



# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

## FDI World Dental Federation

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**DR GREG CHADWICK**

FDI President

## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT DR GREG CHADWICK

**I was truly honoured and humbled to assume the presidency in September 2023. I am energized by our mission and the opportunity we all have to contribute to improving oral health and making the world a healthier place for everyone.**

Before delving into our achievements, I want to express my sincere gratitude and respect for my predecessor and friend, Prof. Ihsane Ben Yahya. Serving alongside her was a joy and inspiration, and I aim to maintain the high standard she has set.

While individual efforts remain crucial, as an organization, we recognize the significance of collaboration. Throughout the year, we made a concerted effort to seize opportunities to work cooperatively through different platforms. Fulfilling one of my first commitments as FDI President, I had the honour of participating in the 27th International Dental Congress hosted by our member, the Turkish Dental Association (TDA). This event held particular importance for me as the upcoming **FDI World Dental Congress** is set to take place from **12-15 September in the enchanting city of Istanbul, Türkiye**, in partnership with TDA.

We joined forces with members in other ways too. Through the Tobacco Cessation project, FDI conducted capacity-building workshops with members worldwide, **empowering dentists and dental teams with essential resources** and tools for effective tobacco interventions in the dental setting. Given tobacco's substantial threat to oral health, it is imperative that we continue to raise awareness about its adverse effects on both oral and overall health.

Furthermore, together with our members, we committed to

further strengthen our position as the leading global voice of the dental profession. At the General Assembly 2023, our members approved the new FDI Strategy for 2024–2027 and endorsed our Position on Free Sugars. This reinforced the immense dedication and determination we all share in addressing the burden of oral diseases and **ensuring positive developments in global oral healthcare.**

FDI's enduring international partnerships have provided a robust platform to amplify our advocacy efforts. In 2023, our collaboration with the NCD Alliance, with the support of the Dental Association of Thailand, resulted in the development of a compelling case study on Universal Access to Oral Care. This case study serves as a vital reminder that by promoting the efforts of national dental associations and showcasing best practices, **we can inspire more governments and organizations to take proactive steps** in advancing oral health within their respective regions.

It is also with great enthusiasm that I share the exciting news that the *International Dental Journal*, our distinguished open-access journal, continues to yield positive outcomes. Its success is a result of the hard work of the Editor-in-Chief, Prof. Lakshman Samaranayake, combined with **our collective commitment to growth and continuous improvement.** FDI remains dedicated to honouring this commitment by adapting and aligning with the evolving landscape of global oral health.

**“Maintaining a focus on communication and collaboration is crucial for learning from each other’s experiences and enhancing our value to members. I am genuinely excited to embark on this journey with you.”**



**ENZO BONDIONI**

Executive Director

## MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ENZO BONDIONI

**What an incredible year it has been! Let me start by expressing my deepest thanks to our members for their continued dedication. They are the backbone of FDI, providing a comprehensive understanding of diverse oral health needs in various regions and countries, and enabling global impact.**

After a prolonged hiatus, I was thrilled to welcome the triumphant return of an in-person FDI World Dental Congress, marking a significant milestone in the organization's journey. The last face-to-face Congress took place four years ago in 2019 in San Francisco. Since then, the global landscape has undergone remarkable transformations, with FDI at the forefront amplifying the voice of its membership and advocating for improved oral healthcare worldwide.

We have persisted in pursuing our vision of achieving optimal oral health for all through various initiatives. Our flagship campaign, World Oral Health Day, holds immense significance for us, with 2023 marking the final year of the three-year "Be Proud of Your Mouth" campaign. Since the theme's launch in 2021, this campaign has successfully achieved a 4 billion media reach in 209 countries, engaging diverse stakeholders, including our members, Chief Dental Officers, hospitals, governments, partners, educators, the public, and the World Health Organization (WHO), to name a few. We are now looking forward to the new 2024–2026 campaign: **"A HAPPY MOUTH IS..."** and the celebrations have already commenced for the 2024 campaign: **"A HAPPY MOUTH IS A HAPPY BODY."**

We spared no effort in enhancing our advocacy initiatives. Leading collaborations with our European and Latin American regional organizations, we conducted **Vision 2030 capacity-building workshops** to address regional oral disease burdens and identify advocacy priorities. By introducing the **"Vision 2030 Advocacy in Action: Implementation Toolkit"**, we aim to

empower global advocates and changemakers to orchestrate impactful campaigns that can shape policies. Additionally, our voice resonated on global platforms, addressing crucial topics such as noncommunicable diseases, universal health coverage, the phasing down of dental amalgam, and more, always prioritizing the interests of our members in our discussions.

Over the years, **our collaboration with WHO has strengthened**, bolstered by our official relations with the organization. In May 2023, during the 76th World Health Assembly, WHO organized strategic roundtables that convened governments, WHO experts, partner organizations, and civil society to discuss challenges and solutions for enduring public health issues. Notably, FDI participated as a speaker in a roundtable focused on protecting and investing in the health and care workforce. During this session, we **emphasized the crucial role of a robust and competent health workforce** in achieving global health objectives.

Building on this pivotal theme, over the past year, we have undertaken extensive efforts to revamp FDI's Continuing Education Programme. Engaging in numerous discussions, conducting surveys and workshops, and presenting at last year's National Liaison Officers Forum, we sought input to formulate a new long-term strategy. To implement this strategy, a dedicated Task Team has been formed, and under its leadership, **the programme will continue to evolve, empowering dental professionals with the knowledge and skills necessary** to deliver exceptional care to their patients.

**"Moreover, our public health and education initiatives continue to provide the oral healthcare community with a wealth of resources. I have full confidence that, collectively, we will further expand our impact in the future."**

# THE YEAR IN REVIEW

## A glance at FDI's key activities and achievements in 2023

### JANUARY

- FDI's response to the World Health Organization's (WHO) draft global oral health action plan makes an impact ahead of the 152nd Session of WHO's Executive Board (EB152), with an updated version published that incorporates the organization's feedback.



- FDI calls for **sustained action on oral health** at the EB152.
- A collaborative workshop with the Saudi Dental Society in Riyadh results in the drafting of the **Saudi Arabia Declaration on Sugar**, aiming to address the issue of excessive sugar consumption.
- One week ahead of **World Cancer Day**, FDI hosts an **interprofessional webinar** to discuss the role that different health professionals play in the cancer care pathway.
- Two newly launched FDI resources are publicized: a toolkit to **support mental health and well-being** in the dental workplace, and an interactive platform for **partially dentate patients**.

### FEBRUARY

- Two **projects are initiated in refugee camps** in Pakistan and Bangladesh.
- In India, a **multi-stakeholder workshop gathers** to define how data collected through FDI's Oral Health Observatory can be used for oral health advocacy and policy development purposes.
- A webinar on the FDI Oral Health Campus presents the current knowledge around **oral and systemic health and disease**.
- A special episode on FDI's *Dental Check-up* podcast explores the inspiring journey of a person living with cleft and examines **how digital technology is improving access to cleft care**.

- On 20 March, **World Oral Health Day (WOHD) is celebrated globally**. WOHD 2023 marks the culmination of the three-year "Be Proud of Your Mouth" campaign, which has successfully achieved a 4 billion media reach.



- FDI President celebrates WOHD with schoolchildren in Indonesia and emphasizes **the importance of getting regular check-ups**.

### MARCH

- FDI takes part in the **Oral Health Innovation Conclave**, the first-ever national event organized by the Indian Dental Association, focusing on innovations, entrepreneurship, and research in oral healthcare.
- A comprehensive response is submitted to WHO's open consultation on the people-centred **framework for addressing antimicrobial resistance** in the human health sector, advocating the inclusion of oral health.
- FDI organizes a full-day roundtable to explore the barriers and facilitators to achieving **universal access to oral healthcare**.

- The **Whole Body Health digital platform** is launched, providing access to the latest research linking oral health and overall health.



## APRIL

- FDI, in collaboration with the FDI European Regional Organization (ERO), hosts its **first-ever advocacy and capacity-building workshop** in Istanbul, Türkiye, attracting over 50 participants representing 20+ ERO countries.



- FDI launches a **Massive Open Online Course on digital dentistry in cleft**, receiving an impressive average rating of 9/10 from learners.
- A webinar on the FDI Oral Health Campus explores **innovative solutions for cleft care** through digitalization.
- FDI takes part in the **Fifth Global Forum on Human Resources for Health** and organizes a parallel session with the World Health Professions Alliance (WHPA), focusing on the impact of Covid-19 on various health professions.

## MAY

- FDI participates in the **76th session of the World Health Assembly (WHA76)**, leveraging the existing momentum to amplify global attention on oral health.



## JUNE

- On World Refugee Day, FDI joins forces with the Framework Convention on Global Health Alliance, Sustainable Health Equity Movement, and World Federation of Public Health Associations to release a **policy brief to advocate for the oral health of refugees**.
- The second **advocacy and capacity-building workshop** is successfully held in collaboration with the **Latin American Regional Organization** in Bogotá, Colombia.
- FDI with the leadership of the Federación Odontológica Colombiana holds a multi-stakeholder workshop gathering high-level participants to define how **data is collected through the Oral Health Observatory**, and how it can be used for oral health advocacy and policy development.
- FDI leads a symposium at the General Session of the International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (IADR) 2023 titled **“Standardized Practice-Based Data for Oral Health Advocacy.”**



- FDI holds a **virtual summit on Sustainability in Dentistry** highlighting the dental profession and industry’s commitment to reducing the environmental impact of oral healthcare.
- The results of a study aimed at establishing international consensus on a **core outcome set for dental antibiotic stewardship** is published in the *International Dental Journal*.
- A two-hour webinar explores how an approach centred on **oral function contributes to healthy ageing**.

- FDI releases its **White Paper, “Access to Oral Health through Primary Healthcare,”** timed to coincide with WHA76. To support the launch, a *Dental Check-up* podcast discussion presents a robust overview of the key elements of appropriate access to oral care.
- The third and final episode of a **three-part podcast series on mental health** in the dental workplace is published.
- FDI is honoured with a **prestigious Community Communications award** at the Antibiotic Guardian Awards for actively raising awareness of antibiotic resistance in dentistry.
- FDI’s **annual Council and Committee Mid-year Meeting** was held in Zurich, Switzerland. During the Plenary meeting, Council and Standing Committees finalized the new FDI Strategic Plan to be presented to the General Assembly.



## JULY

- Running in nine countries, the Talk to a Dentist project, which provides **oral healthcare in rural and hard-to-reach countries**, launches its first dental camp in Nigeria.
- A two-day workshop involving five East African FDI members results in the **Nairobi Declaration on Fluorosis**, which outlines four key action areas to address the burden of dental fluorosis in the region.
- FDI raises awareness of its new project **Integrated Electronic Health Records in Dentistry**, which aims to identify and understand how to leverage its capabilities to elevate patient care.



## AUGUST

- A short animation is created to simplify and explain partial dentition, including available treatment options and **guidance on maintaining optimal oral health**.
- FDI collaborates with the Indonesian Dental Association to conduct a capacity-building workshop, empowering dentists and dental teams to **deliver effective tobacco interventions**.
- A cross-country pilot study for the FDI Oral Health Observatory (OHO), concludes that OHO presents **a viable model for collecting internationally standardized data** in dental practices.
- The research process begins for an independent report commissioned by FDI to define **the role of industry** in achieving oral health goals.

- FDI launches the **“Vision 2030 Advocacy in Action: Implementation Toolkit”** to help support its members in leveraging the significant developments in the global oral health policy landscape for their advocacy efforts.



## SEPTEMBER

- FDI holds its **parliament meetings** and key decisions include the approval of **FDI’s Strategic Plan 2024–2027** and the adoption of a new **FDI Position on Free Sugars**.
- FDI honours **Sustainability Champions, Smile Grant Winners, and World Oral Health Day Awards’** Winners at WDC.
- A new patient information website is launched to **promote gum health awareness**.
- A survey of national dental associations commences to understand how **FDI’s pledge addressing antibiotic resistance** is being implemented.
- Prior to the **2nd UN High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage**, FDI issues a call-to-action, urging members to engage with their governments on oral health.

- The FDI **World Dental Congress (WDC)**, co-hosted by the Australian Dental Association in Sydney, Australia, returns as an in-person event after a four-year hiatus, surpassing all expectations.
- The inaugural edition of the **Young Dentists Forum** takes place at WDC, offering young dentists a unique opportunity for exposure, knowledge, and professional networking.



## OCTOBER

- FDI and the Jordan Dental Association join forces to address the tobacco challenge with a **tobacco cessation workshop** in Amman, Jordan, attended by 25 participants representing various public and private sectors.
- FDI commits to championing five initiatives through its **World Dental Development Fund**, aiming to promote and improve oral health while preventing oral diseases in limited-income areas.
- A collaborative online event is organized to advocate the continued **phase-down of dental amalgam**.



## NOVEMBER

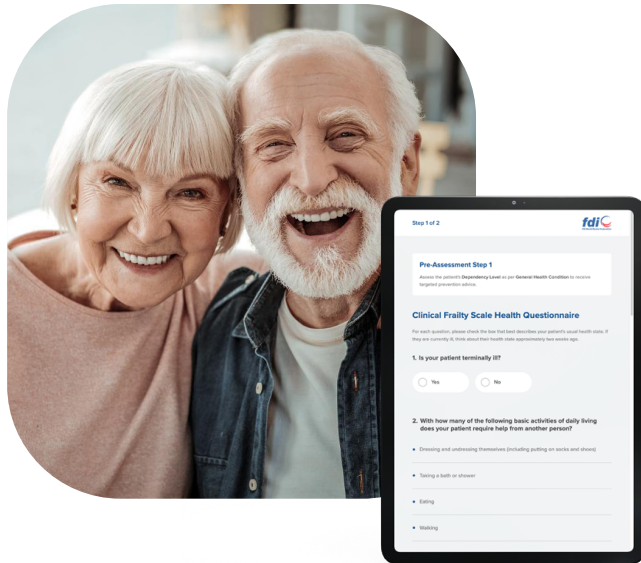
- A successful social media campaign raises awareness about **antibiotic resistance in dentistry** during World Antimicrobial Awareness Week.



**Antibiotics**  
**Antivirals**  
**Antifungals**  
**Antiparasitics**

- A special supplement on the **role of mouthwash in oral care** is published in the *International Dental Journal*.

## DECEMBER



- The **FDI Frailty Guide WebApp** becomes fully operational, providing a valuable resource for dentists and dental teams to use with older adults aged 65 and above.
- FDI launches a **new Massive Open Online Course for oral health professionals**, aiming to provide evidence-based continued professional development on sustainability in dental practices.
- **A sugar strategy**, which operationalizes FDI's Position on Free Sugars, is developed and approved by FDI Council.
- On **Universal Health Coverage Day**, FDI reaffirms its unwavering commitment to translating Vision 2030 from a mere vision into a tangible reality and ensuring optimal oral health delivery for everyone.

- FDI, with support from Colgate, hosts a high-level, multi-stakeholder roundtable to identify challenges and opportunities for **integrating oral health and general health** in global health policies and practice.
- The fifth meeting of **the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury (COP-5)** takes place, with the COP-5 decision aligning with FDI's recommendation to uphold the phase-down approach of dental amalgam.
- CEOs of the World Health Professions Alliance organizations convene for a full-day meeting at the FDI headquarters to shape **the future strategy of the alliance**.

