



# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

## FDI World Dental Federation

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A WORLD WITH OPTIMAL ORAL HEALTH



## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT DR GREG CHADWICK

**My journey with FDI has taken me through various roles and responsibilities, and one thing remains clear: our members are undeniably our greatest strength. I want to begin by thanking all our members for the incredible work they do to improve oral health in their countries. Their unwavering support and dedication enable our global reach and impact.**

FDI's core purpose, as outlined in our Constitution, is to serve as the worldwide authoritative and independent voice of the dental profession; to promote **optimal oral and general health for all**; to support member associations in empowering their members to deliver oral healthcare; and to advance the ethics, art, science, and practice of dentistry. This purpose guides all our efforts, and together, we upheld these principles in 2024 and will continue to do so in the years ahead.

We had the honour of attending member events across the Middle East, the Americas, Europe, and beyond. To further enhance communication with members, we inaugurated a quarterly webinar series this year titled "Members' Briefing." These virtual gatherings saw tremendous engagement, providing timely updates and, more importantly, **a platform for members to share their opinions**, questions, and concerns. We are committed to strengthening this communication channel and fostering an even more connected community.

I also had the privilege of heading the FDI delegation at the World Health Organization's (WHO) 77th World Health Assembly, where we advocated for **prioritizing oral health during discussions on key topics** such as noncommunicable diseases (NCDs), universal health coverage, and antimicrobial resistance. These efforts were complemented by side events and individual meetings, where we strengthened invaluable connections with key partners.

This year marked the 25th anniversary of the World Health Professions Alliance of which FDI is a constituent member. We joined the celebrations, supported the launch of its new strategy, and reflected on 25 years of **impactful global health collaboration**. Additionally, we participated in a high-level side event organized by Ireland and its Permanent Mission to the United Nations. Here, we emphasized the importance of the Global Oral Health Action Plan (2023-2030) and

advocated for robust country-level systems to support its implementation, monitoring, and evaluation. Representing our members at the global level allows us to support and amplify their national efforts, collectively advancing oral health worldwide.

Our efforts reached a significant milestone in 2024 with our participation in the **first-ever WHO Global Oral Health Meeting** in Bangkok, Thailand. This preparatory meeting for the 2025 UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs highlighted the growing recognition of oral health within the broader public health agenda. Engaging with global health leaders and advocates in Bangkok was inspiring, as we collectively explored **innovative solutions to address oral health challenges** worldwide.

Since the adoption of our Position on Free Sugars by FDI's General Assembly during the World Dental Congress (WDC) 2023 in Sydney, we have worked diligently to finalize its implementation strategy. To reinforce our stance, we hosted two sessions at the 2024 WDC in Istanbul as part of an extensive and engaging programme. The **Congress was a resounding success**, bringing together dental professionals from around the world in a moment of collaboration to advance the art and science of dentistry. We are extremely pleased to share that the 2024 congress saw participation from over 15,000 visitors, over 200 international speakers, and 169 exhibitors – all united in our efforts to improve global oral healthcare. During the World Dental Congress, FDI also held its parliamentary meetings, where the General Assembly approved the Council's proposal to establish two temporary Special Committees to address FDI's membership subscription formula and the format of the World Dental Parliament. These milestones reflect our collective commitment to our organization and its cause to drive meaningful progress in oral healthcare worldwide.

**"Making oral healthcare a reality for all requires collective efforts from each and every one of us. With the diverse and significant contributions of our members and partners, we will continue advancing oral health worldwide, together – because improving access to care remains a critical priority."**



## MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ENZO BONDIONI

To echo the President's words, our members are our foundation. With a membership of 188 associations, we stand strong, and I am immensely proud to witness the impact we are making together in raising the profile of oral health within the global health landscape.

Last year, we made significant decisions for our organization, including the approval of our organizational strategy. In 2024, our strategic pillars – **knowledge exchange, advocacy, and innovation** – guided us in advancing our mission, equipping members with the information and tools needed to drive meaningful change in their countries. Our members' commitment to our cause is evident in every survey they complete, webinar they attend, World Oral Health Day celebration they engage in, resource they share within their networks, and advocacy effort they champion at the national level, creating global impact.

I am incredibly excited and proud to share that the FDI World Dental Congress in Istanbul, Türkiye, was among **the most impactful in recent years**. From the scientific programme speakers to the exhibitors and attendees, the positive feedback we received was overwhelming. A heartfelt thank you goes to our co-hosts, the Turkish Dental Association, for their warm hospitality and outstanding organization. Additionally, we announced two regional congresses for 2025, marking a milestone in offering further educational and networking opportunities on a regional level.

Our responsibility to our members and the practice of dentistry extends to **supporting lifelong learning**, ensuring that dental professionals are well-equipped to provide optimal patient care. Our continuing education (CE) offerings have grown exponentially. Alongside established programmes such as our regional CE programme, the FDI Oral Health Campus, and the FDI World Dental Congress, we successfully launched a new Master CE programme, which is detailed later in this report.

It was also an important year for sustaining key alliances and forging new relationships. As part

of our advocacy efforts, we maintained **active engagement with the United Nations and in particular with the World Health Organization**, participating in discussions and cooperative efforts to address key challenges throughout 2024. We also collaborated with organizations such as the NCD Alliance; our member, the International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (IADR), which is also in official relations with WHO; and the World Economic Forum's Oral Health Affinity Group (OHAG), which unites leaders across industries to prioritize oral health on the global health agenda. Additionally, we worked closely with the World Health Professions Alliance (WHPA), representing 41 million healthcare professionals, of which FDI is a part, while doubling our efforts to strengthen industry alliances.

In parallel with our advocacy efforts, the *International Dental Journal* (IDJ) has continued to introduce innovative initiatives, including a new subsection launched in 2024 focusing on Artificial Intelligence. Ranked **#20 out of 157 dentistry journals**, I am proud to report it is now in the top quartile of Dentistry, Oral Surgery, and Medicine journals. These accomplishments, that I attribute to the leadership of the journal's Editor-in-Chief Prof. Lakshman Samaranayake, highlight IDJ's pivotal role as a leading source of knowledge for dental professionals worldwide.

Furthermore, thanks to everyone's collective efforts, World Oral Health Day, our annual flagship campaign, garnered significant engagement, **with participation from over 200 countries** and more than 500 activities held worldwide, along with significant social media impact. The Toothie factor may have played a part, with FDI's much-loved mascot leading the celebrations! We look forward to uniting our community once again at the FDI World Dental Congress 2025 in Shanghai, China. With the region's rapid technological advancements, the event promises an exceptional programme and cutting-edge exhibition.

"As we move forward, the work of the newly established Special Committees will play a critical role in shaping the future of our organization. Engaging in these discussions is not only necessary but also a healthy exercise for FDI, as it compels us to critically assess challenges, explore solutions, and adapt where needed. By embracing this process, we ensure that FDI remains dynamic, inclusive, and responsive to our members' needs."



# THE YEAR IN REVIEW

## Highlights of FDI's key activities and achievements in 2024.



### JANUARY

- After the 154th session of the World Health Organization's (WHO) Executive Board (EB154), FDI hosts representatives from the WHO Oral Health Team and the International Association for Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Research (IADR) for a one-day, in-person strategy meeting.



- FDI stresses the importance of optimal oral health for all at EB154, where over 20 Resolutions and Decisions are approved.
- A consensus on toothbrushing recommendations is published in the *International Dental Journal* (IDJ), offering practical guidance on individual-level preventive strategies.
- FDI invites its member national dental associations to empower dentists within their countries by applying for a tobacco cessation workshop grant.
- Members are encouraged to play a key role in the continued success of IDJ by completing a survey to share their feedback and insights.



### FEBRUARY

- A three-day meeting on integrated electronic health records (EHRs) takes place in Chicago to develop standardized oral health indicators for enhanced EHR systems.



- On World Cancer Day, FDI promotes ONCOLLAB, an app that helps cancer care teams manage oral complications during treatment.
- A webinar is hosted ahead of World Oral Health Day to help members and individuals make the most of the campaign and its resources.
- FDI participates in the WHO High-Level Technical Meeting on Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs) in humanitarian settings. In preparation, FDI collaborates with IADR and the WHO Oral Health Team to co-develop a joint advocacy briefing.

- World Oral Health Day (WOHD) is celebrated on 20 March, promoting the important message: "A Happy Mouth is... A Happy Body." Through the collective efforts of members, partners, and individuals worldwide, it creates a significant impact.

**A HAPPY MOUTH IS...  
A HAPPY BODY**

- In celebration of WOHD, FDI releases an impactful video message that brings together voices from diverse sectors to advocate for unified efforts to improve oral health worldwide.

### MARCH

- FDI releases a new report showcasing how industry partners can help accelerate the delivery of optimal oral health through multistakeholder collaborations. Its findings are presented at the IADR General Session and Exhibition 2024.
- FDI and IADR called attention to the inclusion of a new oral health indicator in the draft version of WHO's 14th General Programme of Work.
- FDI hosts its inaugural Members' Briefing to update members on the latest developments and initiatives within the organization.



## APRIL

- FDI launches a new chairside guide for dentists and dental teams and a visual guide for patients that offer comprehensive recommendations for toothbrushing and oral hygiene.



- The April issue of the *International Dental Journal* introduces a new subsection on Artificial Intelligence, further expanding the journal's scope.
- Plans for regional congresses are announced to achieve an even broader impact.
- During its annual Mid-year Meeting in San José, Costa Rica, FDI takes the opportunity to engage with the Ministry of Health to discuss *Vision 2030* and explore potential avenues for collaboration.
- FDI presents its strategic organizational plan for 2024–2027 at the Plenary of its European Regional Organization in Cyprus to enhance collaboration across the region.



## MAY

- FDI contributes to the World Economic Forum's Oral Health Affinity Group white paper, which outlines the economic case for prioritizing oral health worldwide and offers actionable next steps.
- FDI amplifies its voice on key agenda items at the 77th World Health Assembly, as well as co-organizing and participating in several side events with key partners to further elevate the importance of oral health on the global stage.
- A new continuing education (CE) initiative, the Master CE Programme in Aesthetic and Adhesive Dentistry, is launched with its first pilot course taking place in Saudi Arabia.
- The next phase of the Digital Cleft Care project begins, aiming to expand the reach and accessibility of its Massive Open Online Course and digital workflow.



- As part of the Oral Health Observatory project, the Lebanese Dental Association participates in a workshop at FDI's headquarters, resulting in a draft National Oral Health Strategy.



## JUNE

- FDI hosts a virtual three-day summit on Sustainability in Dentistry, bringing together stakeholders from the dental profession and industry to advance discussions and actions on sustainable practices.



- The *International Dental Journal* (IDJ) achieves a 3.2 Impact Factor, elevating its ranking to the top quartile of journals in dentistry, oral surgery, and medicine.
- An article published in the IDJ presents an in-depth analysis of oral health data from six countries participating in the Oral Health Observatory project, which aims to collect data to support advocacy efforts.



- On World Refugee Day, FDI, in collaboration with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, launches a policy brief titled "Addressing Oral Health Needs in Refugees: Policy and Collaboration Strategies."
- FDI hosts a meeting with the World Health Organization's AMR division in preparation for the UN High-Level Meeting on Antimicrobial Resistance.
- Two Master CE modules are organized in Saudi Arabia and Egypt, respectively.



## JULY

- FDI's oral health exercise brochure for older adults, featuring a series of oral function exercises, becomes available in three additional languages—Japanese, French, and Spanish. This marks a significant step toward making these essential resources accessible to a broader audience.



- In collaboration with IADR's Global Oral Health Inequalities Research Network, a webinar is held to discuss challenges and best practices for dentists working in unstable environments and during humanitarian crises.
- FDI participates in Odontotech 2024, a specialized dental show organized by the Colombian Dental Federation. During the visit, FDI provides updates on its recent activities, including efforts to address the impact of excessive sugar consumption on oral health.



## AUGUST

- The Sustainability in Dentistry Massive Open Online Course is made available in four additional languages: Arabic, Chinese, French and Spanish. Upon completing the course, participants are invited to apply for the Sustainability Ambassador Prize.
- The FDI Whole Body Health platform continues to evolve with the introduction of "Snackables": concise, shareable summaries designed to make information accessible, especially in low-resource settings.
- Focus groups and surveys with dental students and faculty staff from various regions are conducted to identify gaps in currently available mental health in dentistry resources, allowing for a targeted response to those needs.
- A scoping review is initiated to examine the link between the mental health and well-being of dentists and dental teams and the quality of oral healthcare they provide.



- Projects focused on improving the oral health of refugees in Pakistan and Bangladesh continue to broaden their impact.
- Two Master CE courses are held in Hong Kong SAR, China, and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.



## SEPTEMBER

- At the 2024 Smile Grant Award ceremony, FDI celebrates outstanding oral care initiatives for underserved communities.



- FDI awards the 2024 Sustainability Champions for their outstanding contributions to eco-friendly and sustainable dental care.
- FDI takes part in the UN High-Level Meeting on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) in New York, emphasizing the importance of integrating dentistry into AMR-related activities.

- FDI holds its General Assembly in Istanbul, Türkiye, to take key decisions for the organization.
- The FDI World Dental Congress 2024 (WDC24) in Istanbul, Türkiye, is a resounding success. FDI spotlights the importance of integrated oral healthcare with a series of sessions focused on integrated care, interprofessional collaboration, and universal health coverage. The scientific programme offers diverse CE opportunities, while the industry exhibition showcases cutting-edge innovations.
- Two sugar-related sessions are held during WDC24. The first is a capacity-building workshop aimed at empowering participants, while the second focuses on the lessons learned since the adoption of FDI's Position on Free Sugars.
- The second edition of the highly anticipated Young Dentists Forum takes place in Istanbul, designed to inspire and empower young dental professionals.



## OCTOBER

- On 1 October, FDI celebrates the International Day of Older Persons by advocating for the inclusion of oral health in comprehensive care frameworks.
- A successful two-day workshop is held for the Oral Health in an Ageing Population project in Luzern, Switzerland. In collaboration with partners GC International and the Nakao Foundation, the workshop reviews progress and strategizes for the next phase.
- FDI launches five new fact sheets to educate a broader range of healthcare professionals, equipping them with essential knowledge and skills to incorporate oral healthcare services into their routine practice.
- On World Mental Health Day, a special episode is released on the Dental Check-up podcast, aiming to reduce the stigma around mental health within the dental profession.

- A collaborative meeting with WHO's Oral Health Team reviews *Vision 2030* progress and identifies opportunities for stronger multistakeholder engagement, including the private sector in its implementation.



- The FDI President joins the Chief Dental Officer for the Republic of Ireland on the NCD Alliance podcast to discuss the vital connection between oral health and other NCDs.



## NOVEMBER

- Authored by 12 experts, the *International Dental Journal* (IDJ) publishes a supplement providing the latest knowledge on infection prevention and control in dentistry.
- Findings from the IDJ supplement are presented in an FDI Oral Health Campus webinar titled "Enhancing infection control in the dental practice: Strategies, challenges, and sustainable solutions."
- FDI participates in the first-ever WHO Global Oral Health Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, which culminates in the adoption of the "Bangkok Declaration"—a watershed moment for the oral health community.
- During the meeting in Bangkok, FDI actively participates in several side events and co-hosts two focused on addressing sugar reduction strategies and antimicrobial resistance.



