

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF DENTURISTS
Annual Meeting
Ricoh Centre, Coventry, England
May 8-9, 2007

MINUTES

Present:

Australia	Jos deKlijn, Graham Key
Canada	David Hicks, Tony Sarrapuchiello
Malta	John Salamone-Reynaud
Poland	Andrzej Dulian, Jerzy Skrzypczak
Slovak Republic	Stefan Masik, Mario Wojcicki
Switzerland	Urban Christen-Mendez
The Netherlands	Eric Engelbrecht
United Kingdom	Chris Allen, Andrew McLean
United States	Tad Burzynski, Paul Levasseur

Also Present:

Gerry Hansen, Chief Executive IFD	John Rogan, Australia
Guests from Slovak Republic	Ian Rockman, Australia
Robert Gaspar, Canada	Stanislav Skoda, Slovak Republic
Pavel Kotrik, Slovak Republic	Les Wheatley, United Kingdom
Alena Kunova, Slovak Republic	Michael Vout, Canada
John Patone, Australia	Jamshid Zehtab-Jadid, Canada
Jim Mackie, Dental Laboratories Association	

Regrets:

Sigismundo Fusco, Italy
John Ioannou, Cyprus
Duffy Malherbe, South Africa
J-P Marjoranta, Finland
Avon de Costa, St. Kitts & Nevis
Carl Gosford, St. Kitts & Nevis

Not present:

Stephane Cerboni, France
Flemming Finoen, Denmark
Rainer Michel, Germany
Wendy McMillan, New Zealand

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
	Tuesday, May 8, 2007	
Call to Order	Paul Levasseur called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm	
Roll Call	<p>Voting members: Australia – Graham Key Canada – David Hicks Malta – John Salamone-Reynaud Slovak Republic – Stefan Masik The Netherlands – Eric Engelbrecht United Kingdom – Andrew McLean United States – Tony Sarrapuchiello (Tuesday); Tad Burzynski (Wednesday)</p> <p>Non-voting members Poland – Andrzej Dulian Switzerland – Urban Christen-Mendez</p>	
Observers	<p>Motion: David Hicks; Second: Graham Key That observers be permitted to attend meeting. CARRIED</p>	
Approval of Agenda	<p>Motion: Graham Key; Second: Tony Sarrapuchiello That the agenda be adopted as circulated. CARRIED</p>	
Minutes of previous meeting	<p>Motion: Andrew McLean; Second: John Salamone-Reynaud That the minutes of September 28/29, 2006 be adopted as circulated. CARRIED</p>	
President's Report	<p>Paul Levasseur reported that Austin Carbone resigned as Vice President (North America) for personal reasons. Tony Sarrapuchiello (Canada) was appointed by the Executive to fill the position until end of term. Austin's service to the profession on all levels was acknowledged. There are new members from St. Kitts and South Africa. There is interest from Iceland. Paul and Chris Allen met with representatives of Spain while in Cologne in March. Communication with New Zealand has been renewed through Australia. Paul thanked the CDTA and DLA for their assistance in organizing the Symposium. He also congratulated CDTA on the opening of their registry. Planning for the next World Symposium (Las Vegas, 2009) will commence after the 2007 event.</p>	
Chief Executive Report	<p>Gerry Hansen reported that the responsibilities of the Chief Executive in 2006/2007 have included assisting with organization of the World Symposium on Private Dental Technology and Denturism; organization of the 2007 annual meeting; distribution of</p>	