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# KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

**OUR GOAL:** To build a robust community of skilled, engaged, and informed dental professionals and partners.

## FDI World Dental Congress

The FDI World Dental Congress (WDC) is an annual flagship continuing education event that brings together dental professionals, researchers, educators, and industry leaders from around the world. It serves as a dynamic platform for knowledge exchange, showcasing the latest advancements in dentistry and fostering collaboration and networking opportunities.

The 2023 WDC event marked a return to an in-person Congress after a four-year hiatus. FDI co-hosted the meeting with its member, the Australian Dental Association, in Sydney, Australia, from 24 to 27 September. Featuring over 200 accredited sessions from the ADA-CERP and an immersive industry exhibition, this much-anticipated gathering offered extensive learning opportunities from renowned experts. The carefully curated Scientific Programme enabled participants to explore breakthroughs and emerging trends in dentistry and elevate their skills. Moreover, the many social events provided the perfect networking experience in Sydney.

There were also numerous FDI activities taking place during WDC, including the National Liaison Officer and World Oral Health Forums, the Standing Committee Forums, the new World Oral Health Day campaign launch, a writer's workshop led by the *International Dental Journal* Editor-in-Chief, the inaugural Young Dentists Forum (see next page for more on this), and a range of sessions aligned with FDI projects.

**The Congress was a resounding success and exceeded all expectations, drawing an impressive attendance of 10,752 participants and hosting 155 exhibitors.**



## As one Congress closes, another one begins

FDI has already begun preparing for the 2024 WDC, which will be co-hosted with its member, the Turkish Dental Association, in the historic and culturally rich city of Istanbul, Türkiye, from 12 to 15 September 2024. The captivating blend of scientific insights and profound discussions set against the backdrop of this iconic city will undoubtedly leave a lasting impression.



## FDI Young Dentists Forum

In the fast-evolving landscape of dentistry, where innovative technologies and groundbreaking research are reshaping the profession, there has never been a more critical time for young dentists and seasoned professionals to come together under one roof and engage in meaningful discussions about the future of the profession.

The 2023 WDC featured the inaugural edition of FDI's Young Dentists Forum (YDF), bringing together professionals from all over the world to explore cutting-edge topics in dentistry. This unique event also provided early-career dentists and dental students with the chance to discover career development opportunities within the dental profession, expand their professional network, and gain insights into FDI's initiatives.



“It's really exciting to have a Young Dentists Forum, where we have the opportunity to take the stage and develop public speaking skills and gain confidence. But more importantly, I'm excited for the networking opportunities to be able to connect with colleagues from all around the world and to be able to network with industry, as collaborating with industry is also part and parcel of our daily lives as dentists.

Dr Stefani Cheung

An emerging voice in dentistry and a speaker at YDF

## FDI Oral Health Campus

In 2023, the [FDI Oral Health Campus](#) remained committed to facilitating continuous professional development by offering a diverse array of continuing education (CE) opportunities. In addition, for the first time ever, the FDI Oral Health Campus hosted a webinar with Arabic and Spanish subtitles, aiming to broaden its accessibility to a wider audience. The webinar was entitled “adhesive dentistry: tips for obtaining the maximum performance of materials in the clinic.”

### PLATFORM IMPACT

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WEBINARS  
HELD

5,734

TOTAL REGISTRANTS

3,350

WATCHED LIVE  
OR ON-DEMAND

### TOP THREE WEBINARS ATTENDED LIVE OR ON-DEMAND

796 ATTENDEES

[Whole Body Health – what do we know and where are we going?](#)

487 ATTENDEES

[Adhesive dentistry: Tips for obtaining the maximum performance of materials in the clinic](#)

486 ATTENDEES

[How an oral function approach supports healthy ageing for all](#)



## FDI Continuing Education Programme

### Overview and objectives

FDI's Continuing Education (CE) Programme is designed for qualified dental practitioners and covers five regions: Africa, Asia Pacific, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East.

Professional development through CE is an essential component of maintaining competence and staying abreast of the latest advancements in the ever-evolving field of dentistry. It not only enhances clinical skills but also fosters a commitment to lifelong learning, ensuring that dental professionals are well-equipped to provide optimal patient care in an environment of continuous innovation and discovery.

### Regional CE programme overview 2023

A total of 58 courses were delivered in 2023.

Region	Number of courses	Number of events	Number of NDAs	Countries
Africa	10	7	7	Congo, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Ivory Coast, Benin, Kenya, Senegal
Asia Pacific	14	9	8	Cambodia, Malaysia, Hong Kong SAR, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Macau, India, Indonesia
Europe	10	10	9	Bosnia and Herzegovina, Italy, Poland, Hungary, Macedonia, Bulgaria, Azerbaijan, Romania
Latin America	7	4	4	Costa Rica, Colombia, Honduras, Mexico
Middle East	17	7	7	Saudi Arabia, Syria, Lebanon, Iran, United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Iraq
All	58	37	35	

NDAs: National Dental Associations

The complete list of CE events is available at: [fdiworlddental.org/continuing-education-ce-programme](https://fdiworlddental.org/continuing-education-ce-programme)

### Future developments

The reassessment of the Regional CE Programme strategy conducted in 2022 concluded that, while research and general practice activities are covered at an international level by FDI and the International Association for Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Research, a uniform and unanimous post-graduate educational offer does not exist. Therefore, a regional CE Task Team was appointed in April 2023 to create a pilot curriculum. The goal is to implement it in Europe, the Middle East, and Asia as soon as funding has been secured and then roll it out further in Africa and Latin America.

## International Dental Journal

FDI's official open-access publication, the *International Dental Journal* (IDJ), features peer-reviewed articles relevant to international oral health issues, as well as informative articles aimed at clinicians. IDJ is an essential learning resource that empowers dental professionals to stay at the leading edge of their field, driving innovation and improving patient care worldwide.

### IDJ continues to evolve and thrive

In 2023, under the guidance of Editor-in-Chief Prof. Lakshman Samaranayake, IDJ continued its remarkable progress, further enhancing and solidifying its standing. The Journal's impact factor, a widely recognized metric used to determine a journal's importance by calculating the frequency of its articles' citations, experienced a substantial increase from 2.606 to an impressive 3.3. This advancement propelled IDJ's overall ranking to 30th position out of 91 dental journals, marking a significant leap of 24 places.

### Factors driving the positive trend

IDJ has been at the forefront of the movement towards sustainability and accessibility for almost two years now. Its Gold Open Access policy ensures that the Journal is available to every interested reader in any remote corner of the world connected to the internet. This aligns seamlessly with FDI's vision – to lead the world to optimal oral health – and serves those in resource-poor regions of the globe, where access to scientific literature is hindered by a lack of library facilities and unaffordable borrowing and printing costs.

Furthermore, the collaborative partnership and regular meetings among FDI leadership, the editorial team, and the publishing team have contributed significantly to IDJ's growing success.

### Fostering a rise in article submission rates

During the reporting period, manuscripts were received from almost every region of the world, with resource-rich regions such as China and Saudi Arabia leading in submissions. Contributions from North America, however, were limited, and future strategic planning will consider ways to address this issue. For example, worldwide publicity campaigns to maintain a strong flow of manuscripts and a proactive campaign to popularize the Journal in North America are two key objectives moving forward, aiming to build on recent successes and expand the global reach of the publication.

### New initiatives and outcomes

In 2022, a new sub-section titled Science and Technology in Dentistry was introduced to complement the existing tripartite menu of sub-sections, namely: i) practice-related research, ii) international public health, and iii) interprofessional education and practice. Demonstrating its popularity, approximately 18.4% of all manuscripts received in 2022 and 2023 fell under this category. The inclusion of cutting-edge molecular biology articles in this section has expanded the Journal's readership, reaching a much broader audience than the traditional epidemiology-based readership.

### Advancing FDI's commitment to oral health for all

Presently, there is a lack of comprehensive data regarding how regional and national dental organizations utilize IDJ. To address this gap, a survey will be carried out in 2024 to gather this crucial information. It is imperative for academics, especially those in developing countries, to be aware that IDJ is freely accessible to their staff and students. By working together, we can ensure this happens.









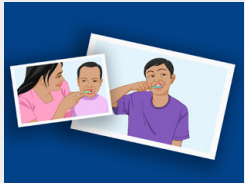










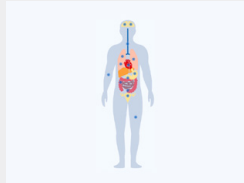




**IDJ achieved its most significant single-year leap in rankings propelling its overall ranking to 30th position out of 91 dental journals. This achievement is also underscored by the notable increase in its impact factor.**

# Education and Public Health Projects

FDI's diverse education and public health projects aim to improve oral health globally, through the establishment of innovative prevention and access programmes in disadvantaged populations, as well as by addressing pertinent topics and emerging issues of global relevance.

Learn more about their achievements and how they are helping to advance oral health globally.

							
Antibiotic Resistance in Dentistry	Brush Day and Night	Career Management	Electronic Health Records	Global Periodontal Health	Health and Safety in the Workplace	Oral Health for an Ageing Population	Oral Health and Cancer - Collaborative Care
							
Oral Health in Comprehensive Cleft Care	Oral Health Observatory	Partially Dentate Patients	Refugee Oral Health Promotion and Care	Role of Mouthwash in Oral Care	Smile Around the World	Sports Dentistry	Sustainability in Dentistry
							
Talk to a Dentist	Tobacco Cessation	Vision 2030 - Capacity Building Workshops	Whole Body Health	Whole Mouth Health	World Dental Development Fund		

You can also visit [www.fdiworlddental.org/projects](http://www.fdiworlddental.org/projects) for full details on each initiative.

These projects are anchored by the important directives of FDI's Vision 2030 and the World Health Organization's (WHO) Oral Health Resolution, Strategy, and Action Plan. These pivotal documents guide FDI's ongoing efforts to combat the global repercussions of oral diseases.

## Access to Care

Oral health is recognized as a basic human right and a fundamental aspect of overall health and well-being.

Despite all the evidence, oral health services are not included in countries' Universal Health Coverage benefits packages or programmes.

A multistakeholder roundtable addressed how access to oral healthcare could be improved through integration into primary healthcare.

### Understanding the barriers and facilitators for access to care

In March 2023, FDI organized a full-day roundtable, supported by Unilever, to review existing evidence on the challenges of universal access to oral care. Major barriers to accessing and utilizing oral healthcare exist at the macro (system), meso (organizational) and micro (clinical) levels. These include maldistribution and inaccessibility to the oral health workforce, oral health being siloed from the wider healthcare team, widening inequalities due to advancing technologies in high-income countries, the cost associated with oral healthcare, and the lack of governmental commitment to tackling the social and commercial determinants of health that contribute to oral diseases.

Roundtable participants discussed what constitutes appropriate access to oral care and reviewed replicable best practices for expanding access to oral care through integration into primary healthcare systems, including in underserved populations.

The roundtable served as the foundation for a [White Paper](#), released to coincide with the World Health Assembly in May 2023. Its purpose was to support national dental associations (NDAs) and policymakers understand the challenges in accessing oral healthcare and provide implementable solutions. The white paper also highlighted future work that needs to be undertaken at a country-level to improve access to oral healthcare.

### Listen to the podcast to gain insight into the key elements

An associated podcast – produced and launched simultaneously on [Dental Check-up](#) – covered the perspectives of three experts representing different fields of practice (clinical practice and service management, policy analysis, and advocacy and academia). Their discussion provided a robust picture of the key elements of appropriate access to oral care.



**The access to care roundtable emphasizes that oral health is an integral part of overall health. It must be available to all, at the highest quality and appropriate level, whenever required.**

# Antibiotic Resistance In Dentistry

Antibiotic resistance is a global health crisis. It is expected to be responsible for 10 million deaths each year by 2050.

Around 10% of antibiotics across healthcare are prescribed by dentists.

For many years, FDI has been actively involved in raising awareness of antibiotic resistance in dentistry and providing tools to address the issue.

## International consensus on a core outcome set for dental antibiotic stewardship

A research study in collaboration with Manchester University developed an international consensus on a core outcome set (COS) to guide dental antibiotic stewardship programmes and measure their impact. Antibiotic use outcomes (e.g., appropriateness of prescribing), adverse or poor outcomes (e.g., complications from disease progression), and a patient-reported outcome were included in the final, agreed core set. Read the full [COS paper](#), which was published in the *International Dental Journal* in June 2023.

## Advancing the role of dentistry through continuous research

By connecting and supporting early career researchers (ECRs) through its [Global Antimicrobial Research Dental \(GARD\) Network](#), FDI aims to promote ongoing research on this topic to help the dental profession strengthen its role in tackling antimicrobial resistance. Over 80 ECRs have joined the network and, every month, a webinar is organized where members of the network present their work on antibiotic resistance and discuss further collaborative research opportunities.

## Advocating the inclusion of oral health in WHO open consultation

In March 2023, FDI submitted a detailed response to the open consultation launched by WHO on the people-centred framework for addressing antimicrobial resistance in the human health sector. In this consultation, FDI strongly advocated the inclusion of:

- oral health and dental antibiotics in action plans and initiatives to reduce antimicrobial resistance;
- oral healthcare as a vital element in health emergency preparedness strategies;
- oral hygiene in Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene strategies, jointly addressing oral and hand hygiene.

## Preventing antimicrobial resistance together

A survey of national dental associations (NDAs) was launched in September 2023. This survey aims to understand how FDI's [pledge](#) addressing antibiotic resistance, a commitment that has garnered support from 182 signatories, is being implemented in different countries to assess and understand the different national strategies adopted to tackle the issue. The results will be analyzed once the survey has closed.

In addition, a successful social media campaign was conducted during World Antimicrobial Awareness Week in November, raising awareness about antibiotic resistance in dentistry.

**In May 2023, FDI received the prestigious Antibiotic Guardian Awards under the Community Communications category for its efforts in raising awareness and empowering the dental community to contribute to the fight against antibiotic resistance.**

## Career Management

FDI's Vision 2030 identifies key challenges for the oral health profession and the need to build a resilient workforce.

Choosing a career path can be a daunting task, especially for young students who are entering the workforce for the first time.

This project aims to help dental students and professionals in oral healthcare explore the different career pathways and opportunities available within dentistry.



### Know your worth

FDI, in collaboration with the International Association of Dental Students and the European Dental Students Association, developed a questionnaire for students to understand what they perceive as potential career paths. The questionnaire received 2,340 responses from over 50 countries. The results will be analyzed and published to gain a deeper understanding of dental career aspirations among early-career dentists.

A brochure highlighting different career paths will be launched in 2024 to inspire dentists at all stages of their careers. To support this initiative, the Dental Practice Committee Forum 2023 dedicated its focus to exploring career pathways for dentists and delving into the advantages of mentorship.

**The analysis of the survey is in progress. Two peer-reviewed articles are planned, aiming to explore the influence of personality types on career choices and review career aspirations from the perspectives of countries and sociodemographic determinants.**



# Consensus Project on Toothbrushing Method

There is a wide diversity in recommendations on toothbrushing methods.

Resources produced by the oral health community present a variety of techniques, such as the Modified Bass, Scrub, and Fones method, or electric toothbrush.