- The World Health Professions Alliance (WHPA) – a coalition that includes FDI, World Medical Association, International Pharmaceutical Federation, International Council of Nurses, and World Physiotherapy – hosts a webinar on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) during World AMR Awareness Week.



## DECEMBER

- Winners of the World Dental Development Fund grant are announced, receiving CHF 10,000 each to support educational and sustainable oral health projects in low- or middle-income countries and/or disadvantaged populations.
- The final Members' briefing of the year is another success, with more than 70 participants in attendance.
- The build-up to the 2025 World Oral Health Day campaign begins as FDI's beloved mascot Toothie returns to promote the message, "A Happy Mouth is... A Happy Mind."



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# AN OVERVIEW OF FDI'S STRATEGIC PLAN 2024-2027

In 2024, FDI launched its renewed strategic plan to advance its vision of a world where everyone enjoys optimal oral health.

At the core of this strategy are three foundational pillars: Knowledge Exchange, Advocacy, and Innovation. These pillars are interconnected, working together to address challenges and seize opportunities. Take, for instance, FDI's education and public health projects—key aspects of knowledge exchange—which benefit significantly from advocacy, amplifying their reach and effectiveness. Similarly, innovation underpins and enhances much of FDI's work

to ensure progress and impact. Together, these pillars form a cohesive framework that will continue to guide FDI's efforts toward its vision.

Through close collaboration with member associations and strategic partners, FDI is translating this plan into action, delivering measurable outcomes that create a meaningful impact in communities worldwide.



## OUR VISION

A world with optimal oral health.



## OUR MISSION

FDI is the leading global voice of the dental profession, working with members to improve oral health worldwide.



## OUR VALUES

Commitment to members | Integrity  
Culture of inclusiveness | Service  
Ethical behaviour

## STRATEGIC PILLARS



### KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

Build a robust community of skilled, engaged, and informed dental professionals and partners.



### ADVOCACY

Mobilize advocacy efforts to increase oral health literacy and achieve political commitment and action on oral health for all.



### INNOVATION

Position the oral health community to ensure the dental profession is responsible, sustainable, and responsive to emerging and evolving technologies in dentistry.

## KEY ENABLERS



Membership



Governance



Partnerships



Operational efficiency



**FDI STRATEGIC PILLAR**

## **1. KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE**

**Building a robust community of skilled, engaged, and informed dental professionals and partners.**

## FDI World Dental Congress



The FDI World Dental Congress 2024, held from 12–15 September in Istanbul, Türkiye, was a resounding success, bringing together a global community of dental professionals.

Every year, this flagship event serves as a dynamic platform for knowledge exchange, showcasing the latest advancements in dentistry while fostering collaboration and networking opportunities. Co-hosted with its member organization, the Turkish Dental Association, the Congress featured an extensive scientific programme, industry exhibition, and engaging sessions by leading experts in dentistry. The event attracted **15,810 visitors, over 200 speakers, and 169 exhibitors**, making it one of the most impactful FDI World Dental Congresses in recent years.

### Young Dentists Forum

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Attendees from around the world participated and, adding to the excitement, 3,238 of the registered participants were young dentists and dental students. **The second edition**

**of the Young Dentists Forum (YDF)**, a session dedicated to this demographic, took place over two half-days and was attended by 681 participants in total. The first session offered an exciting opportunity for young speakers to present as part of a speakers' contest, where member national dental associations had the chance to nominate a candidate from their country to participate in YDF—a truly unique opportunity for up-and-coming dental professionals to showcase their talents. The second session featured the renowned expert, Dr Miguel Stanley, who provided valuable insights into leadership within the field of dentistry. The final part of Dr Stanley's presentation is available to [view on-demand](#) on the FDI Oral Health Campus.

YDF enabled a greater number of young dentists to connect and expand their professional networks. As the next generation of oral health professionals, their energy, perspectives, and collaborations play a vital role in shaping the future of dentistry and driving innovation in the field.



## A WEALTH OF EDUCATIONAL CONTENT

250

KEYNOTE  
SPEAKERS

from

44

NATIONALITIES

184

LECTURES

28

INTERACTIVE  
SESSIONS

43

HANDS-ON  
WORKSHOPS

Discover the 2024 World Dental Congress abstracts in this special *International Dental Journal* Supplement:



The team is now focused on planning and preparing for the upcoming **FDI World Dental Congress, scheduled to take place in vibrant and cosmopolitan Shanghai from 9–12 September 2025.**



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Exhibitions

## FDI Regional Congresses

Building on the annual success of its World Dental Congress, FDI announced the plan for regional congresses in April 2024 to achieve an even broader impact.

The first regional congress will take place in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, from 16–18 January 2025, and the second is scheduled for San José, Costa Rica, from 15–17 May 2025. To be hosted in partnership with our member associations, 2024 involved extensive planning and collaboration to ensure the programmes not only meet the needs of the region but also provide unparalleled continuing education sessions to dental professionals in the area.

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## FDI Master CE Programme

In May 2024, FDI introduced a new Continuing Education (CE) initiative known as the Master CE Programme in Aesthetic and Adhesive Dentistry.

The innovative curriculum is designed to elevate skills and expertise in this specialized field. The programme is structured into five modules, each meticulously crafted to provide a blend of insightful lectures and hands-on training, which can be completed at varying times and locations around the world:

- Aesthetic Diagnosis & Analysis
- Principles of Adhesion
- Minimally Invasive & Preventive Aesthetic Treatment
- Direct Aesthetic Restorations
- Indirect Aesthetic Restorations

The course was launched in Saudi Arabia and Egypt with resounding success. Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive, affirming the programme's efficacy and value. Building on this momentum, additional modules were launched in Hong Kong and Malaysia in August.

[Click here to discover past and upcoming courses](#)

## FDI Oral Health Campus

Learning opportunities were also made available through FDI's Oral Health Campus, which continues to serve as the go-to platform for online dental education and professional development.

Live and on-demand webinars, delivered by esteemed professionals, enable participants to earn CE credits. This unique and free portal provides direct global access to over 250,000 dentists.

### PLATFORM IMPACT IN 2024

12

WEBINARS  
HELD

5,576

TOTAL REGISTRANTS

3,690

WATCHED LIVE  
OR ON-DEMAND

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

708 ATTENDEES

Role of mouthwash in oral care

617 ATTENDEES

Emergency Medicine in Dentistry:  
10-Minutes to Save a Life

474 ATTENDEES

Current Concepts on Soft Tissue Management to  
Maintain Periodontal Health and Improve Aesthetics





## FDI Continuing Education Programme

FDI's established Regional Continuing Education (CE) Programme offered a wealth of opportunities at both regional and international levels.

Designed for qualified dental practitioners and spanning five regions—Africa, Asia Pacific, Europe, the Americas, and the Middle East—FDI's Education Committee organized numerous events throughout the year.

In Europe and the Americas, the programmes fostered ongoing collaboration with partner national dental associations (NDAs), ensuring continuity in these regions. In Africa and Asia Pacific, CE Directors successfully engaged additional NDAs, expanding their reach to a record number of countries for their respective regions. In the Middle East, the 2024 calendar was slightly reduced compared to 2023. This adjustment reflected the geopolitical challenges affecting certain countries in the region and FDI's active focus on other continuing education initiatives, such as the Master CE programme and regional congresses.

Here is an overview of the courses and events delivered by region:

Region	Number of courses	Number of events	Number of NDAs	Countries
Africa	12	11	11	Uganda, Zimbabwe, Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso, Morocco, Kenya, Senegal, Nigeria, South Africa, Tunisia, Ethiopia
Asia Pacific	20	11	10	Cambodia, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Macau, Chinese Taipei, Indonesia, Fiji, China
Europe	9	9	8	Bosnia and Herzegovina, Italy, Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria, Slovakia, , Romania, Portugal
Americas	12	8	6	Costa Rica, Chile, Colombia, Panama, Mexico, Honduras
Middle East	20	9	8	Syria, Lebanon, Iran, United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Saudi Arabia
All	73	48	43	

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

## International Dental Journal

Since assuming leadership of the *International Dental Journal* (IDJ) in 2022, Prof. Lakshman Samaranayake has significantly expanded the scope of FDI's open-access scientific publication, driving growth and innovation.



### The rankings

IDJ marked another milestone in its 74-year journey by achieving an Impact Factor of 3.2. This accomplishment elevated its ranking to #20 out of 157 dentistry journals, placing it for the first time in the top quartile of Dentistry, Oral Surgery, and Medicine journals. Additionally, IDJ's latest CiteScore—reflecting citations received over a specified period—showed a notable 17% increase, driven by diverse new content, strategic initiatives, and the expansion of its editorial board.

### New initiatives and their impact

Since 2022, new subsections have been introduced, including one dedicated to Science and Technology, along with a novel publication format termed Succinct Rapid Communication—a new article type featuring fully developed primary research in a shorter format than standard research articles. These innovations have been broadly recognized and appreciated by researchers in the dental community.

In 2024, responding to the dynamic landscape of global advancements, the journal further enriched its offerings with the launch of a new subsection focused on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Dentistry.

**“Here, we shall provide contemporaneous updates on rapidly moving developments in artificial intelligence, digital technology, and their applications in dentistry.**

Prof. Lakshman Samaranayake

Building on its growing impact, these latest efforts underscore the journal's commitment to remaining at the forefront of dental research and innovation.

## A record-breaking year for submissions

Article submissions are essential to the journal's ongoing success, and it is, therefore, encouraging to report that the upward trend in submissions continued. In 2023, the journal saw a 37% increase in overall submissions compared to 2022. Even more significantly, 2024 set a new record with the highest annual manuscript submissions in the journal's history.

This growth can be attributed to the journal's improved rankings, as well as strategic marketing efforts by the publisher, Elsevier, and FDI's communications team. The expansion of the editorial board has also played an important role in enhancing the journal's overall quality. Looking ahead, a key priority is to enhance IDJ's visibility in North America, fostering greater engagement and encouraging more submissions from this region.

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

To address the lack of data on how regional and national dental organizations utilize IDJ, a survey was conducted to gather this information. The survey comprised 11 questions and received a total of 55 responses. Some of the key takeaways were as follows:

- 50%** Over half of respondents read IDJ to stay updated on the latest advancements in the field.
- 50%** Around half received news about the journal through FDI News, an FDI newsletter.
- 65%** A significant number read the journal on a regular basis.
- 75%** A substantial majority were aware of the journal's Science and Technology subsection. However, only 10% were aware of its rapid publication avenue.
- 75%** Most, but not all, were aware of the journal's open-access nature.

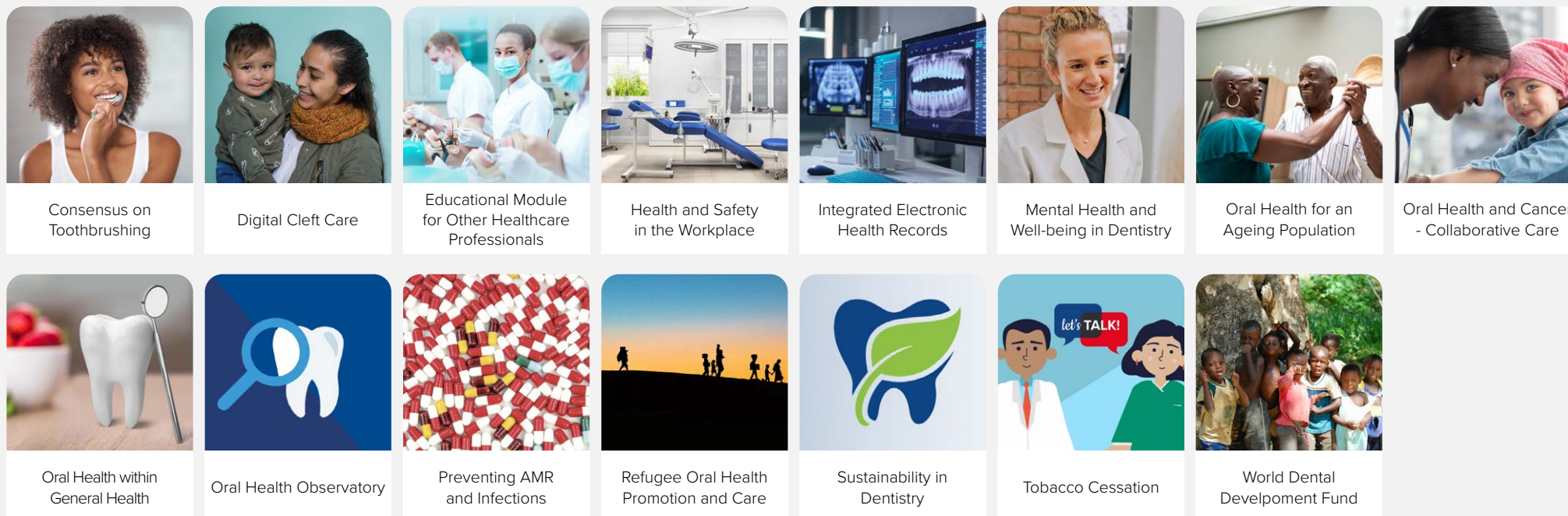
This information will help inform future strategies to enhance readership, effectively promote the journal, and, most importantly, advance oral health worldwide.

**Amidst the ever-evolving journal landscape, IDJ remains firmly positioned to uphold its esteemed seven-decade legacy. Committed to its mission, IDJ continues to disseminate valuable dental research and knowledge to a global audience.**

# Education and Public Health Projects

FDI's diverse education and public health projects aim to improve oral health worldwide by building innovative prevention and access programmes, as well as addressing significant and emerging global challenges.

A snapshot of the current initiatives that are contributing to FDI's efforts to lead the world to optimal oral health are shown below.



Each project has its own milestones, and this section will highlight those that had key deliverables in 2024.

For an in-depth look at all initiatives, visit [www.fdiworlddental.org/projects](http://www.fdiworlddental.org/projects)

All projects are guided by the key principles of FDI's Vision 2030 and the World Health Organization's (WHO) Oral Health Resolution, Strategy, and Action Plan. These critical frameworks continue to shape FDI's efforts to address the widespread impact of oral diseases.

# Consensus on Toothbrushing

Toothbrushing remains one of the most straightforward yet highly effective preventive measures for reducing the burden of oral diseases.

Despite its importance, there is a wide diversity in recommendations on toothbrushing methods.

In response to this, FDI established and published a consensus to guide the profession.

## Setting the standard: toothbrushing recommendations published in the *International Dental Journal*

As part of a meticulous systematic review in 2023, FDI identified and analyzed available evidence on the effectiveness of different toothbrushing methods across diverse populations and recommended frequencies. Optimal techniques were gathered from wide-ranging literature, and where evidence was lacking, a consensus involving FDI Standing Committees and Council was reached to establish recommendations based on good practice.

In early 2024, the culmination of this work—a comprehensive set of recommendations—was published in a peer-reviewed article in the *International Dental Journal*.