	membership certificates and stickers; updating of the website (www.international-denturist.org); communication with potential IFD members; and general administration duties.	
	Motion: Graham Key; Second: Tony Sarrapuchiello That the report of the Chief Executive be accepted as presented. CARRIED	
Financial Update	Gerry Hansen presented the financial statements to May 1, 2007. Dues from Malta, Poland and St. Kitts have been received since preparation of the report.	
	Acknowledgement and thanks to those countries and provinces who donated to the IFD in 2006.	
	Motion: Andrew McLean; Second: Stefan Masik That the financial statements for the period ending May 1, 2007 be accepted as presented. CARRIED	
Country Reports		
1. Switzerland	<p>Urban Christen-Mendez presented a report on Switzerland.</p> <p>In Switzerland, Denturists have been officially entitled to practice their profession since a referendum made in 1961. Permission was first granted for the canton of Zurich, then Schwyz, Nidwalden and then Appenzell-Innerrhoden.</p> <p>Since 1961, there have been only 6 training classes and correspondingly few participants completed the training. That means that there has been just one training class every 7.5 years. Licensed Denturists have a scope of practice of complete dentures, partial dentures, dentures over implants, bleaching, mouthguards, and oral hygiene.</p> <p>The training includes approximately 400 lessons of theory and practice; each participant needs to have a diploma in dental techniques (4 years of professional training) and at least 8 years of professional experience as a dental technician. In order to participate in the final exam, the applicant must have been a resident of the canton of Zurich for five years and/or operated a laboratory in the canton for three years.</p> <p>In Switzerland the training (apprenticeship) to become a Denturist can only be completed in the canton of Zurich. In the EU only the Netherlands and Finland offer comparable training which is acknowledged by the Zurich authorities. The society is in discussion with other cantons to establish a new course.</p> <p>Presently, approximately 250 Denturists in various cantons but fewer are actively working. There is enough potential and numerous dentists do not like to work in the sector of full and partial prosthetics. This is also due to a lack of experience. Universities offer only</p>	

	<p>superficial training in the field of full prosthetics. Some dental technicians work illegally; but they would only be willing to accept training to become a Denturist if such training was available. The legal situation foresees the acceptance of foreign professional training courses (in the canton of Zurich only diplomas within the European Union) after examination by the authorities concerned.</p> <p>Acknowledgement and approval for all of Switzerland is being pursued at the moment. This would entail a higher frequency of training classes. The next professional training to become a Denturist will be offered in approximately 2-3 years.</p>	
2. The Netherlands	<p>Eric Engelbrecht presented The Netherlands report. Mr. Ralph Adolfsen is now President of ONT. A professional director assists him with daily work. This is one of the results of the management program to deregulate the board. ONT has 300 members; 95% of Dutch Denturists are members. A recent survey showed that there is a need for 1800 Denturists in Holland.</p> <p>In October 2006, the government announced a new law that regulates prices in public health care. Care, not the profession, is the base of the payment. Dentists or Denturists will get the same payment for the same work they deliver. The goal is that the dental professional will give quality work and guarantees for a better market position and the patient will get better product and care.</p> <p>The school program is 4 years old. A new curriculum is being written to prepare the students as the next generation of Denturists. Student fees are approximately 3500 euros per year with 15-20 students graduating each year.</p>	
International School, Slovak Republic	<p>Mario Wojcicki introduced Mr. Martin Mikus who proposes that the IFD endorses an international school in Slovakia. The goal is to provide an educational vehicle for Slovaks and students from other countries. Funding may be available from the European Union.</p>	
	<p>Mr. Mikus asks for support from the IFD in letters of support and attendance at meetings with government.</p>	
	<p>Paul said that members of the IFD would certainly support this project in principle; however, more information is required before IFD can provide an endorsement of the project.</p>	<p>Slovakia representatives to contact IFD Executive and Education Committee to present the proposal and background information in writing and in English.</p>

	<p>Motion: Andrew McLean; Second: Graham Key That IFD supports in principle the concept of an international school to be located in Slovakia; and that the IFD will support the project as possible; and that the Executive will make the final decision about how IFD will support the project after communication with Slovak representatives. CARRIED</p>	<p>Mario Wojcicki to send web link for EU funding document to Gerry Hansen</p>
	<p>Paul expressed IFD's appreciation to the Slovak representatives for their vision and dedication to furthering the profession.</p>	
Adjournment	<p>The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm to be resumed on May 9, 2007.</p>	
	<p>Wednesday, May 9, 2007</p>	
Call to Order	<p>Meeting called to order at 9:30 am.</p>	
Country Reports (continued)		
3. Australia	<p>Graham Key presented the Australia report.</p> <p>There are approximately 1,000 Prosthetists registered in Australia. The Australian Dental Prosthetists Association (ADPA) has a membership of 750. The first legislation passed in Australia to legalize the profession of Denturists (or, as called in Australia, Dental Prosthetists) was passed by the Tasmanian Parliament in November 1957 and became law in March 1958. As a result Australia is celebrating 50 years of Denturism. This legislation allowed the registered Dental Prosthetist to provide full and partial dentures direct to the public. All States/Territories, with the exception of Northern Territory, have legislation for Dental Prosthetists, the last being passed by the Queensland government in 1991. Dental Prosthetists work autonomously as professionals, dealing directly with the public without referral. The Australian Capital Territory has just updated their legislation and is the most up to date in Australia.</p> <p>Today there is almost a uniform scope of practice between the states, which are full and partial dentures and mouthguards. In 2006, the Western Australian Government was the last jurisdiction to pass partial denture legislation. This legislation is yet to be implemented. In recent years, the Australian Capital Territory (ACT), New South Wales (NSW), Victoria and Tasmania have also accepted that implant retained over dentures are part of our scope of practice, providing that a qualifying course has been undertaken. Victoria though can only construct complete implant retained dentures and can not construct partial implant retained overdentures.</p>	