This project set out to establish a professional consensus on the different aspects of the toothbrushing methods.

## Developing a set of evidence-based recommendation

A systematic review was carried out, which identified the available evidence on the effectiveness of different toothbrushing methods in diverse populations and the frequency with which they are recommended. A comprehensive consensus-building process followed to shape a set of recommendations.

## Disseminating the recommendations

- **A peer-reviewed article** was published in the *International Dental Journal*.
- **A chairside guide** is being produced to communicate the recommendations to dentists and dental teams for use in general practice.
- **A visual guide for patients** is also currently in development, with the goal of helping the general public understand the most appropriate daily oral hygiene regime.



**The FDI encouraged its membership and stakeholders worldwide to share the recommendations with dentists and dental teams within their countries and take the important steps towards reducing the burden of oral diseases.**

# Digital Cleft Care

Individuals born with cleft require lifelong care.

Unfortunately, many patients struggle to access life-changing care due to various challenges, including distance from care centres and affordability.

Digital advances and technologies can help bridge this gap and improve access to cleft care for people all around the world.

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## Listen to *Dental Check-up* to hear an inspiring story

Published in February 2023, a special episode on the *Dental Check-up* podcast followed the inspiring journey of a person living with cleft. This patient journey highlighted the emotional and physical challenges that individuals with cleft confront. The full episode brought to life the transformative power of digital cleft care and how it can help to improve the lives of people born and living with this condition.

## Introduction of a Massive Open Online Course and digital workflow

Launched in April 2023, FDI's *Massive Open Online Course* (MOOC) on digital dentistry in cleft provides dental and cleft care teams the opportunity to learn about the benefits of digitalization in comprehensive cleft care; understand the patient journey through a digitized care pathway; and understand the role digitalization will play in the future of dentistry. The course aims to provide guidance and scientific expertise to ensure sound implementation of the latest technologies into the cleft care continuum. The MOOC received an average rating of 9/10 from learners.

“ It was very interactive. Including Ashley’s story was also a good touch to get real insight into her experience and allow us, as dental professionals, to see it from a patient’s view and understand how they feel.

Course Participant

The *digital workflow*, launched in tandem with the MOOC, stands out as a unique resource highlighting key points within care pathways where digital technology can improve comprehensive cleft care.

\* Smile Train is a cleft lip and palate non-profit organization.



## INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR CLEFT CARE THROUGH DIGITALIZATION WEBINAR

583  
registrants

212  
watched live

21  
watched  
on-demand

# Educational Module for Other Healthcare Professionals

Oral health is integral to general health.

Integrating oral and general person-centred healthcare can only be achieved through innovative oral health education programmes that target the entire health workforce, especially those already in clinical practice.

Expanding access to oral healthcare is the key to healthier, happier lives.

## A whole team approach is necessary for oral and overall health

Most oral diseases are preventable by straightforward, evidence-based interventions.

However, there is a shortage of dentists in many parts of the world. To expand access to oral health and to achieve the goal of affordable and accessible healthcare for all, there is a need to engage the wider health workforce for the prevention and control of oral diseases. As things stand, in various healthcare settings, healthcare professionals (HCPs) are confronted with oral health issues that, most of the time, they have not been trained to manage.



By producing educational materials for HCPs that provide basic oral health information and help build oral healthcare skills, FDI seeks to empower them to include essential oral healthcare services in their routine work.

## Enhancing the capacity of the health workforce

A guide for other HCPs is currently in development, including a total of 16 fact sheets, which are listed below:

1. Understanding dental caries
2. Periodontal disease (gum disease)
3. Oral health in pregnancy
4. Oral adverse drug reactions
5. Child oral health
6. Adult oral health
7. Geriatric oral health
8. The relationship between oral and systemic disease
9. Raising awareness about global oral health
10. Oral lesions and oral cancer
11. Tobacco use and oral health
12. Fluoride varnish application
13. Dietary advice
14. Oral hygiene
15. Basic oral examination
16. Overview of the oral cavity and oral health

**In collaboration with the World Health Professions Alliance, FDI will seek feedback and endorsement from other relevant health professional associations prior to launching the new fact sheets in 2024.**

# Global Periodontal Health Project

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Gum health can take a back seat in daily oral healthcare routines.

Unfortunately, periodontal (gum) diseases are among humanity's most common diseases.

At every stage of life, maintaining periodontal health is an essential part of ensuring a high-quality life.

## FDI's new patient information website promotes gum health awareness

In September 2023, to empower the public with the knowledge they need to take control of their gum health, FDI launched a patient-friendly website. Available in multiple languages, this resource serves as a valuable tool for individuals to identify common gum disease symptoms and recognize when it's time to consult their trusted dentist and dental team.

The website goes a step further by emphasizing that treating gum disease is a collaborative effort that involves both the dental team and the patient. By fostering this partnership, individuals can proactively manage their gum health, ensuring not only good oral health but also an improved quality of life.

## Explainer video for dentists and dental teams

To explain the importance of applying the 2017 Periodontal Staging and Grading Classification for Periodontal and Peri-implantitis Diseases in general practice, FDI produced a short video and began sharing it via social media. This updated classification system is designed to facilitate comprehensive treatment strategies and enable a patient-centric approach to oral healthcare.



**Working with the Australian Dental Association, FDI tested and evaluated these newly created resources to ensure their ongoing effectiveness.**

# Health & Safety in the Dental Workplace

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Due to work and life experiences, dental teams can be exposed to stressors that lead to them feeling strained.

This in turn can result in serious mental health issues, such as burnout and an increase in addictive behaviours.

All stakeholders involved in the dental profession have an important responsibility to promote mental health and well-being in the workplace.

## Supporting the well-being of dentists and dental teams at the individual, organizational and national levels

FDI launched and publicized the *Mental health and well-being in the dental workplace* digital toolkit, designed to help improve mental health and well-being by providing guidance on actions that can be taken at three levels of intervention:

- **Dentists and dental teams or individual level** – to be used within a team and/or individually.
- **Organizational level** – directed towards people who want to improve mental health and well-being at their dental workplace, such as practice leaders, managers, or mental health champions within the dental team.
- **National or system level** – intended for use by dental associations at both the national and international levels, as well as by universities, local governments, and national governments.

Each level of action is composed of three main sections: Determine, Do, and Discuss. The determine section provides recommendations to help assess mental health and well-being; the do section includes recommendations and plans of action tailored for the different levels; and the discuss section includes communication tools and recommendations to advocate and promote mental health and well-being.

## Discover the mental health series on *Dental Check-up*

To further support this important well-being topic, FDI launched a three-part series on mental health in the dental workplace on its *Dental Check-up* podcast. In the final episode, published in May 2023, the host engages in an intimate conversation with Sarah Thomson, a dental hygienist whose personal experience of overcoming alcoholism is both inspiring and remarkable. Sarah generously shares her story with the hope that it will serve as a source of inspiration and motivation for others going through similar experiences.



**At the World Dental Congress in Sydney, a session discussed the impact of workplace stress on the dental team's mental health and well-being, and how to use FDI's digital toolkit to address these challenges.**

# Integrated Electronic Health Records in Dentistry

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Integrated Electronic Health Records revolutionize patient medical history by organizing it in a digital format that can be accessed across diverse healthcare settings.

If harnessed effectively, this technology holds the potential to elevate patient care to new heights.

In 2023, recognizing this potential, FDI launched this initiative to understand how to leverage its capabilities for dentistry.

## Revolutionizing interprofessional collaboration and patient care

FDI's Integrated Electronic Health Records (EHRs) in Dentistry project aims to identify and understand the needs and preferences of end-users related to integrated dental medical EHRs by actively engaging with professionals and researchers in the field of dentistry. Their invaluable feedback will serve as the foundation for developing a recommended set of oral health indicators, ensuring that integrated EHRs comprehensively capture the necessary oral health data for optimal patient care and groundbreaking research.

The project further aims to provide guidance on the regular collection of data by dental healthcare providers to facilitate comprehensive healthcare, with the goal of promoting interprofessional collaboration and, ultimately, enhancing the overall well-being of patients.

## Achievements to date

Since its launch, a scoping review has been carried out to determine the current state of integrated and non-integrated EHRs on a global scale and to assess whether oral health indicators are included in these records or not. Following this review, an International Advisory Group was set up comprising end-users from different healthcare professions, countries, as well as industry representatives.



**An in-person meeting is scheduled to take place in Chicago on 21–23 February 2024 to drive the advancement of medical EHRs and patient care in the field of oral health.**

# Oral Health for an Ageing Population

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As people are living longer, the unavoidable reality of population ageing is affecting our society on a global scale.

Oral health is essential for the lifelong maintenance of quality of life, and research has shown that it contributes to the maintenance and improvement of general health.

This project aims to strengthen the role of the oral health community in achieving healthy longevity.

## New resources aimed at improving oral function for older adults

Following a workshop held at the close of 2022, the decision was made to progress to the development of a WebApp as the next phase in the Oral Health for an Ageing Population project. The *FDI Frailty Guide* WebApp is now fully operational, providing a valuable resource for dentists and dental teams to use before or during consultations with older adults aged 65 and above. A two-step pre-assessment establishes the dependency-level and the oral frailty risk-level of the patient, followed by targeted prevention advice. A PDF with the pre-assessment results and prevention advice can be downloaded and/or received via email.

In addition, a [brochure for patients and carers](#) provides oral function exercises to be performed regularly by older adults to help maintain their oral health and prevent signs of oral function decline.

## Facilitating knowledge exchange

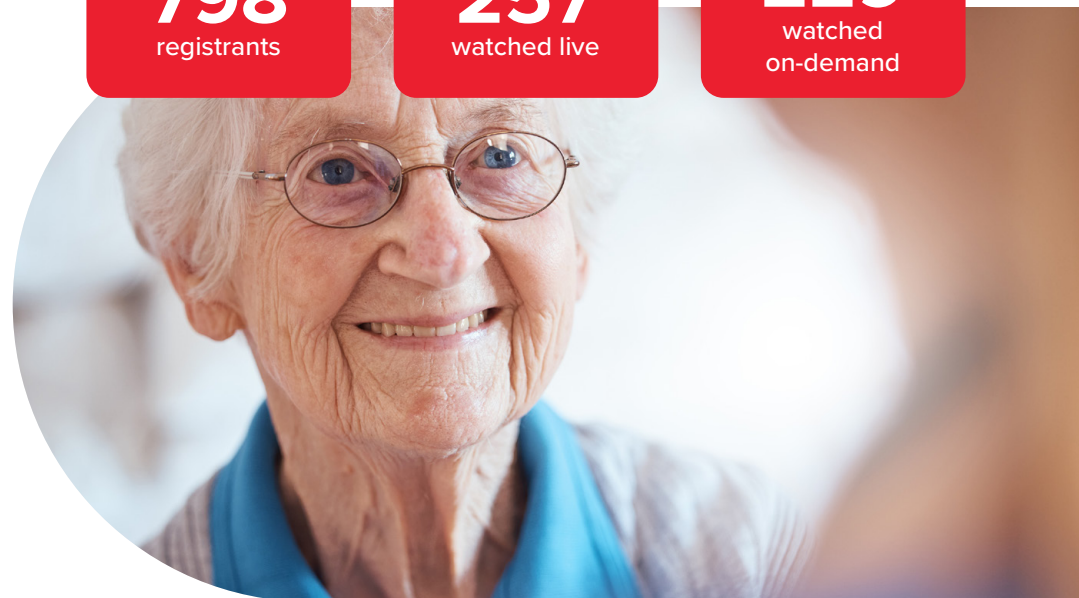
In June 2023, a two-hour webinar featuring distinguished oral health experts explained the ways in which an approach centred on oral function contributes to healthy ageing, aiming not only to extend lifespans but to enhance overall well-being. The presentations, each addressing a specific aspect, were followed by a comprehensive discussion involving all webinar speakers.

## HOW AN ORAL FUNCTION SUPPORTS HEALTHY AGEING FOR ALL WEBINAR

798  
registrants

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# Oral Health and Cancer: Collaborative Care

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People living with cancer face many challenges when it comes to healthcare, oral health being one of them.

30–35% of patients receiving cancer therapy develop oral complications.

Strengthening collaboration and knowledge between dentists, dental teams and other health professionals in the cancer team is essential.

## Closing the care gap by increasing collaboration across the continuum of cancer care

To ensure that patients receiving cancer therapy get the best care, collaborative cancer care is essential in order to prevent and manage complications in a timely manner. **ONCOLlab**, developed by FDI in collaboration with the International Society of Oral Oncology (ISOO), is a mobile application that enables cancer care teams to manage oral complications that may arise during the cancer treatment of their patients.

The application can also be used as a preventive measure by virtue of the risk calculators that it incorporates for different disease sites. This information can be printed or emailed to patients to give them the necessary knowledge about their treatment.

The mobile application can be downloaded on all [iOS](#) and [Android](#) devices and is currently available in English, with a French version scheduled to be launched in 2024.

“ I love this ONCOLlab app [...] What the app is going to enable us to do is take the information from the literature, the evidence-based guidelines that have been developed, the clinical practice tools that have been published, and incorporate them into one app that has all the different disease sites so that the oncologists and the clinician dentist can communicate more effectively.

Dr Debbie Saunders, Medical Director of Oncology, Health Sciences North

## Supporting the launch of ONCOLlab

FDI hosted an interprofessional webinar on January 23, 2023, one week ahead of World Cancer Day. Guest experts from the World Medical Association, International Council of Nurses, International Pharmaceutical Federation, ISOO, and FDI actively participated, offering unique insights from their respective professions.

### INTERPROFESSIONAL COLLABORATION IN CANCER CARE WEBINAR

**601**  
registrants

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# Oral Health in Comprehensive Cleft Care

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The rehabilitation and care of children living with clefts often encompass the core specialties of nursing, plastic surgery, speech therapy, and orthodontics.

However, it is essential to include dental care in the comprehensive care continuum for cleft patients.

To facilitate this integration, dentists, dental teams, and others healthcare professionals must receive accurate and high-quality guidance and education.

## Massive Open Online Courses and resources garner positive feedback

In previous phases of the project, [educational resources](#) and two Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) were developed and published. These courses were designed for two distinct audiences:

- **Wider cleft care teams** to enhance their understanding of the crucial role of oral health in cleft care.
- **Dentists and dental teams** to provide them with essential information about their role in comprehensive cleft care.

The MOOCs received an average rating of 9.3/10 from learners. Anecdotal comments from course participants included:

“ **Very didactic course. Beautiful teaching resources.**  
**Easy to read, simple words, very specific, yet understandable.** ”

## Dispelling the myths surrounding clefts

In collaboration with Dundee University, another exciting project involved the creation of two comic strips to help dispel the myths surrounding clefts. These comic strips will be distributed through FDI and Smile Train networks to contribute to the ongoing efforts in removing the stigma around clefts.



**The production of a series of educational videos for families and caregivers is currently underway to enable them to better understand how to prevent caries and periodontal disease at home.**

# Oral Health within General Health



Oral health has often been isolated within health systems in many countries.

In response, this project will continue to spotlight the bidirectional relationship of oral-systemic health.

It aims to expand upon the achievements of successful ongoing projects – Whole Mouth Health and Whole Body Health – and unites them under this initiative to reinforce their interdependency.