[Read the article](#)

## New resources for dental professionals and patients

Following publication in the journal, the recommendations were adapted into new resources designed for use in general practice. In April 2024, a [new chairside guide](#) for dentists and dental teams, along with a [visual guide for patients](#), were launched. These resources offer comprehensive recommendations for toothbrushing and oral hygiene, aimed at improving personal oral healthcare.

**The guidelines and resources equip healthcare professionals with practical advice, enhancing their communication with patients and reinforcing the importance of preventive measures at home.**





# Digital Cleft Care

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Cleft surgeries and cleft care can benefit immensely from digital technologies.

Ensuring the necessary infrastructure and training to use these technologies is particularly crucial in resource-limited settings and remote regions.

The Digital Cleft Care project focuses on creating a well-trained team of oral health professionals equipped to provide digital oral healthcare to patients.

## Building on success: expanding digital cleft care

Following the successful launch of FDI's [Massive Open Online Course](#) (MOOC) in 2023—which received an impressive average rating of 9/10 from learners—and the simultaneous introduction of a [digital workflow](#) highlighting key points in care pathways where digital technology can enhance comprehensive cleft care, the next phase of the project began in June 2024.

This phase is focused on expanding the accessibility and practical application of these tools through two main deliverables:

1. **Expanding the MOOC's reach** by translating it into three languages: Spanish, French, and Portuguese.
2. **Bringing the digital workflow to life** through the creation of two videos featuring real patients demonstrating digital cleft workflows and equipment in action.



**The promotion and launch of the new language versions of the MOOC and the digital cleft workflow videos are planned for 2025, advancing the project's mission to improve global access to high-quality digital cleft care.**

# Educational Module for Other Healthcare Professionals

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Most oral diseases are preventable through straightforward, evidence-based interventions and prevention.

However, many parts of the world face a shortage of dentists.

To expand access to oral health and achieve the goal of affordable, accessible healthcare for all, it is essential to engage the broader healthcare workforce in the prevention and control of oral diseases.

## New oral health factsheets

Recognizing the skills gap, this project was established to equip healthcare professionals with essential oral health knowledge and practical skills, enabling them to incorporate fundamental oral healthcare services into their routine work. The first five of 16 fact sheets, designed to educate and empower, were launched in October 2024.

1. Relationship Between Oral and Systemic Diseases
2. Oral Potentially Malignant Disorders and Oral Cancer (OPMD)
3. Oral Hygiene
4. Oral Health and Pregnancy
5. Dietary Advice

The fact sheets are supported by eight international organizations representing other healthcare professionals that will help with the dissemination of the resources. In addition, three videos based on the fact sheets were developed in cooperation with the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP).

The remaining fact sheets are in development and will be released as they become available in 2025.

**These resources aim to bridge the gap in oral healthcare and have been endorsed by various health organizations, which will actively disseminate them to expand their reach.**



# Infection Prevention and Control in Dentistry

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Although dentistry is commonly regarded as a safe profession, studies have revealed various risks present in the dental setting.

Acknowledging and mitigating these risks is essential to safeguard the well-being of dental professionals.

In 2024, Phase III of FDI's Health and Safety in the Dental Workplace project focused on providing the most up-to-date guidance on infection prevention and control in dental clinics.

## Providing the latest knowledge in the *International Dental Journal*

A supplement of five papers, authored by a team of 12 experts in the field, was published in the *International Dental Journal* (IDJ) in November 2024. The supplement delves deeper into the key areas of infection prevention and control (IPC) protocols in dentistry, offering vital insights and guidance on IPC strategies tailored to dental practices.

**“The compilation of these articles into a single supplement will offer our readers a modern and contemporary outlook on the ‘hot’ issue on infection control in dentistry. Hopefully, the collection will furnish timely insights to inspire behavioural adjustments and promote sound operational practices in their everyday clinical protocols.**

IDJ editor-in-chief, Prof. Lakshman Samaranayake

The featured articles include:

Guest editorial | Infection Control in Dentistry in the Post-COVID Era: A Timely Update

1. [Bioaerosols and Airborne Transmission in the Dental Clinic](#)
2. [Bloodborne Infections Relevant to Dental Practice](#)
3. [Dental Unit Waterlines: Disinfection and Management](#)
4. [Reusable Personal Protective Equipment Viewed Through the Lens of Sustainability](#)
5. [Current Challenges in Environmental Decontamination and Instrument Reprocessing](#)

## ENHANCING INFECTION CONTROL IN THE DENTAL PRACTICE WEBINAR

The findings from the supplement were presented in an FDI Oral Health Campus webinar on 27 November, marking an important step in disseminating the key insights and recommendations.

**676**  
registrants

**265**  
watched live

**142**  
watched on-demand

**The IDJ supplement serves as a valuable resource supporting WHO's draft global action plan for infection prevention and control (2024–2030), which emphasizes the importance of comprehensive IPC programmes at local, national, and regional levels.**

# Integrated Electronic Health Records in Dentistry

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The integration of dental and medical electronic health records (EHRs) has the potential to transform healthcare.

Achieving this vision requires a deep understanding of end-user needs and preferences to guide the development of oral health indicators for inclusion in integrated EHRs.

In 2024, this initiative took meaningful steps forward.

## Laying the foundations

To advance the integration of dental and medical EHRs, an International Advisory Group was tasked with developing a standardized set of oral health indicators. This group convened for an intensive three-day meeting from 21–23 February in Chicago, Illinois.

Ahead of the meeting, a comprehensive scoping review was conducted. The review examined both integrated and non-integrated EHR systems to extract essential data and assess the extent to which oral health indicators are currently incorporated.

## Enhancing holistic healthcare

The meeting brought together leading experts, EHR end-users—including dental and medical professionals—and members of the International Advisory Group. Discussions centred on user needs, preferences, operational barriers, and potential facilitators. Participants emphasized the critical importance of integrating dentistry with broader healthcare through EHRs. Such integration will enhance understanding of patients' medical histories, improve communication between dental and medical professionals, and ensure more comprehensive and coordinated patient care.

A key focus of the meeting was to gather input on preliminary recommendations for oral health indicators to be included and routinely recorded in integrated EHRs. Following the meeting, the development of a Consensus Statement was initiated. This document will reflect the collective agreement and insights of the participants, providing a strong foundation to drive this initiative forward.



**This collaborative effort represents a significant step toward bridging the gap between dental and medical care, enriching healthcare delivery for all, and ultimately improving patient outcomes.**



# Mental Health & Well-being in Dentistry

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Dentistry, like many healthcare fields, presents unique pressures.

Dentists and dental teams often experience significant levels of anxiety, stress, and worry, which can lead to serious mental health challenges and burnout.

Building on FDI's Digital Toolkit, prioritizing mental health in dentistry continued to be a significant focus in 2024.

## From Stress to Strength

On World Mental Health Day, observed annually on 10 October, FDI released a special episode on its *Dental Check-up* podcast, spotlighting the mental health challenges within the dental profession. Host Prof. Matt Hopcraft was joined by renowned guest Prof. Tim Newton, an expert in psychology applied to dentistry at King's College London, to discuss the unique pressures dentists face—from perfectionism and physical strain to the emotional toll of patient care. Widely promoted upon its release, the episode aims to reduce the stigma around mental health issues.



## New resources to support dental students and national dental associations

In 2024, focus groups and surveys were conducted with dental students and faculty staff from various regions to identify gaps in current resources. Based on these findings, FDI will develop new materials to address these gaps, including teaching aids and self-study resources. Additionally, existing resources identified through the research may be shared or adapted where possible.

A review of a framework for national dental associations to enhance or establish mental health programmes at the national level also began. The framework will include links to the existing *Digital Toolkit* and provide practical guidance, including clear examples of priorities to consider when developing a mental health programme.

## Providing quality patient care

Prioritizing the well-being of dental professionals is essential, as it directly impacts the quality of patient care. To explore this connection, a scoping review was initiated to examine the link between the mental health and well-being of dentists and dental teams and the quality of oral healthcare they provide. The development of the study protocol is the first step, and this process is currently underway.

**Given the growing concerns about the mental health challenges faced by the oral health workforce, FDI will continue to prioritize mental health awareness and support.**

# Oral Health for an Ageing Population

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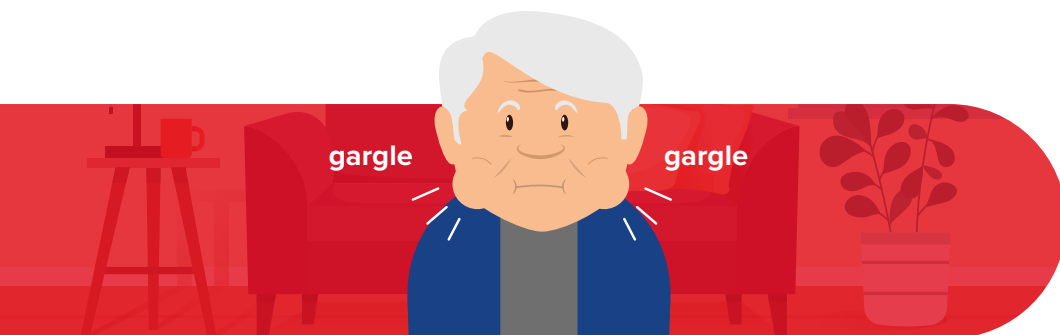
Oral health is a vital component of overall well-being.

Untreated oral diseases can lead to pain, difficulty eating, and reduced quality of life, which in turn can exacerbate other health conditions.

Since its inception in 2015, the Oral Health for an Ageing Population project has been dedicated to addressing the unique oral health challenges faced by older adults.

## Improving oral function in ageing populations worldwide

In 2023, FDI introduced a comprehensive [brochure](#) designed to assist older adults in maintaining their oral health. This brochure outlines a series of oral function exercises intended to be performed regularly, helping to prevent the decline in oral function often associated with ageing. The exercises promote better oral health, which is crucial for overall physical health, nutrition, and quality of life. In July 2024, the brochure was published in three additional languages—Japanese, French, and Spanish—marking a significant step in the project's mission to make its vital resources accessible to a wider population.



**In October 2024, a two-day workshop, held in collaboration with GC International, provided a valuable opportunity to review progress and strategize for the next phase.**

Oral health for an ageing population task team members emphasized:

**“By making the exercise brochure available in multiple languages, we are breaking down barriers and ensuring that more people can take proactive steps to maintain their oral health. This is a critical component of our broader mission to enhance health and well-being in older adults globally.**

## Showcasing resources for older adults

In September 2024, the FDI World Dental Congress hosted a session dedicated to showcasing the newly translated exercise guide alongside the [FDI Frailty Guide](#) web app, a consultation-based resource for dentists. This session highlighted the importance of oral health in achieving healthy longevity and demonstrated how these innovative tools can be effectively utilized.

The following month, on 1 October, FDI celebrated the International Day of Older Persons, themed “Ageing with Dignity: The Importance of Strengthening Care and Support Systems for Persons Worldwide.” This occasion provided an important opportunity to advocate for the inclusion of oral health in comprehensive care frameworks.

In addition, in 2024, end-user evaluations were also carried out on the brochure and the Frailty Guide, and FDI national dental associations from the following countries supported these efforts: Costa Rica, Japan, Lebanon, and Nigeria. This feedback will help adapt resources as needed.

## Oral Health and Cancer: Collaborative Care

Providing the best care for cancer patients requires effective collaboration to ensure timely prevention and management of complications.

FDI's mobile application, ONCOLlab—developed in partnership with the International Society of Oral Oncology—supports knowledge-sharing and teamwork among healthcare professionals.

On World Cancer Day, FDI highlighted how ONCOLlab can help #CloseTheCareGap and improve outcomes for cancer patients.

### Promoting ONCOLlab: the oral care guide for cancer teams

World Cancer Day, observed every year on 4 February, unites people worldwide to raise awareness about cancer risks and to improve the prevention, detection, and treatment of all forms of cancer. People living with cancer face numerous healthcare challenges, including oral complications, which affect 30-35% of individuals undergoing cancer therapy.

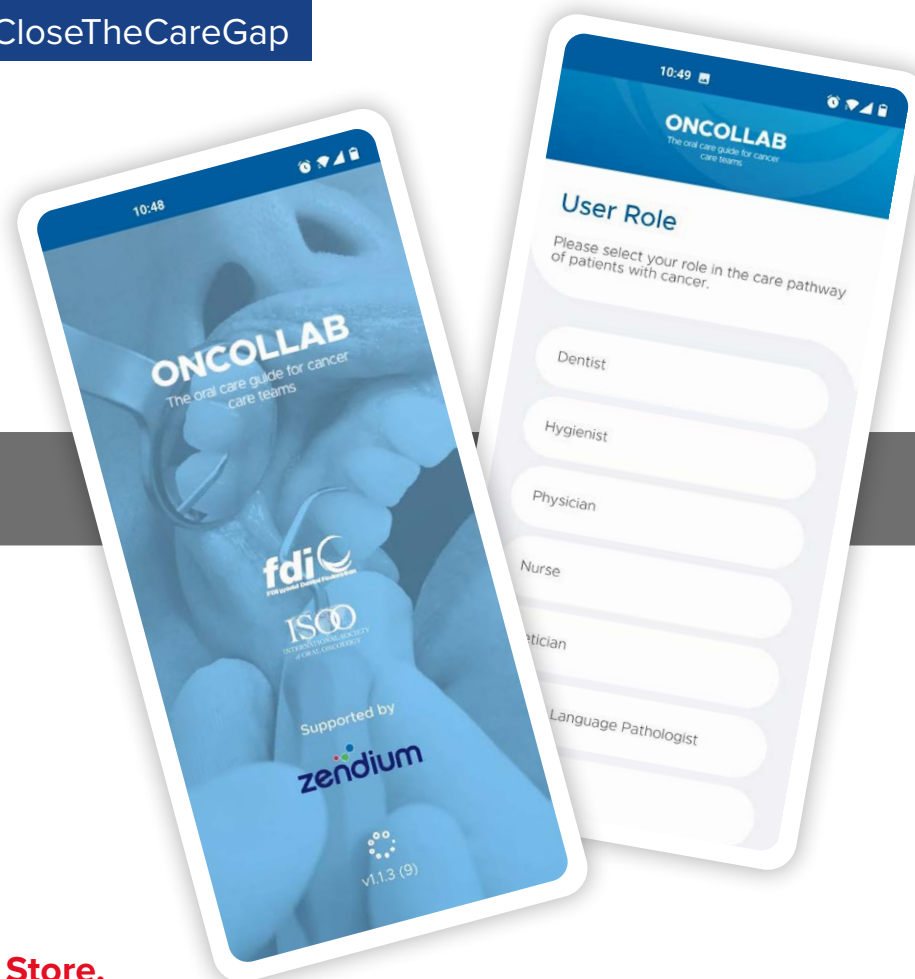
**ONCOLlab** empowers cancer care teams to effectively manage these complications. On World Cancer Day, FDI promoted the benefits of downloading and using ONCOLlab, which features downloadable referral forms, patient information, and a risk assessment tool to support care teams and their patients.