It is hoped that the new implementation by the Federal Government and the State Premiers to implement National registration for all health professionals will soon see implant retained over dentures as part of all States' and Territories' scope of practice. The ADPA has endorsed the scope of practice under this new legislation to be in line with the new National Health Training Package that decides minimum education standards throughout Australia. It was also endorsed that National legislation be in line with the new ACT legislation as it includes the best of each state's legislation.

CORA (the Conference of Regulating Authorities) which is the national governing body for the registering of Dental Prosthetists and Dental Technicians has also adopted these standards as the minimum to aim for. CORA and the ADPA are also keen to keep registration for Dental Technicians under the new National Guidelines.

Today the minimum standard of training for a Dental Technician is Diploma Level 5 and an Advanced Diploma Level 6 for Dental Prosthetists. Currently, Advanced Diploma level courses are offered by the Sydney Institute in NSW, South Bank TAFE in Brisbane, and at the RMIT University in Victoria. A Masters of Dental Technology in Prosthetics is now being offered by Griffith University in Queensland.

Dental Prosthetists are recognized as dental health care providers by the Australian Federal Government and provide denture services to war veterans. Prosthetists presently received a pay rise that increased our fees from 80% to 90% of the Dentists' scheduled fee for treatment provided. We are constantly lobbying to have parity in the benefits paid to Dental Prosthetists as that paid to Dentists. Denture services are not included in our national health scheme, Medicare. Patients who have dental insurance with private health insurance companies, all of which recognize Dental Prosthetists as providers, are able to claim a rebate. This varies between insurance companies and levels of insurance but is generally between 50% and 80% of the cost of dentures. Patients can claim electronically for these services, through a system called HICAPS, in the Dental Prosthetist's clinic.

States and Territory Health Departments provided subsidized dental care for financially disadvantaged persons. Within most State/Territories programs, an eligible person attends a government dental clinic for assessment and evaluation. The patient then has the freedom of choice to elect to have their dentures made by a participating private provider who can be either a Dental Prosthetist or Dentist. The provider of the denture is remunerated by way of a fee paid by the State/Territories government Health Departments. The level of government funding each year determines the number of patients given approval for the provision of dentures, with each state having different fees that are payable to the provider. Some pay the same as the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) rate whilst others pay