## Whole Mouth Health Challenge

The Whole Mouth Health project uses a co-design methodology to actively engage with a range of communities in five countries to build oral health literacy. The co-design activities were digitalized into the Whole Mouth Health Arcade, with 944 users to date. In 2024, a call will be issued to national dental associations (NDAs), inviting them to participate in the Whole Mouth Health Challenge with the goal of transforming it into an expansive global research study.

## Whole Body Health Platform

Launched in February 2023, the Whole Body Health platform is designed to enable oral health professionals and the wider healthcare community to access the latest research linking oral health with overall health and support the exploration of these relationships. The evidence strongly supports FDI's Vision 2030, which maps out how healthcare professionals can contribute appropriately to the effective prevention and management of oral diseases and collaborate across health disciplines to improve health and well-being.

Furthermore, an in-person workshop was conducted in Geneva, in November 2023, to facilitate the exchange of information between FDI and other health-focused non-governmental organizations. Read more about this initiative on page 39.

## WHOLE BODY HEALTH – WHAT DO WE KNOW AND WHERE ARE WE GOING WEBINAR

1,034  
registrants

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on-demand

## Capacity building workshops

In January 2023, a collaborative workshop with the Saudi Dental Society in Riyadh resulted in the formulation of the Saudi Arabia Declaration on Sugar, aiming to address the issue of excessive sugar consumption in the region.

Then, on 31 July and 1 August 2023, FDI organized a workshop involving five East African NDAs and produced the Nairobi Declaration to tackle the burden of dental fluorosis in the region.

## 2023 Smile Grant Awards

In the pursuit of a world with healthier smiles, FDI proudly gives out the Smile Grant (CHF 5,000) – an annual initiative that recognizes and supports FDI member NDAs who are actively transforming oral health through innovative and sustainable community outreach projects in their countries. The 2023 winners hailed from Australia and Philippines. [Learn about](#) their outstanding efforts.

Standardized, international data on oral conditions and healthcare services are needed to effectively evaluate and plan oral health policies and services.

Across countries, they can enable comparisons of the impact of different health policies and benchmarking of oral health and services for advocacy purposes.

The Oral Health Observatory, launched in 2014, aims to provide a coordinated approach to international oral health data collection.

## Explore the findings from a cross-country pilot study

This global research project currently collects standardized oral health data in 12 countries. To date, six countries have finalized the data collection. The methodology of the study with descriptive results were published in the August 2023 issue of the *International Dental Journal* under the title *Standardised Practice-Based Oral Health Data Collection: A Pilot Study in Different Countries*. The article concludes that the Oral Health Observatory (OHO) presents a viable model for collecting internationally standardized data in dental practices. A second article has been submitted and accepted for publication in the *International Dental Journal*, containing a detailed analysis of the associations between self-reported general health and the socio-demographic, oral health-related behaviours, self-reported oral impacts and dentist reported variables.

## Leveraging the findings to enhance oral healthcare

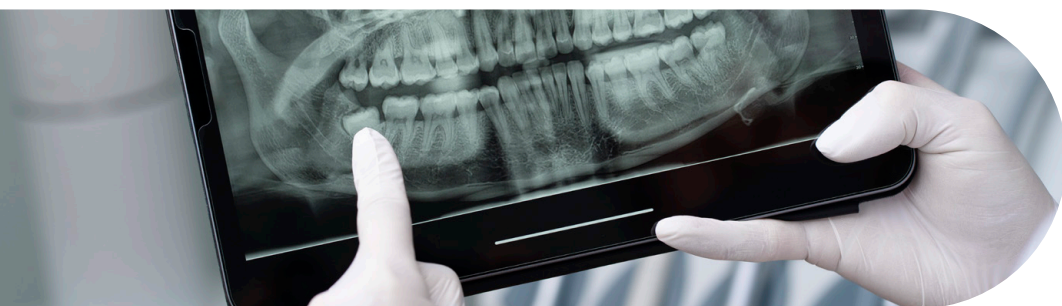
In partnership with the respective national dental associations, workshops were conducted in India and Colombia, aiming to define how the data collected through OHO can be used for oral health advocacy and policy development purposes.

The first workshop, led by the Indian Dental Association (IDA), took place in Mumbai, India, in February 2023. It brought together key stakeholders from government, academia, and research. The IDA is currently developing an action plan to advocate for better oral health in the country, and FDI will continue to support their efforts.

The second workshop, conducted in Bogotá, Colombia, took place in June. Mirroring the India workshop, it drew participation from experts across the field. A dedicated working group will carry forward the action plan formulated during this workshop.

## IADR 2023 symposium

A symposium titled *Standardized Practice-Based Data for Oral Health Advocacy* took place at the 2023 General Session of the International Association for Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Research (IADR) in June. The event featured presentations on the results and achievements of the project's data collection, along with discussions on the challenges associated with implementing an international standardized practice-based data collection project. Additionally, the symposium addressed how the findings can be translated into effective oral health advocacy and policymaking.



**A new proposal is under development to advance the project, which focuses on enhancing data collection by inviting additional countries to join the OHO initiative.**

# Partially Dentate Patients

As individuals age, tooth loss becomes a prevalent concern that can significantly impact their daily lives.

Partial tooth loss can affect everything from what a person eats to their self-perception.

This project aims to heighten awareness regarding the specific needs and treatment options for partially dentate patients.

## Enhancing oral health and quality of life for partially dentate patients

To empower patients and help them prepare for their dental consultations, FDI launched a new [interactive platform](#) that enables patients to effectively communicate with their dentists, facilitating the establishment of tailored treatment and care plans specific to the patient's needs.

Patients are invited to complete a comprehensive Needs and Preferences Questionnaire, which can be downloaded or sent directly to the dentist via email. By completing the questionnaire, patients can provide their dentist with a better understanding of their oral health status and needs, allowing for more personalized treatment recommendations.

In addition to the questionnaire, the platform also provides an overview of the different treatment options available to partially dentate patients, empowering them to make informed decisions about their treatment in partnership with their dentist.

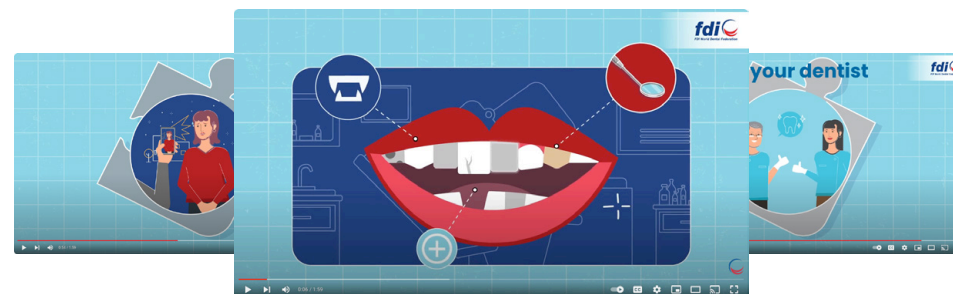
By equipping individuals with the necessary tools and information, FDI hopes to improve patient outcomes and ensure that the best possible oral health and quality of life can be enjoyed by everyone.

## Watch the explainer video

In August 2023, FDI published a [short animation](#) aimed at simplifying and explaining several key aspects:

- Partial dentition and its causes
- The potential effects of partial tooth loss
- Treatment options available to restore the mouth
- The importance of a dental consultation
- How to maintain optimal oral health

Moving forward, this animation will be utilized to promote the self-assessment tool widely to the general public.



**This interactive platform, designed to help prepare patients for their dental consultations, is already making a difference to the lives of partially dentate patients around the world.**

# Refugee Oral Health Promotion and Care

With the scale of global displacement growing alarmingly, refugees find themselves among the most vulnerable populations worldwide.

Unfortunately, these individuals face numerous barriers in accessing healthcare, including oral health services.

A unified approach is critical to create an enabling environment for action that leaves no-one behind.



## Call to Action: Promoting oral health for refugees

Every year, on 20 June, World Refugee Day serves as a catalyst for people around the globe to come together with a shared determination to provide support to those who have been forced to flee their homes due to conflict or persecution. In the spirit of this global solidarity, FDI joined forces with Framework Convention on Global Health Alliance, Sustainable Health Equity Movement, and World Federation of Public Health Associations to develop a [policy brief](#) calling on policymakers, healthcare providers and the international community to promote oral health for refugees.

Recognizing that oral health is a critical component of overall health and well-being, it is vital for individuals, including refugees, to have equitable access to timely, affordable, and high-quality care. The policy brief emphasizes the necessity of collaborative and united efforts to guarantee that oral health services are an integral component of existing and future refugee health strategies. By advocating for equitable access to oral health services, we can help alleviate the burdens faced by refugees and empower them to rebuild their lives with dignity and confidence.

## Fostering collaboration: Empowering communities through joint initiatives in refugee camps

In early 2023, two collaborative projects were initiated in refugee camps, specifically in Pakistan and Bangladesh, through partnerships with the Pakistan Dental Association (PDA) and Bangladesh Dental Society (BDS), respectively. FDI, in conjunction with PDA, designed a programme aimed at delivering essential oral health services to refugees settling in remote villages in Pakistan. This initiative seeks to ensure that communities receive basic oral health services and are appropriately referred for further oral healthcare when needed.

Simultaneously, the project in Bangladesh is being overseen by the Refugee Crisis Foundation, a UK-based charity with extensive experience in health promotion for refugee populations. This endeavour is being conducted in close collaboration with BDS. The primary goal of the project is to prevent and reduce dental caries and instil healthy hygiene habits from an early age, by promoting hand and oral hygiene among children in the Rohingya refugee camp in Bangladesh.

**FDI will closely track and report on the progress of both projects to gather valuable insights and best practices for delivering oral health support to refugee populations.**

# Role of Mouthwash in Oral Care

Today, there is a vast variety of dental products available in the market, and mouthwashes or mouth rinses are just some of them.

These products are accessible to people over-the-counter and with prescription, depending on their use and composition.

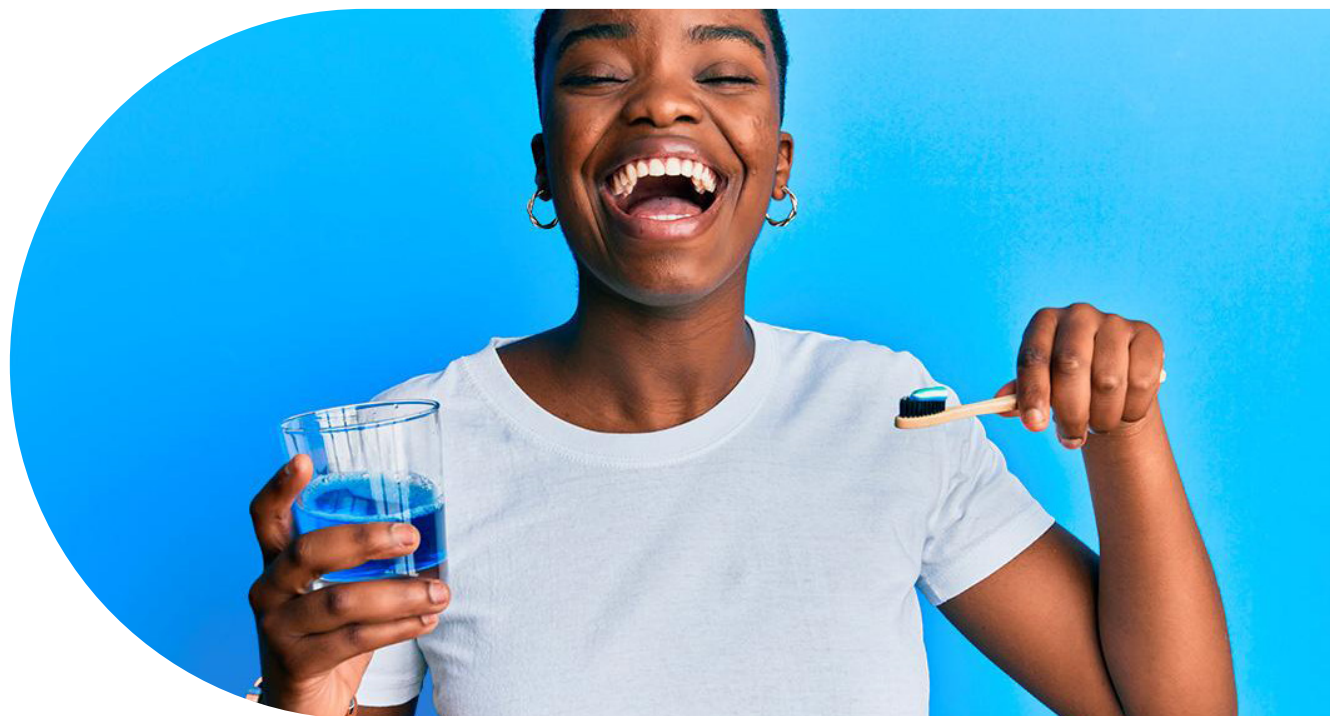
This project aims to explain the role of mouthwash as part of routine oral care.

## Read the special supplement in the *International Dental Journal*

The results of FDI research on the role of mouthwash in oral care were published in a special supplement of the *International Dental Journal* in November 2023.

The following articles were included:

1. Antimicrobial Mouthwashes: An Overview of Mechanisms – What Do We Still Need to Know?
2. Effectiveness of Mouthwashes in Managing Oral Diseases and Conditions: Do They Have a Role?
3. Mouthwash Effects on the Oral Microbiome: Are They Good, Bad, or Balanced?
4. The Effects of Antimicrobial Mouthwashes on Systemic Disease: What is the Evidence?
5. Mouthwashes: Alternatives and Future Directions
6. Mouthwashes: Implications for Practice



**A webinar is scheduled for January 2024, during which speakers unveil common myths about the use and role of mouthwashes, followed by a summary of FDI's research and insights into the future direction of mouthwashes and their role.**

# Sustainability in Dentistry

Environmental sustainability is an issue that involves multiple stakeholders and requires a collaborative approach.

Since its launch in 2021, this FDI project has been at the forefront, actively working to help reduce the environmental impacts of dentistry.

In 2023, a new phase of the project commenced, aiming to provide dental professionals with valuable learning opportunities to make a positive change.

## Sustainability in Dentistry summit

On 5 June 2023, FDI held a virtual summit on World Environmental Day to highlight solutions to achieve effective, high quality, and environmentally sustainable oral healthcare. During the summit, participants had the opportunity to listen to interesting case studies, innovative ideas, and research projects, all dedicated to reducing the environmental impact of dentistry. The summit offered an excellent networking platform for participants, enabling researchers from around the world to showcase their abstracts in a poster gallery. It was considered a resounding success by all those involved.

### SUSTAINABILITY IN DENTISTRY SUMMIT: THE NUMBERS

**679**  
registrants

**346**  
watched live

**84**  
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## New Massive Open Online Course and resources

In 2023, FDI designed and developed a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) for oral health professionals, launching it towards the end of the year. Comprising three modules, the MOOC aims to provide evidence-based continued professional development on sustainability in dental practices.

Furthermore, a comprehensive mapping exercise was conducted to assess the opportunities and feasibility of integrating sustainability aspects into current dental curricula. The insights gained from this exercise will guide the development of resources to enhance sustainability in dental education.