### Find out more...

Health professionals were invited to learn more about the app through a dedicated on-demand webinar titled “*Interprofessional Collaboration in Cancer Care.*” The webinar features insights from experts representing professional organizations, the World Health Professions Alliance, and the International Society of Oral Oncology, who discuss collaborative approaches to cancer care from their unique perspectives.

[Watch the webinar](#)

**Originally launched in English on the [App Store](#) and [Google Play Store](#), ONCOLlab expanded its reach in 2024 with a new French version.**



# Oral Health within General Health

Integrating oral health into general health is crucial for improving access, enhancing cost-effectiveness, and achieving better patient outcomes.

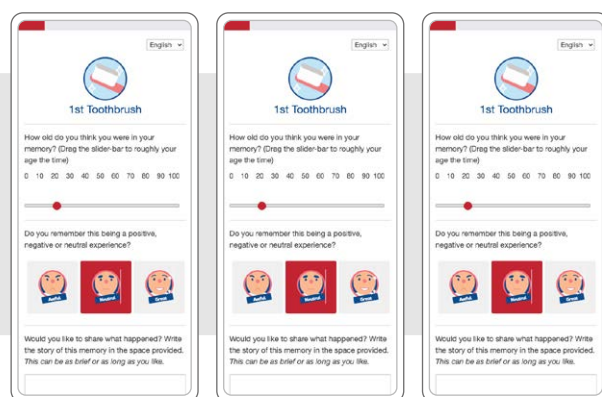
FDI champions this mission through initiatives like Whole Mouth Health, Whole Body Health, and the overarching Oral Health within General Health project.

These efforts emphasize the vital connection between oral and overall health.

## Staying informed with the FDI Whole Body Health Platform

New research is constantly emerging that associates oral health independently with overall health. Launched in 2023, the [FDI Whole Body Health platform](#) provides the latest insights to explore these connections. To broaden its reach, the platform was translated into French and Spanish in 2024. Additionally, “Snackables” were introduced—concise, shareable summaries designed to make information accessible, especially in low-resource settings.

Looking ahead, the FDI Whole Body Health platform will continue to evolve, highlighting the common oral signs and symptoms of systemic diseases, as well as the impact of social and commercial determinants of health.



## Taking a fun journey into the mouth

The [Whole Mouth Health Arcade](#)—accessible online—invites people worldwide to engage in interactive activities and contribute to a global effort to enhance understanding of whole mouth health. To date, over 2,000 unique visitors from around the globe have participated. The data collected is being analyzed to identify gaps in oral health literacy and guide the development of targeted resources to address these needs.

In 2024, specific data was collected in Nigeria and Chile. This information has been analyzed and will inform a final report, which will be presented as a video, accompanied by infographics highlighting oral health literacy insights from both countries.

## Celebrating excellence in preventive oral care with 2024 Smile Awards

The Smile Grant recognizes innovative, sustainable projects by FDI member national dental associations that raise awareness and improve oral health through community outreach. In 2024, the winning projects came from Chile and Croatia.

[Learn more](#) about their outstanding contributions to preventive oral care.

**These ongoing efforts aim to enhance understanding and bridge knowledge gaps in oral health literacy and the importance of whole-body health in oral healthcare.**



Oral diseases affect a significant proportion of the world's population, yet reliable, standardized global data are limited.

The Oral Health Observatory project was initiated to address this gap by generating standardized international oral health data across countries.

Now in its third phase, FDI is collaborating with countries that have completed data collection to advance the project's goals.

## From data to impact: insights and advocacy for better oral health

In June 2024, the *International Dental Journal* published an [article](#) presenting an in-depth analysis of data from six countries leading in data collection: China, Colombia, India, Italy, Japan, and Lebanon. The study uncovered notable country-specific patterns, such as the importance of toothbrushing in Colombia, periodontal health in Italy, and differing associations with sugary drinks consumption in India and Japan. These findings lay the groundwork for further research and, crucially, for advocacy efforts aimed at influencing policymakers to prioritize investments in oral healthcare, driving improvements in global oral health outcomes.



## Expanding data collection and analysis

FDI continued its partnership with Sheffield University to analyze data from participating countries. Analysis of data from Tanzania is currently underway, with findings set to inform priorities for oral health and support the Tanzania Dental Association's national oral health promotion efforts.

In Kenya, data collection is ongoing, while national dental associations in Egypt and Nigeria confirmed their interest in participating in the project during 2024. Additionally, the Federación Odontológica Colombiana is collaborating with stakeholders from key institutions to develop a proposal for establishing a national Oral Health Observatory in Colombia.

## Advancing national dental association strategies

In May 2024, the Lebanese Dental Association participated in a workshop at FDI's head offices in Geneva, culminating in a draft National Oral Health Strategy. This strategy will be finalized and presented to the Ministry of Health for adoption. A similar workshop with the Chinese Stomatological Association is planned for 2025 to support the development of their oral health advocacy initiatives.

**Looking ahead, a workshop bringing together some participating countries will take place during the FDI World Dental Congress in Shanghai in September 2025 to continue advancing the goals of the Oral Health Observatory project.** \_\_\_\_\_

# Refugee Oral Health Promotion and Care

Oral health is crucial to the well-being of refugees, who are already vulnerable.

Many refugees face significant barriers to accessing oral health education, preventive measures, and essential therapeutic care.

Recognizing oral health as a fundamental human right, FDI remains committed to improving the oral health—and, therefore, the overall health—of refugees worldwide.

## Improving oral health for refugees in South Asia

In 2023, FDI launched two significant projects in South Asia—one in Pakistan and one in Bangladesh. Both projects continued into 2024, working to achieve their objectives and broaden their impact.

Since the initiative's inception, FDI has collaborated with the Pakistan Dental Association to implement the project in Afghan Basti, Karachi. The project focuses on improving the early detection and prevention of oral diseases among Afghan refugees, ensuring timely interventions, and promoting sustainable oral health practices within the community.

In Bangladesh, the initiative, conducted in partnership with the Refugee Crisis Foundation, began with a strong emphasis on comprehensive hygiene education. This included teaching essential practices such as handwashing and toothbrushing. In 2024, the project expanded to include oral hygiene education at home. Children, parents, and teachers from various learning centres are now being screened, provided with oral hygiene education and hygiene kits, and, where necessary, receiving applications of silver diamine fluoride—a cost-effective treatment for managing dental caries in young children.

The impact of these initiatives will be thoroughly evaluated upon project completion to inform future efforts.

## Understanding national policies for refugee oral health

FDI distributed a survey to its members to assess the existence and nature of policies in place to support refugees' access to oral healthcare. The survey results will guide the development of an article for the *International Dental Journal* and shape future initiatives.



**With the alarming rise in global displacement, FDI also leveraged its voice on the global stage to advocate for the oral health needs of refugees through targeted policies and collaborative strategies. Learn more about these efforts in the Advocacy section.**

# Sustainability in Dentistry

Climate change is an urgent reality impacting both our planet and public health.

Every sector and individual has a responsibility to take action.

Since its launch in 2021, this project has aimed to inspire dentists, dental teams, and individuals worldwide to reduce the environmental impact of dentistry.

## The Sustainability in Dentistry summit

This dynamic virtual summit, held in June to align with World Environment Day, brought together stakeholders from the dental profession and industry to drive discussions and actions on sustainable practices in dentistry. The three-day programme featured insightful case studies, engaging presentations, interactive discussions, and a virtual exhibition showcasing impactful initiatives to reduce the environmental footprint of dentistry.

## FDI's Massive Open Online Course expands its reach

At the end of 2023, FDI launched a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on Sustainability in Dentistry. To broaden its reach and impact, the course was made available in four additional languages in 2024: Arabic, Chinese, French, and Spanish. The primary aim of the MOOC is to help dentists, dental teams, and students understand their role in championing environmental responsibility within dentistry.

Building on the foundations of this course, FDI is developing a second MOOC that will dive deeper into the practical application of Sustainability in Dentistry.



## Opening opportunities to become Sustainability Ambassadors

MOOC learners had the opportunity to compete for one of two prizes—sponsored by Dentsply Sirona—each worth CHF 500. Participation was simple: complete the course, answer the final question, and opt into the competition. The competition concluded in December 2024, after which the winners were chosen.

## Recognizing the 2024 Sustainability Champions

The FDI Sustainability Awards celebrate individuals and dental practices making outstanding contributions to eco-friendly and sustainable dental care. Four awards were presented at the FDI World Dental Congress, giving the winners well-deserved global recognition for their achievements. [Learn more](#) about the winners.

**Over the past three years, FDI has developed a wealth of resources to inspire people worldwide to join the movement to make dentistry more sustainable and contribute to a greener future.**

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# Tobacco Cessation

Tobacco use remains one of the most pressing challenges to global health.

To address this challenge, FDI, in collaboration with various national dental associations (NDAs), has been training dentists and dental teams to provide tobacco cessation advice to patients in their practices.

Building on these achievements, in 2024, FDI offered grants for Tobacco Cessation Workshops.

## Providing grants for Tobacco Cessation Workshops

In January 2024, FDI invited its members to join the global fight against tobacco use by applying for grants to implement Tobacco Cessation Workshops in their countries. These workshops leverage FDI's smoking cessation and control resources, specifically tailored for dentists and dental teams. These resources include the [Tobacco Cessation Guide](#) (available in English, French, Spanish, Arabic, and Japanese) and [video animations](#) that demonstrate how to deliver a brief three-to-five-minute intervention in a dental setting to help tobacco users make a quit attempt.

From the applications received, seven NDAs were awarded grants of CHF 1,000 each. The selected countries were Cook Islands, Egypt, Fiji, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, and Sri Lanka. While most workshops were successfully implemented in 2024, the workshop in Lebanon had to be postponed to 2025.

To ensure measurable outcomes, a comprehensive evaluation process was established, using pre- and post-workshop surveys. The data collected will be analyzed, and the evaluation results will be presented during the tobacco cessation session at the next FDI World Dental Congress in Shanghai, China.

## Addressing e-cigarettes and vaping

Progress was made in 2024 in addressing the growing concerns around e-cigarettes and vaping. A paper on this topic was drafted and is now undergoing a thorough editorial review before being submitted for publication in the *International Dental Journal*. This paper will lay the groundwork for future initiatives in this important area.



**In addition to funding NDA-led workshops in 2024, FDI hosted an interactive tobacco cessation training session at its Congress in Istanbul, emphasizing the vital role of the dental profession in supporting patients to quit tobacco use. \_\_\_\_\_**



# World Dental Development Fund

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Established in 1999, the World Dental Development Fund awards annual grants of CHF 10,000 to projects aimed at improving oral health and preventing oral diseases in low- or middle-income countries and/or disadvantaged populations.

This goal is central to the Fund's mission.

Learn more about the grant recipients.

## Showcasing the winning projects:



### Improving oral healthcare in long-term care facilities for the elderly in Chile

This initiative, led by the Chile National Dental Association, aims to provide comprehensive dental care to 100 elderly residents across at least five ELEAMs (Long-Term Care Facilities for the Elderly) in the Metropolitan Region of Chile. ELEAMs are residential and care services designed for elderly individuals who are dependent and require assistance with daily activities.



### Serua and Namosi community health outreach in Fiji

This initiative, led by the Fiji Dental Association, will serve the communities of Serua and Namosi Provinces. It aims to reach approximately 1,200 children aged 5-12 years and 800 adults in the Namosi district, which consists of several rural villages. Each village faces unique oral health challenges due to limited access to dental care and health education.



### Oral Health promotion for children in rural communities of Bugesera, Rwanda

Led by Miracle Corner Rwanda (MCR), this project focuses on improving oral health awareness and hygiene practices among 10,000 children aged 5 to 15, living in five rural sectors of Bugesera District. Additionally, it will provide practical community engagement experience to 50 dental students. MCR's mission is to empower current leaders and prepare the leaders of tomorrow.



### Healthy Islands 2030+: Towards a cavity-free future for the Tamariki children in the Cook Islands through staff capacity building

The Cook Islands Medical and Dental Association aims to enhance the knowledge and clinical skills of oral health professionals serving children and adolescents. This project will update and standardize the skills of 14 dental therapists who conduct screening programmes at 29 schools across the Cook Islands, focusing on clinical practice and preventive care.



### Creating sustainable dental care through prevention, therapy and education in Uganda

The Uganda Dental Association, supported by the Hungarian Dental Association and Build Your Smile Dental Foundation, aims to "educate the educators" on preventing common oral health issues. During outreach missions, educators will receive mentorship to ensure sustainable and optimal healthcare delivery. An estimated 4,000 patients will be treated during the local outreaches in 2025.



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## 2. ADVOCACY

**Mobilizing advocacy efforts to increase oral health literacy and achieve political commitment and action on oral health for all.**

# GLOBAL ADVOCACY ACTION

In recent years, oral health has gained significant momentum within the global health agenda. Building on past achievements, FDI's 2024 advocacy efforts continued to champion the integration of oral health into broader health strategies. Guided by FDI's *Vision 2030: Delivering Optimal Oral Health for All*, these efforts emphasized the importance of integrating oral health into initiatives targeting noncommunicable diseases and universal health coverage. They also highlighted the need for interprofessional collaboration, addressing antimicrobial resistance, and meeting the oral health needs of refugees.

## Advancing *Vision 2030* through strategic initiatives

### Mapping to help shape priorities

The implementation of FDI's advocacy strategy is guided by the Advocacy Working Group and the *Vision 2030* (V2030) Implementation and Monitoring Expert Group (IMEG). The IMEG convened in February, April, June, and October 2024. The meeting in October was held jointly with the Vision 2030 Industry Action Group and WHO's Oral Health Team to review the progress of *Vision 2030* and identify opportunities for stronger private sector engagement in the implementation of *Vision 2030* and WHO's Global Oral Health Action Plan (2023–2030).



The V2030 IMEG was also tasked with mapping *Vision 2030* indicators against existing or potential data sources to support effective monitoring. The results of this mapping were presented to the FDI General Assembly in Istanbul. V2030 IMEG also helped shape advocacy-led sessions at its World Dental Congress, including the World Oral Health Forum along with two sessions to promote FDI's Position on Free Sugars. With the support of the Advocacy Working Group and V2030 IMEG, FDI continues to identify areas where it can make the greatest impact, further strengthening its ongoing advocacy efforts.

### New publication: highlighting the role and value of industry

FDI released a new report '*Partnerships to Achieve Oral Health for All: The Role and Value of Industry*,' showcasing how industry actors can accelerate the delivery of optimal oral health through multistakeholder collaborations. The report offers evidence-based solutions to inspire industry and public sector leaders, highlighting examples of industry leadership in oral healthcare delivery. Its findings were presented at the IADR General Session and Exhibition 2024, where the FDI President provided an overview of FDI's collaboration with the private sector and the importance multistakeholder partnerships. Experts from the World Health Organization (WHO), industry, and academia shared their perspectives on the importance of working collaboratively to ensure a world with optimal oral health.

