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2009 FDI elections

There were two seats open for election on the FDI Council, including President-Elect, and ten seats open for election on the Committees at the 2009 FDI Annual World Dental Congress. In total, 26 nominations were received for the available positions, with four nominations for Council positions and 22 nominations for Committee positions.

Congratulations and welcome to the following FDI Council and Committee members who were elected in Singapore:

FDI President-Elect
Dr Orlando Monteiro da Silva (Portugal)

FDI Council

Councillors
Dr Norberto Lobiana (Brazil)

FDI Committees

Communications & Member Support Committee
Dr Jun-Sik Moon (Korea)
Asst Prof Dr Nikolaos Bardakos (Bulgaria)
Prof Dr N.M. Balaji (India)
Prof Dr Vladimir Milyarevich (Georgia)

Dental Practice Committee
Dr Ward van Dijk (The Netherlands)
Dr Armando Fernandez Ramirez (Mexico)

Science Committee
Prof Dr Georg B. Meyer (Germany)
Dr Cândido Pacheco Fernandes (Brazil)

World Dental Development & Health Promotion Committee
Dr Jo E. Frencken (The Netherlands)
Dr Kevin S. Hardwick (United States)
Dr Claudio Pinheiro Fernandes (Brazil)

The FDI Policy Statements

The FDI General Assembly adopted three new and nine revised FDI Policy Statements at the 2009 Annual World Dental Congress.

New Policy Statements
• Dentin Hypersensitivity
• Edentulism and General Health Problems of the Elderly
• The Use of Academic, Professional and Honorary Titles

Revised Policy Statements
• The Association between Oral Health and General Health
• Dental Bleaching Materials

FDI launches new Oral Health sourcebook

Participants and delegates of the 2009 congress joined incoming FDI President, Dr Roberto Vianna, FDI Executive Director, Dr David Alexander, and authors Roby Beaglehole, Roberto Vianna, FDI Executive Director, and Prof. Martin Hobdell.

“口腔健康手册”由Myriad Editions（www.myriadeditions.com）出版，其授予了其赢得“世界健康图集”奖项，这表明它对全球口腔健康有重要的影响。更多关于该图集的信息，请访问官方网站：www.oralhealthatlas.org。
FDI head office relocates to Switzerland

The FDI has relocated its global headquarters to Geneva, Switzerland, completing the final stage of a project that has been several years in the making. The driving forces for the move were logistical and financial—the FDI sought to be in a country where it could conduct business as a single entity—versus the current structure of six distinct companies—which could also offer favourable taxation and simplified management accounting on commercial activities.

Switzerland was a top contender due to its proximity to the FDI’s previous head office, which allowed the possibility of keeping the majority of existing staff. Furthermore, the city is a hub for international governmental and non-governmental organisations such as the United Nations, World Health Organization, World Heart Federation and the International Council of Nurses, which facilitates collaboration in integrated health promotion.

The new office is walking distance from the Geneva Airport, making it convenient for off-site visitors. It has 475 sqm of space and has been renovated to create an open concept workspace, with 360 degrees of windows. Earlier this year, FDI introduced a “Sponsor a Win- dow” programme as a way to raise funds for the move. FDI Executive Director, Dr David Alexander, reported on the progress of the initiative: “The response to the Sponsor a Window programme has been significant and I would like to thank contributing member associations and individual donors for their generosity.”

New address of FDI head office:
FDI World Dental Federation
Tour de Cointrín
Avenue Louis Casati 84
Case Postale 1216
1216 Cointrín – Genève
Switzerland

FDI/Unilever Poster Award Competition

The six winners of the 2009 FDI/Unilever Poster Award Competition were announced at a reception hosted by the two organ- ising associations in Singapore on 5 September.