## FDI honours Sustainability Champions at the 2023 World Dental Congress

The first-ever FDI Sustainability Awards were presented at a session dedicated to Sustainability in Dentistry during the 2023 World Dental Congress. These awards aim to promote sustainability in dental practices and encourage individuals as well as dental teams to play an active role in reducing dentistry's environmental impact on our planet. Learn about the 2023 Sustainability Champions.

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# Talk to a Dentist

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In regions with critical workforce shortages, this initiative focuses on assisting individuals with limited access to dental care.

FDI provides guidance and funding to national dental associations, empowering them to organize and deliver dental care to underserved communities.

In 2023, FDI aimed to further build upon the successes attained since the project's inception in 2022.

## Providing access to dental care through dental outreach camps

The Talk to a Dentist programme is for the whole family – adults and children – and has two essential components:

1. Advice about how to adopt a good oral hygiene routine.
2. Dental consultation, application of preventive measures and provision of basic dental treatment, with no costs for beneficiaries of the programme.

In 2023, the programme was delivered in collaboration with the national dental association and the local Unilever team in nine countries: Bangladesh, Egypt, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Vietnam, Italy, Sri Lanka, and Nigeria. To kickstart the project, two virtual meetings were conducted, providing participating countries with a platform to exchange experiences, address challenges, and collaboratively explore solutions.



**Participating countries set out to provide oral healthcare in rural and hard-to-reach communities, with the goal of benefitting over 500,000 people.**



# Tobacco Cessation

The tobacco epidemic is one of the biggest public health threats the world has ever faced; it is a major risk factor for oral diseases and other noncommunicable diseases.

All forms of tobacco are harmful, and there is no safe level of exposure to it.

Therefore, it is of paramount importance to support measures that will lead to reduced tobacco use in communities.

## FDI leads tobacco-cessation workshops

Building on the work it began in 2022, the Tobacco Cessation project successfully continued its operations in multiple countries, including Egypt, Greece, Morocco, Nigeria, Palestine, Tanzania, Türkiye, and Zimbabwe. The tobacco-cessation workshops are a powerful tool to educate oral health professionals globally about tobacco interventions. Through such workshops, FDI hopes to equip dental teams with the tools and confidence to have these conversations in their daily practice and help their patients in tobacco-cessation efforts.

The benefits of these workshops extended to further regions in 2023. FDI collaborated with the Indonesian Dental Association in August, followed by the Jordan Dental Association in October. Attendees found the 5As and 5Rs models to be highly valuable techniques for delivering three-to-five-minute brief tobacco interventions to their patients. The 5As (Ask, Advise, Assess, Assist, Arrange) summarize all the activities that members of the dental team can do to help a tobacco user make a quit attempt. The 5Rs (Relevance, Risks, Rewards, Roadblocks, and Repetition) method is designed to be addressed during a motivational counselling intervention to help those who are not ready to quit.

Furthermore, FDI partnered with the Indian Dental Association to discuss initiatives related to tobacco cessation and working jointly to foster healthier communities.

## Working with multi-sectoral partners to pave the way for a tobacco-free future

In 2023, FDI became an integral part of the WHO Tobacco Cessation Consortium. This dynamic working group unites innovative, like-minded partners across diverse sectors, collaborating with a shared commitment to empower and support tobacco users in their journey to quit for good.



**Together, we can continue to make a significant impact on addressing the challenges of tobacco use and improving oral health on a global scale.**

# World Dental Development Fund

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Each year, FDI commits to championing initiatives that promote global oral health.

Projects with clear objectives to promote and improve oral health and prevent oral diseases in limited-income areas with oral health needs are granted CHF 10,000.

Learn all about the winning projects.

## Aims of the projects:



### Promoting good oral health awareness among refugee children in Bangladesh

**Aims** to implement a comprehensive oral health programme, incorporating supervised toothbrushing, handwashing, and the application of silver diamine. This initiative, led by the Refugee Crisis Foundation in Bangladesh, will specifically target schoolchildren in Cox's Bazar, home to the world's largest refugee camp.



### Promoting oral health in Nepal's most remote and underserved areas

**Aims** to improve the oral health status and habits of schoolchildren in hard-to-reach regions, with a particular focus on the expansive Karnali Province, the largest province in Nepal. This will be achieved by training teachers and community health workers to conduct daily supervised toothbrushing programmes in rural settings.



### Determining the prevalence of caries in Mithi, in the Sindh Province of Pakistan

**Aims** to assess the Decayed, Missing, and Filled Teeth index to determine the prevalence of caries in Mithi. By determining the prevalence of caries, the Aga Khan University Hospital aspires to develop effective preventive strategies to reduce the burden of caries among the population, especially in rural areas.



### Cultivating early oral health habits in Peru through mobile technologies

**Aims** to improve the health of Peruvian children under six years of age. With this initiative, Asociación Peruana De Odontología Preventiva Y Social will develop a health literacy and training programme that leverages the power of mobile technologies for oral health to prevent and control early childhood caries.



### Increasing oral health literacy in the United States via a mobile dental application

**Aims** to assess and enhance the oral health of people living with HIV/AIDS in the Rochester/Monroe County Area using the HIVE mobile dental application and a self-administered survey. The application will empower users to enhance their oral health knowledge, establish a dental care referral system, and support tobacco-cessation efforts.

# COMMUNICATIONS AND ADVOCACY

**OUR GOAL:** To mobilize efforts to increase oral health literacy and achieve political commitment and action on oral health for all.

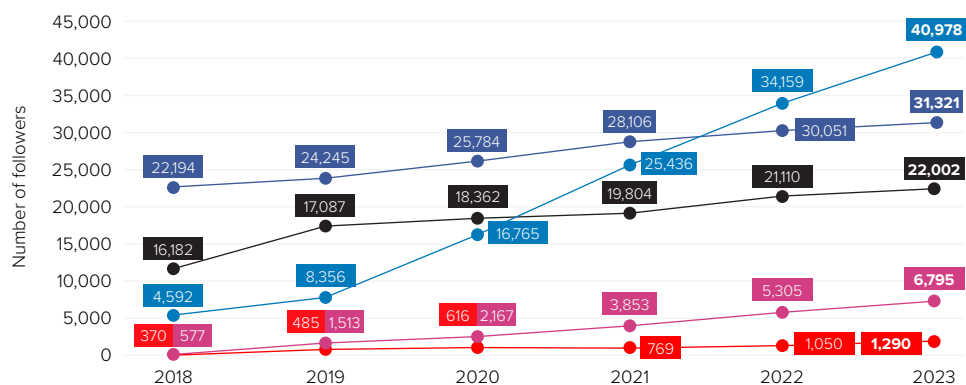
## Communications

FDI consistently gathers metrics for its digital platforms, not just as a routine but as a dynamic tool to chart progress, act on valuable insights, and wholeheartedly embrace and implement strategies that make a real impact.

### Social media

The significance of leveraging social media cannot be overstated, especially for an organization like FDI which boasts a diverse and widespread membership. Social media serves as a powerful conduit, transcending geographical boundaries to foster a global community united by common goals. The strategic use of platforms like Facebook, Twitter (now X), Instagram and LinkedIn have become instrumental in raising awareness about significant oral health developments and research, steering attention towards educational projects and resources, and driving members to continuing education opportunities. Social media, in this context, is not only a means of communication but a catalyst for the dissemination of knowledge, catalyzing positive change on a global scale.

Therefore, it is encouraging to report that engagement levels increased once again across all FDI's social media platforms in 2023.



\* Instagram is currently only used for World Oral Health Day, FDI's global awareness campaign on oral health.



**Facebook (Likes)**  
FDIWorldDentalFederation

Increase from  
2022 to 2023

↑ **+1,270**  
+4%

**X (Followers)**  
@fdiworlddental

↑ **+892**  
+4%

**LinkedIn (Followers)**  
fdiworlddental federation

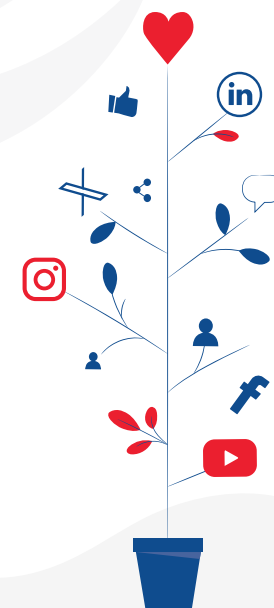
↑ **+6,819**  
+20%

**Instagram (Followers)**  
worldoralhealthday

↑ **+240**  
+24%

**YouTube (Subscribers)**  
fdiworlddental

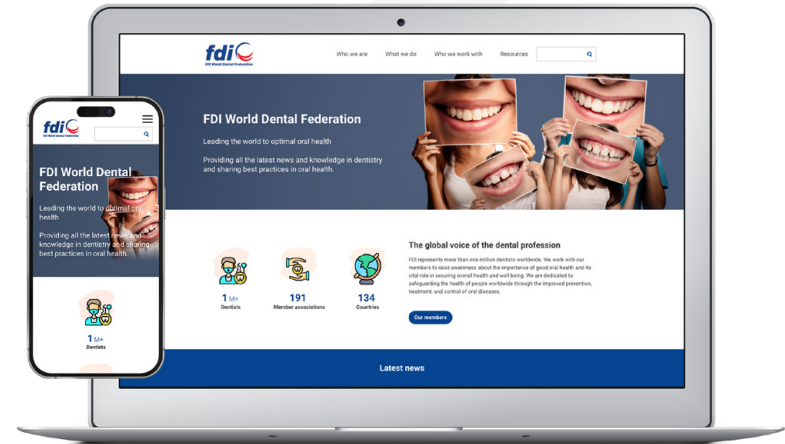
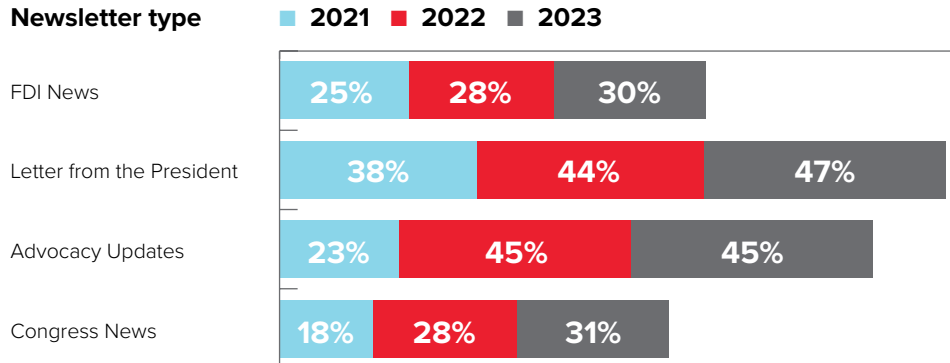
↑ **+1,411**  
+27%



## Newsletters and mailings

The readership rates for three out of the four FDI newsletters experienced incremental increases compared to the previous year. While the Advocacy Update, issued quarterly, maintained a steady readership without additional increases, this specific publication saw a significant uplift of 25% in 2022. Therefore, holding firm in this position is a positive outcome.

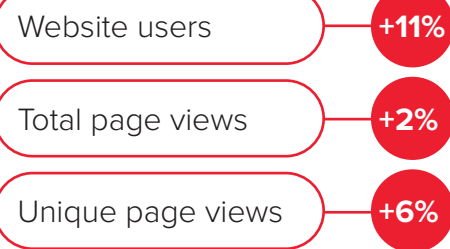
### Newsletter type



### FDI website

As a pivotal component of FDI's digital presence, the [website](#) embodies the organization's mission to promote optimal oral health for all and serves as an invaluable tool for the dissemination of knowledge, resources, and best practices.

When compared to 2022, the following increases in the website metrics were observed:



However, it is important to highlight that the unique page views figure is an approximation, as the data for this metric was accessible only until the end of September due to a modification in Google Analytics reporting. Looking ahead, FDI aims to gain a comprehensive understanding of the new measurement tool introduced by Google Analytics to ensure continued accurate reporting and effective tracking of the website's metrics.



**In its second year since inception, the Dental Check-up podcast maintained its commitment to shedding light on pertinent issues. Through engaging conversations, lively debates, and insightful interviews, the podcast delved into a range of topics, including strategies for enhancing oral health access.**

## Advocacy

After a highly successful year in oral health advocacy in 2022, FDI remained steadfast in its commitment to advancing oral healthcare throughout 2023. Its advocacy efforts provided FDI members, governments, and relevant stakeholders with opportunities to collaborate, working towards the goal of achieving equitable access to health and universal oral healthcare by 2030.

The implementation of FDI's advocacy strategy is guided by the Vision 2030 Implementation and Monitoring Working Group.

### Vision 2030 Advocacy in Action: Implementation Toolkit

In August 2023, FDI launched its [Vision 2030 Advocacy in Action: Implementation Toolkit](#) to help support its members in leveraging the significant developments in the global oral health policy landscape for their advocacy efforts. This “how-to” toolkit calls on oral health advocates to keep oral diseases high up on their government's agenda and highlights strategies that can be implemented to demonstrate a measurable impact. It provides tools and resources to support national advocacy efforts and aims to help inform discussions with governments and policymakers so that oral health challenges are turned into opportunities and solutions, leading to improved oral health.



**To inspire, it also provides examples of success stories that have resulted in positive policy change.**



### Vision 2030: Advocacy and capacity-building workshops

Co-organized with the European Regional Organization (ERO), FDI hosted its first-ever advocacy and capacity-building workshop in Istanbul, Türkiye, in April 2023. The workshop aimed to empower national dental associations (NDAs), individuals with lived experience of oral disease, and other strategic partners with the knowledge and information necessary to assist governments in developing ambitious national oral health policies, complete with measurable targets and monitoring mechanisms. The session drew over 50 participants representing more than 20 ERO countries.

A parallel workshop was arranged for June in collaboration with the Latin American Regional Organization in Bogotá, Colombia. Participants included member NDAs from eight Latin American countries and representatives from Colombia's Ministry of Health. Ahead of the workshop, FDI's leadership met with Colombia's Vice Minister of Public Health and Service Delivery to discuss the opportunities to strengthen the nation's response to oral diseases.

**These highly successful workshops fostered close collaboration with regional organizations, leading to the development of targeted action plans that address the distinct needs of each region.**

## FDI formally adopts a Position on Free Sugars

Excessive consumption of free sugars is a significant contributor to worldwide increases in oral diseases and other major noncommunicable diseases.

While FDI has long been a committed advocate in addressing the dangers of excessive sugar intake through various initiatives, the leadership recognized the need for a more formal stance. As a result, at the 2023 World Dental Congress in Sydney, Australia, the FDI General Assembly adopted the first-ever FDI Position on Free Sugars. This significant step builds on past efforts, paving the way for more impactful advocacy on this critical global issue.

Learn more about the [FDI Position on Free Sugars](#) and members' efforts to address the impact of excessive sugar consumption in their countries.



## FDI's sugar strategy

A sugar strategy, which operationalizes FDI's Position, was developed and approved by Council in December 2023. It is built around six goals:

- **Goal 1:** Lead capacity-building and knowledge sharing workshops to support the implementation of national sugar policy measures.
- **Goal 2:** Provide FDI members with the evidence, tools, and momentum to advocate for the implementation of taxes/levies on sugary drinks.
- **Goal 3:** Drive worldwide participation in No Sugar November to improve health literacy and secure government commitments in implementing sugar-reduction strategies to improve population health and well-being.
- **Goal 4:** Advocate policies that discourage the consumption of free sugars and sugary drinks in public settings.
- **Goal 5:** Promote action on the commercial determinants of health.
- **Goal 6:** Leverage World Oral Health Day to spotlight sugar as the main risk factor for dental caries.