### FDI position on Free Sugars: profiling case studies from around the world

At the FDI World Dental Congress 2023, the FDI General Assembly adopted the FDI Position on Free Sugars, marking a key step in advocating for sugar reduction. Building on this momentum, two sugar-related advocacy sessions were held during the FDI World Dental Congress in 2024. FDI also redoubled its efforts to promote WHO's evidence-based recommendations, such as taxing sugar-sweetened beverages, front-of-pack nutrition labelling, and regulating the marketing of unhealthy products to children and adolescents. Policy developments at the national level are being monitored and compiled into case studies showcasing national dental association leadership. Collected case studies so far include efforts from the United Kingdom, Norway, Colombia, India, Australia, and Malaysia.

**To successfully implement and achieve *Vision 2030*, a multistakeholder approach is essential. The FDI Advocacy Working Group and the V2030 IMEG will persist in their collaborative efforts with all stakeholders to realize the vision of optimal oral health for all.**



## Driving oral health action at WHO's key annual meetings

### Joint FDI-IADR-WHO meetings

FDI and the International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (IADR) are the only organizations in official relations with WHO focused exclusively on oral health. By strategically aligning efforts, FDI, IADR, and WHO can leverage their respective strengths and disseminate unified messaging to enhance the effectiveness of oral health advocacy.

In January 2024, FDI hosted representatives from IADR and the WHO Oral Health Team for a one-day, in-person strategy meeting in Geneva, Switzerland. Follow-up meetings also took place in March and September 2024. FDI and IADR called attention to the inclusion of a new oral health indicator in the draft version of WHO's 14th General Programme of Work: Proportion of population entitled to essential oral health interventions as part of universal health coverage (UHC) health benefit packages. This is a notable achievement, as the Programme will frame WHO's work over the next four years.



**By maintaining continuous communication and collaboration with the WHO Oral Health Team and other relevant WHO departments, and actively participating in prominent global health forums, FDI ensures its membership's voice is heard.**

### Leveraging the 154th WHO Executive Board

The 154th Session of WHO's Executive Board (EB154) was held from 22–27 January 2024 at WHO Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. Delegates from WHO Member States, other United Nations (UN) agencies, and non-State actors, including FDI and IADR, convened to address an agenda of 45 items. EB154 resulted in the approval of over 20 Resolutions and Decisions.

FDI used this platform to call on Member States to accelerate UHC and sustainable development through sustained oral health action. Key messages included:

- Reinforcing the need to advance UHC by integrating oral health services into essential UHC benefit packages.
- Encouraging implementation of all agreed actions within the WHO Global Oral Health Action Plan (2023–2030), supported by adequate surveillance capacity.
- Advocating for equitable access to a continuum of quality oral health services across the life course.
- Urging the adoption of comprehensive policies to promote healthy diets, as outlined in FDI's Position on Free Sugars.

Read a recap of EB154 outcomes [here](#).

### FDI takes a stand on key agenda items at the 77th World Health Assembly

The 77th World Health Assembly took place from 27 May–1 June 2024, in Geneva, Switzerland, under the theme 'All for Health, Health for All.' FDI's delegation was led by President Dr Greg Chadwick, who participated in numerous side events and reinforced FDI's commitment to prioritizing oral health within the global public health agenda. In collaboration with IADR, FDI delivered joint statements on several key agenda items, including UHC, antimicrobial resistance, maternal, infant and young child nutrition, well-being and health promotion, WHO's draft 14th General Programme of Work, and the follow-up to the political declaration of the Third High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases.

Read the full report of FDI's engagement [here](#).



## Engaging in milestone meetings for global oral health

### First-ever WHO Global Oral Health Meeting

WHO organized its first-ever Global Oral Health Meeting in collaboration with the Government of Thailand in Bangkok, Thailand, from 26 to 29 November 2024. The event brought together global health leaders to address critical oral health issues. FDI was prominently represented at the meeting, which included participants from the six WHO regions, representatives from over 100 countries, selected UN agencies, civil society organizations, philanthropies, and the private sector. The WHO Regional Directors for Southeast Asia and the Western Pacific Regions, as well as twelve health ministers, participated in person.

In preparation for this three-and-a-half-day meeting, FDI played a central role in keeping its members informed, encouraging them to engage with their governments to ensure strong participation aligned with national oral health needs, and, where possible, to be included as part of the official delegation.



During the meeting in Bangkok, FDI was involved in a series of side events. The FDI President spoke at a session titled “Expanding the NCD framework: Integrating oral diseases and sugar into the 6x6 Approach,” which focused on the opportunity to elevate oral health within the NCD framework by prioritizing oral disease as a major NCD and sugar as a major stand-alone risk factor.

FDI also co-hosted a side-event titled “Promoting sugar reduction policies” with the WHO Collaborating Centre on Oral health Inequalities and Public Health, University College London, the Thai Health Promotion Foundation and the Sweet Enough Network, Thailand. Speakers included the FDI President, and Chief Dental Officers of Greece and Malaysia as well as the Director, Thai Health Promotion Foundation.

Furthermore, FDI also hosted a side-event “Tackling antimicrobial resistance through oral health: a global priority”, and the speakers included Dr Wendy Thompson, Chair of the FDI Preventing AMR and Infections Task Team, the Chief Dental Officer of Norway, a representative of the Ministry of Health, Thailand and the WHO Thailand Focal Point for AMR.

The meeting culminated in the adoption of the “Bangkok Declaration – No Health Without Oral Health: Towards Universal Health Coverage for Oral Health by 2030,” a watershed moment for the oral health community. A new Global Coalition on Oral Health was also announced during the final segment of the meeting.

[Read the Bangkok Declaration](#)

### On the road to the UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs 2025

The Global Oral Health Meeting represented a major milestone in preparations for the 4th UN High-Level Meeting (HLM) on noncommunicable diseases (NCDs), planned for September 2025. The Bangkok Declaration recommends including oral diseases and public health measures for their prevention and management in the Political Declaration of the 4th UN HLM, and its clear call to action underscores the need for sustained commitment and collaboration to recognize oral health as a fundamental component of global health.

**The Global Oral Health Meeting marked the start of advocacy efforts by the oral health community, leading to the UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs in 2025.**

## Advocating for the oral health needs of refugees

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) reported that the global refugee population reached 36.4 million in mid-2023. Refugees encounter significant challenges while trying to access healthcare and bear a substantial oral health burden, evidenced by prevalent issues such as untreated dental caries, periodontal diseases, oral infections, and trauma. FDI's advocacy efforts in 2024 included promoting the impact and reach of FDI's Refugee oral health promotion and care project.

### FDI calls for integration of oral health in humanitarian settings

FDI participated in the WHO Global High-level Technical Meeting on Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs) in Humanitarian Settings, held from 27 to 29 February 2024, at the UN City in Copenhagen, Denmark. Participants included the WHO and UNHCR Member States, UN agencies, academic bodies, and non-state actors such as FDI and the NCD Alliance.

The main objective of the meeting was to build political momentum for and discuss the development of a comprehensive approach to addressing NCDs in humanitarian settings. FDI advocated for the integration of oral health within the broader NCD agenda, emphasizing its importance even in displacement situations. The impact and findings of [FDI's Refugee Oral Health Promotion and Care project](#) were also showcased during the meeting.

Ahead of the meeting, FDI collaborated with IADR and the WHO Oral Health Team, co-developing a [joint advocacy briefing](#) with IADR. This briefing was shared with over 100 Permanent Mission Representatives based in Geneva.


### New policy brief on the oral health needs of refugees

On World Refugee Day, 20 June, FDI launched a policy brief in collaboration with UNHCR titled "Addressing oral health needs in refugees: policy and collaboration strategies." The brief provides comprehensive recommendations to address the oral health needs of refugees and represents an important step toward securing oral health rights for this vulnerable population.

[Read the policy brief](#)

### Dentistry in unstable and humanitarian crisis environments webinar

FDI collaborated with IADR's Global Oral Health Inequalities Research Network to organize a webinar on the challenges faced by dentists operating in unstable environments and humanitarian crises. The webinar took place in July 2024 and covered topics such as the prevalence of oral conditions among refugees, the obstacles encountered by dentists providing care in such settings, and best practices for addressing these challenges.

A silhouette illustration of refugees walking across a dark, hilly landscape against a bright orange and yellow sunset sky. On the left, a person carries a large backpack. In the center, a family group includes a man carrying a child on his shoulders, a woman, and a small child. On the right, another family group consists of a man carrying a box, a woman, and a child. They are all walking towards the right side of the frame.

**FDI is striving to create a future where every refugee has access to the oral healthcare they need and deserve.**

## Tackling the urgent challenge of antimicrobial resistance

WHO has identified antimicrobial resistance (AMR) as one of the greatest threats to public health and development. Dentists account for up to 10% of all antibiotics prescribed in human medicine. For many years, FDI has actively raised awareness of antibiotic resistance in dentistry and provided professionals with tools to address this critical issue through a dedicated project. In 2024, FDI participated in prominent global health meetings and activities to emphasize the vital role dentists play in combating AMR effectively.

### FDI takes part in UN High-Level Meeting on antimicrobial resistance

Ahead of the UN High-Level Meeting (UN HLM) on AMR, FDI hosted a meeting with departments of the WHO AMR division in June 2024 to explore potential areas for collaboration.

The UN HLM on AMR took place on 26 September in New York, bringing together Member States and observers of the General Assembly, the UN system, parliamentarians, non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the private sector, persons affected by AMR, and other relevant stakeholders. The meeting was held under the theme, “*Investing in the present and securing our future together: accelerating multisectoral global, regional, and national actions to address antimicrobial resistance.*”

FDI’s key messages were shared in a statement, which can be accessed [here](#). During the meeting, a new [Political Declaration on AMR](#) was approved, featuring bold targets and commitments to strengthen global action against AMR.

### Webinar: Tackling AMR in a changing world

The World Health Professions Alliance (WHPA) unites the global organizations representing dentists, nurses, pharmacists, physiotherapists, and physicians. WHPA member organizations, including FDI, hosted a webinar on antimicrobial resistance during World AMR Awareness Week in November 2024. The webinar featured WHPA’s expert speakers, who discussed the outcomes of the UN High-Level Meeting on AMR and how effective implementation of its recommendations could accelerate global efforts to tackle AMR.

[Watch the webinar recording](#)

### Promoting FDI’s perspectives at milestone meetings

FDI hosted a side-event at the WHO Global Oral Health Meeting titled “*Tackling antimicrobial resistance through oral health: a global priority.*” This highlighted opportunities to address AMR through dentistry, emphasizing people-centred, evidence-based, and multi-sectoral approaches for antimicrobial stewardship.

Speakers included the chair of the Preventing AMR and Infections Task Team, the Chief Dental Officer of Norway, a representative from Thailand’s Ministry of Public Health, the WHO Thailand Focal Point for AMR, and Chair of the WHO AMR Survivor Group, who shared a video recording presenting the perspective of a person with lived experience.



**Through continued advocacy, collaboration, and education, FDI is dedicated to empowering dental professionals worldwide to help fight antimicrobial resistance and protect global health.**



## Collaborating for a healthier future

Partnerships and interprofessional collaboration are key drivers in advancing global oral health. By uniting diverse expertise, resources, and perspectives, stronger, more sustainable solutions can be built to achieve oral health for all.



## Working in partnership with the World Health Professions Alliance

The World Health Professions Alliance (WHPA), a coalition that includes FDI, celebrated its 25th anniversary by launching a new strategy at a reception held on the eve of the 77th World Health Assembly (WHA77). The strategy emphasizes collaboration between health professions and key stakeholders to build sustainable health workforces and strengthen health systems. FDI President Dr Greg Chadwick highlighted the Alliance's focus on addressing cross-cutting health issues, such as noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) and smoking cessation, which benefit significantly from interprofessional collaboration.

At WHA77, FDI co-organized and participated in a side-event with WHPA members focused on NCDs and the health workforce. The discussion highlighted the increasing burden of NCDs, including oral health, and emphasized the need for a health workforce capable of delivering the continuum of care necessary to address the challenges effectively. In September, during the World Dental Congress 2024, FDI hosted the World Oral Health Forum 2024 titled "Partnerships and alliances to bridge the oral healthcare gap," alongside a WHPA-led session, "Reforming health systems through interprofessional collaboration."

[Read the WHPA proceedings](#)

## Oral health takes centre stage on NCD Alliance's podcast

FDI collaborates closely with the NCD Alliance to advocate for the integration of oral health into the prevention and management of NCDs. In the lead-up to the WHO Global Oral Health Meeting, the FDI President joined the Chief Dental Officer for the Republic of Ireland on the NCD Alliance podcast to discuss the vital connection between oral health and other NCDs. During the conversation, they emphasized how the adoption of a World Health Assembly resolution in 2021 marked a pivotal shift, reframing oral health as an integral part of overall health rather than a separate concern.

**Intra- and inter-professional integration, along with cross-sector collaboration, offer the dental profession a unique opportunity to lead, educate, and demonstrate the vital link between oral health and overall well-being.**

## Collaborating with the World Economic Forum

The World Economic Forum's Oral Health Affinity Group (OHAG) brings together leaders from diverse sectors and industries to advocate for the inclusion of oral health on the global health agenda. Upon invitation, FDI contributed to the OHAG's [white paper](#), which outlines the economic case for prioritizing oral health worldwide and provides actionable next steps. The paper was released ahead of the World Health Assembly in May 2024. Additionally, FDI met with the World Economic Forum team in Geneva to explore further opportunities for collaboration.





## World Oral Health Day: a global call to action

World Oral Health Day (WOHD), celebrated annually on 20 March, is a landmark occasion dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of oral health. It highlights the vital role of oral health in overall well-being and calls on governments and policymakers to prioritize accessible and equitable dental care. WOHD seeks to inspire collective action to make oral health a fundamental right, rather than a privilege, for all.

### Making an impact with a new campaign theme

In 2024, FDI launched a new three-year campaign theme, A HAPPY MOUTH IS... to highlight the multifaceted nature of oral health and its connection to overall well-being. The campaign focused on the close relationship between oral health and general health, with the tagline “A HAPPY MOUTH IS... A HAPPY BODY.” Toothie, FDI’s oral health mascot, underwent a 3D transformation and led the way in an action-packed, movie inspired campaign.



### WOHD website

Every year, [worldoralhealthday.org](https://worldoralhealthday.org) provides access to a wide range of freely available campaign materials. In 2024, the WOHD website continued to perform well compared to previous years. However, the migration from Universal Analytics (UA) to Google Analytics 4 (GA4) impacted the reported statistics when comparing 2024 with 2023. The dramatic increases seen in 2023 were largely attributed to paid investments, and GA4’s more refined tracking methodology, which is more sensitive to paid traffic, partly explains the lower numbers in 2024.

On a positive note, organic traffic has continued to grow, reflecting FDI’s sustained upward trend.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Website users	35,106	49,832	63,451	74,467	115,096	493,606	*194,762
Total page views	139,626	198,435	245,341	284,723	320,665	940,721	453,635
Unique page views	93,328	132,830	157,545	185,928	235,627	Not available*	Not available*

\*Data only available until September 2023 when the switch to the new google analytics system occurred. As of 2024 active users not unique page views are reported.