	<p>considerably lower. NSW has just been upgraded by 110% to bring it into line with DVA fees.</p> <p>Continuing Professional Development (CPD) has been introduced in the states of Victoria and Tasmania and is likely to be introduced in all states in the near future. In these two states, thirty (30) hours of accredited CPD is mandatory over a two year period to be entitled to practice. Once National Registration is introduced all of Australia will have CPD.</p> <p>The 19th Biennial Conference of the Australian Dental Prosthetist Association was hosted by ADPA Victoria, in Melbourne, on the 29th to 31st of March 2007. It had a record attendance of delegates with the total being 330. The 20th Biennial Conference will be held in Hobart, Tasmania in 2009. As many will remember Hobart hosted the Second World Symposium on Denturism in 1999. Check the links of the IFD website or go direct to the ADPA website: www.adpa.com.au as the time gets closer for this event.</p> <p>Finally Australia was proud to have its ADPA Vice President, Martin Dunn, awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in the Australia Day Honours. It was a proud moment for all Australian Dental Prosthetists to have one of our own recognised.</p>	
4. Malta	<p>John Salamone-Reynaud presented the Malta report. He reported that the MDTA published an article on Maidstone meetings aimed at Denturists who think that Denturism is non-existent in Europe. The education system in Malta is similar to UK; therefore regulation in the UK caused quite an impact in Malta.</p> <p>MDTA met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs and saw a report for regulation of Denturism. The Minister is ready to support regulation and also supports the 2008 IFD meeting in Malta. The MDTA will have to submit recommendation to Minister of Health for support. Subsequently the MDTA had a good meeting with the Minister of Health and discussed future regulation. No further responses from Ministers who have requested more time to propose regulation.</p> <p>John has requested IFD for support by writing briefs and possibly meeting with Minister and Director.</p> <p>A state-of-the-art hospital is being built in Malta. John suggested to Minister that Denturists could provide service in the hospital. This would be a less expensive and more expedient service.</p>	
5. Slovak Republic	<p>Mario Wojcicki presented the report on behalf of Stefan Masik. All members of the Slovak Association are attending regular meetings with both business items and professional</p>	

	lectures. The Members of Parliament are being challenged for open dialogue; unfortunately they are busy with more serious issues in health services and Denturism has to wait. Mario acknowledged Mr. Stan Skoda, former Member of Parliament, for his support of Denturism which is on-going.	
6. Poland	Andrzej Dulian presented a report from Poland. Legislation in the UK is encouraging to other countries and helpful in negotiations with government. Dental Technicians afraid of losing business if they become an association as Denturists. Currently they are focusing on a strong Dental Technician membership. There are three groups of Dental Technicians but they are working together to be one strong association. There was a meeting in Warsaw with health authorities to introduce Denturism. Under the former communist system, Poland professionals, including Dental Technicians, were allowed to have private practice. When communism collapsed, Dental Technicians continued to work in private practice but did not feel that a professional association was necessary. Eventually professional associations formed and included Denturists. There are 5,000 Dental Technicians in Poland for a population of 40,000,000. Approximately one-half of the Dental Technicians are practicing as Denturists	
	There is an upcoming meeting in Krakow to outline the steps to be taken. Firstly, a strong Dental Technicians association must be established. Andrej will advise IFD of how it can assist.	Andresj to send report to IFD on Krakow meeting.
7. United Kingdom	Chris Allen presented the report from the United Kingdom. There are 15 Denturists registered and 80-90 are expected by the summer of 2007. The CDTA appreciates the support of IFD members during the legislation process.	
	In discussion on whether an Oral Assessment/Treatment Plan from a dentist is necessary, Chris said that a document is under discussion by General Dental Council which says a profession can do anything as long as they are competent, insured, in patient interest and have patient consent. There is a new regulation coming that there will be an equal representation of professionals and public at GDC.	
	They are looking at expanding scope of competence to include tooth bleaching and remove restriction on partials. Eventually there will be an unlimited scope of practice as long as you are qualified. The generic title will be Dental Care Professional.	
	A School is being built with private funding by conference centre currently being used for education, as long as there is a commitment to use the centre for Denturist education for 5 years. The School is located in Northern London. It would be available for continuing education for Dental Care Professionals.	
	Denturists from other countries can be licensed if their education matches the UK, if they can speak English, and can get a work permit.	

