygienists our members focused on detecting diabetes in the Clinics on the International Dental Hygienist Day on the 9th of November 2009

KEY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2010

- Student activities
- Working environment conditions for dental hygienist
- Working for becoming a diploma education

DATE AND THEME OF NEXT NATIONAL MEETING

- ORTO-meetings March 2010 and October 2010 for members
- Dental Hygienist specialist course (3 days) March 2011
- Our national meeting is next year on the 13th of May 2011

LINK TO WEBSITE

www.dansktp.dk

REPORT SUBMITTED BY

Elisabeth Gregersen (egr@dansktp.dk) chairman

Ireland

NAME OF ASSOCIATION

Irish Dental Hygienist Association

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

180+

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

2

SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2010

- Lobbied the Minister for Health Mary Harney to place a Dental Hygienist on the full board at Dental Council
- Supported Ms. Catherine Waldron for VP of IFDH
- Hosted the second most successful IDHA Scientific Conference in November in terms of member turnout and trade exhibitors.

KEY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2011

- Worked closely with Irish Dental Council (Auxiliary Committee)with the aim to achieve Independent Practice for Irish Hygienists.
- Set out to redesign and self manage out website.
- Fund raised and sold Christmas cards at our Winter Scientific Conference with the proceeds going to Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children, Crumlin, Dublin.

DATE AND THEME OF NEXT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING:

AGM and Spring Meeting 16th April 2011

LINK TO WEBSITE

www.irishdentalhygienist.ie

REPORT SUBMITTED BY:

Ms. Sandra Joyce, RDH
IDHA Secretary

Member Country Report

Israel

NAME OF ASSOCIATION

Israeli Dental Hygiene Association

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

624

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

4

SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2010

There is certain progress with receiving academic recognition. The Minister of Health and the National Institute for Higher Learning have approved the concept of academic training of Dental Hygienists.

The government has implemented a compulsory dental health education program in all schools and the Dental hygienists are happily filling available posts. However, the IDHA is fighting for the sole right to fill the positions as there is a tendency by the local municipalities and the dentists employed by them to use cheaper alternatives.

KEY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2011

Besides our annual conference, general assembly and continuous education programs, we are still progressing with creating a transition of the profession from practical training towards a diploma into a full degree.

DATE AND THEME OF NEXT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

14th June 2011 – Annual Conference

Lectures on: Micro-surgery

Implant techniques where there is bone loss

Digital treatment planning

Connection between oral lichen planus and vaginal thrush

(Others to be finalised!)

LINK TO WEBSITE

www.idha.org.il

REPORT SUBMITTED BY

Cherry Flax

Adele Shevach

Japan

NAME OF ASSOCIATION

Japan Dental Hygienists' Association

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

14,063

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

160

SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2010

- Establish a data base system of members' history of study and training, to confirm via website for every member.
- Issue a certificate to 875 members in 5 acknowledges field of dental hygiene.
- Over 1300 members participated in the 5th Annual Meeting of The Japan Society for Dental Hygiene in Chiba.

KEY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2011

- Ensure dental hygienist's knowledge is updated with the needs of the medically compromised patient.
- Promote to post-graduation program 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

September 23-25 2011.

The 6TH Annual Meeting of The Japan Society for Dental Hygiene.

Theme: Creation of oral health culture – Approach from Dental hygienist

LINK TO WEBSITE

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

REPORT SUBMITTED BY

Keiko AIKAWA

Vice President of JDHA

Member Country Report

Latvia

NAME OF ASSOCIATION:

Latvian Dental Hygienist Association

NUMBER OF MEMBERS:

196

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/TRAINING INSTITUTIONS:

1

SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2010

- Professional improvement training course organization (9 times per 2010 year);
- Organization free of charge lectures about oral health for pregnant woman how to maintain good oral health and motive them to do (October – December 2010).

KEY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2011:

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

LINK TO WEBSITE:

www.zobuhigienisti.lv

REPORT SUBMITTED BY:

Gunta Dukse

Norway

NAME OF ASSOCIATION

Norsk Tannpleierforening

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

980

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

4

SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2010

- Cooperate with our members needs
- Be promoters to the governments and ministry
- Assist dental hygienists in their professional development and continuing education.

KEY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2011

Same as above

DATE AND THEME OF NEXT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

26 and 27 may

LINK TO WEBSITE

<http://www.tannpleier.no>

REPORT SUBMITTED BY

2.IFDH rep.
Kei E Gardsteig

Member Country Report

Portugal

NAME OF ASSOCIATION

Associação Portuguesa de Higienistas Oraís
(Portuguese Dental Hygiene Association)

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

445 – registered members but only 70 are considered active member (According to our bylaws a member is active only when he has his dues regularized)

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

4 schools –
Two Public (Lisbon Dental School – University of Lisbon and Health Sciences School - Polytechnic School of Portalegre)
Two private (ISAVE and CESPU North).

SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2010

- Proceed the interdisciplinary committee work for self-regulation of the profession;
- Prepare materials for public information- Infant oral health and pregnant oral health
- Approval revision of Constitution and Bylaws

KEY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2011

- Evaluate the employment profile of dental hygienists;
- Study the phenomena of lost of active members and establish a plan to retain and expand the numbers of active members;
- Keep on the continuum education program developed for this year.