\*Website users/page views: Discrepancies in statistics between 2023 and 2024 are primarily due to changes in calculation methods and the transition from Universal Analytics (UA) to Google Analytics 4 (GA4). These platforms use different tracking methodologies and metric definitions, meaning user counts in UA and GA4 are not directly comparable. Specifically:

- In UA, “users” may include inactive users who visited the site within the date range. In contrast, GA4 focuses on “active users,” potentially resulting in lower reported user counts.
- GA4 also deduplicates users more effectively across devices, offering a more accurate representation of unique visitors.

Similarly, for page views:

- UA’s page view tracking may double-count visits under certain conditions. GA4’s event-based tracking system is more robust against duplication errors, providing a cleaner count of page views.

Additionally, a slight reduction in investments in DV360 ads in 2024 may have also contributed to lower traffic metrics.

## WOHD 2024 snapshot

Through the collective efforts of FDI members, partners, and individuals worldwide, WOHD resources and messages successfully reached the campaign's broad target audiences, including dental professionals, governments and policymakers, schools and youth groups, companies, community groups, and the general public. WOHD 2024 made a significant impact, as demonstrated by the key results and highlights opposite.

### The Toothie Factor

- +686.2k content interactions and account engagements
- +1.8k followers and counting
- +9.5k average engagements

[@ToothieBeaver](#)



## Achieving WOHD's five key campaign goals

### 1. Amplified inclusive advocacy

In alignment with WOHD's goal of fostering inclusive advocacy, FDI developed and promoted targeted resources that highlighted the voices of individuals living with oral health conditions. Notably, the Advocacy in Action cards were created, drawing on the work of FDI projects and linking to each relevant initiative.

To further promote inclusivity, FDI empowered individuals to easily create and personalize campaign materials online using the custom Happy Mouth tool (available on the WOHD website) or the new Canva templates. This enabled people to actively engage with the campaign and share its messages in ways that resonated with their communities.



## 2. Worldwide members' celebration

One of FDI's key ongoing goals is to encourage every member association to celebrate WOHD. To support this, regular communication was maintained with member associations throughout the campaign. Championing the critical need for a multisectoral approach to address oral disease, FDI held a webinar that, for the first time, included the public alongside its members. The webinar provided an opportunity to discuss campaign objectives and engage a broad audience in advocating for the importance of oral health. With over 80 live participants and more than **1,000 on-demand views**, the event was a success, paving the way for future initiatives—potentially leveraging platforms like the FDI Oral Health Campus to reach an even wider audience.

Engagement was strong, with **over 506 WOHD activities** reported globally and notable participation on social media, reflecting members' commitment to raising awareness about oral health.



## 3. Amplified corporate impact

FDI's WOHD partners played a crucial role in helping to spread awareness to as many people as possible. Global Partners also benefited from a collaborative activation plan that promoted both the partnership and shared messages. Their enthusiastic efforts in 2024 amplified impact. Some highlights from their campaigns are outlined below.

- **Haleon** teamed up with the Egyptian NDA for an awareness event in Cairo.
- **Smile Train** marked WOHD with a series of impactful social media posts.
- **Dentsply Sirona** introduced a new patient communication toolkit to empower oral healthcare professionals.
- **Solventum** celebrated by joining Toothie's fun #BrushandBoogie challenge.

## 4. Global ambassador network

Building a dynamic network of key opinion leaders and social media influencers is essential to amplifying oral health awareness in an increasingly connected and digital world.

### Influencers

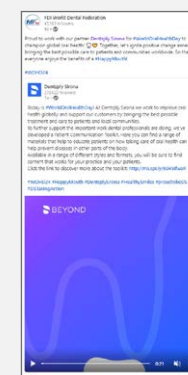
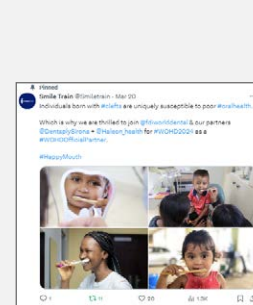
FDI built on its influencer marketing strategy from 2022, enlisting 13 WOHD Ambassadors in 2024—nearly doubling the previous year's number. These influencers extended campaign messages to millions, reaching audiences on platforms like TikTok, where FDI currently has no presence.

### FDI leadership as WOHD ambassadors



**FDI President** Dr Greg Chadwick delivered a special message for members to share on social media or at events, inspiring action and raising awareness about the importance of oral health.

**FDI President-Elect** Assist. Prof. Nikolai Sharkov joined the excitement in China on 20 March for the fifth-phase launch of FDI's Smile Around the World initiative.





## 5. Expanded collaborative outreach

This section further showcases WOHD's multisectoral approach in action, illustrating how collaborative efforts drive progress and advocacy in oral health.

### Unifying voices in celebration of WOHD



FDI released a [video message](#) featuring voices from diverse sectors, united in advocating for collective action to improve global oral health. Contributors included: NCD Alliance, World Heart Federation, International Diabetes Federation, International Pharmaceutical Federation, Dentsply Sirona, 3M, Smile Train, Haleon, and the Chief Dental Officer from the Government of Ireland.

### Social media

Social media activity surged on 20 March, with strong engagement from diverse stakeholders, including FDI members, FDI leadership, WHO, Chief Dental Officers, hospitals, educators, media outlets, partners, sister organizations, and governments. Toothie, the campaign's new star, embraced its role as a full-time oral health influencer by launching the Instagram account [@ToothieBeaver](#), quickly attracting nearly 2,000 followers. Campaign videos and GIFs garnered an impressive 46.3 million views.

### Continued support from WHO

Building on strong engagement in 2022 and 2023, WHO continued its support for the campaign in 2024 through social media and other channels. WHO Headquarters, WHO regions, and individual country accounts shared multiple tweets urging countries to unite and implement global and regional oral health strategies. Additionally, WHO released a video clip as part of its "Science in 5" series, featuring Dr Benoit Varenne, Oral Health Programme Officer in the NCD Prevention Department, discussing the link between oral health and overall well-being.



### Support from the UN's main account

For the first time, to FDI's knowledge, the UN posted about WOHD, marking a significant achievement. With 16.5 million followers on X, their post coincided with #dentistry trending on the platform.

### The Lancet

The Lancet published a [special commentary](#) article leveraging WOHD as a call to action for global oral health improvement, offering valuable additional visibility.

### World Oral Health Day Awards

Every year, FDI presents awards to honour those who have delivered exceptionally impactful campaigns. The 2024 winners were:

**Best media campaign:** The Ghana Dental Association

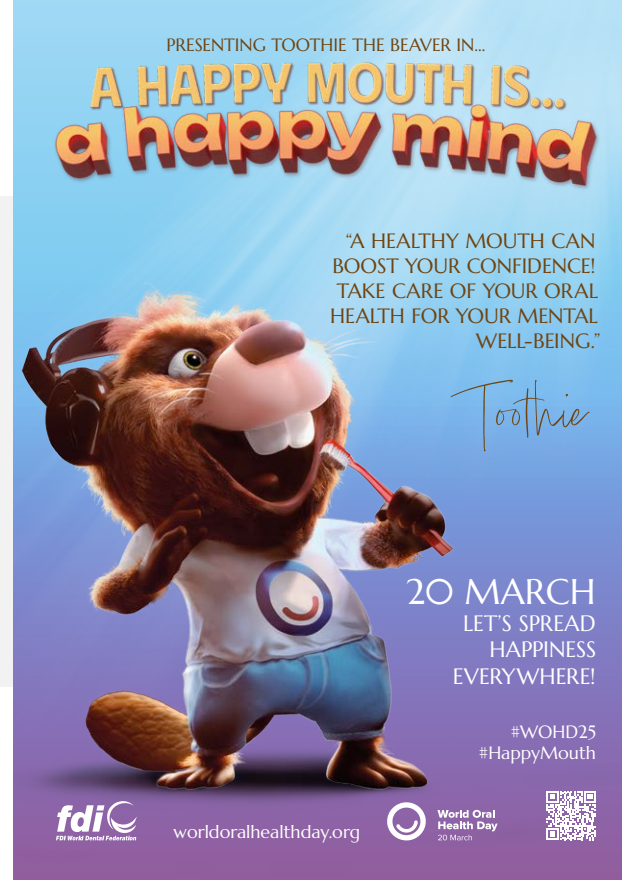
**Most educational activity:** The Saudi Dental Society



**Most engaging community campaign:** The Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences

**Best campaign by a dental students' association:** The Student Association of the Faculty of Dental Medicine at the University of Porto





**World Oral Health Day**  
20 March

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

## WOHD 2025

The second year of the Happy Mouth campaign will focus on another vital topic: the connection between oral health and mental well-being. It will highlight how oral health impacts self-esteem, confidence, social well-being, and overall quality of life.

Toothie is returning, more charismatic than ever, and starring in a movie sequel set to a catchy new song titled **"A Happy Mouth is a Happy Mind."** With your support, we aim to make it a record-breaking hit!

The Partners for WOHD 2025 are:



**HALEON**



# DRIVING ACTION THROUGH COMMUNICATIONS

To achieve FDI's vision of optimal oral health for all, effective communication is essential. By delivering timely, relevant information, FDI empowers its members and wider stakeholders to access the resources, guidance, and opportunities they need to drive on-the-ground advocacy and strengthen oral health in their countries.

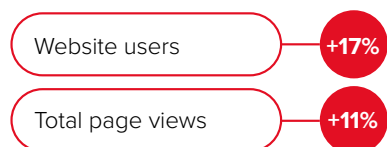
## Online tools and resources for advancing oral health

### fdiworlddental.org

FDI's website is an invaluable resource for disseminating critical information, serving as a central hub for members and stakeholders. It provides easy access to essential tools and resources and is continuously updated with the latest news, policies, public health initiatives, continuing education opportunities, best practices, and much more.



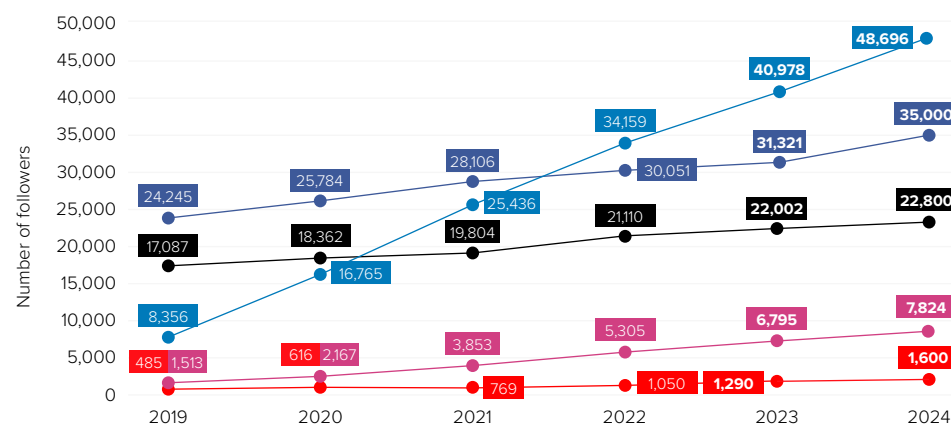
When compared to 2023, the following increases in the website metrics were observed:



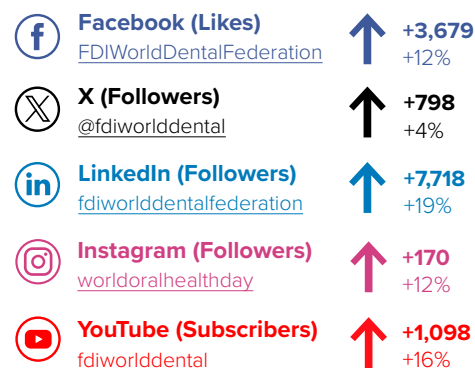
It is important to note it was not possible to calculate the increase or decrease in the unique page views figure as the full 2023 figure was not available due to the switch to the google analytics system. Moreover, as of 2024, instead of unique page views, active users are reported. In 2024, the FDI website had 320,012 active users.

## Social media

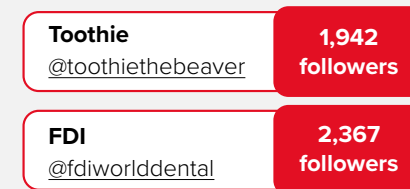
The importance of social media for FDI, with its global and diverse membership, cannot be overstated. FDI actively engages on Facebook, X, Instagram, and LinkedIn, leveraging these platforms to connect members, highlight key updates, and drive stakeholders to initiatives in a timely manner. Additionally, FDI's YouTube channel hosts a variety of valuable content, further enriching its digital presence. It is therefore gratifying to note that FDI's social media engagement continued its upward trend across all platforms in 2024.



Increase from 2023 to 2024



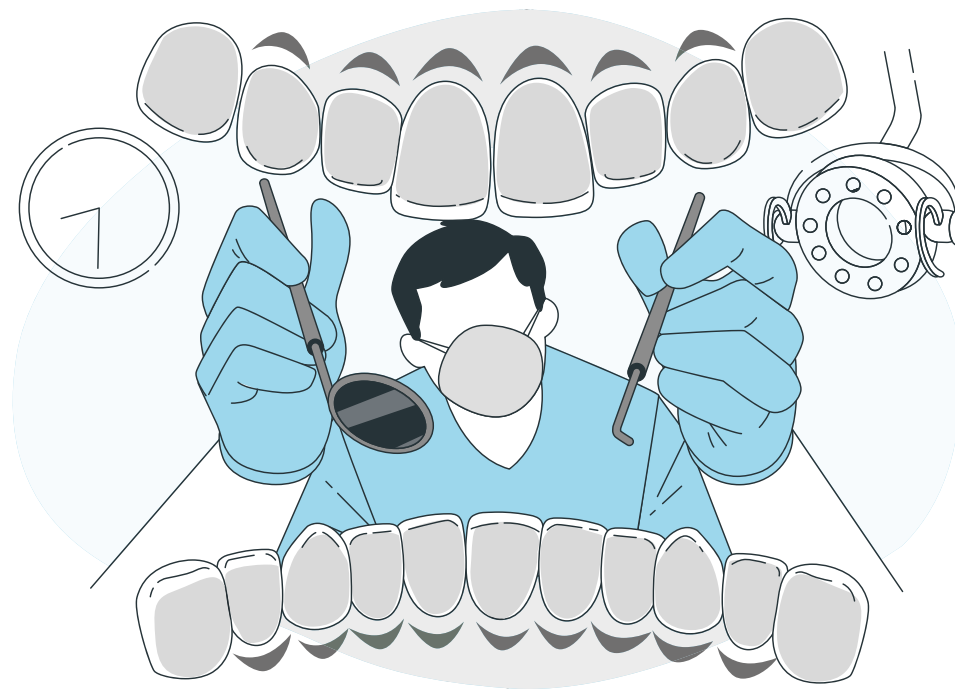
In 2024, FDI launched two new Instagram channels that have gained traction and continue to attract an increasing number of followers.