8. St. Kitts & Nevis	Paul Levasseur reported on the situation in St. Kitts & Nevis. He said that a second Denturist in St. Kitts has joined IFD, Mr. Carl Glasford. The profession is unregulated but not prosecuted. They are looking for education and then will petition government to be legalized.	
9. United States	Paul Levasseur and Tad Burzynski reported on the United States. Currently, Denturists are legislated in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Maine. Arizona has re-opened but Denturists must work under the supervision of dentists. The ACLU threatened to sue the government if the profession was not reestablished in Arizona. The Government has accepted Bates College for education but no Canadian schools.	
	Maine –government trying to put Denturists on a board with dental hygienists and thereby hygienists have majority on Board. Access to Dental Care – Denturists have a seat on that committee. One rep per dental profession plus laypeople.	
	Montana has 10 members and will be joining NDA. Oregon been licensed since 1980; Washington since 1995. Scope of practice is anything removable with teeth but not orthodontia or nightguards. Washington has 130 members; Oregon has 109 members. The States are working together to cross-recognize examinations. California Denturists are working under an alternative medical provider act which means they do not have licenses but have certifications. Florida is a petition state and if government does not act, it would go to public vote. They need 150,000 voter signatures to get on ballot. Wyoming has an initiative referendum program. There is one Denturist working for recognition in Wyoming. He is planning a dental technician continuing education weekend and will introduce Denturism.	
	NDA is looking to establish a national theoretical examination. They will be asking for IFD members (likely Canada) to vet the examination.	
10. Canada	<p>David Hicks presented the Canada report.</p> <p>In 2006, the Denturist Association of Canada has celebrated its 35th Anniversary. From the vision of a few pioneers, the Association has grown to national and international recognition. Canada is proud to host the offices of the International Federation of Denturists and to have input into the profession worldwide.</p> <p>Canada now has Denturists in the 10 provinces and 2 of the 3 territories of Canada. There is legislation in all 10 provinces and 1 territory, The Yukon. The Northwest Territories has one Denturist who is licensed in the province of Ontario. Nunavut, Canada's newest Territory, does not have Denturists but does have dental technicians who have expressed</p>	

	<p>interest in our profession. Of the 2,000 Denturists in Canada, the Denturist Association of Canada has a membership of 1745. The scope of practice is full, partial, implants, bleaching, mouthguards, and anti-snoring devices</p> <p>There are 4 schools of Denturism in Canada who graduate 75-100 students per year. Three of the four schools have been accredited by the Denturist Association of Canada. The accreditation process has benefited the regulatory bodies, the members of the profession, the students and members of the public by ensuring that the schools meet national standards of education and physical facilities. The schools themselves benefit by acknowledgement of their school as one that has been accredited by the national association and in assisting them to provide evidence-based need for extra funding for staffing or facilities. Students benefit from the knowledge that they are being educated according to the highest standards and have the opportunity to practice their profession in many jurisdictions which acknowledge that accreditation. In 2007/2008, the DAC will undertake a major review and revision of the accreditation guidelines.</p> <p>The Denturist Association of Canada has been developing an electronic claims network for Denturists. In 2007, DAC is ready to go to full launch with two carriers (Green Shield and First Canadian Health). A third carrier is waiting to launch once procedure code issues in one province have been rectified. We are in the process of hiring a consultant to assist with the communication of information to other carriers and in creating a Help Desk for DACnet subscribers.</p> <p>Our 2006 National Denturist Congress was held in beautiful Banff, Alberta (October 19-21, 2006), co-hosted by DAC and the new Denturist Association of Alberta. The keynote speaker was Dr. Peter Cooney, the Chief Dental Officer of Canada.</p>	
	<p>The Chief Dental Officer of Canada, Dr. Peter Cooney, is a strong friend of Denturism. There is a warming relationship with the Canadian Dental Association. DAC has been invited to sit on federal committees which gives credence to the profession and allows DAC to develop directions for the future. DAC has joined the Canadian Association for Public Health Dentistry and participates in its projects. A 2008 national Congress will be held in Montreal.</p>	
	<p>Mutual Recognition Agreement for Labour Mobility is not yet law but many provinces act in the spirit of Labour Mobility. The MRA resulted from provincial recognition and reconciliation of education and examinations.</p>	
	<p>Paul Levasseur reported he was invited to be on editorial board on a new journal, Spectrum Denturism. Michael Vout reported that the editor of Spectrum Denturism met with the Denturist Association of Ontario because the Ontario board has concerns with the content and editorial board of the first issue. There are now two Ontario Denturists on the editorial</p>	<p>David Hicks to contact Paul Levasseur following discussion at the DAC meeting.</p>