A comprehensive work plan that supports these goals will be developed and implemented in 2024.

## Sharing FDI's Position on Free Sugars in the lead up to US-government led meetings on sugar

In November 2023, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), in collaboration with other federal partners, hosted a virtual public meeting followed by virtual public listening sessions to discuss strategies for reducing added sugars consumption in the United States.

However, the briefing documents and preparatory notes excluded the impact of sugar on oral health and were limited to "diet-related diseases like diabetes, obesity, and hypertension". FDI, through IADR, seized the opportunity to share FDI's Position on Free Sugars. According to the [meeting report](#), participants highlighted four overarching themes:

1. Labelling and consumer awareness.
2. Education and marketing.
3. Reformulation of Foods to Reduce Added Sugars.
4. Health Equity and Added Sugars.

These themes are also emphasized in FDI's position on Free Sugars.

**It is important to take action now to promote the importance of reducing excessive sugar consumption for a healthier future.**

## FDI roundtable on oral health within general health

On 8 November 2023, FDI, with support from Colgate, hosted a high-level roundtable. Participants included representatives from organizations with global reach, such as the World Health Organization, Alzheimer’s Disease International, C3 Collaborating for Health, Global Self-care Federation, International Pharmaceutical Federation, International Council of Nurses, International Diabetes Federation, NCD Alliance, World Heart Federation, World Health Professions Alliance, World Medical Association, World Obesity Federation, and World Physiotherapy.

The purpose of the roundtable was to raise awareness of the importance of oral health in overall health outcomes, identify challenges and opportunities for integrating oral health and general health in global health policies and practice, share knowledge and best practices, identify future areas for collaboration, and seek support for “No Sugar November”.

[Read the proceedings of the roundtable.](#)



**Participants contributed their perspectives, focusing on evidence-based approaches, policy development, and collaborative action.**

## Defining the role of industry in achieving oral health goals

Attaining universal access to optimal oral health by 2030 is an ambitious target, and the current models for oral healthcare delivery are insufficient to address the burden of oral diseases. Therefore, it is crucial to mobilize the expertise of all stakeholders who can contribute to improving oral health. The strategic role of the relevant private sector is entrenched within the three pillars of [Vision 2030](#) and the six strategic objectives of the [Global Oral Health Action Plan \(2023–2030\)](#) as well as the [WHO Global Oral Health Status Report](#). However, although the role of the private sector is recognized, it is not necessarily defined in a comprehensive way.

Private sector is defined as entities that are neither owned nor directly controlled by government. For oral health, this would cover a very broad scope including professionals in private practice, pharmaceutical, medical, and oral care product manufacturers, educational and training institutions, oral health institutions and donors.

FDI has commissioned a report, which focuses on industry actors who are involved in the manufacture of goods and services that promote oral health only.

This independent report will:

- Describe the role and value of industry in the global oral health agenda.
- Highlight how industry, in particular by engaging in multistakeholder collaborations, can effectively help to achieve universal coverage for oral health by 2030.
- Suggest ways by which industry actors can effectively collaborate with public sector to reduce oral health inequalities and diseases burden.
- Present evidence-based strategies for engaging industry actors and showcases examples of industry leadership in achieving universal coverage for oral health by 2030.
- Describe the lessons learnt in private sector engagement towards oral health goals.

The research process, which involved a comprehensive review of existing literature and policy documents, along with a series of interviews with multiple stakeholders, was conducted between August and December 2023. The report will be published in early 2024.

**Sustainable partnerships, extending beyond the health sector, along with engagement with communities, civil society, and the relevant private sector, are essential to mobilize resources for oral health.**

## Oral health in the global health agenda

### FDI spotlights oral health at the 152nd WHO Executive Board

The 152nd Session of the World Health Organization (WHO) Executive Board (EB152) took place from 30 January–7 February 2023. FDI participated at EB152 as a non-state actor to maximize the current momentum around oral health and contributed to discussions on noncommunicable diseases (NCDs), universal health coverage (UHC), infection prevention and control, and the social determinants of health. Furthermore, WHO released a revised version of the draft WHO Global Oral Health Action Plan (2023–2030) ahead of EB152, which incorporated many of FDI’s suggested language changes.

[Read FDI’s statements and a recap of EB152 here.](#)

### FDI’s recap of the 76th World Health Assembly

The World Health Assembly (WHA) determines the priorities and policies of WHO, supervises financial policies, and approves the proposed programme of work and budget. The 76th session of the WHA (WHA76) took place from 21 to 30 May 2023, in Geneva, Switzerland. FDI participated in this significant annual meeting to urge governments to take action for the benefit of oral health for all. The revised WHO Action Plan was also approved at this meeting.

[Learn more](#) about FDI’s strategies, statements, and engagement opportunities during WHA76 and the main outcomes.



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### FDI at the Fifth Global Forum on Human Resources for Health

The Fifth Global Forum on Human Resources for Health took place as a hybrid event from 3 to 5 April 2023, with the theme of Protecting, safeguarding, and investing in the health and care workforce. The meeting featured several high-level in-person sessions and an extensive programme of virtual parallel sessions. FDI, in collaboration with other members of the World Health Professions Alliance (WHPA), organized a parallel session focusing on the repercussions of Covid-19 on various health professions. A noteworthy aspect of the session was the examination of key findings from a recent joint report by WHPA and WHO titled:

[What the COVID-19 pandemic has exposed: the findings of five global health workforce professions.](#)



### United Nations High-Level Meeting on universal health coverage

On 21 September 2023, Heads of State and governments participated in the 2nd UN High-Level Meeting on UHC. The main outcome of the meeting was the approval of a new Political Declaration titled Universal Health Coverage: expanding our ambition for health and well-being in a post-COVID world. The Political Declaration was developed through a consultative process from May to August, and FDI submitted some key recommendations to governments in partnership with the International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (IADR). FDI also issued a call-to-action urging its members to engage with their governments on oral health ahead of the meeting.

In paragraph 55 of the [Political Declaration](#), there is a strong reference to oral diseases — a positive outcome welcomed by FDI.

**FDI remains committed to ensuring that our voice is heard on important global platforms in pursuit of our [Vision 2030](#).**



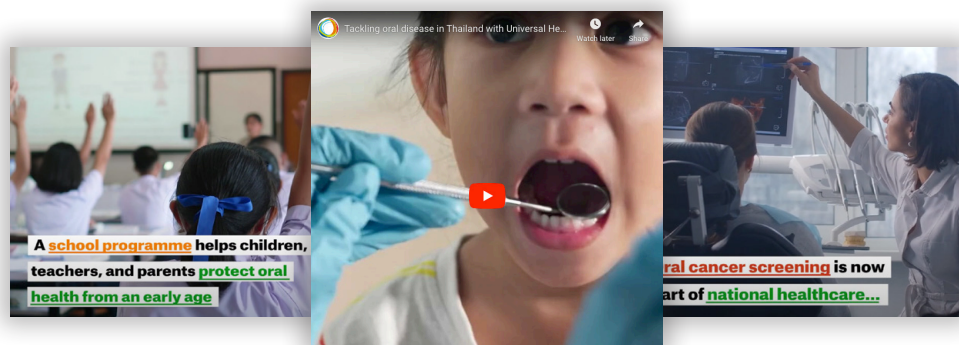
## Working in partnership with the NCD Alliance

FDI works closely with the NCD Alliance to address the urgent need to integrate oral health into the prevention and treatment of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs).

**Prior to the 76th World Health Assembly (WHA76)**, FDI collaborated with the NCD Alliance and other advocates to co-organize a briefing for Geneva-based Missions. The purpose was to discuss the NCD-civil society recommendations for governments related to the WHA76 agenda items. A comprehensive advocacy document, encompassing all key messages, was developed and released.

**In Thailand, oral health is considered a right, not a privilege.** FDI collaborated with the NCD Alliance and Dental Association of Thailand to create a [short video](#) on Universal Access to Oral Care in Thailand, aiming to support the promotion of key asks by civil societies for the United Nations High-Level Meeting on UHC. This case study serves as a reminder to policymakers that achieving universal coverage for oral health is feasible, particularly through multisectoral collaboration.

**FDI leveraged its engagement with the NCD Alliance** to publicize the significance of the new FDI Position on Free Sugars among health non-governmental organizations (NGOs) advocating for NCDs. Additionally, the NCD Alliance, along with other NGO's, actively participated in the oral health within general health roundtable hosted by the FDI Secretariat (refer to page 39).



**This partnership enables FDI to position oral diseases alongside the other “major” NCDs and gain broader visibility on the global health agenda.**

## Working in partnership with the World Health Professions Alliance



The World Health Professions Alliance (WHPA) brings together organizations representing the world's dentists, nurses, pharmacists, physical therapists, and physicians.

**Interprofessional collaboration:** FDI champions interprofessional education and collaboration as a fundamental strategy for strengthening health systems and improving access to care. In November, all WHPA CEOs, along with key staff, convened for a full-day meeting at the FDI headquarters. The main objective was to shape the future strategy of the alliance and chart a course that will enable critical health challenges to be addressed together.

**Pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response:** At its second special session in December 2021, the WHPA established an Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB) to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response. Since then, FDI has been collaborating with other members of the WHPA to ensure this new global agreement includes concrete commitments to protect the global health workforce.

**World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW):** During WAAW, the World Medical Association, a WHPA constituent partner, co-hosted a webinar with WHO titled *Engaging Healthcare Professionals and Civil Society towards the 2024 UN High-level meeting on AMR*. FDI was among the representatives from WHPA who participated in the panel discussion.

**Effective collaboration between different professions can lead to improved access to services.**



## The Fifth Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury (COP-5)

COP-5 met in Geneva, Switzerland, from 30 October to 3 November 2023, to discuss a crucial proposal submitted by Botswana and Burkina Faso to amend Part I and Part II of Annex A. FDI – committed to supporting the interests of its members – expressed concerns about this proposal. Working collaboratively with the International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (IADR), and supported by the American Dental Association (ADA) and International Dental Manufacturers Association (IDM), FDI prepared an official response. This response was then submitted to the COP-5 Secretariat, with FDI members invited to co-sign it. This unified stance reiterated strong support for the ongoing phase-down approach to dental amalgam.

The final COP-5 decision aligned with FDI's own response to uphold the phase-down approach. Annex A, Part II of Article 4 underwent amendments, introducing a new provision emphasizing the need for Parties to implement the most appropriate strategies to address the use of dental amalgam while safeguarding the oral health of their populations. [Read here](#) for deeper insights.

FDI also collaborated with IADR, ADA, and IDM to organize an online event on 12 October entitled Accelerating the Phase Down of Dental Amalgam: Progress Continues. You can watch the recording of the event [here](#).



**The phase-down approach safeguards the oral health of populations globally, promotes equity, and protects the evidence-based approach to identifying alternatives to dental amalgam.**

## World Oral Health Day

World Oral Health Day (WOHD), celebrated on 20 March every year, is the largest global awareness campaign on oral health. The materials and resources developed by FDI can be used to engage the public, schools, healthcare professionals, policymakers, and partners to amplify efforts in the prevention and control of oral diseases.

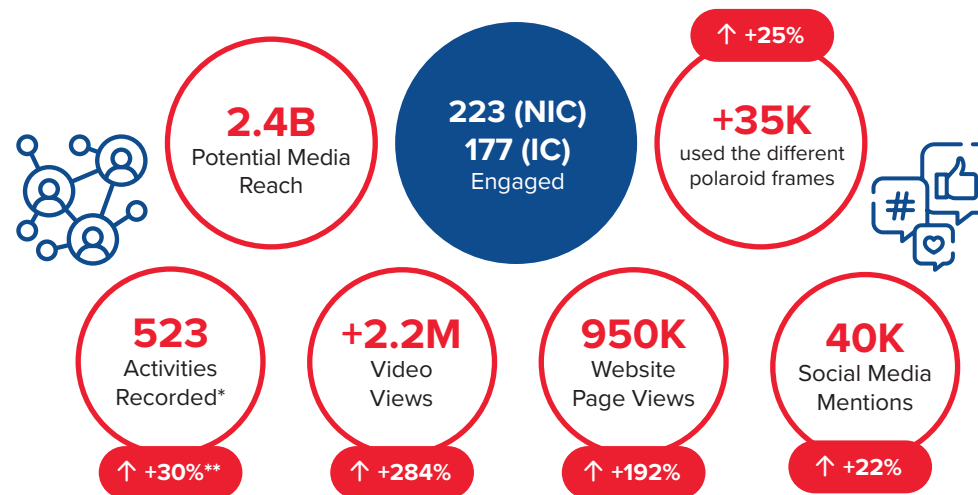
### Be Proud of Your Mouth: Celebrating a three-year journey

WOHD 2023 marked the culmination of the three-year “Be Proud of Your Mouth” campaign, initiated in 2021 with the goal of inspiring enduring and positive change. Each year, the campaign centred around a distinct call to action. In 2023, the emphasis was on the significance of oral care at every life stage, urging individuals to prioritize their oral health for a lifetime of smiles.



### Making an impact through the campaign

Thanks to the unwavering support of individuals worldwide who united to promote oral health awareness, WOHD has garnered substantial engagement and has made a significant impact over the past three years. A summary of the highlights for 2023 are shown here.



\*400 recorded only on the map of activities. \*\*Just on map of activities.

Key: NIC = non-independent countries IC = independent countries

### WOHD website

Every year, [worldoralhealthday.org](http://worldoralhealthday.org) provides access to a wide range of freely available campaign materials. Record-breaking growth in the WOHD website metrics was achieved in 2023, underscoring the success of FDI's increased investment and focus on digital strategies.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	↑
Website users	23,815	35,106	49,832	63,451	74,467	115,0963	494,000	↑ +329%
Total page views	82,613	139,626	198,435	245,341	284,723	320,665	940,721	↑ +192%
Unique page views	57,682	93,328	132,830	157,545	185,928	235,627	974,679*	↑ +313%

\* As with the FDI website, comparable Google Analytics reporting was only available until September 2023. The figure reported is an approximation based on previous monthly averages.

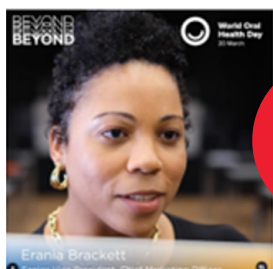
## Podcast: Celebrating a lifetime of smiles

A [special episode](#) of the Dental Check-up podcast, released on WOHD, heightened the campaign's visibility and reinforced the importance of collective action. The podcast featured three success stories from past WOHD award winners, illustrating diverse activities to promote oral health. Furthermore, it provided a platform to showcase valued WOHD partners, who shared brief soundbites or relatable stories emphasizing the importance of oral health.



## Collaborating with partners

Global Partners benefitted from a collaborative activation plan designed to enhance the promotion of the partnership and communicate common messages. Notably, a series of video productions were crafted for social media dissemination, with some garnering thousands of views.