They are:
• Sagaschihachandani—(India)—“Evaluation of the Quality of Root Endodontic Treatment: A Comparison Between Root Canal Filling Materials”
• Victor T.W. Fan—“Alveolar Bone Preservation and Augmentation with scaffold for implant therapy”
• Manisha Kukreja—“Comparative evaluation of hand wrist radiographs with cervical vertebrae for skeletal maturation in 10–12 yr old children”
• Sagar Abichandani—(India)—“Study of invasion patterns of oral squamous cell carcinoma with a new device of modified grading system”
• Bahia, Brazil. Additionally, he re- ceived a regional prize: a voucher worth $1,000 US for photographic equipment, a one-year subscription to the International Dental Journal, and a year’s supply of Wrigley sugarfree chewing gum.

Winning photographs from this year’s competition were displayed at the FDI Pavilion during the Annual World Dental Congress in Singapore. The grand prize overall winner of the 2009 FDI & Wrigley Photographic Award was Richard from Tacoma, Washington (also the North America Regional Winner). Richard was awarded an expense-paid trip to the 2010 FDI World Dental Congress in Salvador da Bahia, Brazil. Additionally, he re- ceived a regional prize: a voucher worth $1,000 US for photographic equipment, a one-year subscription to the International Dental Journal, and a year’s supply of Wrigley sugarfree chewing gum.

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Correction note
In FDI Worldental Daily, 4 September, 2009, the article on page 8 about the FDI/Unilever Poster Award Competition included some incorrect information. Dr Sadik Ali (name is Ali, not Wali).

What makes dental professionals smile

The Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company has partnered with the FDI World Dental Federation in the second consecutive edition of the FDI & Wrigley Photographic Award.

Earlier this year, dental professionals from 63 countries around the world submitted photographs to the 2009 FDI & Wrigley Photographic Award competition, which ran from 16 March to 8 July. The photographs were reviewed by a panel of judges and winners were selected based on their creativity and in addressing “what makes them smile”.

The other five regional win- ners of the 2009 FDI & Wrigley Photographic Award are:
• (Africa) region: Sandy from Gaut- eng, South Africa
• Asia-Oceania region: PujaN from Singapore
• Europe region: Jan Eric from Albstätten, SG, Switzerland
• Latin America region: Gunther from Cartago, Costa Rica
• Middle East region: Neda from Tehran, Iran

Each regional winner received the same regional prize noted above. Also, in addition to the regional winners this year, 50 other names were chosen at random from the remaining entries to re- ceive a year’s supply of Wrigley’s sugarfree chewing gum (approx. 144 packs). Finally, for each entry received, Wrigley’s Oral Health- care Program (WOPH) is donating $25 US per submission, or up to $25,000 US total, to the FDI World Dental Development Fund (WDDF), which supports oral health education and projects in low-income countries.

Meeting of the Section Defence Forces Dental Services (SDFDS) in Singapore

On 51 August, Brigadier General (Dr) Benjamin Seet, Chief of the Singapore Armed Forces Medical Corps, officiated at the Opening Ceremony of the Mili- tary Programme for the 2009FDI Annual World Dental Congress. The meeting, which attracted more than 60 military dentists from 18 countries, provided a forum for military dental officers to discuss scientific and military dental issues.

In his opening address, Brig. Gen. (Dr) Benjamin Seet empha- sised the relevance of this year’s theme: Dental Healthcare for the Next Generation of Armed Forces. With healthcare services of many armed forces transforming to meet a wider spectrum of geopolitical and military challenges, this meet- ing offered participants an opportu- nity to network and share knowl- edge about advancing military dentistry and providing better oral care for soldiers and servicemen.

Among the speakers present- ing at the congress were Colonel (Dr) Tan Peng Hui, Commander of the Singapore Armed Forces Military Medicine Institute; Major General Zhao Yimin, Vice-Dean of the School of Stomatology, China Fourth Military Medical University; Colonel Robert Hale of the US Army Institute of Surgical Research; and Police Colonel Peter Sahelangi. A wide range of topics were discussed during the two-day Military Programme, in- cluding facial trauma care, foren- sic remains identification, field dentistry and dental fitness of soldiers.