	board to ensure there is Denturist content. David Hicks said the magazine situation would be discussed at the DAC meeting on May 10 th .	
11. South Africa	<p>Report provided by Duffy Malherbe.</p> <p>In 1943 an international dental magazine published the plea by a South African dental specialist for the establishment of a specialist category of clinical denture technician. His view then, still encapsulates the essence of Denturism.</p> <p>In 1945, the Minister of Health chose to ignore the Prosthetic Dentist’s Bill that was proposed by the Dental Mechanicians of South Africa. The dentists themselves used cancer scare tactics and false statements to lure support for an unjustifiable delusion and the passing of the Dental Technicians Act, promoted and steamrolled by the Dental Association. This resulted in many dental mechanicians put out of work and left those in the profession subservient to dentistry. It was also responsible for continued unwarranted friction and mistrust between the two professions. The sole monopoly for dentists to sell dentures was created purely to assure a higher income for the dental profession in order to lure more dental students into the profession and by doing so create the workforce that were to serve the public oral health interest. There was another more insidious effect on the public itself.</p> <p>White women of South Africa, older than 65, who had access to the best dental services in the country, have an unacceptably high level of edentulousness, almost twice as high as the males of the same group, due to their dutiful regular visits to the dentist. The creation of financial incentives in the private sector have detracted from the ultimate goal of health for all and instead have created freedom for practitioners to abuse and mismanage the patient’s health and medical schemes. Access to basic oral health services has been woefully inadequate and unaffordable to the majority of the population. The scheme has failed and the monopoly needs to be challenged.</p> <p>In 1992, the Denturism Committee of the Dental Technicians Council organized workshops to address the recommendations of the motivational report “Denturism: A New Profession”. A dispute regarding empirical data and denture demands halted progress until research data could be collected. In 1997, the Dental Technicians Act was amended and a definition for Clinical Dental Technologist (Denturist) was added. This was never debated by stakeholders and what is stipulated in the definition has not been an agreed upon measure.</p> <p>In 1998 the Society for CDT submitted a report “Clinical dental technology: A Quest for</p>	

equity in Oral Health Care” and requested the SADTC to get all the stakeholders to participate in workshops to assess the recommendations. A researcher at the Stellenbosch University, Dr. Hartshorne, published his report that opposed the philosophy to provide dental technicians with clinical training to become Denturists, and instead proposed to control and upgrade unqualified, unregistered “quacks”. Both reports were considered subjective by their respective opposition, leaving decision-makers without trustworthy data that is not made suspicious. A transparent debate including all stakeholders is the only route to defuse the controversy.

Dentists have been appointed to all decision-making boards and committees that affect public oral health care. These types of appointments have placed the dental profession in an ideal position from where they have successfully exploited any competition by resisting encroachment on their monopoly. This abuse of trust has successfully frustrated oral health human resource development in many countries of the world. However, Denturism is steadily becoming a global profession due to public demand.

The Society has lately been sidelined and excluded from various workshops and initiatives by the Department of Health relating to Oral Health Human Resource Development. Initial promises by political agents to get a debate with the Portfolio Committee of Health have petered out. Various attempts to stimulate a transparent debate including the public have so far been avoided by the Dental Association. However, renewed efforts from the Dental Technicians Council to include the Denturism lobby in discussions in the near future appear promising.

As a direct result of aborted attempts to get a debate going about the efficient provision of removable dentures by Denturists, and the stance of some stakeholders to prevent the Society from participation in Oral Health Human Resources planning, the Society decided to make the creation of the website a priority. The website will provide information that has previously been inaccessible. The Society for Clinical Dental Technology is indebted to the International Denturism community for sharing their information and especially to members of the IFD for making available a number of valuable reports that will elevate the standard of our campaign and possibly speed up matters. With the website at www.denturism.co.za, the Society aims to become more effective in sharing information about Denturism, especially to the public. A debate involving the public is now possible without the interference of a go-between.