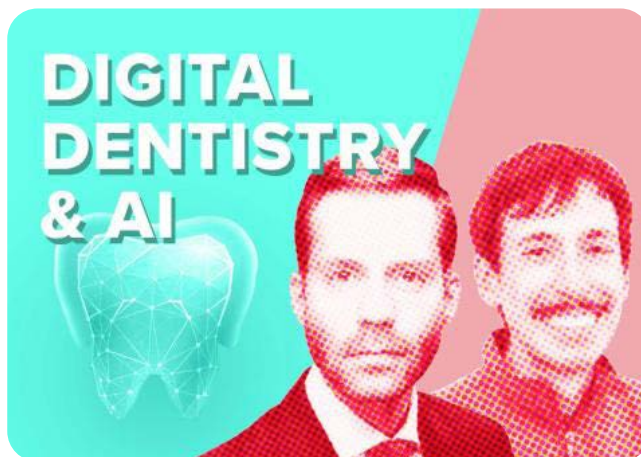
## Newsletters and mailings

FDI produces and disseminates four newsletters annually to keep its membership informed and engaged. While readership levels have generally increased year over year, a slight decline was noted in 2024. The cause of this decrease will be monitored closely to determine any necessary adjustments moving forward.

FDI News	28% read rate
Letter from the President	43% read rate
Advocacy Updates	42% read rate
Congress & CE News	29% read rate



The Dental Check-up, FDI's podcast, released three impactful episodes in 2024, exploring important topics for dentistry. Moving forward, it will continue to highlight challenges and solutions through insightful interviews and engaging discussions.







FDI STRATEGIC PILLAR

### 3. INNOVATION

**Positioning the oral health community to ensure the dental profession is responsible, sustainable, and responsive to emerging and evolving technologies in dentistry.**



# COMMITTED TO INNOVATION

Innovation is a core element embedded in every aspect of FDI's work, from educational and public health initiatives to amplifying World Oral Health Day. When dentistry faces global challenges, FDI pursues innovative solutions to reduce their impact. As emerging technologies promise to enhance patient care, FDI is dedicated to identifying ways to integrate these advancements into the practice of dentistry.

FDI is committed to continuously exploring and adopting innovative approaches that improve access to, enhance the quality of, and deepen the understanding of oral healthcare. Below are a series of headlines showcasing these efforts in action.



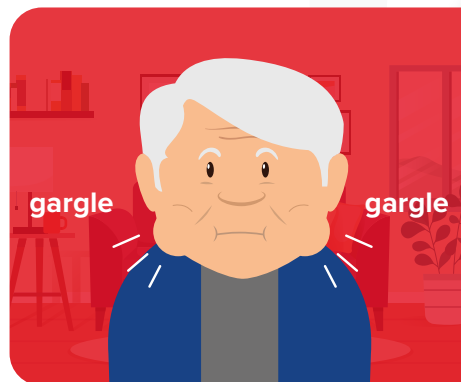
Collaborating to transform healthcare through the integration of dental and medical electronic health records.

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Empowering cancer teams to manage oral complications through ONCOLlab, a mobile application.

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Leveraging digital technology to expand and enhance comprehensive cleft care.

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Improving oral health in older adults through a novel, consultation-based resource for dental professionals.

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Collecting global oral health data through engaging methods, such as the Whole Mouth Arcade.

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Showcasing innovative sustainability initiatives from around the world to the global dental community.

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Bringing the latest scientific advancements in dentistry to the FDI World Dental Congress for the development of new medical and dental treatments.

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Responding to the dynamic landscape of global advancements with the launch of a new *International Dental Journal* subsection focused on Artificial Intelligence and Dentistry.

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Giving Toothie a 3D makeover and transforming him into a social media influencer to captivate audiences worldwide during a movie-inspired World Oral Health Day.

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**DELIVERING FDI'S STRATEGIC PILLARS**

## **KEY ENABLERS**

**These include governance, membership, partnerships, and operational efficiency, encompassing financial management and the FDI team.**



# GOVERNANCE AND MEMBERSHIP

At the FDI World Dental Congress in Istanbul, Türkiye, FDI held its parliament meetings and made key decisions during the General Assembly (GA). The 2024 GA was one of the largest to date, with participation from over 90 national dental associations.

## General Assembly decisions

The GA is the supreme legislative and governing body of FDI. The GA gathers once a year and sets FDI policies, the strategic plan, missions and aims, and monitors progress on their achievement. Additionally, the GA approves the annual budget, establishes the annual subscription of the Regular Members, receives and takes necessary action on reports of the Council, and elects Regular, Associate, Affiliate and Supporting Members, Committee and Council members, as well as the Speaker of the GA.



As of September 2024, the composition of the Council and Standing Committees is outlined below:

### Council

#### Members

President  
President-elect  
Treasurer  
Council members

Dr Greg Chadwick, *USA*  
Assist. Prof. Nikolai Sharkov, *BLG*  
Prof. Young Guk Park, *KOR, REP*  
Dr Mauricio Montero, *CRI*  
Dr Sophie Darteville, *FRA*  
Dr William Cheung, *HKG*  
Assoc. Prof. Elham Kateeb, *PSE*  
Prof. S. M. Balaji, *SYC*  
Dr Anna Lella, *POL*  
Asst. Prof. Duygu Ilhan, *TUR*  
Prof. Dr Hiroshi Ogawa, *JPN*  
Dr Carol G. Summerhays, *USA*  
Dr Nahawand Thabet, *EGY*

#### Non-voting members

Speaker of the General Assembly  
FDI Executive Director

Dr Stephen Liew, *AUS*  
Mr Enzo Bondioni, *CHE*



## 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*  
Dr Kinga Grzech-Lesniak, *POL*  
Dr Jina Lee Linton, *KOR, REP*  
Dr Stefanie Tiede, *GER*  
Dr Hiroyuki Hirano, *JPN*  
*Liaison Councillor: Prof. S. M. Balaji, SYC*

### Education Committee

Chair: Dr Antonio Estrada Valenzuela, *MEX*  
Vice-Chair: Prof. Katalin Nagy, *HUN*  
Dr Meshari Faraj Alotaibi, *SAU*  
Prof. Jun Tsuruta, *JPN*  
Dr Antonio Roma Torres, *PRT*  
Prof. Tianmin Xu, *CHN*  
*Liaison Councillor: Dr Anna Lella, POL*

### Membership Liaison and Support Committee

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

### Public Health Committee

Chair: Assoc. Prof. Chun-hung Chu, *HKG*  
Vice-Chair: Assist. Prof. Elizabeth Shick, *USA*  
Prof. Youn-Hee Choi, *KOR*  
Assoc. Prof. Simona Dianišková, *SVK*  
Dr Louisa Nokukhanya Makwakwa, *ZAF*  
Prof. Islam Tarek Abbas Hassan, *EGY*  
Dr James Taylor, *CAN*  
WHO Oral Health Programme Representative  
*Liaison Councillor: Prof. William Cheung, HKG*

## Science Committee

Chair: Dr Jeffrey Platt, *USA*  
Vice-Chair: Dr Wendy Thompson, *UK*  
Prof. Dr Falk Schwendicke, *GER*  
Dr Samira Osailan, *SAU*  
Prof. Walter Yu Hang Lam, *HK SAR CHI*  
Prof. Kıvanç Bektaş Kayhan, *TUR*  
*Liaison Councillor: Assoc. Prof. Elham Kateeb, PSE*  
*ISO Representative: Dr Benoit Soucy, CAN*  
*IADR Representative: Prof. Helen Whelton, IRL*

## Two new Special Committees

The GA also welcomed Council's proposal to establish two temporary Special Committees to review the membership subscription formula and the format of the FDI World Dental Parliament.

In 2025, a Special Committee will be formed to evaluate the membership subscription formula, ensuring a fair and equitable calculation that supports a stable and inclusive membership.

Another Special Committee will be established to assess the format of the FDI World Dental Parliament meetings, with the aim to enhance member participation in all FDI discussions while upholding the organization's democratic decision-making process.

A call for nominations is sent to all FDI members in December 2024.

## New policy statements

FDI policy statements, which detail FDI's position on issues of interest within the oral health community, are developed through a process of consultation, discussion, and consensus among leading dental experts worldwide. In 2024, the GA adopted significant policy statements addressing key issues in dentistry. These statements reflect a commitment to advancing dental practices and promoting optimal oral health worldwide.

To ensure accessibility for dental professionals and organizations worldwide, these policy statements are available in four languages: English, French, German, and Spanish.

1. [Artificial intelligence in dentistry](#)
2. [Early childhood caries](#)
3. [Ethics in dentistry](#)
4. [Lasers in dentistry](#)
5. [Oral health and noncommunicable diseases](#)
6. [Oral health and special care dentistry](#)
7. [Reduction of Sugar Consumption](#)

## Travel grant 2024

Eligible national dental associations (NDAs) were invited to apply for a travel grant to attend the FDI World Dental Congress. This grant is available to member NDAs from low- and lower-middle-income countries to support their participation in the World Dental Parliament Business Meetings and GA, enabling them to contribute to FDI's decision-making processes.

In 2024, representatives from 13 regular member associations were awarded the Travel Grant. These associations were: Colegio de Odontólogos de Bolivia, Cambodian Dental Association, Ghana Dental Association, Lebanese Dental Association, Mongolian Dental Association, Myanmar Dental Association, Nepal Dental Association, Colegio Odontológico Nicaragüense, Nigerian Dental Association, Pakistan Dental Association, National Dental Association of Somalia, Sri Lanka Dental Association, and Zimbabwe Dental Association. Notably, the Lebanese Dental Association received a Travel Grant for the first time.

This year, a record number of Travel Grant recipients attended the World Dental Parliament in Istanbul.

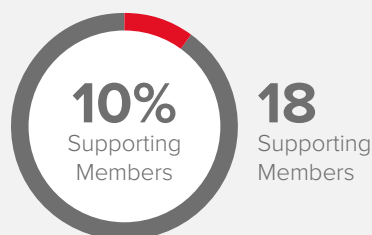
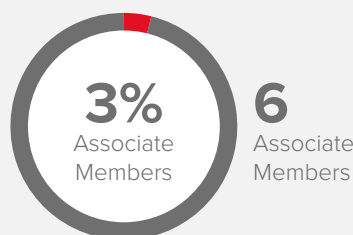
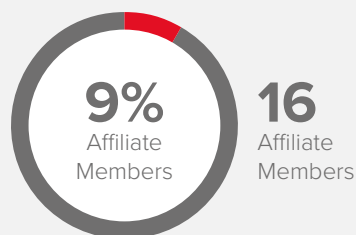
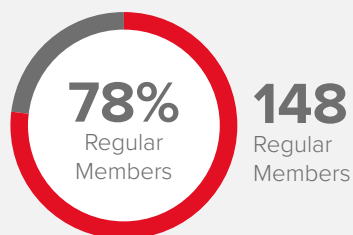


## Membership

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.

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

**132** Number of Countries



## New membership applications

FDI was pleased to welcome the following associations as regular members:

- Lebanese Dental Association – Tripoli
- Société Congolaise des Odontologues, Stomatologues et Chirurgiens Maxillo-Faciaux

## “Member Supports Member” project 2024

The “Member Supports Member” (MSM) project exemplifies the spirit of solidarity within the global oral health community. Through this initiative, FDI members can extend vital support to fellow NDAs facing financial challenges. This support may include covering the cost of annual membership fees, facilitating attendance at the World Dental Parliament, or providing assistance for both. By fostering collaboration and mutual aid, the MSM Project strengthens connections among NDAs and ensures broader participation in FDI's activities.

FDI sincerely thanks the following associations for supporting their peers by covering membership fees through the MSM initiative in 2024:

- Bulgarian Dental Association to Bulgarian Scientific Association of Dental Medicine
- Hong Kong Dental Association to Lao Dental Association
- Dr Michael Sereny - Bundeszahnärztekammer (BZAEK) to Association des Chirurgiens-Dentistes du Bénin
- Dr Carol Summerhays – American Dental Association to Association Rwandaise des Chirurgiens-Dentistes et Stomatologues and Association des Médecins Dentistes Mauritiens

## Regular Members

- Afghanistan Dentists' Association *AFG*
- American Dental Association *USA*
- Armenian Dental Association *ARM*
- Asociación Dental Mexicana Federación Nacional de Colegios de Cirujanos Dentistas, A.C. *MEX*
- Asociación Odontológica Panameña *PAN*
- Associação Moçambicana dos Médicos Dentistas *MOZ*
- Asociación Odontológica Uruguay *URY*
- Association Dentaire Française *FRA*
- Association Dentaire Haitienne et Orthodontie *HTI*
- Association des Chirurgiens-Dentistes du Bénin, (A.C.D.B.) *BEN*
- Association des Chirurgiens-Dentistes du Burkina (ACDB) *BFA*

- Association des Chirurgiens-Dentistes du Niger *NER*
- Association des Chirurgiens-Dentistes du Togo (ACDT)
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- Association des Médecins-Dentistes du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg *LUX*
- Association des Odonto-Stomatologistes de Côte d'Ivoire (A.O.S.C.I.) *CIV*
- Association des Odontostomatologistes du Mali (AOSMA) *MLI*
- Association Marocaine de Prévention Bucco-dentaire (AMPBD) *MOR*
- Association Nationale des Chirurgiens-Dentistes Sénégalais (A.N.C.D.S) *SEN*
- Association Nationale des Odonto-Stomatologistes du

- Cameroun (ANOSC) *CAM*
- Association Nationale des Odontostomatologistes du Gabon *GAB*
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- Association of Public Health Dentists *DEN*
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- Associazione Italiana Odontoiatri *ITA*
- Associazione Nazionale Dentisti Italiani *ITA*
- Australian Dental Association Inc *AUS*
- Azerbaijan Stomatological Association *AZE*
- Bahamas Dental Association *BHS*
- Bangladesh Dental Society *BGD*
- Barbados Dental Association *BRB*

- Belorussian Dental Association *BLR*
- Botswana Dental Association *BWA*
- British Dental Association *UK*
- Bulgarian Dental Association *BLG*
- Bulgarian Scientific Association of Dental Medicine *BLG*
- Bundeszahnärztekammer (BZAEK) *DEU*
- Cambodian Dental Association *CAM*
- Canadian Dental Association *CAN*
- Chambre de Médecine Dentaire *BLG*
- Chinese Stomatological Association *CHN*
- Chinese Taipei Association for Dental Sciences *TCG*
- Colegio de Cirujano Dentistas de Chile *CHL*
- Colegio de Cirujanos Dentistas de Costa Rica *CRI*

- Colegio de Cirujanos Dentistas de Honduras *HND*
- Colegio de Odontólogos de Bolivia *BOL*
- Colegio Estomatológico de Guatemala *GTM*
- Colegio Odontológico del Perú *PER*
- Colegio Odontológico Nicaragüense *NIC*
- Collegi d'Odontolegs I Estomatolegs d'Andorra Andorra
- Confederación Odontológica de la República Argentina *ARG*
- Cook Islands Dental and Medical Association *COK*
- Consejo General de Colegios Odontólogos y Estomatólogos de España *ESP*
- Croatian Dental Chamber *HRV*
- Croatian Dental Society *HRV*
- Cyprus Dental Association *CYP*
- Czech Dental Chamber *CZE*
- Danish Dental Association *DEN*
- Dental Association of Bosnia & Herzegovina *BOS*
- Dental Association of Malta *MLT*
- Dental Association of Seychelles
- Dental Association of Thailand *THA*
- Dental Chamber of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina *BOS*
- Dental Chamber of Kosova *XKK*
- Dental Society – Emirates Medical Association *UAE*
- Egyptian Dental Association *EGY*
- Estonian Dental Association *EST*
- Ethiopian Dental Professionals' Association *ETH*
- Federación Odontológica Colombiana *COL*
- Federación Odontológica del Paraguay *PRY*
- Federacion Odontologica Ecuatoriana *ECU*
- Fiji Dental Association *FJI*
- Finnish Dental Association *FIN*
- Georgian Stomatological Association *GEO*
- Ghana Dental Association *GHA*
- Hellenic Dental Association *GRC*
- Hong Kong Dental Association *HKG*
- Hungarian Dental Association *HUN*
- Indian Dental Association *IND*
- Indonesian Dental Association *IDN*
- Iranian Dental Association *IRN*
- Iraqi Dental Association *IRQ*
- Irish Dental Association *IRE*
- Israel Dental Association *ISR*
- Jamaica Dental Association *JAM*