93K Views

Collaboration with Dentsply Sirona



31K Views

Collaboration with Unilever

## Social media and online activity

On 20 March, an incredible amount of social media activity unfolded across various platforms. Strong engagement was witnessed from a diverse array of stakeholder groups, including FDI members, FDI leadership, World Health Organization (WHO), Chief Dental Officers, hospitals, educators, media outlets, partners, sister organizations, and governments, to name just a few. The campaign video garnered **2.2 million** views, marking a remarkable **284% increase** compared to 2022.



Over the course of three years, a total of **84,000 people** used the customizable Mouth Proud frame.



## Continued support from the World Health Organization

Building on their meaningful engagement in 2022, WHO continued its support for WOHD in 2023, leveraging both social media and other media channels. Numerous tweets originated from the WHO Headquarters, as well as from various WHO regions and individual country accounts. Dr Matshidiso Moeti, the Regional Director for WHO AFRO, and Dr Poonam Khetrpal Singh, the Regional Director for WHO SEARO, released messages on the day, urging countries to unite and actively implement regional and global strategies for oral health.

Furthermore, launches of the Regional Summaries of WHO's Global Oral Health Status Report took place in celebration of WOHD.

## Growing political attention for oral health

A significant highlight of the 2023 campaign was the communication received from the Office of Senator Ben Cardin, expressing interest in introducing a new resolution to recognize World Oral Health Day in the US Senate. FDI leadership gladly endorsed the resolution.

## FDI leadership as WOHD Ambassadors

Similar to 2022, FDI's President remained actively engaged with numerous virtual events, responding to invitations for speeches. These engagements included pre-recorded sessions for the national dental associations in Ghana, Egypt, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka. A notable highlight was the President's attendance at a significant event hosted in Jakarta, Indonesia. The event received extensive coverage from over 30 local media houses.



FDI's President also featured in an important media piece distributed by the Pakistan Dental Association. Additionally, the President-Elect and Executive Director were invited as keynote speakers for a virtual event organized by partner Haleon, in collaboration with the Egyptian Dental Association. This event successfully connected thousands of dental professionals from various countries worldwide.

## World Oral Health Day Awards

Each year, FDI presents awards to honour those who have delivered exceptionally impactful campaigns, acknowledging the efforts of FDI members, students, health professionals, and the general public. The awards are categorized and endorsed by WOHD's Global Partners. Explore the achievements of the [2023 winners](#) and discover their outstanding contributions.



The winners in 2023 were:

- Most educational activity** - Tanzania Dental Association
- Best media campaign** - The Dental Association of Thailand (DAT)
- Best campaign by a dental practice or clinic** - Monash Health Dental Services (MHDS)
- Best branded photo** - Manila Water Foundation (MWF)
- Most original activity** - Sudanese Dental Students Association
- Best social media campaign** - The Tunisian Dental Students Association

## WOHD 2023 Partners and Supporters





# World Oral Health Day

20 March

[www.worldoralhealthday.org](http://www.worldoralhealthday.org)

## WOHD 2024

FDI launched the new 2024–2026 three-year campaign “A HAPPY MOUTH IS...” during the 2023 World Dental Congress in Sydney, Australia. This new campaign theme aims to celebrate and promote the multi-faceted nature of oral health, highlighting that a happy mouth leads to a multitude of positive outcomes.

In its inaugural year, the campaign will showcase the intricate link between oral health and general health because:

### A HAPPY MOUTH IS... A HAPPY BODY

On this exciting new journey, Toothie the beaver will take centre stage, leading the way in an action-packed, movie-inspired campaign to mobilize as many people as possible.

The Partners and Supporters for WOHD 2024 are:



# GOVERNANCE AND MEMBERSHIP

**Roles and responsibilities:** The General Assembly (GA) sets FDI policies, the strategic plan, missions and aims, and monitors progress on their achievement. FDI's governance is bolstered by the ongoing input from members and continuous improvement processes to foster representation, diversity of opinion, and democracy.

## General Assembly decisions

FDI held its parliament meetings – an integral part of FDI's operations – in Sydney, Australia during the World Dental Congress 2023. During the GA, FDI welcomed Dr Greg Chadwick as the new President and expressed gratitude to Prof. Ihsane Ben Yahya for her dedicated services as FDI President from 2021–2023.

The GA, through a democratic voting process, admitted new members the Order of Dentists of Albania and Cook Islands Dental and Medical Association. They also approved the elevation of the Dental Chamber of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina from associate to regular member status.

In addition to these significant membership decisions, the GA also elected key officeholders for the organization. The newly elected officials include President-elect – Assist. Prof. Nikolai Sharkov, Treasurer – Prof. Young Guk Park, and Councillor – Prof. Dr Hiroshi Ogawa. Furthermore, the voting delegates of the GA approved the [FDI organizational strategy 2024–2027](#), eight new Policy Statements, and the [FDI Position on Free Sugars](#).



As of September 2023, the Council and Standing Committees composition is as follows:

### Council

#### Members

President	Dr Greg Chadwick, <i>USA</i>
President-elect	Assist. Prof. Nikolai Sharkov, <i>BLG</i>
Treasurer	Prof. Young Guk Park, <i>KOR, REP</i>
Council members	Dr Sophie Darteville, <i>FRA</i>
	Dr Chad Gehani, <i>USA</i>
	Assist. Prof. Duygu Ilhan, <i>TUR</i>
	Dr Anna Lella, <i>POL</i>
	Dr Maria Fernanda Atuesta Mondragon, <i>COL</i>
	Prof. Paulo Melo, <i>PRT</i>
	Dr Alma Gracia Godinez Morales, <i>MEX</i>
	Prof. Dr Hiroshi Ogawa, <i>JAP</i>
	Dr Carol G. Summerhays, <i>USA</i>
	Dr Nahawand Thabet, <i>EGY</i>

#### Non-voting members

Speaker of the General Assembly	Dr Susie Sanderson, <i>UK</i>
FDI Executive Director	Mr Enzo Bondioni, <i>CHE</i>

## Standing Committees

FDI has five Standing Committees, each with a particular sphere of activity and expertise. They report to Council.

### Dental Practice Committee

Chair: Dr Mick Armstrong, *UK*  
Vice-Chair: Dr Doniphan Hammer, *FRA*  
Liaison Councillor: Dr Alma Gracia Godinez Morales, *MEX*  
Dr Azamat Baigulakov, *KAZ*  
Assist. Prof. Kinga Grzech-Lesniak, *POL*  
Dr Jina Lee Linton, *KOR, REP*  
Dr Stefanie Tiede, *GER*

### Education Committee

Chair: Prof. William Cheung, *HK SAR CHI*  
Vice-Chair: Dr Enrico Lai, *ITA*  
Liaison Councillor: Dr Sophie Darteville, *FRA*  
Prof. Dr Marzena Dominiak, *POL*  
Dr Antonio Estrada Valenzuela, *MEX*  
Prof. Katalin Nagy, *HUN*  
Dr Meshari Faraj Alotaibi, *SAU*

### Membership Liaison and Support Committee

Chair: Prof. Dr Paula Perlea, *ROU*  
Vice-Chair: Dr Irene Marron-Tarazzi, *USA*  
Liaison Councillor: Prof. Paulo Melo, *PRT*  
Dr Oluwarotimi Akanbi Clement, *NGA*  
Dr Makiko Iwasaki, *JAP*  
Dr Manuel Sergio Martínez Martínez, *MEX*  
Prof. Dr Yi M Liu, *CHN*

### Public Health Committee

Chair: Assoc. Prof. Elham Kateeb, *PSE*  
Vice-Chair: Dr Marco Mazevet, *FRA*  
Liaison Councillor: Dr Chad Gehani, *USA*  
Prof. Chun-hung Chu, *HK SAR CHI*  
Dr Olabode Ijarogbe, *NGA*  
Dr Mahmood Shah, *PAK*  
Dr James Taylor, *CAN*  
Assoc. Prof. Elizabeth Shick, *USA*

## Science Committee

Chair: Dr Jeffrey Platt, *USA*  
Vice-Chair: Dr Wendy Thompson, *UK*  
Liaison Councillor: Assist. Prof. Duygu Ilhan, *TUR*  
WHO Representative: Dr Benoit Varenne, *CHE*  
ISO Representative: Prof. Dr Gottfried Schmalz, *GER*  
IADR Representative: Prof. Helen Whelton, *USA*  
Prof. Dr Mahesh Verma, *IND*  
Prof. Dr Falk Schwendicke, *GER*  
Dr Samira Osailan, *SAU*  
Dr Walter Yu Hang Lam, *HK SAR CHI*

## New organizational strategy

The GA approved the new organizational strategy for 2024–2027, setting the course for FDI to navigate the ever-evolving global health and development landscapes.

The strategic plan strengthens the FDI memberships' commitment to oral health and is built on three key pillars: knowledge exchange, advocacy, and innovation, serving as the core for FDI's mission to achieve tangible progress and accelerate progress towards *Vision 2030: Delivering Optimal Oral Health for All*. This strategic approach further builds on the momentum underway to safeguard the health of people worldwide.





## New policy statements

At the 2023 GA, eight new FDI Policy Statements were adopted. The Policy Statements are aimed at laying out the current thinking on various oral health-related issues and policies, as well as the dental profession.

FDI Policy Statements are produced by FDI's Standing Committees further to consultation, discussion and consensus amongst FDI member organizations.

1. [Alcohol as a risk for oral health](#)
2. [Alternative direct restorative materials to dental amalgam](#)
3. [Collaboration between oral health professionals and other health professionals](#)
4. [Mental health and well-being for oral health professionals and dental students](#)
5. [Tooth wear](#)
6. [Oral health for healthy ageing](#)
7. [Perinatal and Infant oral health care](#)
8. [Social and commercial determinants of oral health](#)

## New position on free sugars

The GA also officially endorsed the FDI Position on Free Sugars, paving the way for its members to address the impact of excessive sugar consumption. Refer to page 38 for more details.

## Travel grant 2023

The Travel Grant project allows FDI members from low- and low-middle income countries to attend the World Dental Parliament Business Meetings and GA and be part of the FDI decision-making process. In 2023, due to the increased cost of travel, the budget of the Travel Grant project was increased from CHF 20,000 to CHF 25,000.

In response to 18 Travel Grant applications received, the following members were successful: Bangladesh Dental Society, Ordre Nationale des Chirurgiens-Dentistes de la République Démocratique du Congo, Colegio de Cirujanos Dentistas de Honduras, Kenya Dental Association, Stomatological (Dental) Association of the Kyrgyz Republic, Myanmar Dental Association, Association Rwandaise des Chirurgiens-Dentistes et Stomatologues, and Uganda Dental Association.

Seven of the eight Travel Grant recipients participated in the 2023 World Dental Parliament in Sydney, while one was unable to attend due to visa issues. The comprehensive feedback from recipients contributes to the overall success and effectiveness of the Travel Grant project.

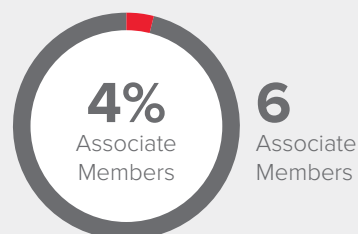
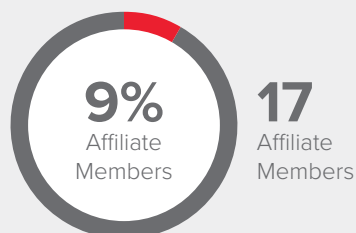
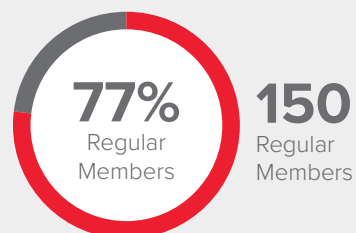


## Membership

FDI World Dental Federation is the largest membership-based dental organization in the world. It is the principal representative body for over one million dentists worldwide.

**191** Number of National Dental Associations and Specialist Groups

**135** Number of Countries



## Member Supports Member project 2023

The “Member Supports Member” project taps into the collaborative ethos of the global oral health community, offering a platform for FDI members to provide support to their counterparts, whether in their own country or any other. This support includes covering the payment of annual membership fees for a minimum duration of one calendar year, enabling attendance to the World Dental Parliament, or a combination of both.

FDI extends its sincere gratitude to the following associations for supporting their peers by covering their membership fees through this project:

- Bulgarian Dental Association to Bulgarian Scientific Association of Dental Medicine
- Hong Kong Dental Association to Lao Dental Association
- Associazione Nazionale Dentisti Italiani to National Dental Association of Somalia and Uzbekistan Dental Association

## Regular Members

- Afghanistan Dentists' Association *AFG*
- Order of Dentists of Albania *ALB*
- Collegi d'Odontolegs I Estomatolegs d'Andorra Andorra
- Confederación Odontológica de la República Argentina *ARG*
- Armenian Dental Association *ARM*
- Australian Dental Association Inc *AUS*
- Österreichische Zahnärztekammer (Austrian Dental Chamber) *AUT*
- Azerbaijan Stomatological Association *AZE*
- Bahamas Dental Association *BHS*
- Bangladesh Dental Society *BGD*
- Barbados Dental Association *BRB*
- Belorussian Dental Association *BLR*
- Chambre de Médecine Dentaire *BLG*
- Société de Médecine Dentaire *BLG*
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- Dental Association of Bosnia & Herzegovina *BOS*
- Dental Chamber of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina *BOS*
- The Republic of Srpska Chamber of Doctors in Dentistry *BOS*
- Botswana Dental Association *BWA*
- Bulgarian Dental Association *BLG*
- Bulgarian Scientific Association of Dental Medicine *BLG*
- Association des Chirugiens-Dentistes du Burkina (ACDB) *BFA*
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- Association Nationale des Odonto-Stomatologistes du Cameroun (ANOSC) *CAM*
- Canadian Dental Association *CAN*
- Colegio de Cirujano Dentistas de Chile *CHL*
- Chinese Stomatological Association *CHN*
- Chinese Taipei Association for Dental Sciences *TCG*
- Federación Odontológica Colombiana *COL*
- Ordre Nationale des Chirugiens-Dentistes de la République Démocratique du Congo *COG*
- Cook Islands Dental and Medical Association *COK*
- Colegio de Cirujanos Dentistas de Costa Rica *CRI*
- Association des Odonto-Stomatologistes de Côte d'Ivoire (A.O.S.C.I.) *CIV*
- Croatian Dental Chamber *HRV*
- Croatian Dental Society *HRV*
- Cyprus Dental Association *CYP*
- Czech Dental Chamber *CZE*
- Association of Public Health Dentists *DEN*
- Danish Dental Association *DEN*
- Federacion Odontologica Ecuatoriana *ECU*
- Egyptian Dental Association *EGY*
- Estonian Dental Association *EST*
- Ethiopian Dental Professionals' Association *ETH*
- Fiji Dental Association *FJI*
- Finnish Dental Association *FIN*
- Association Dentaire Française *FRA*
- Association Nationale des Odontostomatologistes du Gabon *GAB*
- Georgian Stomatological Association *GEO*
- Bundeszahnärztekammer (BZAEK) *DUE*
- Ghana Dental Association *GHA*
- Hellenic Dental Association *GRC*
- The Stomatological Society of Greece *GRC*
- Guam Dental Society *GUM*
- Colegio Estomatológico de Guatemala *GTM*
- Association Dentaire Haitienne et Orthodontie *HTI*
- Colegio de Cirujanos Dentistas de Honduras *HND*
- Hong Kong Dental Association *HKG*
- Hungarian Dental Association *HUN*
- Tannlæknafélag Íslands – The Icelandic Dental Association *ICE*
- Indian Dental Association *IND*
- Indonesian Dental Association *IDN*
- Iranian Dental Association *IRN*
- Iraqi Dental Association *IRQ*
- Irish Dental Association *IRE*
- Israel Dental Association *ISR*
- Associazione Italiana Odontoiatri *ITA*
- Associazione Nazionale Dentisti Italiani *ITA*
- Jamaica Dental Association *JAM*
- Japan Dental Association *JAP*
- Jordan Dental Association *JOR*
- Kazakhstan Stomatological Association *KAZ*