There are 1300 active dental technicians on the register of whom an estimated 200 are practicing Denturism illegally ‘on the side’. The Society for Clinical Dental Technology has many co-workers and sympathizers, but has neglected active membership. We need to

	urgently bolster our membership and our income by encouraging a new generation of aspiring CDTs to come forward, gain insight and assist in the process of achieving our goal.	
Education Committee	Graham Key presented the Education Committee report. Graham has developed a spreadsheet of education for comparisons. This will give member countries without legislation something to show their legislators about what is possible and what is happening in other countries. The Committee is developing an assessment document to aid those countries wanting to run an external examination through the IFD. It is still in draft form. Graham thanked Jamshid Zehtab-Jadid (Canada) for his input.	All countries - Email education changes or updates to Graham Key
	Paul Levasseur reported that he and Chris Allen met with VITAZahnfabrik to discuss the possibilities of VITA providing translation of a Denturist Education program that could be offered in emerging countries. Ivoclar has offered clinical facilities for education of Denturists who are legalized; alternatively, Ivoclar would provide facilities for non-registered Denturists if there is a letter from the candidates' government that it does not object to Ivoclar providing the education. .	
	In response to countries requesting clinical examinations from IFD, Eric Engelbrecht reported that he is looking into the possibility of exams being held in The Netherlands. The candidates would have to provide the patients from their country, transportation, and accommodation.	
	Jamshid Zehtab-Jadid advised that Canada will be reviewing their accreditation education requirements in 2007/2008.	Jamshid to send revised education requirements to IFD for updating of baseline competencies.
	Members reviewed assessment tool and clinical protocol (Draft March 2007). Documents to be combined into one document.	Education committee to review and combine documents. Final draft to be circulated for comment. Final document to be ready for Malta meeting.
Eastern and Central Europe	Mario Wojcicki provided a report from the Central and Eastern European Committee. France – There has been no further communication from Stephane Cerboni. Germany – There has been no further communication from Michel Rainer. Hungary – Attila Szep has requested a time and fees for an exam to be held in Hungary. Permission from the Health authorities has been requested. There has been no further communication. Poland – Andrzej Dulian reported there is some progress made to organize a larger membership base of dental technicians to become Denturists; however, there is a strong	

	anti-Denturist lobby organized by General Dentistry. Slovakia – Legislation was close in September 2006; however, the government collapsed and the new government does not have a permanent Minister of Health to whom we could address Denturists as a new profession.	
	In general, there is a dilemma of “No Schools-No Denturists/No Denturists-No Schools”. Slovakia has proposed establishing an International College for Denturism and Dental Technology in the EU. See page 4 of these minutes.	
	In response to a request from Hungary for clinical examinations, a letter needs to be sent to Attila Szep outlining the requirements and tentative costs.	Paul to send letter to Attila.
	Paul advised he met representatives from Spain while in Cologne and will be meeting with them again in Coventry.	Paul to meet with Spain representatives and report to IFD
	Eric reported that the contact in Portugal has moved to Australia.	
	Eric reported he will be meeting with Belgian representatives regarding their return to the IFD.	Eric to meet with Belgian representatives and report to IFD.
	Chris reported that Ireland is on the verge of obtaining the same legislation as the UK. He will contact them regarding IFD membership.	Chris to meet with Ireland representatives and report to IFD.
	Ian Rockman reported he is going to Israel and report back to IFD on the status of Denturism in that country.	Ian to report to IFD.
	Graham Key reported that New Zealand has requested renewed communication from IFD.	Gerry to write to New Zealand.
Sterkenburger Committee	Eric reported that John Goodman of the UK was inducted into the Brotherhood in 2006.	
	The medals have been depleted. Eric to determine if the die can be donated to IFD by the family of Pieter Brouwer. There are Sterkenburger pins; Eric said he would like to re-do the pins at the future time.	Eric to contact family of Pieter Brouwer to request that medal die be donated to IFD.
	Discussion on an annual subscription fee for inductees to maintain the Brotherhood. Eric and Chris to determine what would be an appropriate annual subscription.	Eric and Chris to report back before next meeting.
	Motion: Eric Engelbrecht; Second: Chris Allen That all reports be accepted as presented. CARRIED	
New Business		
1. Future Meetings	2008 Annual Meeting will be held in Malta	Gerry to send letter to John Salamone-Reynaud outlining IFD meeting requirements
	2009 World Symposium on Denturism to be held in Las Vegas, United States	Paul and Gerry to meet with Orleans Hotel management in October '07