DATE AND THEME OF NEXT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

XI National Congress of APHO – Coimbra,
October 21st and 22nd 2011
Theme – “Present and Future Challenges for Portuguese Oral Hygienists”

LINK TO WEBSITE

www.apho.pt

REPORT SUBMITTED BY

Sandra Ribeiro (Vice-president)

South Africa

NAME OF ASSOCIATION

OHASA – The Oral Hygienists’ Association of South Africa

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

257

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

5

SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2010

- OHASA achieved representation on other national association committees (SADA –South African Dental Association & SASDI – South African Society of Dental Implantology)
- Representation on the HPCSA (Health Professional Council of South Africa) Board of Oral Hygiene and Dental Therapy
- Instrumental in the implementation of the Baccalaureate degree in Oral Hygiene at the various training institutes and stakeholder in obtaining Independant Private Practice for Oral Hygienists in South Africa

KEY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2011

- Delegate boosting for 19th ISDH in 2013
- Marketing the 19th ISDH 2013 nationally and internationally
- To secure sponsorship for the 19th ISDH 2013
- Setting minimum standards for post graduate qualifications in Oral Hygiene

DATE AND THEME OF NEXT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

- 1 25th April OHASA National Executive meeting with LOC/PCO/Dental Traders – 19th ISDH Planning
- 2 OHASA National AGM on the 22nd October 2011

LINK TO WEBSITE

www.ohasanet.co.za

REPORT SUBMITTED BY

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OHASA President
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Member Country Report

Sweden

NAME OF ASSOCIATION:

Swedish Dental Hygienist Association

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

3600

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

8

SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2010

- Participation in the implementation of new National Guide lines on Oral Health.
- Participation in several work groups concerning the National insurance system.
- Developing a web site in English in addition to our National web site.

KEY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2011

- National Congress in April held every 3rd year.
- Annual national education days.
- To finish the process of establishing a three year program in Dental Hygiene.

DATE AND THEME OF NEXT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

10-12 April "Oral health – body and soul"

LINK TO WEBSITE

www.tandhygienistforening.se

REPORT SUBMITTED BY

Yvonne Nyblom, President SDHA

Switzerland

NAME OF ASSOCIATION

Swiss Dental Hygienists

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

1883 (1718 active)

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

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

SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2010

- Annual congress with over 1000 participants (60 % of our members) and 50 exhibitors
- Revision of our ethic codes
- Creating a new brochure about the profession for political lobbying
- Several PR-activities with sponsoring partners: 4 exhibitions, 1 medical congress
- Participation on 3 career fairs
- Successful campaign "Mundgesundheit Schweiz 2010" in cooperation with the company GABA and the Swiss Dental Association
- Successful symposium for the independent dental hygienists
- New president and one new vice-president are elected by the delegates.

KEY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2011

- The annual congress will be again a success in terms of participation, content, finance and participants satisfaction
- Evaluation of the association with SWOT-analysis together with the presidents of our groups and sections
- Several PR-activities with our sponsors and partners
- Education for nurses oral hygiene
- Creating a post-graduation exam with diploma

DATE AND THEME OF NEXT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING:

Theme of the annual Congress: Daily Business

Date: 11-12 November 2011 in St. Gallen

LINK TO WEBSITE

www.dentalhygienists.ch

REPORT SUBMITTED BY:

Isabelle Küttel Bürkler

General Secretary

Member Country Report

United Kingdom

NAME OF ASSOCIATION

British Society of Dental Hygiene & Therapy

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

3500

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

19

SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2010

- Successfully hosted 18th IFDH International Symposium on Dental Hygiene in Glasgow, Scotland.
- Presented £2,000 cheque to Breakthrough Breast Cancer, bringing the total raised by the BSDHT to £23,492.
- Provided extended duties training to enable dental hygienists and dental therapists to practice tooth bleaching for patients.

LIST 3 GOALS FOR 2011

- Re-development and modernization of the BSDHT website.
- Develop stronger links and provide information and opportunities for research for its members
- Lobby the right for direct access for the UK population to dental hygienists and dental therapists for the prevention and treatment of dental disease during the General Dental Councils review of "scope of practice" and "Standards".

PROPOSED KEY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2011

- Organize the annual BSDHT Oral Health Conference & Exhibition in Bournemouth, England, on 18 & 19 November
- Host a presentation at the British Dental Association Annual Conference promoting the utilization of dental hygienists and dental therapists in skill mix within the dental team.
- By exhibiting at other events within the UK dental arena, continue to enrich the relationships with other organizations in Dentistry, working to help them gain an understanding of the Scope of Practice of the Dental Hygiene and Therapy profession in the implementation and delivery of Dental Disease Prevention, Oral Health and Delivery of Dentistry.

LINK TO WEBSITE

www.bsdht.org.uk

REPORT SUBMITTED BY

Sally Simpson (President)

Sponsor Recognition Colgate Oral Care

It is with great pleasure that the International Federation of Dental Hygienists (IFDH) acknowledge the continued support of Colgate Oral Care as the exclusive sponsor of this newsletter, Contact International.

During the previous two terms of office, (2004 to 2010) Colgate Oral Care established this collaboration with the IFDH for the purpose of providing members and non-members with a vehicle for regular update on the activities of the federation. Together with member association reports, IFDH day events and promotion of key IFDH meetings such as the International Symposium on

Dental Hygiene, Contact International has provided an insight to the profession of dental hygiene across the globe.

The inclusion of the Colgate Oral Care 'White Paper' series in the 2010 edition also provides readers with valuable resources for supporting decision making to optimise patient care outcomes.

Now in 2011, the IFDH continues to develop a significant professional partnership with Colgate Oral Care to further support the realisation of the key goals and objectives.

The IFDH gratefully acknowledge the commitment from Colgate Oral Care and greatly appreciate the continued opportunity for successful collaboration.

The Colgate logo is displayed in a large, bold, white font with a red outline, set against a red background. The word "Colgate" is written in a stylized, italicized serif font, with a registered trademark symbol (®) to the upper right of the 'e'.