- Japan Dental Association *JPN*
- Jordan Dental Association *JOR*
- Kazakhstan Stomatological Association *KAZ*
- Kenya Dental Association *KEN*
- KNMT (Dutch Dental Association) *NLD*
- Korean Dental Association *KOR*
- Lao Dental Association *LAO*
- Lebanese Dental Association *LBN*
- Lebanese Dental Association - Tripoli *LBN*
- Macau Dental Association *CHN*
- Macedonian Dental Chamber *FYR*
- Macedonian Dental Society *FYR*
- Malaysian Dental Association *MYS*
- Mauritius Dental Association *MUS*
- Moldavian Association of Stomatologists (MAS) *MDA*
- Mongolian Dental Association *MNG*
- Montenegro Dental Chamber *MNE*
- Myanmar Dental Association *MMR*
- National Dental Association of Somalia
- Nepal Dental Association *NPL*
- New Zealand Dental Association *NZL*
- Nigerian Dental Association *NIG*
- Norwegian Dental Association *NOR*
- OMD - Ordem dos Médicos Dentistas *PRT*
- Order of Dentists of Albania *ALB*
- Ordre Nationale des Chirurgiens-Dentistes de la République Démocratique du Congo *COG*
- Österreichische Zahnärztekammer (Austrian Dental Chamber) *AUT*
- Pakistan Dental Association *PAK*
- Palestinian Dental Association *PSE*
- Papua New Guinea Dental Association (PNGDA) *PNG*
- Philippines Dental Association *PHL*
- Polish Chamber of Physicians and Dentists *POL*
- Polish Dental Society *POL*
- Romanian Dental Association of Private Practitioners (RDAPP) *ROM*
- Romanian Society of Stomatology *ROM*
- Russian Dental Association *RUS*
- Serbian Dental Society *SRB*
- Singapore Dental Association *SGP*
- Slovak Chamber of Dentists *SVK*
- Slovenian Dental Association *SVN*
- Société Congolaise des Odontologues, Stomatologues

- et Chirurgiens Maxillo-Faciaux *COG*
- Société de Médecine Dentaire *BLG*
- South African Dental Association *ZAF*
- SPEDM - Sociedade Portuguesa de Estomatologia e Medicina Dentária *PRT*
- Sri Lanka Dental Association *LKA*
- Stomatological (Dental) Association of the Kyrgyz Republic *KGZ*
- Swedish Dental Association *SWE*
- Swiss Dental Association (SSO) *CHE*
- Syndicat Tunisien des Médecins Dentistes de Libre Pratique *TUN*
- Syrian Dental Association *SYR*
- Tannlæknafélag Íslands – The Icelandic Dental

- Association *ICE*
- Tanzania Dental Association *TZA*
- The Republic of Srpska Chamber of Doctors in Dentistry *BOS*
- The Saudi Dental Society *SAU*
- The Stomatological Society of Greece *GRC*
- Turkish Dental Association *TUR*
- Uganda Dental Association *UGA*
- Ukraine Dental Association *UKR*
- United Kazakhstan Association of Dentists *KAZ*
- Uzbekistan Dental Association *UZB*
- Verbond der Vlaamse Tandartsen *BLG*
- Vietnam Odonto-Stomatology Association (VOSA) *VNM*
- Zimbabwe Dental Association *ZWE*

## Associate Members

- Asociación Odontologica Argentina *ARG*
- Dental Section of the Hungarian Medical Chamber *HUN*
- Egyptian Clinical Dental Society *EGY*

- Freier Verband Deutscher Zahnärzte *DEU*
- Macedonian Society of Dental Medicine *MKD*
- Taipei Dental Association *TWN*

## Affiliate Members

- Academy of Dentistry International *USA*
- Academy of Osseointegration *USA*
- Associação Dentaria Lusofona (ADL) *POR*
- Groupement des Associations Dentaires Francophones (GADEF) *FRA*
- International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research *USA*
- International Association for Disability and Oral Health *NLD*
- International Association of Dental Students *CHE*
- International Association of Paediatric Dentistry *CHE*

- International Association of Dento-Maxillofacial Radiology *ZAF*
- International College of Dentists *USA*
- International Dental Association "Commonwealth" *KAZ*
- International Society of Computerized Dentistry *DEU*
- Iranian-German Implant Association - IGIA *DEU*
- Pierre Fauchard Academy *USA*
- The Commonwealth Dental Association *GBR*
- World Federation of Orthodontists *USA*

## Supporting Members

- Academy of General Dentistry *USA*
- American Dental Education Association *USA*
- Association of Dental Dealers in Europe (ADDE) *BEL*
- Association for Dental Safety (ADS) *USA*
- Australian Dental Industry Association *AUS*
- Balkan Stomatological Society *GRC*
- Dental Trade Alliance *USA*
- European Dental Student Association (EDSA) *IRL*
- Federation of the European Dental Industry (FIDE) *DEU*

- Fondazione Andi Onlus *ITA*
- Foundation Nakao for Worldwide Oral Health *CHE*
- Georgian Implantological Association *GEO*
- Global Scientific Dental Alliance *UAE*
- International Dental Manufacturers *DEU*
- Japan Dental Trade Association *JPN*
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### Report of the independent auditor on the summary of financial statements

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

#### *Opinion*

The summary financial statements, which comprise the statement of assets, liabilities and reserve funds as at December 31, 2024 and statement of receipts and operating expenditure for the year then ended are derived from the audited financial statements of FDI Fédération Dentaire Internationale (IDF International Dental Federation) for the year ended December 31, 2024.

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 March 14, 2025.

#### *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**



Alexandre Dubi  
Licensed Audit Expert  
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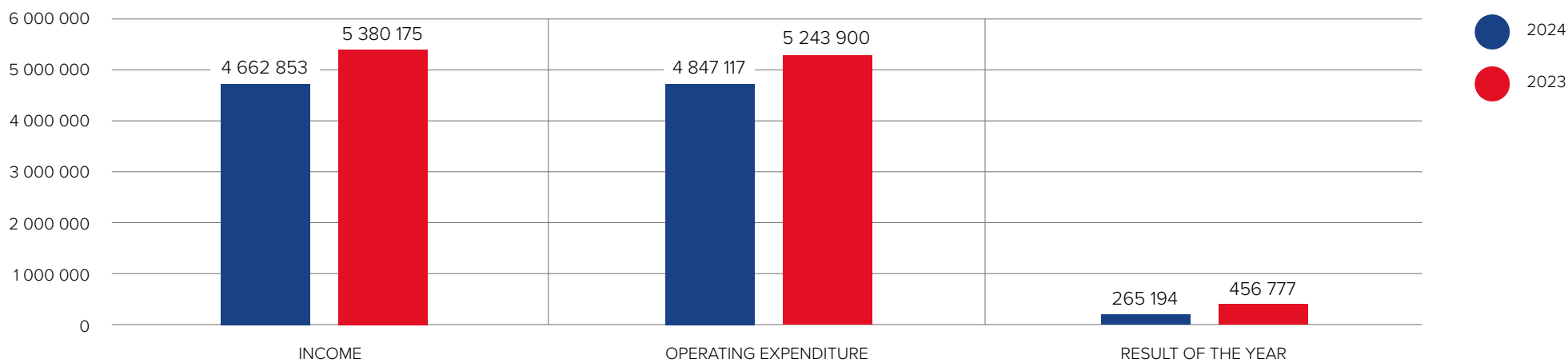
Alexandre Ribordy  
Licensed Auditor

Geneva, March 14, 2025

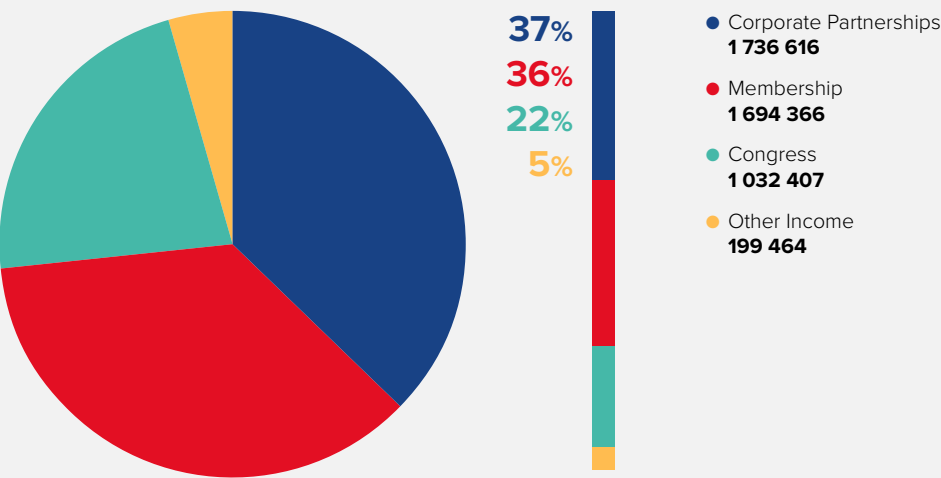
#### Enclosure

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

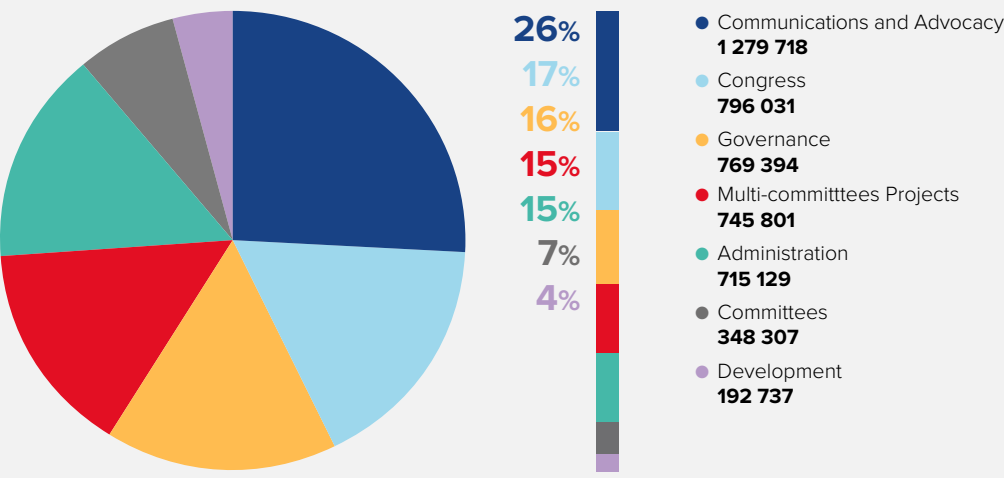
# History of Income, Operating Expenditure, and Result of the Year (CHF)



## Income 2024



## Operating Expenditure 2024



# Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Reserve Funds

(in CHF at 31 December 2024)

Assets	2024	2023
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	3 821 088	4 093 146
Accounts receivable, net	465 155	528 114
<i>Accounts receivable</i>	468 067	532 274
<i>Provision for bad and doubtful debts</i>	(2 912)	(4 160)
Prepayments, accrued income and other current assets	280 262	312 184
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>4 566 505</b>	<b>4 933 444</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Tangible fixed assets	68 428	84 121
Financial fixed assets	3 402 460	3 023 514
Guarantee deposits	69 378	69 197
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>3 540 266</b>	<b>3 176 832</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>8 106 771</b>	<b>8 110 276</b>
<b>Liabilities and reserve funds</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	347 804	284 609
Other payables	101 899	132 873
Accrued liabilities	129 426	175 764
Deferred income	705 362	716 399
Provisions	46 000	31 000
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>1 330 491</b>	<b>1 340 644</b>
<b>Reserve funds</b>		
Restricted funds	606 010	546 948
Restricted funds in custody	221 468	213 478
<b>Total Restricted funds</b>	<b>827 478</b>	<b>760 426</b>
General Reserves	5 183 609	5 052 429
Special Reserve	500 000	500 000
Net income / (loss) for the year	265 194	456 777
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>5 948 803</b>	<b>6 009 206</b>
<b>Total Reserve funds</b>	<b>6 776 280</b>	<b>6 769 632</b>
<b>Total liabilities and reserve funds</b>	<b>8 106 771</b>	<b>8 110 276</b>

# Statement of Receipts and Operating Expenditure

(in CHF at 31 December 2024)

Income	2024	2023
Membership	1 694 366	1 778 244
Congress	1 032 407	1 018 309
Corporate partnerships	1 736 616	2 427 036
<i>Unrestricted</i>	886 663	1 574 970
<i>Restricted</i>	849 953	852 066
Other income	199 464	156 586
<b>Total income</b>	<b>4 662 853</b>	<b>5 380 175</b>
<b>Operating expenditure</b>		
Personnel costs	(2 521 316)	(2 530 501)
Office	(374 944)	(362 530)
Travel & subsistence	(781 215)	(807 918)
Operational	(702 960)	(954 242)
Congress specific	(149 929)	(124 621)
Communication/Web/Webinars	(248 069)	(387 563)
Legal	(68 684)	(76 525)
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>(4 847 117)</b>	<b>(5 243 900)</b>
<b>Operational result</b>	<b>(184 264)</b>	<b>136 275</b>
Financial income/(expenses)	186 052	87 116
Exchange rate gain/(loss)	(3 129)	(115 558)
<b>Net FDI Financial result</b>	<b>182 923</b>	<b>(28 442)</b>
<b>FDI result before change in fund capital</b>	<b>(1 341)</b>	<b>107 832</b>
Restricted income allocated to funds in custody	134 112	94 197
Restricted income withdrawn from funds in custody	(126 122)	(83 538)
<b>Result of the year for funds in custody</b>	<b>7 990</b>	<b>10 660</b>
Restricted income allocated to restricted funds	949 953	852 066
Restricted income withdrawn from restricted funds	(890 891)	(1 286 011)
<b>Result of the year after change in restricted funds</b>	<b>(60 402)</b>	<b>541 777</b>
(Allocation) to/ Withdrawn from special reserve	-	(85 000)
(Allocation) to/ Withdrawn from Membership fees fund	225 596	-
Withdrawn to World Dental Development fund	100 000	-
<b>FDI Result of the year after funds allocations</b>	<b>265 194</b>	<b>456 777</b>

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Toothbrushing Method  
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