- United Kazakhstan Association of Dentists *KAZ*
- Kenya Dental Association *KEN*
- Korean Dental Association *KOR*
- Dental Chamber of Kosova *XKK*
- Stomatological (Dental) Association of the Kyrgyz Republic *KGZ*
- Lao Dental Association *LAO*
- Latvian Dental Association *LVA*
- Lebanese Dental Association *LBN*
- Association des Médecins-Dentistes du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg *LUX*
- Macau Dental Association *CHN*
- Malaysian Dental Association *MYS*
- Association des Odontostomatologistes du Mali (AOSMA) *MLI*
- Dental Association of Malta *MLT*
- Association des Medecins Dentistes Mauritiens *MRT*
- Mauritius Dental Association *MUS*
- Asociación Dental Mexicana Federación Nacional de Colegios de Cirujanos Dentistas, A.C. *MEX*
- Moldavian Association of Stomatologists (MAS) *MDA*
- Mongolian Dental Association *MNG*
- Montenegro Dental Chamber *MNE*
- Association Marocaine de Prévention Bucco-dentaire (AMPBD) *MOR*
- Associação Moçambicana dos Médicos Dentistas *MOZ*
- Myanmar Dental Association *MMR*
- Nepal Dental Association *NPL*
- KNMT (Dutch Dental Association) *NLD*
- New Zealand Dental Association *NZL*
- Colegio Odontológico Nicaragüense *NIC*
- Association des Chirugiens-Dentistes du Niger *NER*
- Nigerian Dental Association *NIG*
- Macedonian Dental Chamber *FYR*
- Macedonian Dental Society *FYR*
- Norwegian Dental Association *NOR*
- Pakistan Dental Association *PAK*
- Asociación Odontológica Panameña *PAN*
- Papua New Guinea Dental Association (PNGDA) *PNG*
- Federación Odontológica del Paraguay *PRY*
- Colegio Odontológico del Perú *PER*
- Philippines Dental Association *PHL*
- Polish Chamber of Physicians and Dentists *POL*
- Polish Dental Society *POL*

- OMD - Ordem dos Médicos Dentistas *PRT*
- SPEMD - Sociedade Portuguesa de Estomatologia e Medicina Dentária *PRT*
- Romanian Dental Association of Private Practitioners (RDAPP) *ROM*
- Romanian Society of Stomatology *ROM*
- Russian Dental Association *RUS*
- Association Rwandaise des Chirugiens-Dentistes et Stomatologues *RWA*
- The Saudi Dental Society *SAU*
- Association Nationale des Chirugiens-Dentistes Sénégalais (A.N.C.D.S) *SEN*
- Serbia Dental Association *SRB*
- Dental Association of Seychelles *SYC*
- Singapore Dental Association *SGP*
- Slovak Chamber of Dentists *SVK*
- Slovenian Dental Association *SLO*
- National Dental Association of Somalia *SOM*
- South African Dental Association *ZAF*
- Consejo General de Colegios Odontólogos y Estomatólogos de España *ESP*
- Sri Lanka Dental Association *LKA*
- Palestinian Dental Association *PSE*
- Sudanese Dental Union *SUD*
- Swedish Dental Association *SWE*
- Swiss Dental Association (SSO) *CHE*
- Syrian Dental Association *SYR*
- Tanzania Dental Association *TZA*
- Dental Association of Thailand *THA*
- Associação Dentaria de Timor-Leste (ADETIL) *TMP*
- Association des Chirugiens-Dentistes du Togo (ACDT) *TGO*
- Syndicat Tunisien des Médecins Dentistes de Libre Pratique *TUN*
- Turkish Dental Association *TUR*
- Uganda Dental Association *UGA*
- Ukraine Dental Association *UKR*
- Dental Society – Emirates Medical Association *UAE*
- British Dental Association *GBR*
- American Dental Association *USA*
- Asociación Odontológica Uruguay *URG*
- Uzbekistan Dental Association *UZB*
- Vietnam Odonto-Stomatology Association (VOSA) *VNM*
- Zimbabwe Dental Association *ZIM*

## Associate Members

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- Asociación Odontologica Argentina *ARG*
- Taipei Dental Association *TWN*
- Egyptian Clinical Dental Society *EGY*

- Freier Verband Deutscher Zahnärzte *DEU*
- Dental Section of the Hungarian Medical Chamber *HUN*
- Macedonian Society of Dental Medicine *MKD*

## Affiliate Members

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- Groupement des Associations Dentaires Francophones (GADEF) *FRA*
- International Federation of Dental Anesthesiology Societies (IFDAS) *DEU*
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- Iranian-German Implant Association - IGIA *DEU*
- International Dental Association "Commonwealth" *KAZ*
- International Association for Disability and Oral Health *NLD*
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- International Association of Dento-Maxillofacial Radiology *ZAF*

- International Association of Dental Students *CHE*
- International Association of Paediatric Dentistry *CHE*
- The Commonwealth Dental Association *GBR*
- International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research *USA*
- International College of Dentists *USA*
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- Australian Dental Industry Association *AUS*
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- American Dental Education Association *USA*
- Association of Dental Dealers in Europe (ADDE) *BEL*
- Balkan Stomatological Society *GRC*
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# 2023 Report of the Auditor to the Council of FDI World Dental Federation

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## Report of the independent auditor on the summary of financial statements

To the Council of  
FDI Fédération Dentaire Internationale (FDI World Dental Federation), Meyrin

### *Opinion*

The summary financial statements, which comprise the statement of assets, liabilities and reserve funds as at December 31, 2023 and statement of receipts and operating expenditure for the year then ended are derived from the audited financial statements of FDI Fédération Dentaire Internationale (FDI World Dental Federation) for the year ended December 31, 2023.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements, prepared in accordance with Swiss GAAP FER (Core FER), the Swiss Law and the Association's articles of incorporation.

### *Summary Financial Statements*

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Swiss GAAP FER (Core FER), Swiss Law and the Association's articles of incorporation. Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements and the auditor's report thereon. Those financial statements, and the summary financial statements, do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on those financial statements.

### *The Audited Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon*

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those financial statements in our independent report dated April 9, 2024.

### *Council's responsibility*

The Council is responsible for the preparation of the summary of financial statements in accordance with the requirements of Swiss GAAP FER (Core FER), the Swiss Law and the Association's articles of incorporation.

### *Auditor's responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with ISA-CH 810, "Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements".

### **Deloitte SA**



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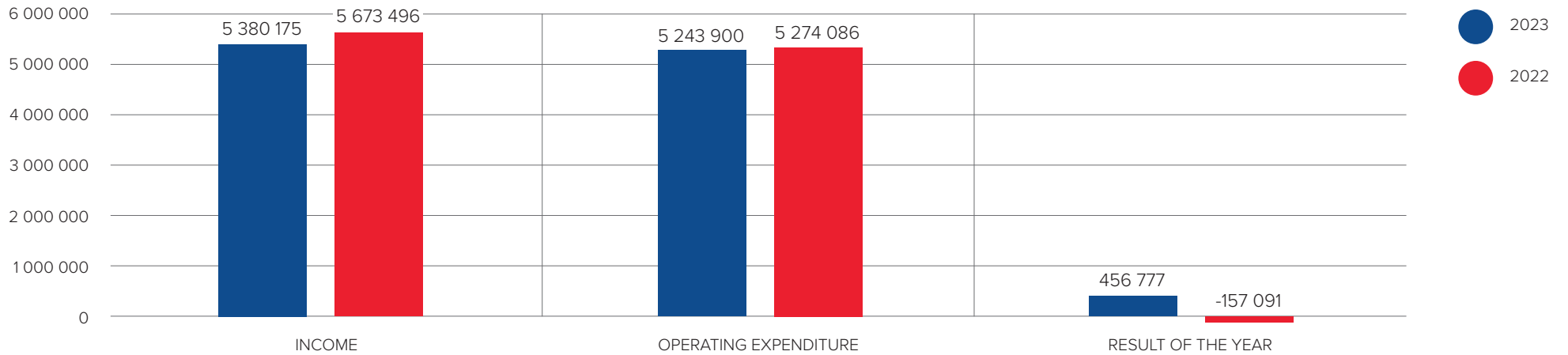
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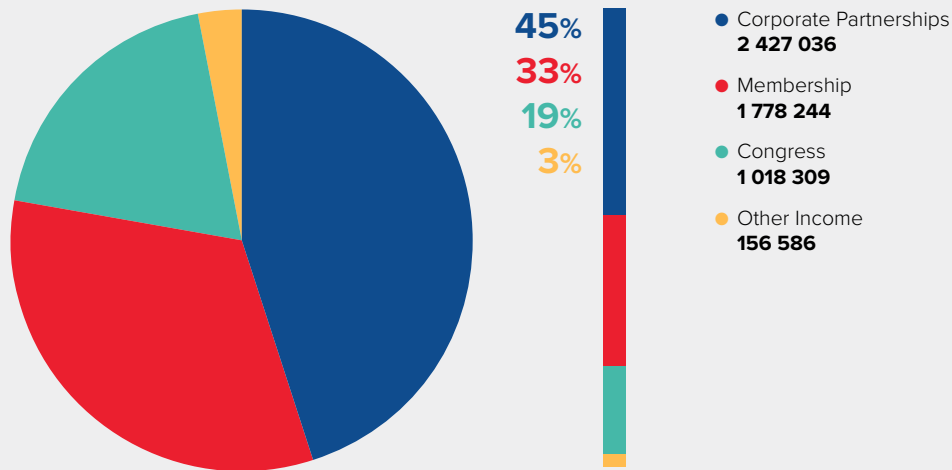
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- Summary financial statements (statement of assets, liabilities and reserve funds, statement of receipts and operating expenditure)

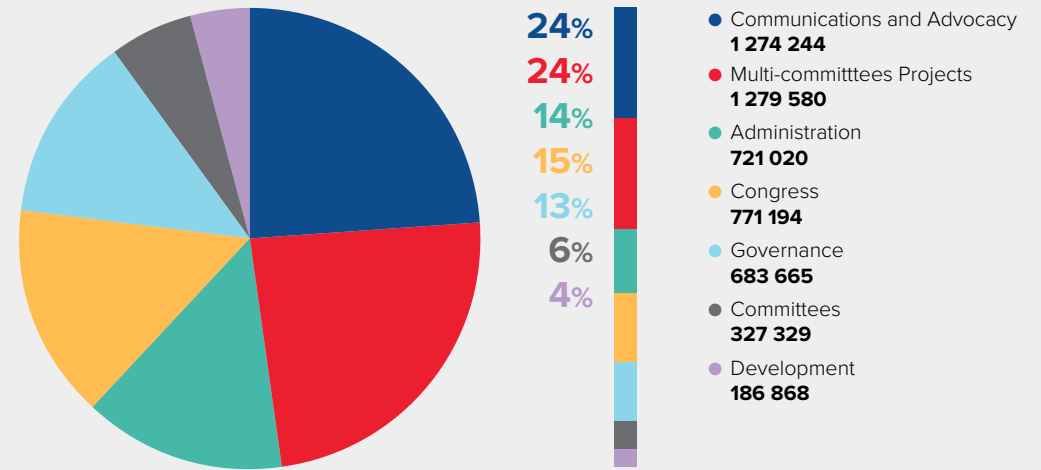
# History of Income, Operating Expenditure, and Result of the Year (CHF)



## Income



## Operating Expenditure



# Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Reserve Funds

(in CHF at 31 December 2023)

Assets	2023	2022
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	4 093 146	4 252 879
Accounts receivable, net	528 114	591 799
<i>Accounts receivable</i>	532 274	593 879
<i>Provision for bad and doubtful debts</i>	(4 160)	(2 080)
Prepayments, accrued income and other current assets	312 184	325 075
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>4 933 444</b>	<b>5 169 753</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Tangible fixed assets	84 121	42 853
Financial fixed assets	3 023 514	2 940 705
Guarantee deposits	69 197	69 183
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>3 176 832</b>	<b>3 052 741</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>8 110 276</b>	<b>8 222 494</b>
<b>Liabilities and reserve funds</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	284 609	316 565
Other payables	132 873	98 939
Accrued liabilities	175 763	128 436
Deferred income	716 399	996 412
Provisions	31 000	31 000
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>1 340 644</b>	<b>1 571 352</b>
<b>Reserve funds</b>		
Restricted funds	546 948	980 895
Restricted funds in custody	213 478	202 818
<b>Total Restricted funds</b>	<b>760 426</b>	<b>1 183 713</b>
General Reserves	5 052 429	5 209 520
Special Reserve	500 000	415 000
Net income / (loss) for the year	456 777	(157 091)
<b>Total Unrestricted Reserves</b>	<b>6 009 206</b>	<b>5 467 429</b>
<b>Total Reserve funds</b>	<b>6 769 632</b>	<b>6 651 142</b>
<b>Total liabilities and reserve funds</b>	<b>8 110 276</b>	<b>8 222 494</b>

# Statement of Receipts and Operating Expenditure

(in CHF at 31 December 2023)

Income	2023	2022
Membership	1 778 244	1 674 002
Congress	1 018 309	656 864
Corporate partnerships	2 427 036	3 178 740
<i>Unrestricted</i>	1 574 970	1 600 799
<i>Restricted</i>	852 066	1 577 941
Other income	156 586	163 890
<b>Total income</b>	<b>5 380 175</b>	<b>5 673 496</b>
<b>Operating expenditure</b>		
Personnel costs	(2 530 501)	(2 432 622)
Office	(362 530)	(369 141)
Travel & subsistence	(807 918)	(516 585)
Operational	(954 242)	(1 245 761)
Congress specific	(124 621)	(156 042)
Communication/Web/Webinars	(387 563)	(490 850)
Legal	(76 525)	(63 085)
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>(5 243 900)</b>	<b>(5 274 086)</b>
<b>Operational result</b>	<b>136 275</b>	<b>399 410</b>
Financial income/(expenses)	87 116	(391 676)
Exchange rate gain/(loss)	(115 558)	(62 519)
<b>Net FDI Financial result</b>	<b>(28 442)</b>	<b>(454 195)</b>
<b>Net FDI operational result</b>	<b>107 832</b>	<b>(54 785)</b>
Variation of the funds	348 945	(102 306)
<b>FDI Result of the year</b>	<b>456 777</b>	<b>(157 091)</b>
<b>Result of the year before net financial result</b>	<b>485 219</b>	<b>297 104</b>

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