	2010 Annual Meeting to be held in Finland	
	2011 – possible World Symposium held in conjunction with the Cologne expo.	Chris to talk to Richard Daniels of DLA about meeting at time of IDS
	2012 Annual Meeting to be held in Denmark	
2. Funding for IFD	Ian Rockman suggested IFD endorsement of products.	Australia to send endorsement requirements to IFD
	Sponsorship Committee set up to obtain sponsorship revenues for IFD – Tony Sarrapuchiello, Canada, Chair. John Rogan, Australia; Andrew McLean, UK; Ian Rockman, Australia	Eric to talk to graphic artist about new logo for IFD.
Other Business		
1. EU Legislation on Professional Qualifications	Chris reported there is no status change. IFD observers attend FEPPD meetings, depending on geographic location – JP Marjoranta, Chris Allen, John Salamone-Reynaud	
2. Medical Devices Directive	John Salamone-Reynaud reported that the MDD proposal was not accepted at the last EU Parliament session. Statement of Conformity to Patient – wording has been changed to ‘available to patient’. Controversy over publishing list of laboratories; originally agreed to and rescinded this past week.	
	FEPPD to meet in June in Brussels. Chris to attend on behalf of IFD.	
3. Donations	Eric requested his new Board to donate to IFD.	Gerry to send Eric a letter describing IFD and how funds utilized.
Elections	Gerry Hansen assumed Chair.	
	Paul Levasseur nominated for President by Graham Key and David Hicks. There being no further nominations, Eric Engelbrecht moved that nominations close. Paul Levasseur elected President.	
	Graham Key nominated for Vice President (AustralAsia) by David Hicks and Tad Burzynski. There being no further nominations, Andrew McLean moved that nominations close. Graham Key elected Vice President (AustralAsia)	
	Eric Engelbrecht nominated Vice President (Europe) by Graham Key and David Hicks. There being no further nominations, Andrew McLean moved that nominations close. Eric Engelbrecht elected Vice President (Europe).	
	Tony Sarrapuchiello nominated Vice President (North America) by Tad Burzynski and	

	David Hicks There being no further nominations, Graham Key moved that nominations close. Tony Sarrapuchiello elected Vice President (North America).	
	Paul Levasseur resumed Chair	
Next Meeting	Malta Date and venue to be announced	
Adjournment	There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm	

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF DENTURISTS
Statement of Income and Expenses for the period
September 16, 2006 – May 1, 2007

	\$USF
ON HAND, September 15, 2006	2,559.56
INCOME	
2006 Membership Fees	
Finland	1,200.00
Italy	68.92
Denmark	1,200.00
Switzerland	60.00
2007 Membership Fees	
Australia	1,260.00
Canada	1,260.00
Denmark	1,260.00
Finland	1,260.00
The Netherlands	1,260.00
Slovak Republic	315.00
South Africa	63.00
(CDTA prepaid in 2006)	
New Member Applications	60.00
Donations	
Canada	4,000.00
Denturist Association of Ontario	2,000.00
Assoc de dent de Quebec	2,000.00
New Brunswick Society	500.00
Australia Dental Prosthetists	1,500.00
CDTA	5,000.00
	24,266.92
2007 Membership Dues Outstanding	
Cyprus	63
France (2006/2007)	123
Germany (2006/2007)	123
Hungary	315
Italy	63
Malta	157.50
New Zealand	1,260
Poland	63
St. Kitts	63
United States	1,260
EXPENSES	
World Symposium Planning	
Meetings – July 06/Jan 07	5,051.42
2006 AGM (Maidstone)	452.48
Mail Box Rental	110.45
Postage	389.05
Flowers (F. Gerrity)	86.25
VISA Payments (US Funds)	9,274.22
Web Maintenance	127.13
Bank Fees	153.16
	15,644.16
ON HAND, May 1, 2007	<u>11,182.32</u>

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF DENTURISTS
CORPORATE VISA TRANSACTIONS
September 2006-April 2007
(Note: The Corporate VISA card is in Canadian funds.)

		\$CDN
Opening Balance, September 2006		2,353.37
EXPENSES		
Interest	598.01	
2006 AGM, Maidstone	3,699.11	
2007 Symposium Planning		
- January 2007	3,516.87	
- March 2007	276.01	
2007 AGM, Coventry	1,267.85	
Courier	55.99	
Internet Provider	107.05	9,520.89
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		11,874.26
Payments		(10,401.97)
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BALANCE, May 1, 2007		1,472.29